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Biographies



Dale Ludwig has a Ph.D. in Communication and, prior to Turpin, taught at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He founded Turpin Communication in 1992. Since then he has worked to keep Turpin focused on providing the best presentation and facilitation skills training available. He's spent a lot of time behind the video camera in the training room and, most recently, in front of the camera as one of the trainers in our online courses. The Turpin name is a reference to a fictional character in one of Dale's favorite short stories. It was chosen not because the fictional Turpin had anything to do with presenting or training, but rather, because the name sounds nice next to "Communication" and isn't too hard to spell.

"A lot of presentation skills training for business people is built on the Public Speaking 101 model. That doesn't work, primarily because today's business presenters don't deliver speeches. They deliver informal, interactive presentations. If your current training vendor hasn't moved beyond 101, I look forward to speaking with you."

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Greg Owen-Boger has been with Turpin Communication since 1995, first as a camera man, then trainer, account manager and now Vice President. Schooled in management and the performing arts, Greg brings a diverse set of skills and experience to the organization. As a trainer, Greg delivers our live workshops and is one of the instructors in our online courses. Greg is also an account manager and has taken the lead in the design and development of Turpin's eLearning courses. About that hyphen in his last name, it goes back to the acting years when he was ill-advised to lose his last name and use his middle name instead. He inserted the hyphen when he left acting, mostly because without it the Social Security Administration was confused.

"What I offer is a deep understanding of how to help people engage their listeners. How to settle their racing minds, think on their feet and initiate a genuine conversation. When people are engaged, their natural communication style kicks in. Once that happens, we usually don't have to worry about what are traditionally thought of as "delivery skills." We just get down to the real work of making sure that what's said is heard."

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Mary Clare Healy has been working as a communication trainer and consultant for over 20 years. She has a BS in Marketing and Communication and specializes in management development, presentation and facilitation skills, group process and team building. Prior to Turpin, Mary Clare was Director of Marketing for a communication consulting firm and Director of Management Training for Household International. Mary Clare joined Turpin in 1996. When she's not in the training room or in front of the camera as one of our eLearning trainers, Mary Clare is busy keeping up with her sons. There are three of them. It's not easy.

"Having worked in corporate America as a buyer of training, I understand firsthand the importance of the tailoring process. I also understand the immense value of working on real-life presentation or facilitation situations. Communication skills training that isn't tailored to focus on real-life situations is never a good investment."

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Sarah Stocker graduated from Bowling Green State University with a BA in Communication. After college, she spent the first 5 years working as a stage manager for various theatres in Ohio. After moving to Chicago, she worked as a contractor for several Chicago companies, first stage managing corporate theatre productions, and then as a project and logistics coordinator for customized training seminars. She came to Turpin in 2005 as a camera operator then progressed to her Workshop Coordinator and Trainer roles. Sarah managed the creation of Turpin's eCoach and helped develop our eLearning courses. Sarah recently moved from Chicago to San Diego where it takes her 10 minutes to walk to the beach.

"Being nervous is like being in a funhouse. You lose your sense of self, your thoughts are jumbled and you can't see straight. Then the walls start closing in on you. This is of course no fun at all, and it makes for a pretty awful experience when you're trying to deliver a presentation to your boss. I love helping people find their own way out of the funhouse." sarah@turpincommunication.com



Jeanne Cotter graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a BS in Forestry. For the past 20 years, she has worked in sales for a variety of companies including Canon, Agfa and Kodak. She also worked as an account executive at a presentation skills training company. As part of the Turpin team, Jeanne is in charge of new business development for both our live workshops and our eLearning presentation skills courses. Jeanne lives in Chicago with her husband and two daughters. While it might not be a forest, their yard is beautiful.

"I've been in sales my entire career, and I've always tried to work with products and services that I believe in. When I took the workshop, the biggest a-ha for me was learning that I didn't have to put the company's history on the first slide, which is what I'd been told by my managers for years. That little thing shifted my sales presentations' focus from me to the buyer. And it's made a world of difference." jeanne@turpincommunication.com