

IMPARTATION 2013



~ More Than A Conference But an Encounter with God ~

“Multiplying with
PASSION, PURPOSE, & PRIDE”

Acts 6:7



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Workshop Facilitator



Evon Black

Storyteller, Evon Black is nationally acclaimed performer, workshop leader, keynote and motivational speaker. She combines her belief in the power of story with an inborn talent for teaching and performing. Her infectious enthusiasm and dynamic energy revitalize audiences and empower participants in her workshops. Holding a B.S. in psychology and a Masters in Educational Technology, Evon has been performer since 1986. She uses folktales from around the nation in a non-didactic way to teach values, elevate understanding and acceptance of other cultures. Professional associations find Evon to be a lively and inspiring speaker. At Gallaudet University as a college student, Evon was the first Black deaf student to hold a high position as Student Body Government Vice President. Evon survived through all obstacles and struggles in order to open the doors for the black students on campus. Evon made a pathway for student of colors in different organizations. Evon has worked primarily in the Deaf student development area for approximately 22 years ranging from Deaf residential schools to Gallaudet University. Prior to Sprint as Alabama Relay Account Manager, she was the Senior Admissions Counselor and handled 21 states for National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Evon is now a Statewide Coordinator of Technology Services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind Services with Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. She currently resides in Birmingham AL with a precious 16 year old son known as "DJ".



Workshop Facilitator & Key Note Speaker



Patricia “Trix” Bruce

Trix has been involved in the performing arts since 1980 when she won the role of Helen Keller in her freshman year of high-school. She participated in the summer program hosted by the National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD) and performed at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). As a deaf poet and actress, her performances draw heavily on her life experiences. Trix’s one-woman show has been a long-standing success. Audiences are captivated by Trix’s sign artistry, sheer elegance and irresistible, smile-sparking humor. Trix’s performances and presentations always showcase her skills as an outstanding communicator. Trix’s main area of study has been in ASL Linguistics with a focus on ASL Performance. She is an approved sponsor for the Registry Interpreter for the Deaf (RID) Certificate Maintenance Program and has developed a popular website, www.trixbruce.com. Whether writing, creating, improvising or starring in her many productions, Trix’s passion for the dramatic arts always shines through.



Workshop Facilitator



Noah Butler, III

Noah Butler, III, is a New Orleans native. He began his deaf ministry work in 1992. Until Hurricane Katrina, he served as an interpreter for Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, Hands of Praise Deaf Ministry, New Orleans, LA, under the leadership of Pastor Fred Luter, Jr. In the spring of 2001, Noah began a sign language gospel group called “Noah3 & Company.” In October of 2002, they produced a Live Video recording of the group entitled “On One Accord.” Later in 2005, his group recorded their second Live DVD, “Signs of Faith” in Lavaca, AR. On July 14, 2007, his third project was recorded Live in Dallas, Texas entitled “Making Music Come ALIVE – Testimonies thru Worship. Due to technical difficulties, that project was not completed.

On the professional side, Noah has taught ASL at Delgado Community College in New Orleans, LA, ASL1 and Religious Signing at Southern University at New Orleans, served as educational interpreter for several colleges and high schools. In 2012, he authored and published a book and workbook entitled

“**A 21st Century Deaf Ministry from a Biblical Perspective.**” In addition, he does professional workshops and skills building seminars for interpreters and performs ASL to music across the country. He has served as Interpreter Coordinator for the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival as well as the Austin City Limits, Lollapalooza and Bonnaroo Music Festivals. Noah began working with International Institute of Deaf Services, Inc., under the leadership of Paul William Ellis in 2007.

Noah currently serves as Executive Assistant for IIDS as well as Program and Hospitality Chair. He also works for Delta Airlines as a Flight Attendant and resides between Queens, New York and New Orleans, LA.



Forum Facilitator



Pamela C. Collins

Pamela F. Collins, a Washington, D.C. native, began her interpreting studies at Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta, GA. Pam, CI and CT, obtained her Associate of Science degree in Interpreting from Catonsville Community College, her Bachelor of Arts degree in American Sign Language from Gallaudet University, and her Master of Science degree in Administration and Supervision from Gallaudet University. As an active member of the interpreting and Deaf community, Pam is currently serving as a mentor, and on the interpreting committee for D.C. Area Black Deaf Advocates (DCABDA). An avid theatre lover, she has had the opportunity to explore new heights through performance arts interpreting. In the future Pam wants to continue her undergraduate project – “Capturing the Moment” archiving the experiences of elders in the Black Deaf and interpreting communities.



Forum Facilitator



Paul William Ellis

Paul William Ellis is a native of Lexington, Mississippi where he grew up in the home of a Christian mother. He received the Lord, Jesus Christ as Savior at the age of six. Paul received training from The Navigators and accepted his call to preach the Gospel at the age of twenty-three. He received his B.S. degree from Columbia Bible College, Columbia, SC and a Masters in Biblical Studies and a Masters in Religion Education from Birmingham Theological Seminary, Birmingham, Alabama.

For twenty years, he coordinated and helped plan activities for the growth of the church; developed a ministry to the Deaf; supervised staff; taught weekly bible study; organized retreats; assisted in pastoral duties which included preaching and visitation; taught sign language classes; developed and taught workshops on American Sign Language; organized praise and worship conferences, praise and worship concerts and 2 concerts of prayer.

He served as sign language instructor in the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. Paul served as worship leader for the Birmingham Community Deaf Church. He was on staff with Christian Deaf Fellowship (CDF). He served as the music leader and music workshop leader for the Alabama Baptist Conference of the Deaf, and served as guest interpreter for the Freedom Rally in Robertsedale, AL.

In 1993, Paul founded International Institute of Deaf Services. Paul is presently an interpreter with the Federal Government and travels preaching and teaching the Word of God. The Anointing of the Lord is upon him as he leads God's people into worship. Paul's greatest desire and focus is to see God's people grow into their full potential and mature in Christian character. He has ministered throughout the United States, Japan, Korea and the Philippines. He released "Worship In Sign Language with Paul William Ellis," a video of praise and worship music. Paul holds an Interpreter's Permit from the State of Alabama.



Workshop Facilitator & Power Session Speaker



Chad Entinger

Chad Entinger was born August 18, 1975, in Edina, Minnesota. Chad became deaf at the age of 16 months due to Spinal Meningitis. He was raised by Christian parents, Dennis and LuAnn Entinger, in Howard Lake, Minnesota. At the age of 8 years old, he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and was baptized by his father in the Howard Lake Christian Church. Chad attended elementary, middle, and junior high schools in the Howard Lake – Waverly Public School System. During his high school years, Chad went to the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf (M.S.A.D.), graduating in 1993. He then enrolled at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education in 1997 and a Master of Arts degree in Deaf Education in 1999.

From the Fall of 2003 to Spring of 2006, Chad was an elementary teacher, elementary department chair, and football coach at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf. Prior to teaching at M.S.A.D., Chad worked at Deaf Missions in Council Bluffs, Iowa, from 1999 to 2003. Chad was ordained for Christian ministry work by the Howard Lake Christian Church on April 23, 2006. In June 2006, Chad returned to Deaf Missions and served as the Associate Director. He became the Executive Director in November 2007. Chad wrote personal narratives for Bob Ayres' "**Deaf Diaspora: The Third Wave of Deaf Ministry**" book, published 2004. He is also the co-author of "**Right or Wrong? A Biblical Perspective of Moral and Social Issues.**"

Chad and Glory (formerly Somerville) were married in Fruita (near Grand Junction), Colorado, January 6, 2001. Glory has a National Interpreter Certification (NIC) and is a licensed sign language interpreter in the state of Iowa. They have one daughter, Shekynah Ann; and three sons, Corban Peter, Davan Neal, and Jadon John.. Chad and Glory are actively involved in serving God at Christ's Church of the Deaf in Council Bluffs.



Workshop Facilitator



David Evans

David N. Evans, RID CI & CT, NIC Master, has a comprehensive history providing ASL-English interpretation services in a variety of community settings, specializing in music/performing arts and conference work. David teaches interpreters across the country on issues of interpreting, language, and culture. Accomplishments include presenting at two National Alliance of Black Interpreters (NAOBI) conferences and four national “Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf” (RID) conferences, with one audience made up of over 1,250 participants! Educating interpreters since 1992, David's sessions are interactive, entertaining, and informative, creating a relaxed, safe environment for all audiences. David established Bridge Communications in 1996 to further his goals of providing skill-building workshops and video materials for ASL-English interpreters. When not on the road presenting, David makes his home in Minneapolis where he enjoys roller skating, playing Frisbee, listening to disco, and taking walks around the city's many lakes.



Workshop Facilitator



Bonnie Faye Gibson-Brydon

Bonnie has been working in the interpreting profession for more than 30 years. She has worked in South Africa, Germany, as well as several states throughout the U.S. After earning her theological Masters, she has stepped into teaching mainstream audiences techniques in “Believing in your Own Power;” these techniques are weaved throughout her presentations. Since February, 1996, she has been the Executive Director of Pula Legal Interpreting Network, and for the last three years, has been acting as Chief Executive Officer of Mojave Deaf Services (San Bernardino County). Her passion is in the Grass Root Deaf Community. Bonnie currently mentors interpreters, focusing on the strengths and confidence as professionals while practicing a higher level of standards. Her goal as a presenter is to laugh and enjoy the process of growth.



Interpreter Trainer & Workshop Facilitator



Sharon Lott

Sharon Lott is an ASL faculty member at Central Piedmont Community College (CPC). Prior to this job, she was a Staff Development specialist at North Carolina School for the Deaf (NCSD). She coordinates and teaches ASL, Deaf Culture, Linguistics and a variety of other sign related topics at NCSD. She is a National SLPI: ASL Trainer for rater and trainer for the SLPI with experience in providing training as far as Ghana and Kenya, Africa. Sharon was also an integral part of the NCSD Mentorship Project. Mrs. Hurley performs evaluations for Do-It Center for Northern Colorado University. Sharon has over 25 years of experience teaching ASL at numerous of Colleges/Universities in NY and NC. Locally she has taught at Lenior-Rhyne College, Western Piedmont Community College, Gardner Webb University and Appalachian University. She possesses Professional Level ASL certification from the American Sign Language Teacher Association (ASLTA). She holds a Master's Degree in Career Development and Human Resources. Currently, she is a student at Gallaudet's newly program, Master in Teaching Sign Language which she will graduate this summer.



Workshop Facilitator



Jean Sandra Plant

Jean Plant has been working in this field for over 30 years as a nationally certified interpreter and is currently a full time freelance interpreter. Jean also works as a Video Relay Interpreter.

Jean recently retired from her job as a faculty member of Georgia Perimeter College Sign Language Interpreting Program. She has presented workshops in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Washington, D.C.. She would love to present in all fifty states before she retires!

Jean has served on the GaRID Board of Directors and has been planning conferences for at least a dozen years. She remains a very active member of the Deaf and Interpreter communities. She serves on numerous committees and attends on average thirty hours of workshops a year. Jean is a firm believer in continuing education -- even before we had the CMP!



Workshop Facilitator



William F. Ross, III

William F. Ross III, a native user of American Sign Language, has been interpreting for more than 27 years and holds dual certification (CI/CT) from the Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf. He has a Master of Science Degree in Special Education from Missouri State University. Currently, Bill is an Associate Professor in the Carlstrom Interpreter Training Program at North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Ross was previously employed as the Director of the Communication Access Support Services Department at North Carolina School for the Deaf (NCSD); where he established the NCSD Mentorship Project and Distance Learning Initiatives Mentoring Program to provide ongoing support to educational and freelance interpreters. He is passionate teaching about interpreting, building mentoring relationships and studying American Sign Language. Currently, Bill holds the position of member-at-large with Minnesota Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf.



Plenary Speaker



Chuck Snyder

Chuck Snyder serves the Deaf leaders of Deaf Reformed Ministries. He and his wife Nancy have been involved in ministry among Deaf people for over 30 years. Both are RID certified interpreters, and Nancy is a certified biblical counselor (NANC). Chuck received an M. Div from Biblical Theological Seminary and an MS in Teaching Interpreting from Western Maryland College. They are currently translating an entire M. Div seminary (Whitefield Theological Seminary) program into ASL. Chuck is also serving as an interim pastor at First Deaf Mennonite Church in Lancaster, PA.



Workshop Facilitator



Donald Tinsley

Donald has retired from Indiana Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) and is an alumnus of Indiana School for the Deaf. He studied at National Technology Institute for the Deaf (NTID) and received his Associate's degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI.) In addition to his community involvement, Donald has been an ordained minister since 1991 when he graduated from Aeon Bible College in Indianapolis. He has ministered to the Deaf Community for approximately 30 years, teaching Sunday school classes for the Deaf, leading home Bible studies, and helping to establish Deaf ministries at several churches. He has received the 2012 Distinguished Leadership Award from the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities for supporting the Deaf and Hearing Communities and have been a lifelong champion for people who are Deaf / Hard of Hearing or have other disabilities.



Workshop Facilitator



Carol Tipton

Carol Tipton, CSC, CI and CT, has been involved with the education of interpreters for over 40 years. In the mid-nineteen-seventies she coordinated the National Interpreter Training Consortium out of NYU, where she earned M.A. and Ed.D. degrees. She has taught continuing education classes for interpreters at Gallaudet University since 1978, and credit classes in the Interpreter Training Program at the Community College of Baltimore County-Catonsville since 1988, where she is currently an Associate Professor. She chaired the RID committee which composed the RID Code of Ethics, served on the Blueprint Committee, which constructed the first generalist written certification examination, was a member of the RID Professional Standards Committee, developing standard practice papers, served as a member of the NAD/RID Certification Council and is currently a member of the RID Professional Development Committee. She is a Local Test Administrator for RID and coordinates the RID Supersite at Catonsville for administering written and performance certification examinations. She is also the Certification Maintenance Program Coordinator for the Potomac Chapter of RID.