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Presenter Biographies

Greg MacDonald

Greg MacDonald is the AMI Director of Elementary Training at the Montessori Institute of San Diego. He has trained Montessori elementary teachers in the USA, Canada, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, Germany and Mexico. He co-directed the first AMI elementary course to be offered in Japan and in 2013-2014 he directed the first AMI elementary training course to be offered in Mexico. He is currently directing the first AMI Elementary training course to be conducted in Hyderabad, India, and a Summer format training course at the Montessori Institute of San Diego.

Greg holds AMI 3-6 and 6-12 diplomas, and an elementary teaching diploma from the State College of Victoria in Burwood (Australia). He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Queensland (Australia) and a Master's degree in education from Loyola University in Maryland (USA).

He has directed Montessori 3-6, 6-9, 9-12 and 6-12 classrooms. He has also worked as an elementary teacher in public schools, and he has served as Principal of both traditional and Montessori schools.

Greg was an AMI-USA school consultant for many years, and he is also a regular speaker at Montessori workshops, parent evenings and conferences nationally and internationally.

Lyle Weinstein

Lyle Weinstein's father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease early in his life, at the age of 54. He lived with the disease for the next 14 years, cared for by his wife and family for the first 7 years. At a particularly difficult moment in that journey, Lyle wrote down what he might say to someone who was just at the beginning of that same journey. This became first an audiotape program to support caregivers, and then part of his first book, [*The Alzheimer's Family Manual*](#).

Decades later, as friends and acquaintances contacted him about their parents' diagnoses, he considered again what he might say to anyone at the beginning of, or even deep into, that journey. The information his first book remained relevant, but his encounters with Montessori educational thought as understood and practiced by his wife Riza in the Montessori Preschool through Grade 7 school community she founded, had refined his thoughts on how we might go about benefiting both the individuals stricken with dementia and their caregivers. He and his co-author connected, and [*The Montessori Alzheimer's Project*](#) was born.

The Montessori Alzheimer's Project

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[MAP Website](#)

[The Alzheimer's Family Manual](#)

