

2021 ASRA FALL CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Carla Wallat and Diane Rugh

Carla Wallat and Diane Rugh have been reporting behind the Oscars since 2007/2008, after court reporting careers both began in 1986. Diane and Carla met at YOM Reporting in 1990 after discovering they had both lived as children in the same small town in Nebraska. Carla has reported grand jury, arbitrations, and thousands of depositions while Diane traveled domestically and overseas covering admiralty and med malpractice cases.

Ian Sutherland, RMR, CRR

Ian began his career as an Official Court Reporter with the Alberta Department of the Attorney General (1981-1987). Since then, he has been a freelance court reporter, broadcast captioner, CART provider (onsite and remote), and a software trainer. He currently works as the Chief of Production for English Hansard in the Senate. He has held various board positions with the ASRA and is a member of the NCRA and the CSRAO. He has provided remote and onsite CART in corporate and personal settings, both in Canada and abroad, for workshops, conventions, webinars and meetings with numerous federal, provincial, civic and public organizations.

Debra Bollman

Licenses: California CSR, RDR, RMR, CRR, CRC

Debra Bollman Farfan made national headlines during the 2015 NCAA March Madness basketball tournament when Wisconsin Badger Nigel Hayes whispered, "Gosh, she's beautiful" over a hot mic during a tournament press conference. The publicity was a bit overwhelming, but Debra took it in stride and shined a positive light on our profession. Debra is an agency owner/freelancer and specializes in realtime transcripts for patent depositions and sporting events all over the world, including the NBA Finals and the World Series. In her 23 years as a reporter, she's had her hands in the proverbial "cookie jar" of all this profession has to offer, and just recently took first place in the Literary and second place overall at the NCRA Realtime Competition in Las Vegas.

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Margot Crane

Margot Crane is a Registered Social Worker and Registered Psychologist with a Masters degree in Counselling Psychology and an undergraduate in Criminology. Margot has had the opportunity to support children, youth, adults and families from various walks of life and circumstances for more than 20 years; therefore, no stranger to the vicarious trauma that can occur as a result of occupational exposure.

At present, Margot is the Director of Clinical Services at the Grief and Trauma Healing Centre. Also, a consultant to rural service providers and local agencies in mental health, Margot engages in mentoring and coaching of individuals and teams.

Margot has delivered various presentations including First Nations Educator's Conference, Norquest College, University of Alberta (psychiatry residents), Edmonton Catholic Schools, and Metis Settlements Child and Family Services. She has been featured in the Alberta Family Wellness Brain Story Certification promotional, co-authored a course in Alternative Healing Methods for a local Indigenous college and participated as a panel member in the CASA Lecture Series, The Pandemic's Impact on Addictions.

Marie Zydek

Marie is the founder of Marie Zydek Styling, a full-service personal wardrobe styling company.

For the past seven years, she's been helping women and men streamline their closets, develop their signature style and feel confident in their clothing. Marie is also a freelance fashion stylist whose work has been seen on T.V. across Canada, and published in magazines and advertisements throughout Alberta.