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# Human Book Biographies

## #1 Prof. Doug McGetchin



Books, strategic board games, and an active imagination were refuges from a childhood of moving around, divorced parents, and death of his geologist father at age 13. He had a full NROTC military scholarship and served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, mostly at Camp Pendleton, California, where he learned to surf and later completed a Ph.D. in history at the University of California, San Diego. A native Californian, he lived there for two decades before moving to Florida Atlantic

University as a professor of history where he teaches and does research about India and Germany (he has lived in Berlin and Kolkata (Calcutta)), including Gandhi and nonviolence. He is married with two girls and a son, ages 15, 12, and 6. He considered becoming a conscientious objector before the first Gulf War, and has worked with Quakers and Veterans for Peace to help build the basis for a more peaceful future.

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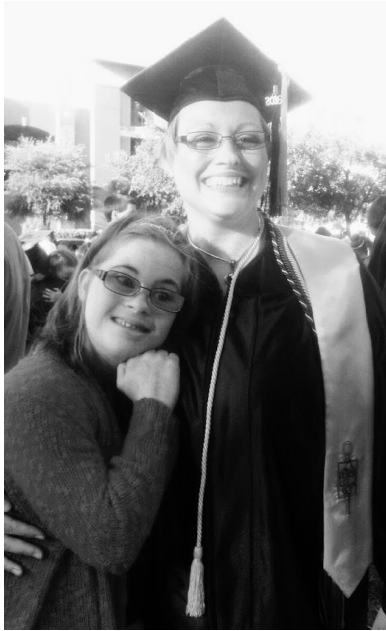
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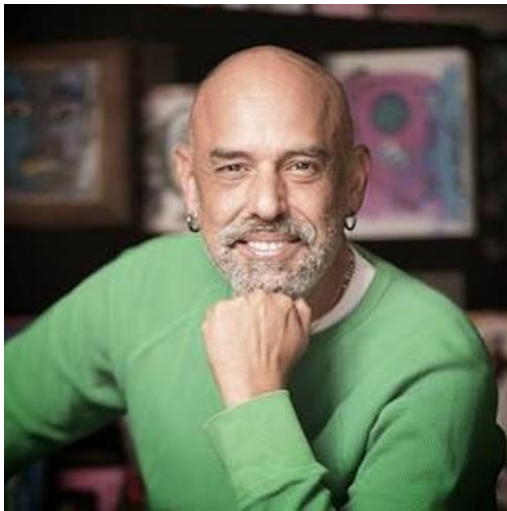
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## #2 L. Davina Newman



Davina is currently pursuing a degree in Biology, after completing her A.A. and an A.S. Biotechnology, both with honors and in 5 years. Davina's journey includes being a School of Hard Knocks graduate, a single mother, a special needs parent, domestic violence, traumatic birth experience, homelessness, an adult child of alcoholics, and childhood trauma. Her educational journey began in 2011 after receiving a mental health diagnosis, when she recognized that overcoming the diagnosis and associated symptoms would require rebuilding herself from the inside out. The years of experiences as a special needs parent directed her focus towards the immune system issues present in Down syndrome (genetics and immunology.) The symptoms of mental illness Davina has faced include PTSD, anxiety, depression, self-harm, hospitalization, dissociation, and a lack of self-identity.

## #3 Rolando Chang Barrero



Rolando Chang Barrero, is a native Floridian. Born in Coconut Grove and currently resides in the City of West Palm Beach, Florida in the Pineapple Park District where he owns a 1947 Florida Pine home. Rolando is Graduate of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he received two academic scholarships and graduated with the lauded Ryerson Traveling Fellowship.

Over coming many obstacles in his own life [illness and addiction] Rolando offered “art of Recovery” , a creative, sober space to the community. This allowed the recovery community a chance to utilize the arts to cope with and process all of the emotions and experiences tied into shifting from using drugs and alcohol to living a clean and sober lifestyle. After years of facilitating the Art of Recovery sessions, Rolando now facilitates a therapeutic “Art of Recovery” group at *Inspire*, inviting clients to open up to creative explorations as a vehicle to navigate aspects of 12 Step recovery.

## #4 Stefan Harzen



Stefan E. Harzen is a German-born scientist and entrepreneur. He spent a good portion of his life in Portugal before moving to the U.S. For the last seventeen years, he has been serving as the Executive Director of Blue Dolphin Research and Consulting, Inc., a consulting company working on the forefront of sustainability, and as the Chairman of the Taras Oceanographic Foundation.

Dr. Harzen began his career as one of the first Europeans studying wild dolphins more than 30 years ago, and has continued his involvement in dolphin research conservation in Portugal and the U.S.A. ever since. However, his interest has long expanded from marine mammals to include a variety of cross-disciplinary

subjects.

Over the last 20 years, Dr. Harzen helped advance a great number of diverse tourism, commercial and industrial projects in Portugal, the Americas and the Caribbean, with his responsibilities comprising sustainability, green technologies, waste water management systems, waste-to-energy facilities, design and planning performance metrics and development guidelines, hospitality, branding, and marketing, and GIS-based spatial and environmental analysis.

Dr. Harzen has used his wide range of knowledge and cross-cultural experiences to negotiate successful project outcomes between various stakeholders, and to personally advise leaders of companies and organizations on how to best prepare for the future. His ability to articulate a vision of mankind's future and its needs, and to communicate goals to many constituencies has been the foundation of his success. The courage he shows in his convictions is his driving force. As a scientist, he is able to define the importance of the principles he defends and the urgency of their implementation. As a practical man he recognizes the difficulties, which must be overcome.

Considered a Renaissance Man by his friends, Stefan is also an accomplished explorer, writer, broadcaster, photographer, and musician. He served as the co-leader of an Explorers Club Flag Expedition creating a new generation of coral reef maps in 2008. Over the years, he published numerous popular and scientific papers and two books; one on bottlenose dolphins in Portugal, the other a biography, entitled *An Ocean of Inspiration – The John Olguin Story*. Between 2004 and 2015, he produced and hosted 373 live 90-minute radio shows about science, the environment, sustainability and conservation. His photographs are part of private collections and focus on the marine environment and Portugal. He is recognized as a wonderful public speaker who can captivate and excite an audience with his in-depth knowledge, sharp analysis, wit and creative thinking.

Dr. Harzen taught as an Adjunct Professor at the Business School's Environmental MBA program at Florida Atlantic University for several years. He is a Fellow of the world-renowned Explorers Club in New York and has been included in the pages of *Adventurous Dreams*, *Adventurous Lives* together with 120 other outstanding individuals, including Apollo astronaut Buzz Aldrin and balloonists Bertrand Piccard, representing a Who's Who of international exploration.

## #5 Tracy Hill

While working in the insurance field, Tracy was diagnosed with juvenile macular degeneration. She persisted in her attempts at earning a living, but her increasing visual issues created somewhat restrictive opportunities. During the times of uncertainty there was a theme of service that persisted, especially in terms of mentoring, tutoring and teaching, and eventually she passed the state English exam and obtained provisional certification for grades 6-12. Tracy co-hosted [through teleconferencing] Fearless Friday, an internet radio program. She also created The Beating Path Inc., a business that was initially established with the purpose of teaching self-awareness and personal success techniques. Tracy then became an Adult Basic Education (ABE) instructor and discovered her passion.

She faced great visual and logistical challenges as a teacher, but it was clear that teaching was an innate ability that she possessed. She had something in common with her students as they were experiencing life from a strained and often disadvantaged standpoint. Because of her condition, Tracy could relate to an often disenfranchised community of adults, and resolved to become the best educator she could be.

## # 6 Jeronimo Camposeco

Jeronimo Camposeco is a widely-respected Mayan leader who came to the United States more than 30 years ago as a refugee from war-torn Guatemala. In the 1980s, Jeronimo helped to found Corn-Maya Inc., a service organization based in Indiantown that helped refugees file political asylum petitions and collaborated with religious organizations to provide services to immigrants. Since that time, Jeronimo has continued to work the immigrant community, providing referrals, interpreting services, emergency services, and working with various immigrant organizations. In 2002, Corn-Maya Inc. established an office in Jupiter, Florida. Jeronimo played a vital role in this process, eliciting support from Florida Atlantic University and local community leaders. Jeronimo has held positions as a family counselor with the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA), a labor coordinator with Corn-Maya and El Sol, and a community organizer with Florida Rural Legal Services. He is also an expert marimba player. Prior to coming to the U.S., he undertook coursework in Social Anthropology at San Carlos National University in Guatemala City and he has published and co-published in books such as the Maya in Exile and Farmworkers in the United States. **He currently serves as a Honorary Consul for Guatemala.**

## #7 Elder Roosevelt Hendley