

Instructor Biographies

Maureen R Gillis, CPA, CA facilitates adult learning on topics related to ethics, leadership, human resources, success, and human behaviour. Her teaching and facilitation work began early in her career. She has taught for various universities and facilitated professional development courses for members of professional organizations. With formal training in adult learning, experience in human resources management, a designation as a Chartered Professional Accountant, and professional experience across sectors, Maureen offers multi-disciplinary and practical perspectives to her interactive workshops. Her professional volunteer experience has included the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants Public Sector Accounting Board, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia, the Financial Management Institute, and the Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Morgan Hamel is President of MH Partners Inc., a boutique consulting firm dedicated to helping firms navigate moral nuance to build long-term stakeholder value. Having earned a Master's in Applied Ethics from Utrecht University in 2010, worked in the ethics office of a large corporation for 11 years, and built a successful ESG-centric fashion marketing company, Morgan brings together the academic, corporate, and entrepreneurial elements of ethics and business in a unique and accessible way.

Michael Lewis is Managing Director of Michael Lewis Training, Motivation and Development, a London, Ontario-based training, and development firm that was founded in 1994 and specializes in developing and delivering personal and professional development presentations, seminars, webinars, workshops, and teambuilding facilitation to a wide range of clients. Born in 1961, He graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a B.A. in 1983, began a career in training in the corporate world, and eventually started his own training and development firm.

Michael is a very experienced and popular speaker and trainer. As of July 2023, he has spoken and/or presented workshops, seminars, webinars, and team-building sessions almost 6300 times in 404 different communities across Ontario. He has been honoured to have been of service to a wide range of clients in private, non-profit, and public sectors. Additionally, he has spoken and presented seminars and workshops on a wide variety of emerging and important topics to over the past 20 years to the accounting profession across Ontario primarily to the members of the CPA Ontario and ATAP – Association of tax and Accounting Professionals.

Scott Orth is a mindfulness coach and trainer, who gives CPAs the tools they need to delete the overwhelm, focus on what matters most and create the life they want. He helps them understand and better manage their reactive brain, training them to be more focused, resilient, and happier - even when stressed. Scott has delivered webinars, PD training and keynote presentations to many of the CPA associations across the country and his presentations are always highly engaging, practical, and highly rated. He uses these tools every day in his own life and brings a practical, no-nonsense approach to it all.

Jeremy Scott, LLB operates a boutique law firm focused on assisting clients with their tax needs. He was a partner at one of the largest Professional Services Firms in Canada and served as the head of tax for Empire Company Limited (Sobeys). For over 19 years, Jeremy has been proactively advising clients with respect to the application of tax and representing them during all stages of tax audits, appeals and objections. Jeremy's practice is focused primarily on indirect tax such as the Federal Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax, and Provincial Sales Tax, Tobacco Taxes, Fuel Taxes, Customs Duties as well as Environmental Stewardship Levies. He has written articles for tax publications and has presented numerous tax conferences, seminars, and professional development workshops on the local and national stage. Jeremy serves on the Board of Directors for Brigadoon Village and Divert Nova Scotia.