

Meet the Presenters



James Caverly

James "Joey" Caverly is a professional Deaf actor, director, and DASL (Director of Artistic Sign Language) for ten years. Originally from Michigan, he studied Theatre Arts at Gallaudet University and since then, he has acted at the National Theatre of the Deaf, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Studio Theatre, among others. His proudest accomplishment was being cast for Children Of A Lesser God on Broadway in 2018. He has directed productions at Gallaudet University, Community College of Baltimore County, Kent State University, and New York Deaf Theatre. He frequently worked with First Chair Interpreted Productions as a DASL and he has worked with Hands Up Productions for touring productions in Philadelphia.

Even when quarantined, Joey continues to create--partnering with Deaf Broadway, an online platform providing access to Broadway productions in ASL. He has written short plays which were produced at Deaf Spotlight in Seattle and Deaf Austin Theatre. On August 31st, you can catch him in Only Murders In The Building through Hulu.

Kevin Dyels

Kevin Dyels, CI,CT, is a Regional Director at Sorenson Interpreting, a board member of NAOBI-DC and a former board member for PCRID. Originally from northern California, he has split his career between ASL interpreting and management positions in the Baltimore/Washington DC area. Kevin holds a partner position at a performing arts interpreting company called First Chair Interpreted Productions and presents workshops regularly on a national level. As a Coach, Kevin believes that CORE firmly stands in a position to guide new interpreters to the next level.



Bethany Gehman



Bethany Gehman, M.Ed., an AASECT certified sexuality educator, has more than seven years of experience in providing sexuality education and professional training. She studied Studio Art, Psychology, and Family & Child Studies at Gallaudet University for her bachelor's degree. During her teaching years as an art and child development teacher at Texas School for the Deaf, Bethany studied Human Sexuality Education for her master's degree. Through the experience of studying sexuality education at Widener University, she has worked with many interpreters for her sexuality classes. In 2019, she finally became an AASECT certified (American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists) sexuality educator--the first certified Deaf sexuality educator.

Dr. Curt Radford

Dr. Curt Radford is currently a full-time instructor of ASL/Deaf Education at Utah State University. His primary responsibility, other than teaching, has been the development of the on-line American Sign Language (ASL) program and coordinating the American Sign Language Laboratory. Prior to teaching at Utah State University, he was the principal of Sequoia School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Mesa, Arizona. In addition, he aided in the development of and oversaw a parent organization called East Valley Families with Deaf children in Mesa, Arizona.



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Visual Vernacular Underground Team (VVUG)

A team of creative and innovative performers and teachers that will engage us with a visual vernacular storytelling techniques workshop. Saturday evening they will provide a lively performance for children, students and adults.

Lisa McBee

Lisa McBee is a vibrant high-spirited deaf woman who takes her audience on a captivating journey with her soulful performances in ASL. Lisa is active in sports and participated in Deaf Olympics in Rome, Italy. She loves to showcase her talents in poetry, storytelling and served as Mistress of Ceremonies at the Miss Deaf International event. She has acted in and participated in the making of many Deaf videos and is involved in ASL Casting in the film industry. Lisa has a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts Visual Communications.



Joel Ortiz

Joel Ortiz was born in Puerto Rico to hearing parents who are fluent in American Sign Language, Joel attended the Florida School for Deaf and Valencia College in Orlando Fl. His biggest accomplishments are being a husband and a father of 2 beautiful girls and being able to collaborate with the VV Underground project of streamed poetry, storytelling, humor, music and rhythms videos. He credits his performance success to all of the Deaf performers who have provided inspiration, the friends who have supported him and his family who has encouraged him to follow his dreams.



Justin Perez

Justin Perez, is the Visual Vernacular (VV) teacher at Texas School for the Deaf, the narrator for DeafVerse, ASL tutor at NTID, and an ASL model and expert with TRUE+WAY ASL curriculum. He has incredibly deep bonds with friends who also enjoy sharing ASL stories, and that experience fueled his creativity and innovative persona in pushing new ASL performance boundaries and art.



William F. Ross III



William F. Ross III, CI/CT a child of Deaf parents, has been interpreting for more than 34 years. He has a Master of Science Degree in Special Education from Missouri State University. Currently, Bill is the Curriculum Development Specialist at Deaf Bible Society (DBS).. Prior to coming to DBS, he was the Program Director of the Carlstrom Interpreter Training Program at North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota and served 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 Mentoring Program to provide ongoing support to educational and freelance interpreters. He is passionate about building mentoring relationships, studying ASL and accompanying interpreters on the journey of perfecting their craft.