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COLORADO

# VMTS FALL 2019 INSTRUCTOR BIOS



**Brittany McGarry,**  
*National Multiple Sclerosis Society*  
**Session 1 & 3**

Brittany has held a variety of leadership volunteer roles in the Denver community with the American Cancer Society and Brent's Place. She currently serves on the DOVIA Colorado Board of Directors and sits on the Denver Education Committee. With her background in Higher Education, her personal commitment to volunteering and being a nonprofit professional, she is able to bring a unique perspective to numerous table topics. She looks forward to being a part of the VMTS as a facilitator and continuing to learn and expand her network with this group.

Brittany McGarry is a Volunteer Engagement Specialist at the National MS Society overseeing day-of-event volunteers in Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and California. She holds her Masters degree in College Student Development from Appalachian State University and a Bachelors in Communications with a focus in Journalism from Bellarmine University.



**Heather Crandall,**  
*Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters*  
**Session 5**

Heather Crandall is the Community Engagement Coordinator for Cooking Matters Colorado, a campaign on the national nonprofit, Share our Strength. She has a strong background in adult learning, training and in volunteer engagement. Volunteering has always been part of her life: it was through her volunteering with Girl Scouts of Colorado that she was trained in adult education. She spent many years training adults to be troop leaders for Girl Scouts (as a volunteer!), and as a result of this experience was hired to work with the Denver Zoo Volunteer Program. She spent nine years with Denver Zoo, growing in her understanding of training, heritage interpretation and the management side of engaging volunteers. Heather is also a member of the National Association for Interpretation, and is an instructor at Colorado State University for the Professional Science Master's Program in Zoo, Aquarium and Shelter Management.

In her current role with Cooking Matters, Heather recruits, on-boards and works to retain a motivated corps of over 600 community members and culinary and nutrition experts. Our volunteer corps works

together with staff in programs that teach parents and caregivers with limited food budgets to shop for and cook healthy meals, with the end goal of helping to end childhood hunger. Volunteers make so much more possible for the organizations that she has worked for, and Heather is eager to help other professionals expand on their knowledge and skill to work with the community who donate their time!



**Nira Duvan,**  
*Arapahoe County Government*  
**Session 2 & 4**

Nira discovered her personal mission while walking the 2,174 mile Appalachian Trail in 2006: To inspire people to discover their great capacity to serve as super-heroes. Over the next years, Nira facilitated courses for Colorado Outward Bound School where she became a firm believer that service as an ethic, not just as an activity, sustains long after a project ends. As Volunteer Manager at the Action Center for 4 years, Nira provided oversight for 5,000 volunteers who delivered 100,000 annual hours, and discovered the true meaning of team.

Now, at Arapahoe County, her role consists of breaking down silos between volunteer programs across 6 diverse departments, training Open Spaces Field Techs to manage corporate service groups, and enlightening elected officials about relevant civic engagement. She has developed a volunteer disaster response protocol in coordination with FEMA practices. But her favorite moments include dressing up volunteers as Henry Horse mascot, and giving a speech concerning a free cup of coffee at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner...



**Kelly Streck,**  
*Spark the Change Colorado*  
**Session 6**

After teaching English abroad for two years, Kelly Streck started her career in nonprofit program development and volunteer management at Young Americans Center for Financial Education as the Outreach Coordinator, teaching K-12 students and some parents, about personal financial literacy for 5 years. A seat on the Penny Harvest Advisory Board led her to become Program Manager the Young Philanthropists Foundation. There, Kelly directed the Penny Harvest, Impact Factory and Youth Advisory Board, a youth service learning programs covering fundraising to grant making to service. After 4 years with young philanthropists, Kelly joined the staff at Wapiyapi, a summer camp for kids with cancer and their siblings, and directed 6 summer camps and over 700 adult volunteers to ensure that every child had the time of their lives. Before joining Metro Volunteers, now Spark the Change Colorado, she taught modules of the Volunteer Management Training Series having no idea at the time that was foreshadowing her next nonprofit home!

At Spark the Change Colorado, Kelly is the Director of Membership and Client Services, Service Enterprise and the brand new family volunteer program, Raising Kindness. As a new mom, Kelly believes in the importance of living with a positive impact as a professional and as a family.