

**Federally Employed Women
Southeast Regional Training Program (RTP) 2012
Trainer/Speaker Bios**

Maira Ansari, News Anchor, WAVE 3 TV - Maira Ansari joined WAVE 3 in February 2007 as a general assignment reporter, and anchored the weekend Sunrise show for several months. You can see her reporting through the week and during the weekend, anchoring the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts.

She's thrilled to call Kentucky her new home. Maira has lived in Illinois her entire life and grew up in a small town in southern Illinois. Before moving to Louisville, Maira worked as the Morning and Midday anchor at WICD-NewsChannel 15 in Champaign, IL. Maira enjoyed participating in community service while spending time in east-central Illinois. Everything from the American Diabetes Association, to the Girl Scouts, to participating in a corn eating contest!

Maira started her television career off in Springfield, IL, where she was the city beat reporter. Before that, she was an intern at WCIA, the CBS affiliate in Springfield. During her college career, Maira got a taste of what television journalism was all about - everything from working in her college newsroom, to interning in Los Angeles, California at the entertainment new magazine show "EXTRA," and traveling abroad to study television in London, England. It was a fantastic experience that she says she was thrilled to enjoy.

Maira graduated from the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. She got her Bachelors in the top rated Radio/Television program. She also received a minor in Marketing and Speech Communications. In 2002 Maira received her Master's degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

E. Anne Carter, Human Resources Center, Fort Knox - Anne is a mainframe computer programmer for the Army's Human Resource Center, located at Ft Knox, Kentucky. She has 30 years Civil Service experience and has worked for the U.S. Army in Bremerhaven, Germany, the U.S. Air Force in Georgia and Mississippi and for the U.S. Census, Bureau, National Processing Center in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Prior to moving to Boston, Kentucky, Anne was a Master Instructor with Occupational Instructor

Certification for the Air Force Technical Training Command's Enlisted Computer Programming and Basic Instructor Courses. She taught students from all branches of the U.S. Military, other civilians and officers from foreign countries. Anne has applied for hundreds of jobs over the years while accompanying her spouse from one assignment to another and hopes to pass on some lessons learned so that others have a smoother journey through the application process.

Kelly O'Connell Brengelman, as Lucy Bakewell Audubon – Audubon's Leading Lady - Kelly O'Connell Brengelman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Morehead State University and has worked as a creative director, producer and writer for various advertising agencies. She now runs her own design service, Kelly-O Creative. Mrs. Kentucky 2003 is a professional actor with the Kentucky Humanities Council, formerly portraying Ruth Booe: The Bourbon Ball Belle; teaches drama classes to elementary school children; is a commercial voice artist; and recently appeared in the film "Surviving Guthrie." She lives in Midway with her husband and three children.

Rachelle Cassetta is a lifelong resident of the region. She obtained her BS of Secondary Education from Indiana University in 1993. She achieved her certification as a Project Management Professional (PMP) in 2010. She has been employed in the Information Technology Support Branch, at the Census Bureau's National Processing Center, in Jeffersonville, IN, for the past 15 years and as a certified COTR since 2009.

Carol Dawson, President of EEO GUIDANCE, Inc. - Carol Dawson, President of EEO GUIDANCE, Inc. provides nationally recognized consulting and training services in the field of Equal Opportunity – Affirmative Action/Employment – Diversity/Inclusion – Harassment (Title VII)–Affirmative Action Programs (AAP), along with creating AAPs in compliance with Executive Order 11246. Dawson provides straight talking, 'NEVER BORING' interactive training workshops for the current workforce and beyond. She has been training professionally for over 25 years and sessions include a variety of facts, life/work experiences, statistics, legal decisions, and realistic suggestions for creating a respectful working environment.

Dawson is a volunteer Lead Mediator for the Federal Alternate Dispute Resolution Council. She has a Business Administration degree from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and successfully completed a year-long Cornell University program certifying her as a Cornell Certified Diversity Professional/Advanced Practitioner (CCDP/AP).

Dawson has held federal EEO compliance positions as EEO Counselor for US Navy/Naval Ordnance Station, Area Director for the DOL/OFCCP, Senior Compliance Officer, and EEO Manager for Commerce/Census/NPC. While with OFCCP, Dawson served as a national certified trainer for new Compliance Officers and provided new Compliance Officer training across the U.S. She was selected by OFCCP National Office to train the national office legal and administrative staff. Dawson has been honored with the Louisville Key to the City, Labor's top award, the Distinguished Career Service Award, the Louisville American Business Women's Woman of the Year, and the Community Foundations Clark County Woman of the Year. Carol has had many professional articles published with various business magazines and newspapers and writes a monthly column called, "The Extra Milers." In 2008, the National Society of Newspaper Columnists awarded Dawson the Will Rogers Humanitarian Award.

Marilyn Ede, National Processing Center, Census Bureau - Marilyn Ede is currently serving as Section Chief for the Warehouse operations at the National Processing Center in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In 2007, she worked in a project management role creating the Communication Strategic Plan for the Census Bureau executive staff. This plan was unanimously adopted, executed, and functions today as the strategic communications model.

While in another project management role, Marilyn managed the Decennial Census Kit Assembly project. Over 7.5 million enumerator, training, and supply kits were shipped nationwide on time and under budget at the conclusion of this important project. For her leadership on this project, and the operational efficiencies implemented, Marilyn received the US Census Bureau Bronze award.

In 2011, after completing the 12 week University of Louisville Project Management Profession (PMP) Prep course, Marilyn obtained her Project Management Institute (PMI) credential. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography from the University of Louisville.

While she is relatively new to the Kentuckiana Project Management Institute (KIPMI) chapter, Marilyn is very excited to devote her time, energy, and talent to lead the Communication Board in 2013!

Becky Fasulo, Lifetime Member, Federally Employed Women, Space Coast Chapter - Becky is a lifetime member of Federally Employed Women in the Space Coast Chapter. She retired from NASA at the Kennedy Space Center in December 2006 as an Administrative Specialist. She has held several offices and committee chairs at both the Chapter and Regional levels, including Southeast Regional Manager. On the National level, she served two terms as the Vice President for Training and two terms as the Vice President of Membership and Chapter Organization. She continues to be very active at all levels of FEW. Currently she is the Membership Chair for the Space Coast Chapter.

Arlena Fitch-Gordon - Executive Vice President, Federally Employed Women - Arlena is a Supervisory Security Specialist for Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office, Columbus, Ohio. She is a Diamond Lifetime member who has held Chapter, Regional and National offices since 1985. She served as Vice President for Diversity 2001-2006 and Vice President for Training 2006-2010. She received the 1997 FEW Barbara Boardman Tennant Award; 2006 FEW National Champion of Diversity Award and the 2007 FEW Allie Latimer Award. She attended Ohio State University, Columbus Community State College and is a graduate of the 1993 Leadership Columbus. She is listed among Columbus' Most Influential in the Who's Who in Black Columbus 2010 Edition.

Peter J. Jeffrey, Esq., The Jeffrey Law Group, PLLC - Peter J. Jeffrey, Esq., is a member of the law firm of Mahoney & Jeffrey, PLLC, The Federal Employee's Law Firm®. Mr. Jeffrey concentrates his practice in the areas of employment, labor and discrimination law. Mr. Jeffrey frequently litigates federal sector EEO complaints before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Mr. Jeffrey also serves as a Lecturer at The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, where he teaches Fair Employment Law.

Sergeant Major Evy M. Lacy, Equal Opportunity Sergeant Major, Fort Knox Sergeant Major Lacy hails from North Little Rock, Arkansas. She enlisted in the United States Army on 19 October 1982. She has served in a variety of assignments in the United States and overseas. She is currently the Equal Opportunity Sergeant Major for the Commanding General, United States Army Accessions Command and Fort Knox.

Sergeant Major Lacy is a graduate of the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Battle Staff Course, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, First Sergeant Course, and Class 06-A of the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

Her awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, NCO Development ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. Sergeant Major Lacy is the recipient of the Horatio Gates Bronze Medal.

Sergeant Major Lacy holds a Masters of Business Administration and a Master of Education (cum laude) with a concentration in Teaching and Instruction from Touro University International. She has completed her first year of doctoral coursework with the University of Phoenix and is currently pursuing her PhD in Educational Leadership with Northcentral University. She is a member of the Federally Employed Women, Bluegrass Sergeant Majors Association, Association of the United States Army, and the Adjutant General Corps Association. She enjoys skiing, traveling, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Andy Meyer, Ph.D., Organizational Psychologist, Robley Rex VA Medical Center - Dr. Meyer currently serves as the Organizational Development Psychologist with the Robley Rex Veterans Affairs Medical Center. In this role, he is assigned to the Director's Office to provide leadership and organizational development services. Dr. Meyer provides consultation and training for a diverse constituency including the Senior Leadership team, Service Chiefs, and supervisors. He also provides executive coaching and

mentoring. Dr. Meyer serves on numerous organizational committees regarding organizational health, employee development, employee satisfaction, strategic and succession planning.

Prior to working at VA, Dr. Meyer was the Director, Business Solutions Group and a Senior Organizational Consultant with Innovative Productivity, Inc. He served as Chair of the School of Professional Psychology, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities and was the founding Director of the Health Psychology Emphasis Area at Spalding University. His professional memberships include the American Psychological Association (APA), Division 13 – Consulting Psychology, and Division 47 – Sport Psychology.

Noreene Morgan was born and raised in Akron Ohio until 1974 when she transferred to LA to accept a promotion with IRS. Noreene has lived and worked in various cities including Akron, OH, Shreveport, LA, Dallas, TX, Atlanta, GA, Cincinnati, OH, and Washington DC. She moved to Northern Kentucky in 1993 at the request of her husband, who after serving 30 years in the Navy wanted to come back to the state of his birth.

With a passion for traveling Noreene, along with her husband, have visited places such as Russia, Egypt, Australia, China, Europe, South American, Scotland, Ireland, Alaska, Mexico, and numerous cruises to various ports around the world.

Noreene's career spans over the course of 37 years working for the US Treasury, Internal Revenue Service. While working for the IRS she held various positions such as Secretary, Middle Level Manager, and National Office Analyst in Washington D.C. Prior to the IRS Noreene worked for the University of Akron, the Akron Ohio Police Department, and as a civilian for the Navy through a contract with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co to build part of a Subroc Missile. She served on numerous task forces and National Office teams, one of which required traveling to 9 Service Centers and Puerto Rico. She held positions in Examination, TEGE and held the position of Manager of Training for Central Region.

Since her retirement in 2004, Noreene has worked for JC Penney's in Fine Jewelry sales and as a Customer Service Representative at Fifth Third Bank. Retirement has given Noreene an opportunity to give back to her community by working and serving with various nonprofit organizations.

Noreene currently serves as the President of the Federation of KY Chapters of NARFE. The federation serves 3300 members in 5 districts, with 23 chapters. She recently worked on a National Committee for NARFE to prepare a Membership Plan to be implemented nation-wide. She presented the plan for her committee at the Presidents Conference Sept. 2011 in Reno, NV. Mrs. Morgan has previously served as the Vice President and Treasurer of the Federation. In her home chapter, Dixie 1643, she served as President, Vice President, and Membership Chairperson. She has been recognized as a top recruiter numerous times by the National Office at NARFE.

Other organizations she is actively involved with includes: the Cinfed Federal Credit Union in Cincinnati, serving on the Supervisory Committee, Sherwood Lakes HOA, serving as President, Parent advocate for the National Alliance of Mental Illness, actively involved in First Church of Christ and is a Red Hatter.

Pamela B. Rankin, Registered Representative, Benefit Planning, Inc. - Pam is a native of Louisville, Kentucky. Pam's "career goal" is to help as many people as possible reach Financial Independence. She has worked in the Financial Services and Employee Benefits Industry since 1991. Pam is a Registered Representative, licensed to provide financial advice to individuals, and is a CSRS/FERS Specialist with Benefit Planning, Inc.

LtCol Jean Specht - Special Assistant for Military Women, Federally Employed Women - Lt Col Jean Specht is a fulltime Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Program Manager supporting Georgia service members and their employers as an Ombudsman (informal mediator). Additionally, she is a Certified Professional Facilitator, strategic planner and expert in organizational development. Lt Col Specht also serves in the Georgia Air National Guard at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Georgia. She is a charter member of the Greater Atlanta Chapter and currently serves as the Chapter President. She was appointed in July 2010 as the Special Assistant for Military Women at the national level for Federally Employed Women.

Lisa Thompson, Chief Learning Officer, Robley Rex VA Medical Center - Lisa Thompson has been a Registered Nurse for approximately 30 years. She holds a Master of Science degree in Nursing and will complete a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in August 2012. During her career, she has filled

multiple roles in nursing including critical care staff nurse, nurse manager, nurse educator, and nurse administrator. She has held the position of Chief Learning Officer for the Robley Rex VA Medical Center for the past 5 years. Prior to her tenure at Robley Rex, she was self-employed for 8 years filling a variety of consulting, education, and interim management roles.

Sue Webster, FEW National President, is an Admin/Tech Specialist assigned to Mission Support Services Department at the Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center, an activity of the Naval Sea Systems Command. A Diamond Lifetime member, she has been active in FEW, holding Chapter, Regional, and National offices, most recently completing her first term as National President. She received the Barbara Boardman Tennant award for outstanding service (1995) and the State of Indiana Women's Commission Torchbearer Award (Volunteerism) (2004) for her work for FEW. She holds a Master's Degree from Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis. She is a native Hoosier hailing from Ellettsville, Indiana.