

2023 Religious Freedom Annual Review

“Religious Communities: Worshipping, Serving, and Learning Together”

Directory of Participants



Amy Andrus, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Amy Lynn Andrus joined the Center as an associate director in 2021. She previously worked as an attorney advisor for the Department of Justice in the Executive Office for Immigration Review, through the Attorney General’s Honors Program. Amy graduated from BYU Law School in 2019, where she was a Clark Scholar and served as lead executive editor of the *BYU Law Review*. She was a W.G. and Helen Johnson Summer Fellow with the ICLRS, externing at the Office of General Counsel for the Pacific Area in Auckland, New Zealand. She also served as a member of the ICLRS Symposium Student Executive Committee and volunteered with the Immigration and Refugee Initiative in Dilley, Texas. Amy earned a master’s degree from BYU in international and area studies, with an emphasis in international development. Her thesis focused on The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints’ Gospel Literacy Effort in Guatemala in the 1990s. She graduated summa cum laude from BYU with a bachelor’s degree in English–Secondary Teaching and a Spanish Teaching minor. Amy previously worked as an editor for BYU’s Kennedy Center for International Studies Publications Office, where she wrote and edited books, newsletters, conference proceedings, and the Culturgrams series.



Deborah Barry, Senior Humanitarian and Leadership Advisor, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership

Deb has 28 years of experience in the humanitarian sector. Primarily working with youth, child protection, and development of leadership within the sector. She has worked with humanitarian organizations / government / UN agencies in over 100 countries around the world.



Juan T. Becerra, Government and Community Relations Team Manager, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Juan T. Becerra is a manager for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on the Government and Community Relations Team. Juan has primary oversight for local government and community relations in the Utah area. Juan has been in this position for the last five years. Previously, Juan taught as an adjunct professor at Utah Valley

University and Salt Lake Community College in the Criminal Justice program. Juan was a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for over twenty years investigating criminal matters including narcotics, violent crimes, violent street gang organizations, white-collar crime, public corruption, and civil rights violations. Juan served in three field offices throughout his career in Albuquerque, New Mexico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Salt Lake City, Utah. Juan was also the spokesperson for the FBI Salt Lake City Field Office. Juan and his wife Lisa are the parents of five children and are blessed to have 13 wonderful and beautiful grandchildren.



Bill Benac, Founding Member, DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom, and Director, Pathway India

Bill Benac is president of Pathway India, an organization devoted to the education and physical and mental rehabilitation of disadvantaged Indian youth and adults, and president and founder of The DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom. He also serves various non-profits and boards that focus on the arts, education, and international affairs. Bill previously held executive positions with global corporations, private equity firms, and as an entrepreneur. Bill earned his bachelor's and MBA degrees from BYU, his JD from Pace University, and is a CMA and CPA. He enjoys boating, road biking, scuba diving, and traveling. Bill and Barbara have nine children and 23 grandchildren.



Heather Bigley, Senior Producer, In Good Faith podcast, BYU Radio

Heather Bigley, Ph.D. is Senior Producer for In Good Faith podcast from BYURadio. Before her radio career, she taught at the high school and university levels, including Northern Arizona University, the University of Florida, and the University of Houston. In 2019, Dr. Bigley completed a Fulbright in New Delhi, researching the connection between democracy, education, and video usage in the classroom. You can read about her research in *Teachers on Fulbright: Reflections on Global Pedagogy and Practice*. Dr. Bigley completed her Ph.D. in English at the University of Florida. She loves to discuss global films and Hollywood classics.



Jennifer Brewer, Global Humanitarian Consultant

Jen Brewer MA, RDN received her dietetics degree from Brigham Young University, and master's from Saint Mary's University. She focuses much of her work in Guatemala and Mozambique where she works with various organizations to fight malnutrition and mental stunting in children. In 2017 she co-founded the global dietitian group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and served as the co-chair for three years. 2021–2022 Jen was president of Care for Life. She is currently a global consultant working with NGOs around the world to help them review their operational plans and how they work within the humanitarian core principles. Jen works to build capacity of community members, local organizations and creates bridges with stakeholders, including health professionals and religious leaders. She has worked on several research groups, studying the effects of interventions on sustainable solutions to malnutrition and poverty.



Elizabeth A. Clark, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Elizabeth A. Clark is Associate Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies at Brigham Young University. Professor Clark is an expert on religious freedom in Eastern Europe and comparative law and religion. She has written over 40 chapters and articles and edited several books on comparative and U.S. law and religion issues and religion in post-Communist Europe, including co-editing *Religion during the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict*. Professor Clark has been featured in Radio Free Europe, radio and public television shows in the U.S. and internationally, *The National Review*, and *SCOTUSBlog* and has been consulted by reporters from *USA Today*, Bloomberg, NPR, and others. In her work with the Center, she has spoken at and organized over 100 academic conferences throughout the world. She has also testified before the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom on religious freedom issues, taken part in drafting legal analyses of pending legislation affecting religious freedom in over a dozen countries, and has written amicus briefs on religious freedom issues for the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to joining the Law School, Professor Clark was an associate in the Washington, D.C., office of Mayer, Brown & Platt, where she was a member of the Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation Group. Professor Clark also clerked for Judge J. Clifford Wallace on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She graduated summa cum laude from BYU's law school, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *BYU Law Review*.



Adela Cojab, Cohost, Americanish; JD Candidate, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Adela Cojab Moadeb is a Jewish activist and JD candidate at Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. In 2019, Cojab sued NYU for failing to protect its Jewish community from discrimination and harassment. Cojab's case concluded in the first Title VI settlement openly addressing anti-Semitism as a form of discrimination, helping prompt the Executive Order to officially include Judaism as a protected class under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Her work, from political advocacy to interfaith peace rallies, has been recognized internationally. Since 2022, Adela has been a cohost of the interfaith podcast and digital show Americanish: Daughters of Diaspora. Cojab is, proudly, a Syrian-Lebanese Jew born in Mexico City, Mexico, and raised in Deal, New Jersey.



Tyler Deaton, Senior Advisor, American Unity Fund

Tyler Deaton is a political strategist who has run bipartisan campaigns at the national, state, and local levels. He manages political operations on a range of issues including religious freedom and anti-extremism.



Nathan J. Diament, Executive Director, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America

Nathan Diament is the Executive Director of Public Policy for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America - the nation's largest Orthodox Jewish umbrella organization. In this role, Diament has led the Orthodox Union's political and policy advocacy division for more than 25 years. A graduate of Yeshiva University and the Harvard Law School, Diament has worked on a bipartisan basis on a range of issues of concern to the Jewish community including U.S.-Israel relations, religious liberty, education policy, combatting Antisemitism, and more. He has testified before Congressional committees on multiple occasions and has had a hand in crafting and passing many pieces of federal legislation including the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the creation of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, the Federal Disaster Assistance Fairness Act, and more. In 2009, President Obama appointed Diament to serve as one of 25 members of the White House Advisory Committee on Faith-Based Initiatives and in 2017 the Secretary of Homeland Security appointed Diament to serve on a Task Force for Combatting Faith-Targeted Violence. Diament has also advanced the Orthodox community's agenda in the media; he has appeared on all the major broadcast outlets and

his writing has been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, and more.



Gary B. Doxey, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Gary B. Doxey is an associate director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. He joined the Center in 2005 and serves as regional advisor for Latin America. He also heads the Center’s development effort. He has authored several commentaries on draft legislation and a number of amicus briefs in Latin America. He also teaches in the History Department at Brigham Young University. Professor Doxey’s career has been divided between academia and public service. Prior to joining the BYU Law School, he was chief of staff and general counsel to Utah governors Mike Leavitt and Olene Walker and served as Deputy Commissioner of Financial Institutions and as Associate General Counsel to the Utah Legislature. He has a Ph.D. in history from Cambridge University and a JD from Brigham Young University.



Paul S. Edwards, Director, Wheatley Institute, Brigham Young University

Paul S. Edwards has directed the Wheatley Institution since August 2019. Previously he served as deputy chief of staff to Utah Gov. Gary Herbert where he directed the governor’s communications and guided state policy innovations with regard to elections, federal-state relations, homelessness, health care, medical cannabis, and suicide prevention. He previously served as the editor and publisher of the *Deseret News* in Salt Lake City, where he restructured the newsroom to improve data-driven content, national relevance, and digital reach. Dr. Edwards was provost at Southern Virginia University as well as president of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, and vice president at the Institute for Humane Studies. He has taught courses in law and politics at Southern Virginia, George Mason, BYU, the American University of Armenia, and U.C. Berkeley. He holds a doctorate in jurisprudence and social policy and a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, where he was an articles editor for the law review. He did his undergraduate studies in history at BYU. In addition to his career in academia, media and public service, Dr. Edwards has advised numerous community and civic boards. He and his wife Margo—who sings with the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square—reside in Provo, Utah. They are the parents of four children and three grandchildren. Dr. Edwards enjoys skiing, hiking, and does his honest best at yoga.



Sharon Eubank, Director, Humanitarian Services, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Born in Redding, California, Sharon Eubank is the daughter of Mark and Jean Eubank. She served as a full-time missionary for the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Finland, Helsinki mission and received a bachelor's degree in English from Brigham Young University. Early in her career, she taught English as a second language in Japan, worked as a legislative aide in the U.S. Senate, and owned a retail education store in Provo, Utah. Since 1998 Sharon has been employed by the Church's Welfare Self-Reliance Department. In 2011 she was named the director of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' humanitarian work worldwide. From 2017 and 2022, she served as first counselor to President Jean B. Bingham in the general Relief Society presidency. Today, she continues as the director of Humanitarian Services which has expanded to include the Perpetual Education Fund and Just Serve.



R.G.A. "Trey" Ferguson III, Writer, Podcaster: *Three Black Men*

Trey Ferguson is a Miami-Dade County-based minister, writer, and podcaster whose passions include jokes, justice, and Jesus. He's the creator of *New Living Treyslation*—a podcast that retells and relates scripture in a modern vernacular—and a co-host of *Three Black Men*, a podcast where he muses on theology and culture with Sam Gay, Robert Monson, and a wide array of riveting guests. The author of the forthcoming *Theologizin' Bigger* with Lake Drive Books, Trey also writes and publishes regularly in his newsletter: *The Son Do Move*. When he's not creating content, he can be found annoying his wife Jessica and their three children with his childlike sense of humor. Visit pastortrey05.com for content and contact information.



Barbara Morgan Gardner, Associate Professor, Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University

Barbara thoroughly enjoys teaching religion at BYU. She is teaching the Doctrine and Covenants, The Eternal Family, and Teachings of the Living Prophets. Her research interests focus primarily on women in religious leadership, international education (most specifically Latin America), and religious pedagogy. She is the author of the book *The Priesthood Power of Women in the Temple, Church, and Family*. Barbara received her PhD in instructional psychology. Her master's degree is in educational leadership and foundations with an emphasis in international education development. She completed postdoctoral work at Harvard University. She served as institute director in Boston, which included her assignment as the chaplain at both Harvard and MIT. She

continues to serve as the chaplain-at-large in higher education for the LDS Church. She also serves on the BYU Interfaith Outreach Council. Before teaching at BYU, she worked as a seminary and institute teacher as well as a researcher for the Church Educational System. She was born and raised in Salem, Oregon; served a Spanish-speaking mission in the Los Angeles Temple visitors' center; and resides in Highland, Utah. Barbara is married to Dustin Gardner, and they are the parents of two children. She enjoys her wonderful family, learning, teaching, traveling, people, the great outdoors, and life!



Samuel Gay, Writer; Theologian; Podcaster: *Three Black Men*

Sam Gay is a writer, theologian and cohost to *Three Black Men* Podcast. He works with his two cohosts to bring a number of topics with a unique perspective to listeners and subscribers. Sam has been a dedicated youth pastor and musician who has yielded his talents to local congregations. He holds an A.A. in Biblical Studies from Reformation Bible College and a B.A. in digital cinematography from Full Sail University.



Elder Clark G. Gilbert, Commissioner, Church Educational System, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Elder Clark G. Gilbert was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 3, 2021. He currently serves as the Commissioner of the Church Educational System. At the time of his call, he had been serving as an Area Seventy in the Utah Area. Elder Gilbert has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Japan Kobe Mission, elders quorum president, counselor in a stake presidency, and bishop. Elder Gilbert received a bachelor's degree in international relations from Brigham Young University in 1994, a master's degree in Asian studies from Stanford University in 1995, and a doctorate from Harvard University in 2001. He worked as a professor of entrepreneurial management at Harvard University from 2001 to 2006. He then served as associate academic vice president of Brigham Young University–Idaho until 2009, at which time he began working as chief executive officer of the *Deseret News* and *Deseret Digital Media*. In 2015 he became president of BYU–Idaho and was subsequently appointed as president of BYU–Pathway Worldwide in 2017. He is married to Christine Calder. They are the parents of eight children.



Thomas Beall Griffith, Retired Federal Circuit Court Judge

After serving on the United State Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit from 2005, Judge Griffith stepped down from the bench in 2020. A member of the American Law Institute, Judge Griffith is a graduate of Brigham Young University and the University of Virginia School of Law. Currently he is a Lecturer on Law at Harvard and Stanford Law Schools, a Fellow at the Wheatley Institute at Brigham Young University, and Special Counsel in the Washington, DC office of the law firm of Hunton Andrews Kurth. Most recently, he was a member of President Biden's Commission on the Supreme Court. Judge Griffith's writings have been published by the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Yale Law Journal*, the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. He is the author, along with former federal appeals court judges Michael Luttig and Michael McConnell, of *Lost, Not Stolen: The Conservative Case that Trump Lost and Biden Won the 2020 Presidential Election*. He also writes a column on the importance of the liberal arts in *Humanities* magazine. Before his appointment to the D.C. Circuit, Judge Griffith was the General Counsel of BYU; Senate Legal Counsel, the non-partisan chief legal officer of the U.S. Senate; and a litigation partner at Wiley, Rein & Fielding. Long active in rule-of-law programs in former communist nations, Judge Griffith is a member of the international advisory board of the CEELI Institute in Prague.



Zaiba Hasan, Founder and CEO, Mommying While Muslim Podcast

Zaiba Hasan is an American Muslim who grew up biracial and bicultural. Born and raised in Chicago, Zaiba's Irish/Pakistani heritage and interfaith upbringing gave her a head start navigating between identities. It's, therefore, no surprise that she is frequently invited to speak at interfaith events since her background makes her a natural at bridging gaps between Muslims and non-Muslims in the United States. A degree in Political Science and Communication further shaped Zaiba's outlook on issues like race, immigration, and nationalism, as well as her parenting philosophy, which is geared towards raising compassionate, responsible global citizens. When she isn't busy with podcasting, public speaking, fostering interfaith community, or working with her parent coaching clients at Emerge Consulting Solutions, Zaiba can usually be found on the basketball court or baseball field with her husband and their four children.



Shaina Huleatt, Associate General Counsel, Bruderhof

Shaina Huleatt is associate general counsel at the Bruderhof, an international Christian community movement in the Anabaptist tradition. Prior to joining the Bruderhof legal team, Huleatt worked at a number of Christian and secular charities in the United Kingdom and as a fellow at Becket Law, a public interest law firm that defends religious freedom for all faiths. Huleatt received her law degree from King's College London and a master's degree from Georgetown University. She is admitted to practice in New York and in England and Wales.



Imam Marzuq Jaami, Imam W. Deen Mohammed's American Muslim Community

Imam Marzuq Jaami is a longtime interfaith facilitator of programs bridging understanding among faiths. A Muslim since 1963, Jaami is an original member of the Interfaith Council of Thanksgiving Square in Dallas. There he initiated its Friendship Among Faiths programs after 9/11. Jaami is an American Clergy Leadership Conference Ambassador for Peace and is part of the Focolare dialogues between Catholics and Muslims. His interfaith work has taken him to the Vatican, Israel, India, and South Korea. His home mosque is the Islamic Association of Desoto where he's a member of the Southern Dallas Interfaith Council. He made Hajj to Mecca in 2003.



Uzma Jafri, Executive Producer and Cohost, Mommying While Muslim Podcast

Born in Chicago, Uzma Jafri was raised in Houston, Texas the daughter of Muslim immigrants from Pakistan and India. Her conservative upbringing in America with one foot on each continent gives her plenty of content for the podcast she now cohosts. Uzma's primary job is mothering her four children, but the one that pays is as a solo physician running her own medical practices. She is also medical director of an assisted living and hospice agency and serves as graduate medical faculty training future physicians. As a certified speaker for the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Arizona, Uzma is comfortable with almost any question about Islam. She volunteers with multiple organizations to support refugees, her favorite pet project being the biannual refugee baby shower she coordinates with her team at Gathering Humanity.



Paul E. Kerry, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Dr. Paul E. Kerry joined the Center in 2019 as an associate director. He is an associate professor in the department of History at Brigham Young University, and an affiliate faculty of European Studies and Global Women's Studies. He researches in 18th and 19th century European and transatlantic intellectual history. He took his DPhil from the University of Oxford and was a member of St. John's College. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and has had visiting positions at various universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, LSE, Heidelberg, and Princeton.



David M Kirkham, Senior Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies

David Kirkham and his wife Judy recently completed service as Special Representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the United Arab Emirates, conducting Church-Emirati governmental, humanitarian, and interfaith relations in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. David has represented the Brigham Young University Law School International Center for Law and Religion Studies as Senior Fellow for Comparative Law and International Policy since 2007. David's work has taken him to over 50 countries on six continents. From 2015–2019 he served as Academic Director and a professor at the BYU London Centre, from where he originated and co-directed BYU's first-ever study abroad program in international human rights, covering six European countries. He has served as Associate Dean and Professor of International Politics and Democratic Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany; as Director of International Plans and Programs, Director of International History, and an associate professor of history at the United States Air Force Academy, and as an associate professor of political science at BYU. Over several years David conducted international negotiations and diplomacy for the United States Government and United Nations, including as Senior Humanitarian Affairs Officer at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva (with duties primarily in Africa). He began his career in the early 1980s as a US Air Force officer with a five-year law practice in England and in Washington, D.C. David's writing and teaching address international human rights, constitutionalism, diplomacy, the United Nations, international humanitarian relief, war crimes, and the global challenges posed by ideological extremism. He is the editor of the book *State Responses to Minority Religions* (Ashgate, 2013) as well as co-editor of two books on Islam, law, and politics in Europe. He speaks French and German and holds a Ph.D. from George Washington University, a Juris Doctorate from BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School, and a master's degree in writing creative nonfiction from the BYU English Department.



Daryl Paul Lobban, Director, Faith Partnerships for Stand Together

Rev. Daryl Paul Lobban is the Director of Faith Partnerships for Stand Together, a philanthropic community committed to helping America's boldest changemakers tackle the root cause of our country's biggest problems. A third-generation ordained minister, Daryl has served on the ministerial staff of Pentecostal, UCC, RCA, AME, and Baptist churches, preached at denominational conventions, led numerous international mission trips, and lectured at colleges and scholarly meetings including Oxford University and Gordon College. Daryl was appointed as a Senior Fellow for the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute in Washington, DC, and is on the pastoral staff for the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, VA. Daryl graduated with an M.Div. from the Boston University School of Theology and a B.A. from Nyack College, with a concentration in Biblical Research.



Todd McFarland, Deputy General Counsel, General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

Todd McFarland is the Deputy General Counsel to the Office of General Counsel for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He specializes in Church-state relations (first amendment) and religious discrimination (employment, zoning, land use, and other religious right issues). His particular areas of emphasis include Religious liberty, Parliamentary procedure, Litigation, and Departmental activities. McFarland received his J.D. from the University of Illinois, College of Law in 2000. Before joining the Office of General Counsel, McFarland practiced with a civil litigation firm in the St. Louis, Missouri area for more than five years.



Mary Ana McGlasson, Director, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership, Deakin University, Australia

Mary Ana McGlasson joined the Centre for Humanitarian Leadership in June 2020 following a major restructuring to more aptly accommodate our growing services and team. Mary Ana holds dual master's degrees in public policy and nursing from Princeton University and the University of Washington. She comes to the CHL with almost 20 years of experience as a Family Nurse Practitioner and a decade of country-level experience designing, implementing, and overseeing humanitarian and development programs. Mary Ana's humanitarian experience covers a wide range of contexts in Africa, Asia-Pacific, and the Middle East, in roles including Country Director, Global Emergency Response Coordinator, and Global Health Advisor. She has designed and managed

humanitarian programs across a wide range of disciplines including epidemic response; conflict, post-conflict, and refugee health systems; emergency WASH-related services for refugees and IDPs; microfinance and women's empowerment; natural disaster response; and community-based peacebuilding. Mary Ana has worked for a range of leading INGOs including MSF, Relief International, and Mercy Corps. She has vast leadership experience in these roles and others, including managing academic researchers and serving as a visiting lecturer at George Washington University's Milken Institute School of Public Health.



Robert Monson Jr., *Three Black Men*, *Black Coffee & Theology*, and Enfleshed org

Robert Monson Jr. is a writer, musician, creative, avid reader, and theologian who does work around the intersection of Black liberation and womanist theology. He is a graduate of United Theological Seminary and is currently working towards a Ph.D. His two podcasts, *Three Black Men* and *Black Coffee and Theology*, along with his work as co-director of the organization Enfleshed seek to bring about thought around liberation for all. You can find more of his written work at musingsfromabrokenheart.substack.com.



David H. Moore, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

David Moore, Sterling and Eleanor Colton Endowed Chair in Law and Religion at BYU Law School, joined the Center as an Associate Director in 2019. Professor Moore has been involved with the Center since his days as a law student, including serving on the Center's Academic Advisory Council. Professor Moore is a scholar of international law, development, human rights, and U.S. foreign relations law. His publications have appeared in leading journals, including the Harvard, Columbia, Virginia, and Northwestern Law Reviews. Professor Moore served as Associate Dean for Research and Academic Affairs at the law school, has received the University's R. Wayne Hansen Teaching and Learning Fellowship, the BYU Law Alumni Association Teacher of the Year Award, and the Student Bar Association First Year Professor of the Year Award. For two years, Professor Moore worked in multiple roles at the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, DC. As Acting Deputy Administrator, he assisted the USAID Administrator in managing the U.S.'s leading development and humanitarian assistance agency, with approximately 11,000 employees worldwide and appropriations of roughly \$20 billion. He represented the Agency at Deputy's Committee meetings of the National Security Council and in multilateral meetings of the U.N. General Assembly, G-7, World Bank, and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, as well as in bilateral meetings with donor and host countries. As General Counsel, Professor Moore led an

office of over 100 attorneys in advising senior agency leaders around the globe. Professor Moore previously taught at the University of Kentucky College of Law, as a visiting professor at George Washington University Law School, and as an Olin Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. He clerked for Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. during the U.S. Supreme Court's 2007 Term, and began his legal career as an Honor Program trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch. Professor Moore is a summa cum laude graduate of Brigham Young University Law School, where he served as Editor in Chief of the *Law Review* and graduated first in his class. He received his BA from Brigham Young University, where he was a Benson scholar and graduated summa cum laude, with University Honors, and as co-valedictorian of his college. He and his wife Natalie are the parents of seven wonderful children.



Russell Moore, Editor in Chief, Christianity Today

Russell Moore is Editor in Chief of Christianity Today and is the author of the forthcoming book *Losing Our Religion: An Altar Call for Evangelical America* (Penguin Random House).

The Wall Street Journal has called Moore “vigorous, cheerful, and fiercely articulate.” He was named in 2017 to *Politico Magazine*’s list of top fifty influence-makers in Washington and has been profiled by such publications as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *TIME Magazine*, and *The New Yorker*.

An ordained Baptist minister, Moore served previously as President of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission and, before that, as the chief academic officer and dean of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he also taught theology and ethics. Moore was a Fellow at the University of Chicago’s Institute of Politics and currently serves on the board of the Becket Law and as a Senior Fellow with the Trinity Forum in Washington, D.C.

He also hosts the weekly podcast *The Russell Moore Show* and is co-host of *Christianity Today*’s weekly news and analysis podcast, *The Bulletin*. Russell was President of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention from 2013 to 2021. Prior to that role, Moore served as provost and dean of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he also taught theology and ethics. A native Mississippian, he and his wife Maria are the parents of five sons. They live in Nashville, where he teaches the Bible regularly at their congregation, Immanuel Church.



Janet Nelson, Senior Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies

Janet Matthews Nelson received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Utah and her master's degree in mathematics education from Hunter College (City University of New York). She raised her four children in Brooklyn, New York, and taught mathematics in secondary schools in Orem and New York City. She served on the Young Women's Board of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 2014–2018 while living in Brooklyn, NY, and Frankfurt, Germany. While she and her husband were living in Germany, she worked with refugees who had come from Afghanistan, Syria, and Pakistan, tutoring them in German, mathematics, and English. When she moved to Salt Lake City in 2020, she continued to volunteer as a mathematics tutor to local refugees. In July 2022 she was appointed Senior Fellow of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, together with her husband, Jeff, after affiliating with the Center for over 15 years.



Jeff Nelson, Senior Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies

Jeff Nelson received his bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Utah, and his J.D. from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, and also studied at Universität Konstanz, in Konstanz, Germany. He practiced law, primarily in banking and finance, in New York City and Germany for 32 years. He was then Area Legal Counsel for the Europe Area of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, for four years, which assignment included issues of freedom of religion, the interplay between law and religion, and interfaith dialogue and support. After finishing his Area Legal Counsel assignment, he acted as Senior Counsel for the Church for two years in Salt Lake City, Utah, overseeing the legal affairs of various departments of the Church. Upon his retirement, he was appointed Senior Fellow of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies in July 2022, together with his wife, Janet, after affiliating with the Center for over 15 years.



Gerardo Peña, Director, Chicanos Por La Causa

Gerardo Peña is a professional bilingual social worker with over 20 years of experience in providing direct care and management in prevention and behavioral health programs. Gerardo has his master's in business administration from Benedictine University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University in justice studies. Gerardo previously served as the director of the CPLC De Colores

Domestic Violence Program, he had provided leadership and oversight of the program operations for over 8 years. He currently serves as the Director of Program Coordination and Development where he supports the expansion and growth efforts for CPLC. Gerardo has served on various board of directors and committees in Arizona to help support efforts in homelessness, domestic violence, and other social causes. Gerardo is married a father of four daughters and one grandson. He and his wife are licensed foster parents and have had several foster children in their care.



Steven Kapp Perry, Host and producer of the In Good Faith podcast

Steven Kapp Perry is an award-winning songwriter, playwright, and broadcaster from Provo, Utah. He is the Host and producer of *In Good Faith*, an interfaith podcast and radio show heard nationally on SiriusXM 143 and worldwide [online](#). *In Good Faith* celebrates the power of faith and belief by listening with an open heart and mind to personal accounts of spiritual journeys, as well as discussions of topics affecting people of faith and their societies.



Liz Reiner Platt, Director, Law, Rights, and Religion Project, Columbia Law School

Liz Reiner Platt is the Director of the Law, Rights, and Religion Project at Columbia Law School, a law and policy think tank that advocates for religious liberty, pluralism, and social justice. She is a leading expert on the intersection of religion law and gender justice and has published widely in the academic and popular press. Her recent work includes *The Southern Hospitals Report: Faith, Culture, and Abortion*

Bans in the U.S. South, All Faiths and None: A Guide to Protecting Religious Liberty for Everyone, co-authored with Auburn Seminary, and *Whose Faith Matters? The Fight for Religious Liberty Beyond the Christian Right*.



Kori Porter, CEO, Peacemakers Coalition

Kori Porter is founder of Peacemakers Coalition, which seeks to inspire millennials and Gen Zers to pursue justice and peace to help heal our world. She also serves as VP for Faith and Justice Initiatives at the AND Campaign. She completed her MA in theological studies with an emphasis in religion and society from Princeton Theological Seminary. She has been published in *His Testimonies*, *My Heritage* and the AND Campaign's *A New Narrative on Abortion: Pro-Woman and Pro-Child*.

She has 13 years of experience in campus ministry, serving most recently on the campus of Princeton University.



Jonathan Rauch, Senior Fellow, Brookings

Jonathan Rauch is one of the country's most versatile and original writers on government, public policy, and gay marriage, among other subjects. A senior fellow of the Brookings Institution in Washington and contributing writer of *The Atlantic*, he is the author of eight books and many articles and has received the magazine industry's two leading prizes — the National Magazine Award and the National Headliner Award. Jon takes pride in being a thoughtful, dynamic, and well-prepared speaker, focused on giving sponsors outstanding value for money and communicating important and often counterintuitive ideas to his audiences in direct, personal ways.



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Gene Schaerr specializes in handling—and usually winning—civil appeals, writ proceedings and similar matters, both in appellate courts and in the law-focused proceedings at the trial court or agency level that often determine success or failure on appeal. He has argued and won dozens of cases in a variety of forums—including the U.S. Supreme Court (where he has argued six cases), every federal circuit, and numerous federal district courts and state appellate courts. His win rate in the dozens of federal appeals he has argued in the past six years is over 75 percent. He was a coordinator of Sidley Austin's appellate practice from 1993 until 2005, and from 2005 until 2014 was the chair of the nationwide appellate practice at Winston & Strawn—a practice he led to numerous recognitions in such publications as the Appellate Hot List. His personal practice successes have won him repeated recognition in such publications as *Best Lawyers in Washington, D.C.*, *Legal 500, D.C. Superlawyers*, and *Best Lawyers in America*. In January 2014, Schaerr formed his own boutique litigation firm so that he could serve his clients without the conflicts and inefficiencies inherent in big-firm law practice. Substantively, Schaerr's experience includes not only virtually every area of federal constitutional law, but also administrative law, antitrust, arbitration, class certification, contract law, defamation, higher education law, immigration, insurance coverage, labor and employment, patent and trademark, privacy, product liability and warranty, statutory interpretation and tax. He has represented clients in virtually every sector, including automotive, communications, energy, financial services, health care, higher education, insurance, maritime, pharmaceuticals, technology, and state and local government. He also teaches courses in Supreme Court litigation, religious-freedom litigation, and

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Tim Schultz, President, 1st Amendment Partnership

As President of the 1st Amendment Partnership (1AP), Tim Schultz works with faith groups to ensure that religious freedom is fully protected in the law. He chairs a broad and diverse religious coalition aimed at influencing federal policy and public opinion about the value of faith to the common good. In 2022, this coalition was critical to the passage of the historic Respect for Marriage Act, which added religious freedom protections to federal law for the first time in more than 20 years. Under his leadership, 1AP has played a central role in the passage of more than 20 state religious freedom laws, and Tim has worked on the ground in more than 30 state capitols. He regularly counsels with lawmakers in both parties, and he is a frequently quoted by national media sources. He is a graduate of Kansas State University and Georgetown University School of Law. He has been married for 14 years to Rev. Lisa Wink Schultz and they live in suburban Washington, D.C. with their two sons. He is a youth baseball coach and an active member of Church of the Advent, a parish in the Anglican Church in North America.



Jannah Scott, CEO, American Center for Religious Freedom

Dr. Jannah Scott has decades of experience with government and civil society in the U.S. and abroad, with special emphasis on policies and programs to promote peace and security. For eight years, Jannah served in President Obama's administration as a Deputy Director in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Jannah led federal policy, guidance, and training with states and localities on engaging with civil society organizations. In 2017 Jannah was asked to establish ACRF to continue her work in promoting dialogue and reconciliation. She works with leaders in Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkey, Pakistan, and most recently with civil society in Uzbekistan.



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White House, U.S. Capitol, State Department, the American Bar Association, the National Constitution Center, the Newseum, the Heritage Foundation, the Ethics and Public Policy Center, and the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. Her television, newspaper, and radio appearances include CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, C-Span, the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, AP, Forbes, NPR, and BBC. Her opinion editorials appear in *US News & World Report*, *NY Daily News*, *Daily Signal*, Fox News, NRO, *SCOTUSblog*, and *Deseret News*. She has addressed audiences at Harvard Law, Princeton University, Stanford Law, Columbia Law, Penn Law, Georgetown Law, BYU Law, and Central European University. Hannah received her BA from Princeton University, concentrating in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. At BYU Law School, she was elected to the Order of the Coif and served as Executive Editor of the *BYU Law Review* and as one of the founding-era research assistants for the ICLRS. BYU awarded her its Alumni Achievement Award in 2013, and the J. Reuben Clark Law Society presented her with its Women-in-Law Leadership Award in 2016. In 2017, she delivered the G. Homer Durham Lecture, speaking on the topic “Religious Liberty: The Promise of American Religious Pluralism.” In 2018, she was honored with the James Madison Award from the Center for Constitutional Studies. Following law school and in between clerkships, Hannah was an associate in private practice at national law firms in Washington D.C., representing clients before state and federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court in civil, criminal, and constitutional cases. She served as a full-time volunteer missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in France and Switzerland. Currently, she serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Religious Freedom Institute and as a member of the Board of Advisors for her alma mater BYU Law School. Hannah and her husband, John, an attorney who is also a BYU Law School graduate and former clerk for Justice Alito, live in Washington, DC, and are the parents of four wonderful children.



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