



Included in the Storytellers Workshop is our collaboration with Literacy Mid-South. Through interviews and shared storytelling, around a dozen learners in the Literacy Mid-South programs will be collaborating on an anthology-like narrative that speaks to the learners' experience and what they have learned through Literacy Mid-South programs.

Candice Baxter earned her BS in Business and MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Memphis. For six years, she taught food writing and professional communication at a culinary school. Baxter is currently the managing editor of Germantown Magazine and writes cover features for Memphis-area publications including The Flyer, Edible, Parent, Real Producers and others.



**Candice Baxter**



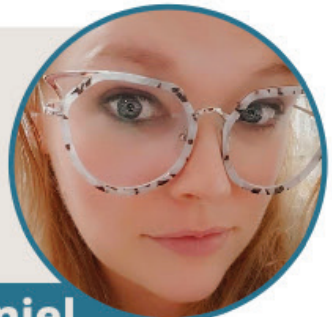
"I tell stories to build connections and to break down stereotypes and other barriers to healthy relationships."

Elaine is a writer, social activist and ordained minister in the Disciples of Christ denomination. She moved to Memphis in 1994. She and her wife, Anna, are proud Midtown Memphians.

**Elaine Blanchard**

"Storytelling has always been in my Southern bones. As I began to study history, I asked myself, what makes our stories any different? We live in the same multimedia jigsaw puzzle of civilization that has always resulted in storytelling, and I enjoy being one of the storytellers putting it together on the front end."

Ellie Daniel a native Memphian and graduate of the U of M with degrees in history and creative writing. Poet, historian, absurdist writer, and coffee addict, she spent her youth finding stories in travel, but finds herself preoccupied by her own hometown these days.



**Ellie Daniel**



"Storytelling has always been a passion of mine, I am a senior creative writing major at Christian Brothers University. After graduating, I would love to work on getting my MFA in Creative Writing and work my way up to film school. While I am a novelist by trade, I would like to write on different media types especially screenwriting to achieve my dream of becoming a director as well."

**Chloe Fields**

"I have an inexhaustible interest in people and their stories. I believe we are all connected, and that telling our stories is vital to helping our communities grow and learn, and helps us as individuals to illuminate and process our experiences and feelings."

Misti Rae Holton is a freelance illustrator, writer, singer-songwriter, painter, and teaching artist. A natural performer, Misti Rae is passionate about igniting the imaginations of children through her lively and comedic musical performances.



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