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INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT: JAMI NAUGHGLE

Computerized Machine Shorthand Theory I, II Instructor SH130 Instructor



- 1. When did you start working at CCR? I started working at CCR in February of 1988. It is very hard to believe that I have been at CCR for over 25 years now. I don't know where the years have gone.
- 2. What's your education background? attended the Chicago College of Commerce, majoring in court reporting, right out of high school. I am a licensed court reporter, holding an Illinois CSR (Certified Shorthand Reporter) license. I have also received my CRI certification (Certified Reporting Instructor) through NCRA.
- 3. Tell us about your family. I have been married for almost 34 years to my husband, Ron. We have one son and one daughter. Our son (a pharmacist) and his wife (a therapist) have two beautiful daughters, ages six years and four weeks respectively. Our daughter (a teacher) and her husband (a police officer) have one beautiful daughter, who is almost six months old. As my husband says, "Don't get between Jami and the grandchildren." I am in grandma heaven with all of these precious little babies. We also have an adorable dog named Murphy, who is a Bichon Frise/Cavalier King Charles mix.
- 4. What do you enjoy most about being

a CCR instructor? The thing I enjoy the most is the feeling I get when I know that I have made a difference in a student's life. Being a court reporting student is not easy. I have been where you are. I know what it feels like to be a theory student, to be a beginning speedbuilding student, to be struggling at a speed plateau, to be working toward those exit speeds.

- 5. What do you like to do in your free time? Well, of course, I love spending time with my children and grandchildren. The only thing more fun than bargain shopping for yourself is bargain shopping for your grandchildren. I am building a reserve of fall/winter children's clothing in "bigger" sizes to pass out when the weather changes. I love going to concerts (just saw the group Chicago this past weekend). I love eating at restaurants, going to the movies, and antiquing.
- 6. Where is your favorite place to vacation? I actually prefer going to places that have some type of significance in history. I love museums. I have toured several presidents' private residences. I have been to Washington, D.C., several times, and I love the sense of history there and the monuments and museums. I have seen the battlefields of Gettysburg, Dealey Plaza where President Kennedy was assassinated, Ford's Theatre where President Lincoln was assassinated, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Colonial Williamsburg, Thomas Edison's Laboratory and the Wright Brothers' Bicycle Shop, which are both relocated in Greenfield Village near Detroit, to name just a few. No sandy beaches for this girl.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Inspiration comes to us slowly and quietly...prime it with a little solitude."

-Brenda Ueland

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Online:

Angela Macias

Angela is a very dedicated student, always keeping up with assignments and coming to class. Angela had eye surgery about a week ago, yet she kept up with everything. Just amazing! Keep up the hard work!

Online:

Amy Krueger

Amy is a transfer student in her first term at CCR and has really put forth a solid effort to get on board. She's a willing and dedicated student. Great job, Amy!

Online:

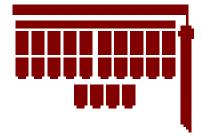
<u>Daniel Niederkruger</u>

Daniel is a great student! He turns in all his work, is in class each week, and his grades and study habits are outstanding. A great future reporter! Thanks for being a great student!



"A" Briefs for August!

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CCR Announcement: 2013 NCRA Annual Convention Student Registration Scholarship Recipients

Last fall, College of Court Reporting (CCR) was one of four colleges in the nation to receive the U.S. Department of Education's "Training for Realtime Writers" grant. CCR will use grant funds to train and place students in the field to help meet the national demand for qualified court reporters and realtime writers. One way the College will assist students in this endeavor is to provide them with funding to attend the 2013 National Court Reporter's Association (NCRA) Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, in August.

The scholarship will cover the cost of the All-Inclusive Discount Package with General Seating for students. This package includes admission to all seminars, the Premier Session, Opening Reception, Awards Luncheon, President's Party, the Annual Business Meeting, and 3-Day Expo Pass--a value of \$130 per student.

The following CCR students were selected as award winners:

- Lisa Lewis
- Jamie Bracher
- Alisa Church
- Jennifer Mason
- Karen Payne
- Mary Aleece DePuey

- Kimberly Prebstle
- Andrea Roberts
- Andrea McDowd
- Debbie Sekan

This opportunity will aid students by giving them a chance to immerse themselves in the culture of the profession and encourage them to seek out further education and certification. NCRA's Annual Convention is a place for students and professionals alike to grow and develop the future of court reporting.

"The national convention is always the highlight of the year. It's the perfect opportunity for students to network with working professionals, attend seminars geared specifically for students, boost morale, and offer a fresh and exciting perspective on the reporting profession," says Janet Noel, Faculty Development Coordinator at CCR and past NCRA Instructor of the Year.

College of Court Reporting was the first online program in the country to be certified by the National Court Reporters Association. With the help of CCR's innovative minute-byminute evaluation method, the College is now on track to produce more graduates this year than any other court reporting school in the country.

WORD TRIPPERS by Barbara McNichol

Insular, isolated — "Insular" refers to a characteristic of people who are secluded, especially those having a narrow, provincial viewpoint. "Isolated" refers to something that occurs once; unique, sporadic. It can also mean set apart or quarantined from others, which is similar to "insular." However, "insolated" refers to the action while "insular" refers to the result of that action.

"It is difficult for children to see other ways of life while living in the insular world of boarding schools."

"The student said her recent infraction was an isolated event but the principal had his doubts."

Brandi Smith

Deborah Sekan

Hannah Kwiat-

kowski

Kaleigh Boyle

Leigh Feldman

Lydia Castillo

Lynn Bannon

Melanie Bruno

Mitzi Boardman

Shannon Eubanks

Sharon Dawes

Taylor Atchison

3 SAPs

Debora Mann

Deborah Pascal

Karen Payne

Kelly Custard

Lori Volk

Lorna Halbert

Nicole Johnson

Olivia Jones

Rebecca Wasser

Victoria Scolari

2 SAPs

Allison Allen

"Diagnosed with polio at a young age, she had few friends and lived quite isolated. This resulted in her developing an insular view of the world."

JUNE EVALUATIONS PASSED

These students have all passed one or more SAP evaluations during the month of March.

Students who have passed an exit speed have been bolded.

14 SAPs Amie Moller **12 SAPs** Amy Krueger Erin Gaffney 9 SAPs Jacqueline Hamil-Paul Stevens 8 SAPs Amy Chavez Haley Petrich 7 SAPs Alisa Church Luisa Franco 6 SAPs Nadine Golden 5 SAPs Alexandra Wiater Michael Roberts Sherrona Williams Yasmeen Robles 4 SAPs Amelia Patzelt Andrea Roberts Angela Shaw

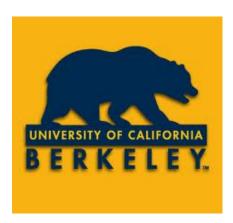
Angel McCullough Bonny Roggenbauer Crystal Jackson Dave Persaud **Emily Garris** Emmileigh Reid Gina Tenazas Joan Yeatts Kaltheen McInroe Kimberly Dundas Laura Kaspszak Leigh Ann Dewease Marcia Martin Mary Orloff Meredith Hoffpauir Riley Trella Ronald Lynn Sarah Fitzgibbon Sarah Horn Shannon Finton Shellev Duhon Sue Harrison Tanya Powers

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JOB OPENINGS



1. CART Provider, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA Betty Blair Atanasu

University of California, Berkeley has posted a position on campus beginning the Fall '13 semester which starts in late August. This is a 9-month career position and includes benefits. The work is on campus. The Job Title is "CART Provider" and ID# is 15717. To apply go to: http://jobs.berkeley.edu/job-listings.html. Applicants can contact me directly at 510-642-7599 or bat@berkeley.edu

2. Transcriptionist, Verbalink, U.S.

We're always looking for highly skilled people to add to our growing transcription and translation teams. If you're interested in applying to work for our company, please email us at jobs@verbalink.com. Please attach your resume in Microsoft Word or PDF format; resumes without cover letters will not be considered. We're eager to hear from you and keep all resume submissions on file, but we may not be able to respond to you right away. No phone calls, please.





Wonderful job everyone! CCR is very proud of your accomplishments!



A heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who graduated or completed a CCR program this past June:

Court
Reporting
Degree

Kevin Whalen
Erica Murphy
Rachel Brantley
Natasha McCall
Tricia Ramirez

Voice Captioning

Gina Powell



GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT: JENA LARSON SKORCZEWSKI

- 1. Where do you currently reside? Brandon, South Dakota
- 2. Why did you decide to come to court reporting school? I had a representative of the local court reporting school come and visit my business class in 7th grade. My business teacher always said to me "there's my court reporter." She saw something in me that I didn't. Then when the representative came, I saw what she did, and since the 7th grade I knew I would be a court reporter.
- 3. What did you do before court reporting school? I worked for the Clerk of Courts Office in the circuit in which I still work.
- 4. What date did you start court reporting school? I actually started court reporting school twice. You don't want to do that..hear me out...I started the first time right out of high school. When I was in the 200s class, my school closed. I transferred to another school that was going to complete a teach out, only never followed through with their plans. I was young, newlywed, and dumb. I sold all of my court reporting equipment which became the leather furniture in my living room (because that seemed more important at the time.) I got a job at the Clerks of Courts Office in my local county. Although I liked it, it wasn't my dream that I had since 7th grade. Five years later, there was a court reporting position in my county. The court administrator asked me what it would take me to go back. I advised him it wouldn't take much and it's always been in the back of my head. He had found CCR online and suggested I check it out. I went home and talked to my husband and was enrolled at CCR the next day in 2007.
- 5. What made you choose CCR? As noted above, the court administrator in my circuit was the one who found CCR. Evidently, he must have seen it in me that I was meant to be a court reporter as well.
- 6. What are your strengths and weaknesses? I think my biggest weakness turned into by biggest strength. When I was "young and dumb", I let it all slip away. Five years later, I completed the same amount of credits in half of the time I did the first time around of schooling and this time I was married, had two kids, and worked a full-time job.
- 7. What was your biggest challenge? I'm not going to lie; school wasn't easy. You know that as well as I do. The second time around, I was married, worked full-time, went to school full-time, and was a parent to two kids (and those of you who are parents know that's a full-time job). Together, those things were a challenge, but with the help of my husband who became the husband, wife, mom, and dad, I was able to accomplish my goal.
- 8. What motivated you to complete the program? My Mom was my biggest cheerleader. She kept me going

- through everything. There were a few times she needed to give me the nudge that I could do this. My husband was also amazing. Without him, I could have never finished. My kids also kept me going. I knew that when we got through this and Mom graduated, that I would earn a better living and be able to provide better for them.
- 9. What advice would you give to other court reporting students? DON'T GIVE UP!!! You may think every door has closed, when in actuality, there's no such thing. CCR has an incredible support system; and if you had this dream of being a court reporter once-upon-a-time, you should NEVER let it go.
- 10. Do you currently have a job? If yes, what do you do? I am an official court reporter for the Second Judicial Circuit in South Dakota.
- 11. How did you find your current job? I worked in the clerk's office for the county in which I am now a reporter. I slipped right into my current position upon graduation.
- 12. What are your future plans? What certifications do you plan on earning? My mom always said "education is never a waste." I am a firm believer in that. I wish to continue to take and pass as many NCRA accredited exams as I possibly can. I would LOVE to teach as well. There were so many people to support me on the way. Now it's my turn to support them.
- 13. Are you a member of any associations? If so, which associations? I am a member of NCRA as well as SDCRA. I just finished my term as President-Elect and was sworn in as President last month at our convention. I will serve as President for 2013-2015 and Past President for the term of 2015-2017.



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POLL OF THE MONTH:

How many hours a week do you spend writing on your machine?

- 1. 6-8 hours
- 2. 8-10 hours
- 3. 12-14 hours

4. 16-18 hours

Vote for your choice on the left side of the screen when you log into ev360!

Your results will appear in the next issue along with a new Poll of the Month!

<u>August</u>

Birthdays are in bold print! Happy birthday, CCR students and faculty!

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