

2011-2012 HTS Instructor and Staff Biographies

Biographies are listed in alphabetical order

Bossom, Ron

Ron and his wife Susie founded Harvester Presbyterian Church over 30 years ago. They have five children. HTS' Enrichment Class program was built around Ron's History classes more than 15 years ago. He is widely known as an excellent teacher of History. Ron has a rare gift evidenced by an almost flawless recall of historical events, people, and places, and can demonstrate through exciting stories God's hand in the course of human events. He makes history fun and exciting. Many parents sign their children up for his class just so they themselves can attend.

Christophersen, Donna

Donna looks forward to returning to a classroom full of numbers and equations after a three year sabbatical full of words, during which she served military families of deployed service members as an ombudsman and wrote countless papers to complete her M.A. in Education & Human Development at The George Washington University. A certified secondary mathematics teacher since 1990, Donna entered adulthood with a B.S. in Computer Engineering from The University of Michigan. She enjoys drawing students into the language of mathematics through questions and aims to increase their curiosity beyond "What do I have to do to pass the test?" Students will be encouraged to explore "Why do we do it this way? How does this information help me know God more fully?" and "How will understanding these concepts prepare me to do what God has created me to do?"

Coleman, Jeani

Jeani Coleman has been the Drama Director of Harvester PCA since 2000, directing productions such as "The Judgment Seat," "Lion, Witch & the Wardrobe," "Family Outings," "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," and last year's "Cindy and the Godfather" among many others. She also produces holiday dramas and worship services incorporating drama and interpretive movement. She has been in Theater and Drama for over 35 years and has been teaching drama and directing plays for over 14 years. Jeani has directed all types of theater including Children's Theater, Children's Musicals & Dramas and traditional theatrical productions. Jeani has enjoyed cooking from the time she was in college and has developed her own style of cooking and baking from "scratch." She is an avid promoter of food preparation from whole and natural foods. Her culinary experience includes baking for a restaurant, weddings and special occasions. She has brought her skills to HTS

by teaching cooking classes to junior high and high school students. Jeani and her husband Steve, the Religion Editor for the Broadcast Division of Associated Press homeschooled their son, Jesse.

Coleman, Nathalie

Nathalie Coleman is a French native, a military wife to a wonderful pediatrician, and a homeschooling mother to five beautiful children. After graduating in France, Nathalie moved to Germany to work as an au pair, where she met her husband and became fluent in the German and English languages. Nathalie then moved to the United States, earned a nursing degree and worked as a pediatric nurse at Children's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama where she learned "southern" English. Having herself learned five languages in school, Nathalie enjoys sharing her love for foreign cultures and languages, and particularly the love for the culture and language of her native country.

Coleman, Steve

Steve Coleman is a deacon at The Harvester and longtime student and teacher of the Bible. He has taught Bible and Sunday school classes for groups from age 4 to college and adult. Steve became a born-again Christian in 1974. In his first few months as a Christian, Steve read the entire Bible and learned to trust the Lord for everything. In the succeeding decades, God has led Steve through personal trials and a variety of Christian fellowships and doctrines. He and his family, wife Jeani and son Jesse, joined The Harvester in 1999. As a Bible student and teacher, Steve's method is analytical. His faith is grounded in personal experience – a daily walk and continual conversation with his Savior. Steve has been a radio reporter for 30 years, most of that time with the Associated Press, where he now is the network's religion editor.

Concepcion, Marcie

Marcie Concepcion loves art and loves teaching. Being able to combine the two, she believes, is a gift from God. She has her BS and her MS in Art Education from FIU and has spent the last 18 years teaching in a variety of settings, including five years in a public school Magnet Fine Arts Program in Miami-Dade County, Florida. In addition to the public sector, she has also taught private classes, as well as junior and senior high art classes in the Sovereign Grace Co-op for the past six years. Her students have won multiple awards in both public and private competitions. One student's work was chosen for inclusion in a national art textbook. Several of her students have gone on to be art majors. An artist herself, she has works in both public and private collections and has exhibited in several art shows.

Dosch, Debbie

Debbie has four daughters whom she homeschooled for 16 years. Through the years she has taught in a variety of situations: many years at HTS, Sunday school (all ages), youth group, co-ops, Backyard Bible Clubs, church retreats, and Ladies Bible Studies. Debbie also teaches special needs adults at her church, Immanuel Bible Church, coaches high school students with special needs, does private tutoring, and substitutes in public as well as private schools. Teaching is a delight for Debbie.

Fillman, Mary

Mary has a BS degree in Social Sciences from Western Oregon State University and a JD from Willamette University College of Law. She served 21 years combined active and reserve duty in the Air Force as a judge advocate. She has been a full-time mother for the last twenty-one years. She and her husband Dave have two daughters, ages 16 and 21, whom she has homeschooled for twelve years. Mary enjoys sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting, and cross stitch. Mary discovered her love for needle arts when her mother sent her to a week-long sewing school with her best friend at age eleven. Mary added knitting and crocheting to her repertoire as an adult when she learned the crafts from friends. Mary continues to delight in assisting Sue Washechek in passing on her love for needlework to HTS students, young and old.

Froberg, Bev

Bev began her education in a Fairfax County public school before moving to New Jersey where she graduated from high school and came to know Christ as her Savior. She earned her BA in Philosophy and Religion from Ursinus College in Pennsylvania and her MA in English with a concentration in the Teaching of Writing and Literature from GMU. Bev and Dave, married for 27 years, along with their three children ages 14-19 who have been homeschooled since birth are long-time members of Harvester. Bev has taught at two Christian schools, for various church programs, and at HTS; in fact, she was the first director of HTS. In her many years at HTS she has taught Study Skills, Writers' Workshop I, and Writers' Road to Literature. In addition, she has taught ESL to adults in various capacities for over 25 years. Bev's passion is to teach her students discernment in reading and excellence in writing so that they might be used of the Lord to advance His kingdom.

Gilbert, Janna

Janna, a graduate of Texas A&M University, is a certified secondary mathematics teacher with over two decades of experience teaching in a variety of public, private, and cooperative settings. She is currently the director of Harvester Teaching Services which provides rigorous core courses for elementary through high school and serves over a hundred students in Bible

classes every year. Janna oversees staffing and curriculum for The Potter's School, conducts group seminars, and provides individual consulting on family discipleship and home education topics.

Glidewell, Sarah

Sarah Glidewell has been a homeschooling mom for 7 years and holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from New Mexico State University. She has been married to Michael for 17 years and is mom to Micah and Owen. Sarah has taught in both public and Christian schools prior to having her own children, and has also enjoyed teaching both in a co-op and at a local Classical Conversations group. Sarah loves to cook, read, and study Scripture. She is looking forward to another year of teaching at HTS.

Harris, Andy

Andy received his BSc in Astronomy from University College, London, and his PhD in Earth Observation from Mullard Space Science Laboratory. He performed research at MSSL for several years working on satellite missions for the European Space Agency, before moving to the UK Meteorological Office as a research scientist in the Satellite Applications Group. For the past 10 years Andy has worked with NOAA on its weather satellite programs, first as a UCAR visiting scientist and latterly as a faculty member of the Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center, University of Maryland. He is convinced that, when presented the right way, physics is the most accessible of the high school sciences. Andy is married to Lynne and they have four daughters, three of whom are being homeschooled. He has also been a volunteer worker with his church youth group for the last ten years.

Hayes, Corinne

Corinne is the wife of Harvester PCA's Associate Pastor Mark Hayes and the mother of five children. Her youngest daughter graduated from high school in May, and Mark and Corinne are homeschooling their three sons. This is Corinne's fifth year serving as the Financial Administrator for HTS. She has taught Sunday school and served in the infant nursery at Harvester for 20+ years. Corinne has been involved in Harvester's drama ministry, HMS Productions, in various capacities over the past few years. Her dream ministry would be to hold and love on needy babies in a hospital nursery—she never in a million years considered that her launching pad would be with her first grandchild who was born in May!

Hoffman, Kay

Kay Bryant Hoffman first came to the Harvester in 1993 as a high school senior attending a teen Precept Bible Study. After being homeschooled for nine years,

Kay went on to earn a BA in Social Science Education at Mississippi University for Women. She then worked two years as a Capitol Hill staffer for South Carolina Representative Jim DeMint before accepting a teaching position at Immanuel Christian School in Springfield, VA, where she taught 7th grade History, English, and Bible. After marrying her husband Tim in 2002, Kay continued to use her gift for teaching by tutoring students from 4th to 12th grades in various subjects. Kay is currently a stay-at-home mom to 5-year old Cassie. Her hobbies include running, reading, watching the History Channel and classic Hollywood movies, catching up with former students on Facebook, and participating in Bible studies.

Hubler, Craig

As the founder and chief instructor of Martial Arts Ministries, Craig is committed to teaching Taekwondo from a Christian worldview void of all Eastern philosophy. He is a third degree Black Belt and has spent the last 17 years training. With a B.S. in Health and Physical Education, he keeps safety and effectiveness as a priority during all classes. Having taught for over 12 years, he has experience with a wide range of age groups (3-60 years) and enjoys children and adults alike. His goal is that the students will enjoy the challenge and learn perseverance, diligence, and the joy of working with excellence toward the goal.

Ipsan, Stacey

Stacey Ipsan graduated from The College of William and Mary in Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. After ten years in the world of broadcasting and journalism, she retired to stay home with her beautiful and quickly growing family. She and her husband of 23 years, Michael, have been homeschooling their children for 13 years. Undaunted after having taught several classes for homeschooled students, including Elementary Science, American Literature, Shakespeare, British Literature, and World Lit, Stacey looks forward to another year at HTS, studying the classics through a Biblical perspective and sparking in her students a passion for and enjoyment of great literature.

Kesting, Mary

Born and raised in New York and educated in Southern California, Mary earned her BS and MS in Electrical Engineering from USC while pursuing a career in computers and engineering. She found her way into a teaching role when expatriated to Britain as a systems software engineer where she learned the system function of the customized software and prepared lesson material and taught it to a group of British colleagues. In 1996 when her first son was born, she left her professional career to be a career Mom. Her husband, whom she married in 1992, also an engineer, relocated their family back to the USA to Seattle, WA in late 1997. Mary spent time teaching Sunday school, AWANA, and began homeschooling in 2000. All three sons have always been homeschooled

until September 2010 when her oldest began high school at a Christian school in Fairfax, VA. Mary has taught two IEW writing courses, fine arts, and has led or assisted in various other subjects in homeschool co-ops. She enjoys Bible Study, hosting guests, and teaching math, reading, and science.

Kriebel, Emily

Emily grew up in State College, PA and graduated from Penn State University in 1981 with a degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. During her college summers, she counseled at Pioneer Girls camps in Arizona and Ohio, which led to a job as house mother to 5 little girls at the Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain, NC. While working in NC, she met her husband Wayne at a wedding in State College. They began a long distance courtship, which led eventually to marriage, seven children, and a 19 year home school adventure. Currently Emily is teaching only one at home, a virtual “picnic” compared to all the years of teaching up to seven children! As a family they have been through many dangers, trials, snares and joys, and the Lord has shown Himself faithful all the way, in spite of their many imperfections. Emily got her feet wet teaching Shurley Grammar for 3 years at HTS and then discovered the wonderful IEW program. She loves getting to know the HTS families and looks forward to a new year of writing adventures!

Lacquement, Jeannine

Jeannine Lacquement received her Bachelor’s in Dance from Goucher College in Townsend, Maryland. She is the director of a non-profit Christian dance ministry called Children of the Light Dancers. She has 25 years of experience teaching dance. Twenty of those years have been spent discipling and training children and youth for ministry through the art forms of dance and storytelling. You can find out more about her ministry by visiting her website at childrenofthelightdancers.org.

McGuire, Patti

Patti hails originally from Seattle and holds a math degree from the University of Washington. She and her family moved to Virginia after living in Germany for over six years. Having more than ten years experience educating her two teenage sons at home, one of her joys is watching them struggle through a concept when suddenly “the light comes on.” Through her teaching at HTS, she desires to assist parents who may feel the need for additional support in teaching math, and help students gain a solid foundation in math concepts that they will use in further studies.

Nardone, Annie

Annie Nardone graduated from University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor's degree in Art and Commercial Design. She has taught various co-op classes, including art and science, for more than ten years as a homeschool mom. Annie has also worked as a freelance editor and written magazine articles for a couple of publications. The Nardone family includes husband Sonny, and children Chloe, Isobel, and Lex along with a variety of animals.

Paumen, Kimberly

Kimberly Paumen is a homeschool mom of three. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Stephen F. Austin University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Chemistry and won the top Freshman Chemistry Student award. While she completed her degree, she taught supplemental freshmen Chemistry classes and labs to help students understand, simplify and digest the complicated concepts presented in class. After graduation she worked in the following fields as a chemist: petrochemical, pharmaceutical, and environmental. In 1993 she left her job to serve as a single missionary to Mexico with Denton Bible Church. A year later she married her husband Tim and together they served as missionaries in Bolivia, South America for seven years and are fluent in Spanish. Her experiences in Bolivia have left her with a love for Spanish. She has a passion for teaching others to speak and understand Spanish conversationally. She also takes great joy in unlocking the keys to understanding Chemistry and helping students discover the glory of God revealed there.

Payne, Deborah

Deborah is blessed with Godly parents who taught her the Bible from birth and began homeschooling her in third grade. After high school she studied at NOVA and eventually transferred to Marymount University in Arlington, VA where she completed her BS degree in Biology/Secondary Licensure. During Deb's time in college, she worked summers as Head Coach of an NVSL swim team for 4 years. Although Deb felt confident in God's calling for her to study Biology, she did not feel God calling her to teach in the public schools. Soon after graduating college, Deb married her best friend of 7 years to become a wife and mother of two wonderful children. Deborah began teaching Bible at HTS two years ago and has been blessed in return as the LORD deepens her faith as she is poured out to her students. Deborah's prayer is that one day, when her students grow up and face the pain that is in this broken world, they will recall Bible passages discussed in her class and find hope.

Pinkstaff, Anne

Anne Pinkstaff has a Bachelor's degree in Biology from East Carolina University and a Master's degree in Biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University. Her career as a full-time scientist spanned the years 1996-2004. During the majority

of that time she worked for Genetic Therapy, Inc. in Gaithersburg, Maryland doing DNA based lab support and preclinical safety testing for gene therapy research. For about six months, she also worked for Human Genome Sciences in Rockville, Maryland as a DNA sequencing Lab Manager. This coming year will be her fifth year teaching Biology at HTS. Most importantly, Anne is a wife and a mother to three beautiful daughters—Sarah, Ashleigh, and Mary Elena. She and her family live in Falls Church and attend The Harvester, where Anne has been a member since 1984.

Polen, Lisa

Lisa is excited to begin her first year of teaching at HTS. She and her husband, Brian, met at Clemson University's band camp and have been married for 14 years. She received her degree in Industrial Engineering and worked several years for a Southern textile company before feeling led to stay home and be with her family. She and Brian have 3 lively boys and have been homeschooling for over 4 years now. She has taught many different co-op classes and enjoys serving in the Children's Ministry whenever needed at her church, Fairfax Community Church.

Pratt, Stacy

Stacy Pratt, and her husband Erich, are homeschooling parents who have been blessed with 11 children ages 21 to 2. Three of their children have graduated high school, with the eldest daughter recently married and a new RN. The two eldest sons are interns at the Honor Academy which is associated with Teen Mania Ministries. Stacy holds a bachelor's degree from Florida State University in Communications and a Master's Degree in Public Affairs Journalism from Regent University. Stacy and Erich have long been involved with HTS. Her husband teaches Government and Economics for HTS, and serves as Elder at Harvester PCA.

Said, Paula

Paula Said earned her Bachelor of Science in Child Development and taught 7 years in a K4 and K5 traditional classroom setting before starting a family. Paula and her husband, Mike, have been married for 30 years and have three children. Paula began homeschooling in 1988 and homeschooled her two sons and daughter for more than 12 years. Paula and Mike are currently homeschooling their youngest child who also attends HTS classes. It has been one of Paula's greatest joys to teach each of her children to read. Four and five year olds are her favorite age to teach because of their joy of discovery, love of learning, and simple faith and trust in God! Paula has been involved with HTS for 11 years and embraces her identity as a "Christ-follower".

Schuenemeyer, Elena

Elena is married, the mother of four children, and the daughter of Jose and Mary Garcia. She is fluent in Spanish, having spent her childhood in Colombia, South America. The Lord saved Elena when she was 16 years old and after graduating from high school, she came to the United States. Soon afterwards, she entered the USAF, traveled extensively and eventually met her husband, Ken. They have been married now over 26 years and have homeschooled for 18 of those years. Additionally, this will be her seventh year of teaching Spanish at Harvester. Elena loves to share Christ with non-Christians and help younger Christians to deepen their relationship with God.

Spinello, Barb

Barb Spinello is a homeschool mom of two children, Jessica and Ryan, and has lived in Springfield, Virginia most of her life. She attended Liberty University and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education (NK - 8). For two years after college she was a short-term missionary school teacher for various levels in Loures, Portugal. After Portugal and before becoming a mom she was a middle school math and science teacher at a local Christian school. She has taught math (6th grade math, Pre-Algebra, and Algebra 1) for several years in the classroom as well as privately tutoring and working at a local learning center. Barb has a passion for students to succeed in math and to understand and master the basic concepts in order to be fully prepared for Algebra and beyond.

Velleco, Catherine

A true native of Northern Virginia, Catherine was born and raised in Fairfax. She earned her degree in Early Childhood Education at Messiah College in PA. Her personal interest in writing led her to design and teach her own writing classes in a new support group called Harvester Teaching Services. Catherine continued to teach various writing courses at HTS and tutored for nearly 14 years. Her students competed in and won several national writing competitions during that time. She furthered her education by attending professional writing workshops and other courses of study, as well as editing work for others and writing bit pieces for publication in her spare time. Catherine and her husband of nearly 19 years have five children, ages 5 to 17, who were homeschooled for 9 years. With a heart for coming alongside teachers as well as parents and students, Catherine accepted the opportunity to serve as Assistant Director at HTS in the fall of 2008. Catherine enjoys all things Italian and making memories with her children.

Washechek, Susan

Susan has a BS degree in Nursing from Montana State University. She worked for 9 years as an Army nurse before leaving the service to be a full-time mother. Susan and her husband Mark have 4 children ages 16-23 and have homeschooled all of them. She grew up with a mother who had a college degree

in home economics and who was a very talented and patient teacher. Knitting, sewing, cooking, and any other craft Susan could get her hands on were all encouraged. She is looking forward to teaching and encouraging students in practical and decorative needlework skills.