



## SAFE SPACES WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

### **From Salisbury University:**

**Kara French, Ph.D.** - Kara joined the faculty of Salisbury University as Assistant Professor of US Women's History and Gender and Sexuality Studies in 2013. She holds a B.A. in history from Yale University and a joint Ph.D. in History and Women's Studies from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Her research focuses on the history of sexuality in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century America and is currently at work revising her book manuscript, *Against Sex: Identities of Sexual Restraint in Early America*. Originally from Upstate NY, Kara greatly enjoys the shorter winters and abundance of beaches on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

**Diane S. Illig, Ph.D.** - Diane has practiced sociology at Salisbury University for the last 14 years where she teaches courses in Gender, Sexuality, and Family among others, is chair of the Sociology Department and represents Salisbury University on the University System of Maryland Women's Forum. In addition to her PhD, Diane holds a graduate certificate in Women's Studies and participated in the Summer Institute on Sexuality at San Francisco State University. Prior to completing her advanced degrees, she worked professionally for Girl Scouts in councils in Pennsylvania and Virginia as a field executive, camp director and Director of Outdoor Program. In each capacity Diane developed and/or conducted workshops on diversity and inclusion of girls and women, racial and cultural minorities, the disabled, and more recently, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people. In May of 2013, Diane married her partner of 18 years in Maryland following the legalization of same-sex marriage. Diane is the Safe Spaces Coordinator.

**Paula T. Morris, M.B.A.** - Paula's passions revolve around youth, leadership and education. At work and in the community she's often surrounded by young people. As a Professor of the Practice in Marketing at Salisbury University's Perdue School of Business, she brings real-world learning experiences to her students. Encouraging students to engage with nonprofit and small businesses, many students find a passion for volunteering and "giving back" to their communities. Morris is best known for her work with Kids of Honor, an organization she founded in 2001. Kids of Honor empowers young people to graduate from high school and pursue their dreams. Spending countless hours creating programming to combat the dropout crisis, her efforts have been recognized at the local, regional and National level. In addition to Founding Kids of Honor, Morris spent ten years leading Girl Scout troops at St. Francis deSales School. She also helped start a variety of other organizations in our community including the Youth Leadership Academy and Women in Leadership at Salisbury University.

**Angeline Prichard, M.L.S.** - Angeline is a Research and Instructional Librarian at Salisbury University. In addition to teaching information literacy classes and doing reference work, she liaises to the Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, and Theatre & Dance departments. She has her MLS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an AB in Drama

from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York. In her spare time, Angeline enjoys bookbinding, reading fantasy/science-fiction literature and comic books, and cheering on the Manchester City Football Club. She is thrilled to be involved in bringing such important information to Maryland through the Safe Spaces training.

**Michèle M. Schlehofer, Ph.D.** - Michèle is an applied social psychologist with general interests in community health and well-being, and specific interests in advocacy with and for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people of all ages and from all backgrounds. She joined the faculty of Salisbury University in Maryland in 2007, where she teaches courses in Social Psychology and Community and Applied Social Psychology, among others. Michèle currently serves as the chair of the Psychology Department. In addition to her duties at Salisbury University, Michèle seeks to make a positive difference in the livelihood of local the community by serving both on the Lower Shore LGBTQ Coalition and on the executive board of the Wicomico Partnership for Families and Children, the county's Local Management Board. Michèle is married and is a mother to two cute and spunky young boys.

### **From the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights:**

**Keith Merkey, M.Div./CE** - Keith is the Education and Outreach Associate for the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights where he provides educational workshops and conducts trainings on a variety of topics such as diversity, discrimination prevention, sexual harassment, conflict resolution, sexual orientation, and other issues for Maryland's universities, businesses and organizations. Keith has worked in the area of training, service, and education for non-profits such as Stop AIDS Campaign, Planned Parenthood of Maryland and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Maryland. Keith received his Masters of Divinity and Education from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also has post-graduate training in prejudice-reduction, conflict resolution, and diversity as well as EEO, Fair Housing Issues and Safe Spaces Training. He presently serves as the Secretary on the Greater Baltimore Community Housing Resource Board and is the past Board President of The Book Thing, Inc. of Baltimore.

**Tara B. Taylor, M.P.A.** - Tara is the Director of Education & Outreach for the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights where she also previously served as the Mediation Program Director for 12 years. Tara formerly managed dispute resolution programs at the Office of the Arizona Attorney General and the Office of the Maryland Attorney General and directed several education and outreach programs for the YMCA Resource Center of Delaware. She has a B.A. in Communications and a M.A. in Management and Public Administration. Tara has extensive experience as a mediator and large group facilitator and volunteers as a mediator for the Maryland State Government Shared Neutrals Program and the Harford County Community Mediation Program. Tara also spends time as a corporate trainer, professional group facilitator and serves as an adjunct instructor at several local colleges and universities.