



Mary Lu Roffey Redden

Mary Lu is the director of Halifax Humanities 101, a program that offers university level, non-credit Humanities education to adults living on low incomes. She is delighted to be on the board of directors of Word on the Street, because the festival celebrates literacy, learning, great writing and accessibility.

Mary Lu is a “come from away” married to a Maritimer. She was educated at Huron College, UWO and McMaster University and has an MA in Philosophy. She brings to her current work, experience teaching at both the university and community college level. At one point, she even taught at a police training institution. What she loves most about Halifax Humanities 101 is that she gets to be a student again, in a setting that makes a high level of intellectual engagement accessible to those who face financial barriers to post-secondary education. Mary Lu is a proud, life-long nerd and can often be found with her face buried in a book or magazine. If her house were to burn down, she would make sure that along with family photo albums, she escaped with her boxed set of Jane Austen’s novels and her Jane Austen action figure.

An author Mary Lu would like to have dinner with, Dante Alighieri.