

2019 CAHPI CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER BIO'S



ALAN CARSON, BSC, RHI

Alan Carson lives home inspections. Since he co-founded Carson Dunlop & Associates in 1978 with Robert Dunlop, he has focused his professional life on the development of the profession. In addition to performing thousands of home inspections, Alan created the comprehensive Carson Dunlop Home Inspection Training Program used by colleges and universities across North America, and the Horizon Report Writing software. Alan is the author of many reports, articles and industry-leading publications including the "Home Reference Book," "Technical Reference Guide" and "Illustrated Home." He is a founding member of CAHPI and the proud recipient of numerous awards for his contributions to the profession.



GRAHAM CLARKE, P.ENG., RHI, BSSO

Graham Clarke graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Toronto and is a Consulting Engineer with 29 years' experience in the inspection of homes and small buildings. Mr. Clarke's areas of expertise include standard of care issues in the fields of inspection and construction, as well as the analysis and diagnosis of construction and building failures. Mr. Clarke is also an experienced technical trainer. Graham is the owner of Clarke Engineering, Ajax, ON; From May 1989 to May 2014 he was the Vice President, Engineering at Carson, Dunlop & Associates Ltd., Consulting Engineers, Toronto, ON. Graham has been an instructor at Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, Toronto, ON Faculty of Continuing Education and Training since 2001. He is the Past President, Member of Several Committees with the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors; President since 2015 with the Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors and founding Chair of the National Certification Authority for Home Inspectors.



ERIN CURRY, ENG.

Erin Curry is a Mechanical Engineer who previously ran her own building inspection and radon measurement firm. Based near Montreal Quebec, Erin is CARST's Regional Director for Eastern Canada, helping CARST to support radon professionals and raise radon awareness in the region. Erin also serves as Project Lead for the Canada-wide Take Action on Radon (TAOR) Project.



PETER ELLIOTT

I spent 25 years as a foundation repair contractor and was the first contractor to offer epoxy injection repair in the west area of Montreal. (owner of Akton Injection Inc. 1979-2004) During my ownership, we successfully repaired over 15,000 foundations in the great Montreal area, ranging from crack injection to foundation drainage to slab replacement. (pyrite) I have been a home inspector since 2002 and have performed over 7500 inspections in that time. I'm a certified AIBQ inspector and National Certificate Holder.



Cheryl Evans

(Intact Centre) - Extreme Weather & Flooding: Practical Approaches to Limiting Risk Cheryl has over 17 years of experience leading behavior change-focused public education projects with a focus on residential and non-residential storm water management and residential flood risk mitigation. She has served as a technical committee member on CSA's Basement Flood Protection Guideline and was a lead curriculum developer for the Ontario College's Basement Flood Protection Assessment Training and Certification Program. She holds a B.E.S in Environment & Resource Studies from the University of Waterloo. Cheryl is responsible for the development, oversight and continuous improvement of the [Home Flood Protection Program](#).



NIKKI GILLINGHAM

Nikki Gillingham is the owner of Blue Whale Communications, a boutique content marketing agency based in Kanata, Ontario. Nikki's primary focus is on managing clients' social media accounts, and producing copy that converts by attracting clients' target audiences. Over her eight years in the industry, she has worked for a wide variety of clients, from government to non-profit, and from solo-preneurs to large, international firms. In her off-time, Nikki enjoys running, hiking in Gatineau Park, and traveling. She is passionate about animal welfare, and Blue Whale Communications actively supports several organizations.



Bryan Verhulp

Ring Electric owner Bryan Verhulp looks back on 16 years of serving the Ottawa area at the head of his family-owned business with gratitude. Even though his passion for his company is obvious to his clients today (earning Ring Electric HomeStar's "Best of" award for the past seven years) Bryan didn't think he would one day own his own electrical business when he joined the Royal Canadian Navy as an electrician in 1981. Change is something Bryan has embraced throughout his career, and after five years in the navy, he had the opportunity to attend the University of New Brunswick, earning a degree as an electrical engineer. During that time, he was transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force as an aerospace engineer and spent the next 15 years managing aircraft maintenance and personnel. At just 39, Bryan retired as a captain after 20 years in the forces. To completely change things up, he worked at Home Depot for two years as an electrical manager. During that time, he was asked to participate in the

editing of the popular how-to book “Home Depot Electrical 123”. It didn’t take long before the idea of starting his own business started to take shape, so he started the process to become a journeyman electrician and later completed his master electrician qualification.

Bryan is proud that Ottawa-area families can completely trust his company’s ability to do a job right while adhering to the highest professional standards in their industry – Ring Electric is a Licensed Electrical Contractor (LEC) and a member of the Authorized Contractor Program (ACP) with the Electrical Safety Authority of Ontario. Since its start in 2003, the company has continually grown thanks to the priority Bryan gives to customer satisfaction and the professionalism he requires from his staff. For more information about Bryan and Ring Electric, check out the company blog entry “Ottawa’s Rewiring Experts is a Family Business at Heart”.



DENVER JERMYRN, P.ENG

Denver is the Engineering Manager at CDW Engineering where he has been performing commercial property condition assessments for five years. He has inspected hundreds of commercial buildings including multi-unit residential, office, industrial, and mixed-use retail/residential. Denver is a licensed profession engineer in Ontario and holds a Master of Applied Science degree in Building Science from Ryerson University and a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Biological Engineering from the University of Guelph.



MALLORY ROWAN

Mallory Rowan built a six-figure global business and it nearly killed her. Now, she helps others build without burnout. From high-tech B2B & billion-dollar defence corporations to local businesses and solopreneurs, Mallory helps businesses get a grip on digital marketing and create strategies that not only work, but feel good too. She has been featured in the Ottawa Business Journal, Shopify Masters Podcast, and is a 2020 Founders’ Fund mentor.



KEN RUEST

Ken Ruest has over 35 years of experience in building science research and applies his knowledge to understanding and finding solutions to various housing issues. Ken worked at CMHC from 1998 to 2017 and has contributed to research on such topics as acoustic performance in multi-unit buildings, leaky condos rehabilitation in Vancouver, moisture and mould problems, vermiculite, indoor air quality, building inspector certification, and many other topics. He served as CMHC's representative on the Canadian Center for Housing Technology's (CCHT) Research Committee from June 1998 to the end of 2014. Prior to joining CMHC in 1998, Ken worked at "Scanada Consultants Ltd" for more than 15 years. His research work on residential building investigations during this period gave him a lot of practical experience. Several of his projects were carried out for CMHC's research division (ice dam, mould in basements, backdrafting of combustion appliances, methods to improve the airtightness of houses, study on radon and more). He was one of the trainers for the CMHC Air Quality Investigator Program. Ken has recently contributed to the revision of the American Industrial Hygienist Associations (AIHA) Green Book, *Recognition, Evaluation & Control of Indoor Mold*.



KIM SMITH

Account Executive at HUB International. Kim began her insurance career in 2005, and now specializes in E&O, CGL designed specifically for the Home Inspection industry. Her primary focus, is managing the Home Inspect Plus Program. Kim travels regularly across Canada to educate Home Inspectors, including Students that are entering into the Industry, on insurance coverage's and risk management solutions. As a panel member for the Licensing of the Home Inspectors in Ontario, and working with the CSA on the National Standard of Practice, she is called upon regularly for her expertise and consultation in the Home Inspection Industry. Nationally she is recognized as the Specialist in the Industry.



DAVE SMYTHE

Dave is a progressive Owner of a residential Service Home Service company which specializes in plumbing. He is also the Author of 'The Book on Personal Development' and co-author of 'There's Nothing Sexy Plumbing (Or Is There?)' The How to Guide to Selecting a Plumber (or Any Home Contractor) You can Trust. Winning the Bronze medal at the Ontario Skills competition prior to completing his apprenticeship set him up for a positive start to his career. Being in business since 2004, which has seen continued growth has allowed to experience changes in the industry, products and problems caused by improper installation and maintenance of plumbing systems. Rebranding the company in May 2019 and moving towards other home services Dave plans to take the company country wide in the future. Dave likes to enjoy life and follows the philosophy that work is a part of life although living life is more important. He enjoys reading books on personal development and swimming.



KEITH TRIPP

Keith Tripp is a home inspector who has been doing visual inspections of buildings and machinery for over 35 years. He has spent the last 12 years performing home inspections and studying building science and other inspection related topics. His company, ProVantage Property Inspection Inc., operates in the Greater Toronto Area and specializes in residential warranty and resale inspections. In the early 1980s, he started his career in energy conservation and auditing on the shop floor of a textile factory. Subsequently in the pharmaceutical industry, he worked in production, facility management and process improvement. A strong believer in continuing education, Keith obtained his BSSO designation from OBEC in 2016, is a Registered Home Inspector, and a CET with OACETT.



JOHN WEIBURG, P.Eng

John Weiburg is a Professional Engineer and an ASHI Certified Inspector who has been inspecting houses on Long Island, NY since 2004. John is currently the President of the ASHI Long Island Chapter and has been teaching Home Inspection and Continuing Education classes since 2006 at Molloy College on Long Island. He has presented at Inspection World 2015 (Philadelphia), Inspection World 2018 (Orlando) and will be speaking at Inspection World 2020 (New Orleans). John's company, GreenTawk Engineering, has been actively involved in elevating houses and replacing bulkheads to mitigate impacts from future storms such as Hurricane Sandy.



HOWARD RYAN

Born Sydney Australia - 64 years old
CEO of H&K RYAN & ASSOCIATES and HOUSESAFE TRAINING ACADEMY
FOUNDER - AUSTRALIAN AFFILIATION OF PROPERTY INSPECTORS
Over the last 48 years in the residential construction industry I have been forever developing Alternative Solutions for the benefit of others in compliance and working for the changing of global patterns within new home construction and in general, the home inspector's mindset
My purpose is to be the creator of accountability for the protection of the Australian homeowner I wish to remain a reliable and vital source of information when needed and stay updated with relevant information related to my industry I remain qualified, licensed and accredited in competency assessing within the home inspection industry
I have built over 200 homes and conducted over 350 home renovations and conducted over 20,000 inspections

EXPERIENCE

- Training and Contract Law introduction into Inspection Agreements
- Training & Assessing Pre-Purchase Pest and Building Inspectors, New Residential Construction Inspectors, Swimming Pool Safety Inspectors, Mould and Asbestos ID Inspectors, Strata and Experts to Tribunals and Courts nationwide (Housesafe Training Academy and Housesafe Travelling Campus)
- Q&A Inspectors for New Residential Construction for volume builders
- Expert Witness for NCAT/VCAT & other Court Jurisdictions

- Pre-Purchase Building Inspections in NSW, VICTORIA, QLD, WA and SA (since 1984)

VISION

To be known Nationally and Internationally as an entity of reliability and a source of credible information.