

About the Authors

Dr. Michele M. Bresso

Dr. Michele M. Bresso has been collecting stamps since she was nine, thanks to a gift of stamps from her 4th grade teacher. A retired educator, Dr. Bresso often used stamps in her Public Speaking and Leadership Communication classes as topic catalysts for students' speaking and research assignments. She also made it a practice to provide stamps to any students interested in starting a collection of their own.

She serves on the board of the American Topical Association and is co-coordinator of ATA's My One-Page Exhibit Program since 2020. She has presented philatelic programs on many topics both in person and virtually. As Vice President of the Knoxville (Tennessee) Philatelic Society, she organizes and schedules monthly stamp programs for members. She is affiliated with several other philatelic organizations and enjoys engaging with philatelists from around the world. She has published articles in several philatelic journals including *The American Philatelist* and *Topical Time*.

Lawrence Fisher

Lawrence Fisher is a systems analyst and senior computer programmer, skills he learned while serving in the Israel Defense Forces. He's been collecting stamps since he was five but became serious about philately about 40 years ago. Exhibiting since 1990, he recently earned a Large Gold medal with multiple awards for treatment for his exhibit "The Jewish Homeland – Our Struggle for Survival" at the 2023 IRBA World Stamp Exhibition in Essen, Germany. Lawrence has a YouTube channel entitled *The Stories Behind the Stamps* (<https://www.youtube.com/c/Storiesbehindthestamps>) which focuses on the story and not the stamps themselves. His channel appeals to both the collector and the non-collector alike. He is also an author, and his book, *Kill Me Now*, is sold on Amazon. Lawrence lives with his wife and daughter in Israel.

Todd Gantzer

Todd lives in the Boston area with his wife and two dogs. He is dedicated to helping philately evolve into a more accessible hobby that everyone can enjoy. Todd collects Straits Settlements, modern Singapore, and topical squirrels. He is the current president of the Greater Boston Philatelic Society.

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