

**International  
Adult and  
Continuing  
Education  
Hall of Fame**

**Newsletter  
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**2022 Induction in Cork, Ireland**



**Attending Hall of Fame Members  
And  
New Inductees**

## Executive Director's Welcome

Dear Hall Members,

Congratulations to our new inductees. While I was not able to attend our event in Ireland, all reports I have received indicate that we had an outstanding induction. Because of our carry-overs were included with our new nominees, this was one of our largest inductions—certainly the largest outside the US and the home office. From the reports, it not only went well but recent emails suggest it was moving and memorable for the inductees, attending Hall Members, family and friends present. For that we must extend numerous thank yous! First and foremost, we must thank the administration, faculty, and staff of the University College Cork. They went above and beyond to receive our induction materials, provide an attractive venue, and host the pre-induction reception and the event itself. Without their gracious and generous support, the 26<sup>th</sup> Induction of the Hall would not have occurred. Shemus, Patrick and Jonnie, Thank You so very much.

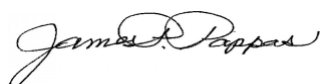
I also want to personally thank Doug Smith, the convener of the Induction, and Belinda Biscoe, the moderator of the symposium, for taking on those duties due to the illnesses of our other officers and myself. I understand the induction went well, that the nominators were able to highlight the inductees' achievements, and that the symposium stories reminded everyone why this is field is so important. Doug and Belinda handled their duties with skill and aplomb. Without their good services, the event would literally not have happened. I further want to thank the home office staff, Nina Barbee, Shannon Johansen, Laurie Smith, and many others for their extra efforts in preparing the plaques, brochures, programs, medallions, and the myriad of details needed to ensure the induction occurred. The staff has worked throughout the year, but dealing with the hundreds of operational steps this last month was impressive to observe. And, they did this with charm and efficiency. Responding to my many requests and answering the numerous questions from inductees was challenging. Had I been at the event, I would have called with a long round of applause.

At this point, I would also like to express my appreciation to the outgoing officers. Jim Anderson, our chair, who served at a very difficult time with the pandemic, changing induction sites, my illness, etc. He was willing to do that with grace and competence that allowed us to continue functioning without problems. He also served extensively on the nominating committee with its shortened timelines. Will Williams, our past chair, was also supportive of the Executive Committee's activities in spite our having major health issues. To those gentlemen I say thank you! Since we could not honor them at the induction, I ask that you extend your thanks along with me. We will be sending them our traditional desk plaques to help them remember their important work.

I would like to also thank Eva Farkas and the new and continuing board members for being willing to serve. Eva will be able to link our board with the Hall of Fame Europe group and bring a different perspective to the leadership of the board.

As we now begin the process for next year's induction with AAACE at Kentucky, USA, I urge you to consider colleagues whom you would like to nominate. We will soon be contacting you for your nominations. With some semblance of "normalized" travel, I hope you will also start planning for next year's induction. Many Hall members attending this year's event seem to have extended their time in Ireland with personal vacations. Coming to Kentucky would allow an excuse to see the heartland of the US. Needless to say, I am hoping I will be there.

Yours in collegueship,



Jim Pappas  
Executive Director, IACEHO

## Board Chair's Welcome

Dear Colleagues,



As the newly elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame, I would like to extend a warm and respectful welcome to all our readers.

It is my honour and privilege to serve the Hall of Fame community. Holding this position entails not only recognition but also a great deal of responsibility, which motivates and inspires me to continue my work with even more fervour and unwavering conviction for the benefit of the Hall of Fame. I wish to work to promote the growth and professionalism of the Hall of Fame, raise awareness of the values and achievements of adult learning, and recognize professionals who have excelled in the field of adult and continuing education.

Adult and continuing learning is one of the fundamental pillars of society, which is responsible for the continuous renewal and enhancement of the knowledge and competencies necessary for socio-economic progress. Economic growth and the acquisition of competitive knowledge, social inclusion, and the empowerment and equal opportunities of underprivileged groups are all inextricably related to the right to education. Everyone has the right to quality and inclusive education, training, and lifelong learning. To effectively adapt to the rapid changes and growth we encounter every day, we must ensure that all adults have at least equal opportunity for inclusive and equitable quality adult learning.

I am aware that not all social problems can be resolved by adult learning; however, it can be a powerful tool in initiating positive changes. It is widely accepted and has been demonstrated that learning creates opportunities and chances for adults to improve their lives and reduces poverty, helplessness, and oppression. The inductees of the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame passionately support these concepts and objectives.

The newsletter's current issue is devoted to the recently inducted Hall members. The induction ceremony was held in Cork, Ireland, on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022. This event is always special. This year's event, where we welcomed 18 exceptional adult learning professionals from all over the world to the Hall, was once again an exquisite, magnificent, and uplifting occasion. It was wonderful to witness cultural diversity and varied approaches to adult and continuing education, as well as to meet distinguished colleagues who have devoted their professional life to adult education. I am convinced that the outstanding people inducted into the Hall will serve as role models for the next generation of adult education professionals and researchers due to their professionalism, commitment, and humaneness.

Congratulations to the new Hall members, and many thanks to the entire Hall team for their efforts in making the ceremony possible. Special thanks to our colleagues at the University College Cork who graciously hosted this year's induction.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend the latest issue of our newsletter to you. I hope you will read it with pleasure and pride. I encourage you to share it with your colleagues so that as many people as possible can become familiar with the fantastic community of the Hall of Fame, "where the spirit of learning is the lasting legacy."

My warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Éva Farkas".

Éva Farkas

Chair, Board of Directors, IACE HOF

## Hall of Fame Class of 2022

The Hall of Fame Class of 2022 was inducted at the ASEM Conference in Cork, Ireland, on September 28, 2022. It was a large class, as it also included new members nominated in 2021, when the induction ceremony was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.



Front row (left to right): Mejai Bola Mike Avoseh, Larissa Jõgi, Laura L. Bierema, Michael Osborne, Nancy Taber, Wing on Lee, Linda Morris, Raúl Valdés Cotera

Back Row: Niamh O'Reilly, Dearbháil Lawless (with Niamh O'Reilly, representing the Organization Award winner), Sabine Schmidt-Lauff, Licínio C. Lima, András Benedek, Rolf Arnold, Darlene Clover, Daphne W. Ntiri, Robert Mizzi, Séamus Ó Tuama, Per Paludan Hansen

Brief descriptions of each new member are on the following page.  
For detailed descriptions see the 2022 Induction Program at the [Hall of Fame Website](#).



## The Class of 2022

**Rolf Arnold** established the Distance and Independent Study Center (DISC) at the Technical University of Kaiserslautern.

**Mejai Bola Mike Avoseh** is professor of adult and higher education at the University of South Dakota, USA., and a world leader in adult education.

**András Benedek** of Hungary is internationally recognized for his contributions to Hungary's vocational and adult education system.

**Laura L. Bierema** is a pioneering scholar whose work brings together critical approaches to adult learning, leadership, and change at the individual, group, and system levels.

**Darlene E. Clover** professor at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada, co-leads the Research Group of the International Association of Women's Museums.

**Raúl Valdés Cotera** has inspired the development of inter- and cross-sectoral adult education and lifelong learning policies and strategies in many countries.

**Per Paludan Hansen** has played an important role in adult learning and education in Denmark and Europe. He is an officer of the International Council of Adult Education.

**Larissa Jögi** of the School of Educational Sciences at Tallinn University, Estonia, has made extensive contributions to adult learning in Europe.

**Wing On Lee** has served as Vice President of the Open University of Hong Kong and Executive Director of the Institute for Adult Learning in Singapore.

**Licínio C. Lima** has been committed over four decades to the practice and advancement of adult learning and education.

**Robert C. Mizzi** has made contributions to adult education research and practice that have changed the landscape of the field.

**Linda Morris**, as president of AAACE and the Coalition of Lifelong Learning Organizations), has made social change and collaborative inquiry central to adult education.

**Daphne W. Ntiri**, Distinguished Service Professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, has conducted projects in numerous African nations.

**Niamh O'Reilly** is Chief Executive Officer for AONTAS, Ireland's National Adult Learning Organization.

**Michael Osborne** is Director of the Centre for Research and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning at the University of Glasgow.

**Séamus Ó Tuama** founded the Higher Education Ireland Lifelong Learning Network, which advocates for the interests of adult learners at universities and technical institutes across Ireland.

**Sabine Schmidt-Lauff** is professor of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning at Helmut-Schmidt University/University of the Federal Armed Forces (HSU) in Hamburg, Germany.

**Nancy Taber** was named one of the Top 20 Women in Defence (2022) for the impact of her feminist work for Canadian Armed Forces cultural change.

# **Reflections on the IACEHOF Induction in Ireland**

## **By**

### **Belinda Biscoe (HOF 2018) and**

### **Simone C. O. Conceição (HOF 2018)**

## **IACEHOF Communications Committee**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame (IACEHOF), held in Cork, Ireland, was remarkable. We heard 18 outstanding professionals who were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Because we did not have a ceremony last year due to COVID-19, we had an exceptionally large class. An excerpt from a poem speaks to how inductees arrived at a place personally and professionally to receive this very prestigious award and recognition. The poet is Robert Frost, and the poem's title is "The Road Not Taken,"

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth.*

There are other words in between, but it ends with:

*I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*

The inductees shared their journey in the field and their significant contributions. As we heard from the 18 inductees, we came to understand that they had all taken the road less traveled to blaze new frontiers in continuing education.

As members of the IACEHOF Communications Committee, we were privileged to be present at the event and interact with new and former inductees from different parts of the globe. The event happened alongside the ASEM Global Lifelong Learning Week 2022 at the University College Cork (UCC). The incredible staff at UCC made us all feel at home.

In addition, the first organization award was presented to AONTAS, a global leader in the adult and continuing education sector in Europe.

By all accounts, the event was a success. The opportunity to get to know inductees from all facets of the world and network with them was outstanding. There was a sense of global interconnection.

Be sure to watch the following videos and spread the word about the hall of fame to friends and colleagues:

#### **Conference Highlight Video**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19eoAbX1zYepkEPjDDrfRvB6IvxyGXIm3/view?usp=sharing>

#### **Hall of Fame Ceremony**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KRszRg4r4GHLJvOSjsldxhGhyw35vruZ?usp=sharing>

We look forward to seeing you at next year's induction at the America Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) Conference in Kentucky, USA!

## **New Leadership For IACE Hall of Fame Europe**



**André Schläfli (HOF 2011)  
and  
Sturla Bjerkaker (HOF 2014)**



**Eva Farkas (HOF 2019)  
and  
Arne Carlsen (HOF 2017)**

The IACE Hall of Fame Europe includes 70 members from 17 European nations. After many successful years of service as leaders of the IACE Hall of Fame Europe, André Schläfli and Sturla Bjerkaker decided to pass the leadership baton to a new team. At the European Chapter meeting in Cork, Ireland, European members asked Eva Farkas and Arne Carlsen to lead the Chapter for the next year.

# Member Milestones

## Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Education

By Tom Sticht (HOF 2013)

In February of 2021, I was invited by the Oxford University Press to prepare a chapter on adult literacy and basic education in the United States. Since I had earlier written a chapter in a book from Cambridge University, and not wanting to appear partial to one or the other of these great universities, I agreed to write the paper. It is now complete and appears online at the web site for the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Education. It is entitled "Adult Literacy and Basic Education in the United States" and is available online by subscription at: <https://oxfordre.com/education/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264093.001.0001/acrefore-9780190264093-e-1744?rskey=oiUZ2C&result=1>

## Recent Activities Celebrating John A. Henschke's 90<sup>th</sup> (All executed by his loving wife Carol and family) By John Henschke (HOF 1998)

- Our Youngest Daughter, Wendy, from St. Louis, Managed and Conducted her Home School Choir Concert, which Carol and I attended, on *John's actual birthday, 5/12*;
- Connie, our Oldest Daughter and her husband (Don) from Cadillac, MI came to our home in St. Louis for *5/13* Dinner to rejoice over Don's miracle recovery (for which we had fervently prayed) from a 'Covid Death's Door Experience';
- Twenty-three members of our family (from St. Louis; Nashville, TN; Indianapolis, IN; Kenosha, WI; Des Moines, IA; Cadillac, MI; and, Winfield, MO, (35 miles northwest on the Mississippi River basin from our home in Bridgeton, MO) -- In the *AM of 5/14*, did a *5k* walk/jog/run (including *90 year young John*) in St. Charles along the Missouri River, in celebration & thankfulness to God, and in honor of Don's miracle recovery from Covid;
- A Family Sumptuous Birthday Dinner Celebration for John's Birthday was attended by 43 family members on the *Evening of 5/14* at Wendy's and Jerry's River Home in Winfield, MO, with many members sharing memories of John's influence on their life;
- *Although John knew of the four activities listed above were planned to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday*, he was completely surprised by the activity Carol arranged for and got him to Wendy's and Jerry's Church – called 'Redemption' - just on the outskirts of Winfield, MO at 3PM. *Sunday 5/15*. More than 100 people: friends from IL, TX, MO, AL; past students & graduates from all over; academic colleagues from Boston, Florida, South Carolina; and members of Carol and my immediate family gathered from IA, WI, IN, MI, TN, for shouting to me "Surprise/Happy Birthday !!!" as I walked into the Church. There was a Beautiful Catered Buffet Dinner for everyone, a concert performed by almost all my 15 grandchildren and some spouses, singing a variety of my favorite hymns and songs, accompanied by some of them playing keyboards, violins, mandolins, bass electric guitar. This was also interspersed with various people verbally sharing various influences John had on them; and video messages played from Germany, Taiwan, with some written messages sent.

The whole series of activities was overwhelming and 'over the top'. I will never forget any of it – made me be in awe, laugh, weep, and I appreciated and was humbled by it all. I have to say that if I have been able to accomplish anything in my life and help anyone, to God belongs All the Glory.



# Remembrance

## Professor Lalage Bown OBE (HOF 2009)

By

Budd Hall (HOF 2005)

Lalage Bown died in December of 2021 just days before her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday after a fall in her home in Shrewsbury, UK. But her very international family needed time to bring her vast network together. Her celebration of life was held on August 9, 2022, in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England.

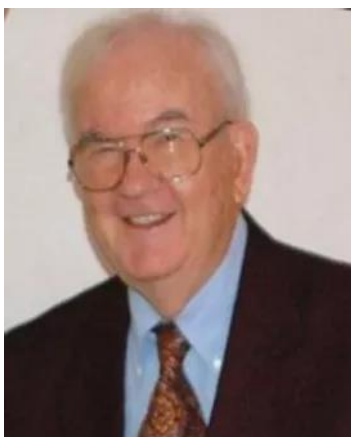
Lalage, one of the most extraordinary adult educators of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was born in Burma to a family in the British Indian Army. She was unique in the influence she had in building the field of adult education in pre-Independence Africa and then in the UK itself. As a young person her family moved to Shropshire where they had a large farm. A clever young woman, she attended Oxford University and, in 1949 at age 22, went out to Ghana as a regional adult education tutor for the newly created Oxford Extra-Mural Delegacy. She helped establish Extra-Mural Studies at the University of Ghana. She went on to provide adult education leadership at three universities in Nigeria, (Ibadan, Lagos and Amadu Bello), Makerere University in Uganda and the University of Zambia.

In 1980 after many years in Africa, she returned to the UK where she took up the post of Professor of Adult Education at Glasgow University. Active with writing, with speeches, with local intellectual activities, with charity work until her 94<sup>th</sup> year, her celebration of life brought relatives from many parts of the world, her two adopted Nigerian daughters, other Nigerian friends, major figures in African studies and friends from the Shrewsbury area. She was a feminist before that word was well known. She was a towering intellectual whose contributions to the foundations of adult education in Africa and beyond will never be forgotten. She loved a good party. She was generous and fun.



This photo, taken at the celebration, is of her two adopted daughters Taiwo and Kehinde on either side with two other Nigerian friends in the middle.

# Remembrance



**Huey Long (HOF 1996)**

**Died August 12, 2022**

**By**

**Ralph G. Brockett (HOF 2005)**

I first met Dr. Huey Long in 1979 shortly after beginning my doctoral program at Syracuse University. He was an external reviewer for the Adult Education Program, and I spoke with him briefly. Over the years, our paths crossed many times in many ways.

Probably my closest association with Huey was through our shared interest in self-directed learning (SDL). Huey was a major influence on SDL both through his scholarship and his leadership. He first wrote about SDL in a 1976 monograph on adult education in Colonial America. He convened the first International Self-Directed Learning Symposium in 1986. Over the next decades he provided the vision for what eventually became the International Society for Self-Directed Learning, which, along with its journal, the *International Journal of Self-Directed Learning*, has continued to be a major source of research and practice in SDL. His legacy continues as the 36<sup>th</sup> annual symposium will be held in February, 2023.

Throughout his career, Huey made contributions to many areas of adult and continuing education including history, gerontology, leadership, and adult learning theory. He was a leader in the field, serving as President of the Adult Education Association of the USA in 1977-1978. A highly productive scholar, Huey wrote many books and his work appeared in a wide range of journals. He was a long-time faculty member at the University of Georgia and the University of Oklahoma, where he was director of a multimillion-dollar Kellogg-funded center for continuing professional and higher education. Among his international experiences was a 1984 visit to Tanzania to evaluate adult learning programs in rural communities.

Huey was one of the original inductees to the Hall of Fame in 1996. He was an inspirational figure in adult and continuing education, and he will be missed by all whom he touched, either personally or through his writings and leadership in the field.

Note:

A tribute to Huey Long as well as his obituary can be found at the International Society for Self-Directed Learning website <https://www.sdlglobal.com/>.

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