

## About SCOPE Instructors:

SCOPE continues to seek consultants who are passionate about their disciplines-because we know such people are an inspiration

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**DOMINIQUE DUNN – mrsdunn5@yahoo.com** – has been a fifth grade teacher since 2001. She was a NYC teacher for 5 years and has just completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the New Hyde Park-Garden City Park School District. She received a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She has both extensive experience and training in using the Reader's and Writer's Workshop Model in the classroom.

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**KRISTINA HOLZWEISS – lieberrian@yahoo.com** – is currently employed in her seventh year as a school library media specialist. Previously, she taught seventh-grade English for nine years. She received both a BA and an MA in English. In addition, she completed the Educational Computing Certificate from SUNY Stony Brook, and received her MLS in Library Studies from CW Post. Kristina has taught several in-service classes, and is a certified Thinkfinity trainer and Intel Master Teacher. Her presentations include the LI Language Arts Council Conference, the Western Suffolk BOCES Annual School Library System Conference, and NY Library Association. She has also been invited to present for the Suffolk School Library Media and LI School Media Association.

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**THOMAS JEFFERY – scopeinstructor@optonline.net** - has taught SCOPE Inservice courses for 14 years and was one of the first on-line instructors since its inception. Tom taught Computer Technology, Social Studies, and Math courses for 12 years, working first in the NYC Public Schools and then Sayville UFSD. He has fulfilled varying administrative roles and also taught continuing education courses.

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**SHANNON MALAGRECA – smalagreca@gmail.com** – has been an elementary teacher for the past twelve years. She has taught kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts and Social Studies. She holds two Master Degrees, one in Children's Literature and the other in Administration and Supervision. Shannon has been very involved in promoting social and emotional skills in the classroom.

**HEATHER MANCUSO – mancusony@aol.com** – is an elementary teacher certified in Elementary Education, Special Ed and Literacy. She has been teaching in the New Hyde Park/Garden City Park School District in both inclusion and general education settings for the past 4 years. Prior to that, she taught special ed in the East Rockaway School District. Her teaching experience ranges from grades K – 10. She has extensive experience in creating interactive lessons to reach all learners and is skilled in utilizing learning centers, literature circles, and technology, including the SmartBoard, in the classroom.

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**JERRY MCGRATH** is a retired elementary school teacher and a U.S. Coast Guard licensed boat captain. A lifelong, avid fisherman, Jerry has run boats, including his own charterboat, out of Montauk and other ports. In 1994 he was bestowed a "Teacher of the Year" award. Jerry has given numerous instructional talks to many L.I. groups including: libraries, colleges, and clubs. He has co-produced an instructional videotape titled: "*Sportfishing On Long Island*" and has presented the popular "Fish N Kids" program at public schools throughout L.I. Additional information may be obtained on the website: [www.sportfishingadventures.net](http://www.sportfishingadventures.net).

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**MICHAEL SIMS – mikesimsduke1@yahoo.com** – is a teacher and coach in the Harborfields School District. Michael also serves as the coordinator for a student-athlete intervention committee, is a presenter for Parent University Workshops, and is a district instructor for the New Teacher Mentor Program which provides professional development to new educators.

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