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Glenette Alston brings over 30 years of expertise in the Training and Technologies industries, with a focus on Learning & Development, Training Management, Project Management, Enterprise Learning Management Systems, and Information Technology. Her career has been primarily rooted in the global Engineering & Construction sector, where she has consistently driven impactful learning and technology initiatives.

Currently serving as the Training and Qualifications Functional Area Manager (T&Q FAM) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Glenette oversees the Laboratory Training Managers Office (LTMO) and collaborates with over 20 training organizations across the lab. She is dedicated to improving the lab's training programs by addressing challenges, enhancing course engagement, and reducing training time while maintaining quality.

Glenette's leadership has resulted in significant achievements, including re-engineering safety training programs at LLNL, which saved approximately 23,000 employee seat-time hours and \$1 million in training costs. She has also spearheaded initiatives such as the GET LEAN program, "Take 5 for Safety & Security" microlearning series, a Knowledge Management program, and a Communication Brown Bag series to enhance skills for key personnel.

With a bachelor's degree in information systems and technology and certifications in Project Management, Human Performance Improvement, Safety Culture Training, and Employee Engagement, Glenette is passionate about leveraging her decades of experience to deliver efficient and innovative learning solutions. Her ability to build strategic relationships and streamline processes continues to make a lasting impact at LLNL.

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Prior to his current role at INL, John was the Training Development Technical Lead for INL Training Services, and a Training Specialist at the INL Materials and Fuels Complex. John served as a faculty member in the Department of Community and Public Health at Idaho State University (ISU) for nearly fifteen years where he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in health program planning and evaluation, community health, environmental health, fitness & wellness programs, promoting wellness, and epidemiology. He also served as the Wellness Center Director at ISU.

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Mark is passionate about helping the NSE attract and retain top managerial and technical talent. He has sponsored EFCOG meetings, co-authored regulations, and served as a DOE Certified National Training Instructor. Additionally, he has been a speaker in STEM education both nationally and internationally.

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With 16 years of experience in teaching, coaching, and leadership, Abigail joined SRS in 2019 as a Senior Training Specialist at Tritium Training Department. She qualified as a Material Test Facility Life Storage Operator and Laboratory Technician and was progressing toward Reservoir First Line Manager qualification. She most enjoyed facilitating leadership training, including “Leadership Action Plan” for Leadership Class 101.

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Ed's career includes management of personnel, projects, and programs, focused on qualifying, certifying, and educating thousands across federal, state, and international platforms. He boasts over 40 years of instructional experience in both professional and public education settings globally.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Ed has been a television weather broadcaster, small business owner, sports official, and coach. He has also volunteered significantly, serving as a faculty sponsor for various community programs during his tenure as an Air Force Junior ROTC Instructor.

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Scott's experience includes an apprenticeship for Union Ironworkers Local #14 out of Spokane, WA. As a Journeyman for 14 years, he traveled across the U.S. performing all aspects of the trade with the focus being a rigger and signalperson while working on the many dams and wind turbines located on both the Snake and Columbia Rivers. In 2017 Scott switched gears and joined UA Local #598 in Pasco, WA. While there he served a five-year apprenticeship and worked in a wide variety of industries such as industrial refrigeration, pipeline and nuclear. After completion he was asked to become a Hoisting and Rigging instructor for Local #598's apprenticeship.

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Her career spans multiple prestigious organizations, including the US Army Communications, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the Pharmaceutical Development and Manufacturing sector. Leslie has worked under diverse disciplines, such as Military Communications, Radioactive and Hazardous Waste Management, Nuclear Material Safety Training, Solid Dosage Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturing, Engineering Hydrogen-Fueled Car Systems Safety, and Information and Physical Security.

In addition to her extensive training expertise, Leslie has a strong background in mentoring and coaching training staff in media and the ADDIE systematic instructional design model. She has successfully managed leadership responsibilities, including team leadership, media budget procurement, and providing guidance to management and training staff. Leslie's commitment to excellence and her multifaceted skill set makes her a valuable asset for training environments, dedicated to fostering growth and enhancing learning experiences.

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Ramon Castillo has over 35 years of experience in Nuclear Operations, Nuclear Quality, and Nuclear Training supporting both government and commercial nuclear industry. He served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Force as a Reactor Operator, Propulsion Plant Supervisor, Prototype Instructor and Lead Instructor for the Prospective Nuclear Engineer Officer Course. Upon retiring from the Navy, he developed operating procedures and training programs for Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, KY, managed corporate and station training programs for Exelon Nuclear and the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO). He supported the analysis, design, development and delivery of over twenty courses in Nuclear Training at the Radiochemical Processing Laboratory, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA. Ramon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Technologies from Excelsior College.

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Prior to joining Berkeley Lab, Ray worked for several San Francisco Bay Area instructional design firms before striking out on his own as an instructional design consultant. Ray also taught classes in the graduate program in Instructional Technologies at San Francisco State University for many years.

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In 2009, Joel was brought on as an Instructor at the Laborers' Southeast Training Fund in Stone Mountain, GA. During his years at the Training Fund, he became a Training Site Coordinator, Apprenticeship Coordinator, and earned distinguishment as a LIUNA Certified Instructor.

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Janice holds numerous certifications and has a MA in Educational Psychology and Counseling. She is a Board-Certified Coach and a former faculty member for the Global Institute of Leadership Development. She joined the DOE Complex of Labs and Sites from industry where she supported leaders as a trusted advisor, senior director, and "doer" in multi-faceted organizations including Jamba, Safeway Consumer Brands, Nestle Purina PetCare, The Gillette Company, and the Auto Club of Southern California.

She grew up in Topanga Canyon, California and spent her formative years in Vienna, Austria. She credits her life experience with shaping her sense of adventure and curiosity about people, cultures, nature, food, and the world. She loves to travel but nothing beats feet up on the couch at home with her five pets. She believes you can lead from wherever you find yourself and is passionate about helping people "Build Their Leadership Brand."

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In addition to her role at LLNL, Aly has been serving as an adjunct professor of education and university supervisor for the past three years. This enhances her ability to design impactful learning experiences, as she integrates insights from both the academic and professional realms. With over a decade of experience in education and a master's degree in Instructional Science and Technology, Aly is passionate about fostering a culture of continuous learning and is excited to contribute to projects that elevate the OCFO's well-established training programs.

Aly's professional interests also include developing data-driven training initiatives that leverage analytics to assess learning outcomes and improve program effectiveness. Additionally, Aly is committed to the principle of lifelong learning, advocating for continuous professional development and personal growth for herself and others in the field.

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Patrick has played a key role in curriculum development, simulator training integration, and workforce qualification across both military and civilian sectors. His expertise includes Learning Management System (LMS) administration, multimedia-based training, and instructional technology implementation. As a Senior Instructor at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, he managed curriculum development and trained personnel in reactor operations and emergency procedures. He also worked as a Technical Training Lead at Vertiv, where he managed LMS platforms and developed online training content for field technicians.

With a Master of Science in Instructional Design & Learning Technology from Franklin University, Patrick is passionate about using technology-driven training strategies to enhance learning efficiency and effectiveness. His experience in simulator-based instruction, interactive media design, and competency-based learning allows him to create engaging and impactful training programs. He is a dedicated advocate for data-driven decision-making in training programs and frequently explores new ways to optimize learning processes using existing tools and innovative methodologies.

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For over 30 years, Gary has had the pleasure of working with labor/management training organizations ensuring the health and safety of workers in the construction and environmental remediation fields. Gary currently is the co-chair of the Department of Energy Labor Training Work Group and the NABTU Health and Safety Infection Control Risk Assessment, or ICRA, sub-committee. He is a graduate of Assumption College in Worcester Massachusetts, and he looks forward to continuing his work of improving the safety and health of workers in the construction and environmental remediation industry.

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Before joining LLNL in 2017, Mark worked as a trainer and instructional designer in several public companies, including PG&E, a Silicon Valley software startup, American Express, and 19 years at the Clorox company. He is also a past president of the Northern California chapter of the American Medical Writers Association (AMWA), and a member of the Editorial Freelancers Association (EFA), ACES: the Society for Editing, and a past board member of the Association of Talent Management (ATD, formerly ASTD).

Mark did his undergraduate studies in psychology and biology at the California State University in Hayward. He earned a Master of Science degree in Organizational Behavior from the California School of Professional Psychology. He also holds a Master's certificate in Online Instructional Design from Capella University, and most recently received a Medical Writing and Editing certificate from the University of Chicago's Graham School.

Mark has a huge desire to serve others, and an insatiable curiosity about behavioral and life sciences. He also enjoys many sorts of word puzzles.

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Currently, Fallon serves as the Technical Support Staff Training Manager at Hanford Tank Waste Operations & Closure (H2C) in Richland, WA. She oversees a team of Training Specialists and Coordinators, ensuring compliance with training procedures and quality expectations. Her role involves managing training development, implementation, and execution, as well as spearheading process improvements and project management initiatives.

Previously, Fallon was the Principal Training Specialist and Operations and Maintenance Program Lead at WRPS, where she developed comprehensive training programs using the Systematic Approach to Training (SAT). Her responsibilities included mentoring, process improvement, and managing training procedures.

Fallon's career also includes roles at CH2M, Jacobs Engineering, and Energy Solutions, where she developed and delivered training programs, managed training plans, and performed needs analyses. Her expertise extends to technical writing, computer-based training, and apparent causal analysis.

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Prior to coming to LANL, Felicia worked in the medical field for over 10 years. Gaining extensive knowledge and experience treating patients (PT) not only in a clinical setting, but also in the field. Along with PT care came knowledge of medication administration and Intravenous (IV) application. This set a great foundation for acquiring knowledge and appreciation of rules and regulations by which a medical organization operates on.

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Prior to LANL, Nick was an instructor at Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. At CNM, Nick was responsible for standing up the College's new Beverage Production and Management program, including analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation of multiple programs, including one associate's degree and four certificates. Under Nick's leadership CNM's program achieved official Recognition by the Master Brewers Association of the Americas for excellence in post-secondary brewing education and workforce training.

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Since 2023, Amy has served as the Chair of the EFCOG Training Working Group (TWG), a cross-DOE initiative that drives efficiency and effectiveness in training and development. She is currently working on her master's in Adult Education and Training at the University of Phoenix. Amy has six children, ages 15 to 28, and in her free time, she loves to scrapbook and travel.

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With over six years of experience supporting multiple DOE contracts, Matt specializes in leading and developing high-performing training teams. He began his DOE career managing the Learning & Development team at Legacy Management Support (LMS) in Grand Junction, Colorado. Currently, he oversees a team of 20 professionals, driving training initiatives at a Hazard Category 2 nuclear facility.

Matt has been instrumental in enhancing training engagement throughout his career, leveraging creativity and animation expertise to develop innovative learning solutions. His contributions have earned him multiple accolades in the training field. Before transitioning into the nuclear sector, he spent 20 years in the restaurant industry and government sector, bringing a unique perspective to workforce development.

He holds an MBA from the University of Texas at Dallas and remains committed to fostering a culture of continuous learning and operational excellence.

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Throughout her career, Ms. Martin has held a variety of roles at LLNL, including Public Information Officer, Protocol Officer, and Administrator. These positions have allowed her to gain extensive institutional knowledge while excelling in communications, event coordination, and team management.

In addition to her professional roles, Ms. Martin is deeply involved in volunteer efforts. She actively participates as a volunteer for the Emergency Response Organization, in STEM outreach programs, institutional activities and has served on the Ombuds Council and the Laboratory's Coaching Collaborative.

Ms. Martin is widely recognized for her leadership, exceptional people skills, and commitment to fostering a positive organizational culture. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco and a Certificate in Management from the University of the Pacific. She remains passionate about continuous learning and making a meaningful impact through her work and community engagement.

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Prior to INL, Shawn served for 23 years in the United States Army as an Armored Crewmember with a background in facilitation, training management, training consultation, curriculum development, performance evaluation, requirements management and project management. Shawn has held numerous levels of management positions throughout his career, supervising up to 300 indirect reports.

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Before joining the Design Team at LANL, Beth worked as an instructional designer at Honeywell. Prior to that, Beth did freelance instructional design work, as well as held roles in higher education including online program director and online instructor.

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Patrick has more than 25 years of experience in technical training, including 12 years at LLNL where he has had responsibilities for nuclear facility and ES&H training. Prior to working at LLNL, Patrick had worked for more than a decade in the private industry. He supported technical training at the Biotech company, Becton Dickinson (BD) Biosciences, and in the semiconductor industry with KLA-Tencor. He also served in the United States Navy Nuclear Power Program as a Machinist Mate submariner and as an instructor at the Naval Prototype Training Unit (NPTU) in Ballston Spa, New York.

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Prior to Kathryn's current role, she also served as the Manager of Professional Development at Nevada National Security Sites and Project Training Manager for three Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site Closure Projects. Kathryn also served in the training organization at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

Throughout her career, Kathryn has provided technical, regulatory and leadership training support services to several government contractors and corporate customers. She has more than 25 years of experience in the training and communication domain and more than 20 years of experience in the nuclear-regulated training domains. She holds a B.A. in Communication from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. She also holds several training certifications including Human Capital Strategist, eLearning Design, Instructional Design, Business Professional/Leadership, and Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Practitioner. She served three years in the Presidency of Denver, Colorado's Association for Talent Development (ATD).

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A United States Air Force Veteran with 20+ years of honorable service, Mishon is experienced in Human Resources, Professional Development, Strategy Development & Employee Engagement; successfully designing and implementing programs that drive retention, collaboration, and career advancement. She excels in working with businesses to create cultures of belonging and implement programs that yield long-term sustainable change. Proudly hanging her boots in North Las Vegas, she is a wife, mother, dog mom, and champion powerlifter.

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Prior to coming to the NTC, Gabe Pugh has over 31 years of extensive knowledge in providing leadership, programmatic direction, and oversight of NNSA programs. He is recognized as a Subject Matter Expert in the areas of: Nuclear Weapons (Both Programmatic and Technical), Nuclear Facility Operations, Safety Basis for Nuclear Explosive Operations, Program/Project Management.

Most recently, Mr. Pugh has served as the Deputy Manager at the Pantex Plant in the NNSA Production Office, and Deputy Manager of Business, Security, and Missions for the NNSA's Los Alamos Field Office in New Mexico.

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Prior to working at the lab, Richard spent eleven years working in K-12 education. He was a credentialed teacher and taught English, science, and computer science/technology classes. He also served as a site technology lead and delivered training to staff members on the use of educational technology tools.

Richard has a BFA in creative writing from Chapman University. He takes pride in applying storytelling and communications skills to training development, and he also strives to leverage multimedia tools and technology to enhance the effectiveness of training courses.

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When she is not working, Krista loves to travel, is an avid reader, and dance workout enthusiast. She also frequently escapes to the family farm to look after a small menagerie of farm animals and enjoy amazing prairie sunsets.

KCNSC is one of eight sites that comprise the NNSA. The primary focus at KCNSC is manufacturing 80 percent of non-nuclear components that go into the nuclear stockpile. We develop advanced solutions for complex national security issues from prototype simulations to production to quality testing.

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Prior to arriving at ORNL, he was the Director of Flight Standards and Training Development at Cirrus Aircraft. Previously, Dr. Slater served in multiple training leadership roles within the government and private sector, including Deputy Director of the U.S. Coast Guard Performance Technology Center and Training Director of the U.S. Coast Guard Aviation Technical Training Center. He also led the military executive development function at Macy's, Inc. as a Director of Learning and Development. Dr. Slater also served on the Board of Directors for the International Society for Performance Improvement.

A lifelong educator, he has also been an adjunct graduate professor at Boise State University, shaping the next generation of instructional technologists. His expertise extends to competency modeling, career mapping, interactive multimedia, and training evaluation.

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Prior to her current role, Brytni worked as a Training Manager, where she honed her skills in leadership development, team collaboration, and process improvement. This experience allowed her to join a community of experts across various disciplines, further enhancing her ability to successfully navigate and manage complex projects in her current role. Her background in training and development continues to inform her approach to project management, ensuring that every initiative is both strategic and people-centered.

Brytni holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a Master's degree in Public Administration. She has also earned a Senior Professional Career Coaching Certificate and a Certificate in HR Management, further showcasing her dedication to professional growth and development.

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Shaun is a passionate speaker, educator, and mentor in academic institutions, associations, organizations, and athletic teams in the leadership arena. He reaches today's youth and young adults with a strong message in developing principally centered character. His authentic, inspirational message focuses on service and sacrifice and has a clear connection to the adversity youth and young adults face today.

Shaun earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland in 1996. He's married to his wife Jennifer of twenty-eight years and has two children – Taylor (25) and Cameron (23).

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Piper has over 21 years of experience specializing in onboarding, communication, relationship-building, coaching, and culture evolution. She has two Bachelor's degrees from Kansas State University (GO CATS!), an Master's degree in Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution from Baker University. Piper is a Society of Human Resources Senior Certified Practitioner through SHRM and a Certified Change Practitioner through Prosci.

When she is off the clock, Piper travels, plays volleyball, reads, teaches fitness classes, and volunteers for a few animal shelters in the Kansas City area. She and her husband have fostered over 300 dogs and puppies in the last six years and have three personal dogs of their own (Bruno, Romeo, and Waffle).

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Zach Trujillo was a captain in the army for seven years with two deployments to Afghanistan. His final assignment in the army was serving as the training manager for the Army's Officer Candidate School, which became the benchmark for all the military schools at Fort Moore. After leaving the military and going to Y12, he facilitated Leadership Training through team building and reflective practice.

In the last two years, he identified areas for improvement in the approach to systematic analysis and leveraged his experience as a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt (LSSBB) to develop training improvements on the Analysis and Design phases of ADDIE.

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She loves hiking, weightlifting, Pilates, trying new recipes and spending time with her husband and two kids.

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Jeff's career has primarily been focused on supporting the safe and compliant operation of nuclear and high hazard facilities and the decontamination, decommissioning and remediation of nuclear weapons program-related sites and facilities across the DOE enterprise. Jeff has also supported the US Army Missile Defense Agency operations at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS) in the Kwajalein Islands. His areas of expertise include nuclear and high hazard facility operations support, strategic technical training program development and implementation, and identifying, controlling, and monitoring hazards through work planning and control processes that apply human and organizational performance improvement principles. In his current role, Jeff is responsible for standing up an institutional HOP/ConOps functional area at LLNL designed to apply best practices that foster disciplined operations and promote a positive safety culture.

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Before joining RHWM, Shian spent five years working in the Environment, Safety, and Health (ES&H) division at LLNL. In addition to her responsibilities as a Training Specialist, she contributed her expertise in photography, videography, and multimedia production to enhance training programs. Her creative skills brought a fresh perspective to the development of engaging and effective training materials.

Shian holds a Bachelor of Science in Media Arts and Animation, specializing in 3D animation, 3D modeling, 3D environment building, and graphic design. With this unique background, she has been instrumental in modernizing training programs at the laboratory. By incorporating simulation-based training and innovative design techniques, Shian has helped create dynamic learning experiences that improve knowledge retention and engagement.

Shian's dedication to safety, quality, and innovation makes her an integral part of the RHWM team at LLNL. Her contributions continue to enhance the laboratory's mission of excellence in training and compliance.

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Dr. Phillip Weiss is currently the Chief of Staff for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Over his 35+ year career, he had led operational, training, and development organizations in non-profit, software, military, and government industries. In the area of virtual learning, he pioneered software training techniques using virtual workstations with Webex and contributed to the development of the original Webex Training Center. Dr. Weiss holds an MBA from the University of Maryland and a Doctorate of Business Administration from Walden University where he completed research on knowledge transfer preferences of expert employees nearing retirement. Dr. Weiss has spoken at multiple learning conferences including the Learning Guild's DevLearn and Learning Solutions conferences as well as Elliot Masie's Learning Consortium.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Phil for his outstanding leadership and dedication in chairing this meeting. His ability to facilitate meaningful discussions and ensure a productive environment has been invaluable. Thank you, Phil, for your commitment and professionalism. Your efforts have greatly contributed to the success of this gathering.

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Prior to joining LLNL, Mark Worrell has spent the last nine years in various L&D roles, most recently facilitating global learning programs at 3M. Prior to that, Mark was an Associate Manager of People Development at Tesla, supporting leaders around the world and supporting the design and implementation of Tesla's first ever Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion leadership program. Mark has been working either remotely or on a hybrid team since 2017. As part of this work, he supported development of Managing Globally Dispersed and Hybrid Teams training while working at Indeed during the pandemic.

Mark holds a Master's degree in Education from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from UCLA. Mark is a certified Crucial Conversations Facilitator and a certified Master Trainer through the Association of Talent Development (ATD).

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David has been a leader in the Talent Development and Learning space for over 25 years in business consulting and talent development positions.

Prior to joining the NNSS, he used his experience in delivering virtual training, blended learning, and program development to create learning experiences in a variety of industries. David holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Marketing and Master's Degree in Human Resources and Organizational Development. He lives in Las Vegas, Nevada with his wife and five kids.