

CREATIVE TEAM

Dr. Cathleen Greene-Schrantz

Dr. Cathleen Greene-Schrantz is VP of Educational Development at L J Publishing. Her expertise is the direct result of her twenty years' experience as a former inner-city educator, administrator and Adjunct Professor. Working with students on both their scholastic and life challenges inspired Cathleen to earn two Master's Degrees in Education from Trinity College and Saint Joseph's College, and ultimately, her Doctorate from the University of Hartford. Through her doctoral research and subsequent teaching at both the World Scholar Athlete Games and World Youth Peace Summit, she founded the organization, A Light in the Distance. Combining educational support and psychological fortification, the organization was born to give inner-city children who lost their way in the dark maze of the juvenile justice system the strength to find the world an exciting challenge. Dr. Greene-Schrantz draws upon her extensive knowledge and broad experience in the human education field – which includes a B.A. in Psychology from UConn, as well as, certifications as a Professional Life Coach from Fowler International Academy of Professional Coaching – to provide guidance for the development and implementation of Educational Graphic Novels.

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Marty Layne

A writer and former producer at Layne Morgan – a company that specialized in educational graphic novels and created all the educational graphic novels in the 2000's for companies such as McGraw Hill, National Center for State Courts, Chickasaw Indian Nation, and many more.

Daniel Burton

Art director and production manager at Layne Morgan where he directed and oversaw the production of dozens of educational graphic novel projects for multiple organizations.

L J Education Publishing was formed by a team of experts in the field of Educational Graphic Novels having developed Graphic Novels for multiple organizations and educational institutions. Pairing with a highly specialized and experienced medical panel including epidemiologist, doctors, and nurses we set out to specifically address the education of all aspects of the Corona Virus and Covid-19 Pandemic.

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Dr. Beth S. Linas, PhD, MHS

Dr. Beth S. Linas is an infectious disease epidemiologist whose research interests include improving the development, evidence base, and use of digital health technologies to understand social determinants of health and improve health outcomes like HIV, Hepatitis C, and substance use disorders. She is deeply passionate about the use of data to inform public health policy, and is an active science communicator working to help scientists communicate their science. You can follow her on twitter: @bethlinas - Beth completed her post-doctoral training and graduate degrees (Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD), Masters of Health Science (MHS)) in Infectious Disease Epidemiology at The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. As an undergraduate at Brandeis University (BS, BA) she studied Science Policy and Biochemistry.

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Diana Smith, MSN, ARNP, FNP-C

Diana Smith is an ARNP living in rural West-Central Iowa. She attended the College of St. Catherine (now St. Catherine University) and received her BSN in 2007. Later, she went on to attend the University of Cincinnati and received her MSN and was accredited by the AANP as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 2012. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Iowa Nurse Practitioner Society since 2016 and has been elected as the organizations next President. She is excited to serve the nurse practitioners of Iowa in that capacity beginning in 2021. As a primary care provider working on the front lines of the COVID-19 Pandemic Diana screens for and treats COVID-19 patients daily. Though she has treated multiple patients with COVID-19, the vast majority have remained outpatient and recovered completely. Her most stressful COVID-19 experience thus far was in helping to manage and contain an outbreak among colleagues within her practice and simultaneously navigate an outbreak amount residents in a long term care facility where she practices as well. In addition, as the incoming President of the Iowa Nurse Practitioner she is working to actively to change policy regarding COVID-19 screening, practice and prevention in Iowa.

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Les M Landau, D.O. FACOS, FACS

Dr. Leslie M. Landau is a general surgeon in Iola, Kansas and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area including Cameron Regional Medical Center, Cedar County Memorial Hospital, Research Medical Center, Northeast Regional Medical Center, Sullivan County Memorial Hospital, St. Luke's South Hospital, Allen County Regional Hospital, Overland Park Regional Medical Center. He has been in practice for more than 20 years and has been dealing with healthcare evolutions in the Covid-19 Pandemic era since its start.