

SHIREMANSTOWN HOMESCHOOL GROUP

Instructors – Fall 2018

Abigail Baia

Abby has been homeschooling her sons for ten years and has been teaching Art, History, and English at various homeschool co-ops and groups for 8 years. Sparking creativity and helping her students find their voice in writing and art is her passion. Rarely without a book and sketchpad at hand, Abby loves literature, writing, art, and design. She earned her B.A. in Visual and Performing Art with concentrations in Graphic Design and Art History from UMBC. She has been a graphic designer for 19 years and is currently on a team of several writers building a new publishing company, IntrovertPRESS, where Abby serves as an Art Director. Abby is also working on her Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing with a Certificate in Online Teaching through SNHU. When not busy with school activities, you can find her on the soccer field watching her sons play and her husband coach.

Jennifer Burke

Jennifer and her husband, Michael, began homeschooling their two sons in the spring of 2005, both of whom are now in college. Active in SHG since spring of 2009, she is still excited to be part of this growing and vibrant homeschool community and enjoys the unique gifts that each student brings to the classroom. Jenny earned her B. A. in Communications/Video Production with a minor in Theater Arts and later a degree in Interior Design. In addition being an administrator and the webmaster of SHG, she owns and operates the online art gallery *PAGallery.com* and works part-time at her church's religious education office. When she is not on-site, she can be found framing and exhibiting artwork and serving as a Committee Member for Boy Scout Troop 192. Additionally, she loves to travel and indulges in a variety of arts, crafts, and music.

Michael Burke

Michael Burke studied physics at Penn State University and holds a degree in Business and Economics from Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. In addition to teaching all levels of high school math and physics at Shiremanstown Homeschool Group, Michael is the President of Applied Business Solutions Consulting, Inc., a computer network and business consulting firm. He is a proud member of and treasurer for the St. Theresa chapter of the Knights of Columbus and sits on the board of directors for the West Shore Sportsmen's Association. He has been Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 192 for nineteen years where he shares the skills he learned as an Eagle Scout in the same troop.

Deb Lerew

Deb studied English at Lock Haven University and also holds a Master of Arts in Religion from Evangelical Seminary. An independently-published author, she has written three books under the pen name Leta Hawk. In the past, she has taught English Grammar and Composition with the West Shore Homeschool Co-op and with New Creation Warriors Homeschool Co-op. She has also been a Den Leader with Cub Scout Pack 203 in Dillsburg and the Bible Release Time School Coordinator for South Mountain Elementary School. SHG is excited to have Deb back this year as the instructor for NaNoWriMo and English Grammar & Composition.

Demetra Luciano

Homeschooling since 2002, Demetra has a son, who graduated in 2006, and two daughters still at home. She majored in international studies at Chatham University and is a certified herbalist and a licensed cosmetologist. Demetra enjoys teaching a variety of classes and has a strong interest in history and visiting historical sites. SHG is excited to have Demetra as the instructor for Science of Disease, American Art History, and Critical Thinking.

Michael McKenna

Michael is beginning his seventh year of homeschooling his son, Riley. He studied Accounting and Business Law at Penn State University and is retired after twenty-seven years as a federal and military firefighter. Nationally certified as a Firefighter, a Vehicle Rescue Technician, and in Hazardous Materials Operations, he currently volunteers as the Deputy EMA Director for the Borough of Paxtang. For nearly twenty years, Michael has been playing and coaching rugby and studies history and geography. He and his lovely wife, Christy, enjoy time with their daughter and nine-year-old granddaughter. Michael is eager to begin his sixth year at SHG as a group administrator and instructor in Public Health & Safety, Classroom City, U.S. Civics & Government, Baking, and Zombie-Based Geography.