2015 UW Summer Day Instructors and Staff

Art with Nicole Appell (Sessions 1-2)
Nicole is an artist who specializes in working with youth in community art projects. A graduate of the UW School of Art, Nicole has taught art at many venues including the Kirkland Arts Center, University of Washington, Seattle and Lake Washington Public Schools. In addition to her work in the classroom, Nicole also paints, creates and exhibits. Drawing her artistic inspiration from nature, in her off-hours, Nicole enjoys hiking and exploring the wilderness.

Science with Erin Bartram (Session 2)
Erin is a teacher at St. Benedict School in Seattle. In addition to teaching, Erin enjoys backpacking, gardening, and spending time playing Legos with her two sons. She looks forward to sharing her curiosity about all sorts of things in science this summer!

Art with Amy Beck (Sessions 3-4)
Amy loves exploring the different opportunities Summer Day provides, and she is thrilled to be instructing Art this year. During the school year Amy works with students with special needs at St. Benedict School and teaches ballet and tap at American Dance Institute. In her free time Amy enjoys spending time with her husband and family, singing, traveling to new places and chasing her cat around her apartment.

Science with Caitlin Bunnell (Session 4)
Caitlin is a graduate of the UW Masters of Education program. Her experience includes teaching environmental education at IslandWood, exploring marine biology with students aboard an oyster sloop on Long Island Sound, and researching prairie orchids at the Chicago Botanic Garden. During the school year Caitlin teaches at Bertschi School. Caitlin enjoys hiking and coaching a high school rowing team.

Art with Alisha Dall’Osto (Sessions 1-3)
Alisha is an artist who specializes in painting and drawing. She teaches multi-media art classes to in afterschool programs and in-school artist residencies. She is passionate about creating challenging art curricula that integrates science, social studies, and history to foster curiosity about the world. For work samples visit www.alishadalostocom.

Science with Sidney Deering (Session 3)
Sidney is a science teacher with a deep interest in the natural history of the Pacific Northwest. Currently she teaches Washington State History and Geography at Washington Middle School. Sidney enjoys sharing the wonder of nature with students, and looks forward to a summer of fun and learning. She is a lifelong Seattleite and UW grad.

Storymaking with Mercedes Diggs
Mercedes has been a teaching artist in Seattle since 2002. Over the years she’s enjoyed working with Seattle Children’s Theatre, British American Youth Festival Theatre, and Powerful Schools to bring acting fundamentals to classrooms and afterschool programs. Mercedes has an M.A. in Teaching from the UW and a performance background in musical theater and improv. During off-hours, Mercedes can be found solving logic problems and riding the zipline at Lincoln Park.
**Kids In Motion Classes (KIM) with Nessa Goldman (all groups) – Sessions 1, 3-4**
This is Nessa’s first year as Kids in Motion instructor and she is very excited to join the team. She is an outdoor enthusiast and passionate educator. During the school year she volunteers at the Arboretum as a naturalist guiding school programs. She loves riding her bike and adventuring with her husband.

**Kids In Motion Classes (KIM) with Gretchen Gray (all groups) – Session 2**
Gretchen teaches elementary P.E. for Seattle Schools. She is excited to share her passion for daily physical activity and activities that nurture teamwork and cooperation. When she is not working, she enjoys spending time playing and watching sports, and hanging out with her five siblings.

**Art/Science with Clara Hanson (Sessions 1, 3 and 4)**
A graduate from the University of Northern Iowa, Clara enjoys all opportunities to explore with children. Some of her favorite subjects are foreign languages (especially Japanese and Spanish), sign language and Language Arts. Clara’s interests include writing stories and poetry, playing violin and piano, and running the beautiful trails of Fort Ward State Park.

**Creative Writing with Caleigh Harper (Session 2)**
Caleigh is a fourth grade teacher with Highline Schools. Caleigh received her Masters in Teaching from The Evergreen State College, where she also learned a great deal about Pacific Northwest History and Ethnobotany. When she is not teaching, she can often be found identifying plants in the forest or hiking a local mountain.

**Storymaking with Andrea Johnson (Sessions 1 and 3)**
Andrea is a 4th grade teacher in Renton Schools. Previously, she was involved in the world of theater, working with designers and actors making costumes. Andrea has been in Seattle for 14 years and loves the Pacific Northwest where there is plenty of rock climbing, skiing and cycling.

**Art with Shari Kaufman**
Shari is a working artist in the mediums of ceramic sculpture and hand knit silver jewelry. She shows her work in galleries around the Northwest. Shari also teaches K-2 art in four Seattle elementary schools where she focuses on exploring different mediums and “unleashing” children’s creativity.

**Drama with Angela Kelley (Sessions 1-4)**
Angela has many years of experience working with kids and theatre. She presents environmental workshops in schools throughout King and Snohomish Counties. Angela has been a professional actor for over twenty years. In addition to her theatre experience, she performed with “It’s a Mystery”, an interactive improvisational theatre company that performed on the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train.

**Drama with Terence Kelley (Sessions 1-4)**
Terence is a professional actor and has been an instructor with the Summer Day Program for many years. He has directed and choreographed at local schools and plays a detective with “It’s a Mystery” – an interactive improvisational theatre company that performs on the Spirit of Washington dinner train.

**Drama/Storymaking with Dora Lanier (Sessions 1-4)**
Dora is an actor, director and teaching artist and has been an instructor with the Summer Day Program for many years. Dora has just launched her first publication as a romance writer, with a digital novella, published by The Wild Rose Press. Dora holds a MFA from UW-Madison and a BA from the University of Minnesota.
Science with John Parker (Session 1)
John is a Project Lead the Way/CTE middle school teacher in Seattle. He enjoys teaching students about 3D modeling, engineering, robotics and digital art. John teaches through hands-on challenges that require students to design, build and test. He enjoys building gadgets at home with his two children as well as exploring tide pools and looking for bugs.

Science with Barbara Purn (Session 1) and Storymaking (Session 2)
Barbara has an MA in Education and has taught with the UW Summer Day program for many years. In 2014 she retired from her job as a teacher at Villa Academy. Barbara is passionate about travel and has been to Kenya, India, Nepal and Hawaii. Barbara also enjoys gardening, knitting, and reading books.

Science with Julie Schmick (Sessions 3 and 4)
Julie is in her 2nd year of teaching technology at K-5 STEM in West Seattle. Her passion centers around engaging learners of all ages in the exploration of coding, stop motion animation, and video creation to assist in the demonstration of learning. Her tool kit has experiences from 15+ years of being an elementary principal and over a decade of hands-on, inquiry based classroom teaching.

Storymaking with Beth Sims
Beth is a middle school STEM teacher at Technology Access Foundation Academy in Federal Way, WA. Over the course of her career in education, she has worked with students from a multitude of grade levels, from kindergarten through post graduate. She has taught in both the elementary and middle school divisions of the UW Summer Youth Program.

Art with Mallory Wilson (Session 4)
Mallory is a graduate of the University of Washington’s Master of Education program. She has been working with students in various settings for over 11 years. In her spare time she likes to read, listen to music, and do arts and crafts. She also enjoys spending time with family, friends and her dog Lucy.

Art/Science with Sarah Wix (Session 2)
Sarah has been an elementary teacher for 15 years with degrees in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education from Central Washington University and a masters in Reading and Literacy from Walden University. She has a husband and two kids; they love to visit bakeries, watch horse races, take boat rides, make art, go to museums, the zoo and parks!

2015 UW SUMMER DAY SENIOR STAFF AND COUNSELORS

Stacy Cha, Campus Coordinator
Stacy worked with the Summer Day program for three years and then took a break to pursue an Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology at Seattle University. As a school psychologist, Stacy works on a team whose goal is to provide strong and effective support for students and families within the special education continuum. When not working, Stacy enjoys exploring Washington’s food spots, with Restaurant Week being a favorite event for her.

Michelle Irwin, Campus Coordinator
Michelle is dedicated to promoting the academic success and social-emotional wellbeing of youth. Along with six years’ experience working with children and adolescents in schools and mental health settings, she is a recent Masters of Social Work graduate from the University of Washington. Originally from the
Midwest, Michelle has lived in the Seattle area since 2010 and enjoys cooking, taking walks around Green Lake, and practicing yoga.

SUMMER DAY COUNSELORS
Our counselors bring an impressive breadth of skills and experience working with children. They have worked as camp counselors, coaches, tutors, and volunteers.

Oliver Billon                Emile Han
Neha Chhabra                John Hunt
Simrun Chhabra              RP McCoy
Anna Chiado                 Sage Mitchell-Sparke
Ellie Franco                Drake Slansky
Josh Fujita-Yuhas           John Stimson
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