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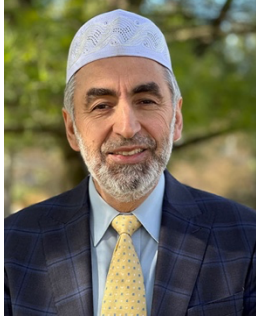
Sumreen Ahmad, Global Change Management Lead, Accenture

Sumreen Ahmad is a global management consultant with 20+ years' experience in leadership development, human capital and organization design, journey and change management, crisis communications and strategic planning. Extensively experienced in mobilizing and leading global initiatives, Sumreen is a recognized expert in building inclusive, equal, and innovative cultures— leading organization-wide transformational efforts for the firms' 700,000 employees, as well as through her leadership of Accenture's Interfaith and Faith inclusion priority. Sumreen is committed to translating her professional skills into community building by driving strategy development for the non-profit community and delivering youth leadership training. She serves as the Strategic Planning Lead and Board Member for Zaman International— a SE Michigan-based non-profit humanitarian organization that provides wraparound services to women and children in extreme poverty. Sumreen lives in Canton, MI with her husband and children.



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.



Imam Mohamad Arafat, Founder and President, Civilizations Exchange & Cooperation Foundation

Imam Mohamad Bashar Arafat was born and raised in Damascus, Syria. He received a degree in Islamic Studies, Arabic Language, and Islamic Law from Damascus University. Under the guidance and mentorship of the late Grand Mufti of Syria, Sheikh Ahmad Kufaro, he studied Qur'anic interpretation, wisdom of the "Shari'ah", and the Islamic spiritual teachings for 15 years. He accompanied the Grand Mufti during most of his international programs and conferences from 1989-97. He served as Imam in Damascus from 1981-89 and was then invited to the U.S. to lecture in various Islamic Centers. He was Imam of the Islamic Society of Baltimore from 1989-93, founded An-Nur Institute for Islamic Studies and Arabic Language in Baltimore in 1993, cofounded An-Nur Mosque in Carney, and was the Imam from 1995-97. Currently, he is President of the Islamic Affairs Council of Maryland. He taught courses on Islamic Studies and Comparative Religions at several prominent universities in MD and DC. He is an Associate Professor of Religion at Notre Dame of Maryland University.

He served as Campus Imam at Johns Hopkins University from 1993 to October 2003, Adjunct Chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital from 2000 to October 2003, and Muslim Chaplain for the Baltimore City Police Department from 1998 to 2006. Imam Bashar is the Founder and President of Civilizations Exchange and Cooperation Foundation (CECF). This non-profit organization functions as an umbrella to bring people together for exchanges focused on creating a better world that promotes peace, respect, and cooperation.

He has provided religious and cultural training, consultation, and orientation services for the international exchange students and staff of the U.S. Department of State's sponsored Youth Exchange Study Program (YES) in the USA since 2004. He is also the convener of our three, annual youth leadership, intercultural and interfaith conferences, "Better Understanding for a Better World" (BUBW) in Orlando, San Diego, and Baltimore. BUBW International Conferences were held in the Philippines, Indonesia, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, and most recently in Kampala, Uganda for East Africa in 2019.

He is the Founder of Al Basheer Seminary, Interfaith Center & Institute based in Columbia. In 2011, Al Basheer & CECF began conducting training for Imams, scholars, and community leaders in the U.S. and internationally called the International Observer Program (IOP), in partnership with U.S. Embassies in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Somalia, Belgium, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.

Since January 2005, Imam Arafat has conducted International Speaker Programs on "Islam in America" through the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Information Programs in more than 40 countries.



Annika Boone Barkdull, Associate, Schaerr | Jaffe

Annika Boone Barkdull is an associate with Schaerr | Jaffe LLP, where her practice focuses on the First Amendment and other constitutional issues. She joined the firm after clerking for Justice Thomas Lee of the Utah Supreme Court and Judge Ryan Nelson of the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit. Annika also chairs the J. Reuben Clark Religious Freedom Fellowship. She graduated from Harvard Law School, where she served as Executive Editor of the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy. She graduated summa cum laude from George Washington University with a BA in Political Communication.



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.



Greta L. Bennett, Doctoral Student, Fuller Theological Seminary

Greta L. Bennett is a retired Lieutenant Colonel serving with distinction as a Medical Logistics Officer in the US Army for thirty years. She is a doctoral student in Public Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, mentored by Dr. Sebastian Kim. Originally from San Antonio, Texas, she received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Howard University, a Master of Public Administration from Troy State University, a Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, and a certification in Nonprofit Management from the University of Tampa. Her doctoral research focuses on the intersection of public theology and public policy as it relates to African American Women's Healthcare. Greta is active in several nonprofit organizations, is a published author and podcast host, and leads the Doctoral Women's Student Group on campus.



Kevin C. Brown, Pastor, The Perfecting Church

A seasoned business leader and pastor, Kevin Brown has spent the last decade working with church planters and revitalizing existing churches. As the founding pastor of The Perfecting Church Kevin has fostered radical growth, leading a church plant from three families to a thriving membership, while planting and participating in the launch of several other churches. Kevin has led The Perfecting Church in engagement work locally and abroad in the West Bank, mobilizing its members to use their jobs and passions to meet unaddressed needs. His work in the West Bank has fostered multi-faith relationships and peacemaking efforts. Kevin is the co-founder of Loving Our Cities, a non-profit established to meet unmet needs among the most marginalized in the greater Philadelphia region, and the founder of Diverse But Not Divided a network of churches from diverse ethnic and denominational backgrounds committed to unity in a divided region. He has been married to his wife Angela for 34 years and is the father of two adult children, KJ and Olivia. Kevin holds a Master in Pastoral Leadership from Capital Seminary and is completing his doctorate at Mission Seminary in Philadelphia. He loves biking, reading, and traveling with his wife.



Ryan Burge, Associate Professor, Eastern Illinois University; Pastor, Baptist Church

Dr. Ryan Burge is an associate professor of political science at Eastern Illinois University. He is the author or co-author of four books including *The Nones*, *20 Myths about Religion and Politics in America*, and *The Great Dechurching*. He has written for the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *POLITICO*. He has also appeared on 60 Minutes, where Anderson Cooper called him, “one of the leading data analysts of religion and politics in the United States.” He has been a pastor of an American Baptist Church for over seventeen years.



Chris Butler, Lead Pastor, Chicago Embassy Church Network

Chris Butler is a pastor and “serial organizer” hailing from the Southside of Chicago. He and his amazing wife, Aziza have six wonderful children. Pastor Chris leads Chicago Embassy Church Network, a mission-based network church in America’s third largest city, and is an experienced organization builder. Pastor Chris got a very early start in community organizing when he joined a small neighborhood organization in Chicago’s South Austin community at age 12. By age 18, Chris had completed two organizing internships and launched his first organization, Organized Students of Chicago. Pastor Chris has organized in several places and situations. He organized youth and young adults in Chicago’s Southland for then State Senator Barack Obama’s 2004 Senate

Campaign, led the Field Operations for A+ Illinois (the organization blazed a trail for school funding reform in the state), spearheaded organizing efforts to improve school choice in Chicago through New Schools Chicago. In 2013, Chris founded Citizen Consulting Group Inc. an organizing and communications consulting firm where he helped launch organizations in Chicago, Philadelphia, and Washington State.

In 2016, Pastor Chris was installed as the Senior Leader at Chicago Embassy Church in the Englewood community of Chicago. Under his leadership, the congregation relocated to the Hyde Park community where it had been established in 1985 by Bishop Edward and Apostle Katie Peecher. In just over 5 years under Pastor Chris' leadership, CEC completed its first missional church plant – The Gathering at McDonalds (in Jackson Park) – and established a campus in South Holland.

Having worked across the spectrum of organizations and types of engagement, Chris' often lends insight and leadership on organization building and civic engagement to elected officials, organization heads, community organizers, and other faith leaders. Pastor Chris co-authored "Compassion and Conviction: The AND Campaigns Guide To Faithful Civic Engagement" with Justin Giboney and Micheal Wear.



Kutter Callaway, Associate Dean, Center for Advanced Theological Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary

Dr. Kutter Callaway is the William K. Brehm Chair of Worship, Theology, and the Arts, as well as associate dean of the Center for Advanced Theological Studies, and associate professor of theology and culture at Fuller Theological Seminary. He is actively engaged in writing and speaking on the interaction between theology and culture—particularly film, television, and online media—in both academic and popular forums. Dr. Callaway holds two PhDs, one in theology and the second in psychological science, both from Fuller. His most recent book is *Theology for Psychology and Counseling: An Invitation to Holistic Christian Practice* (2022).



Jason S. Carroll, Director, Family Initiative at the Wheatley Institute

Jason S. Carroll is the Family Initiative Director at Wheatley Institute. Prior to this, he served as the Associate Director and as a fellow at Wheatley for nine years. He was also a professor in the School of Family Life at Brigham Young University, where he still holds a courtesy appointment. He is a senior fellow for the Institute for Family Studies. He received his PhD in Family Social Science from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Carroll is an internationally recognized researcher and educator in the areas of virtue science and flourishing marriages, marriage readiness among young adults, healthy sexuality in marriage, and modern threats to marriage—such as delayed age at marriage, materialism and careerism, pornography, digital distractions, and non-marital childbirth. Dr. Carroll's work has been featured in the *Economist*, the *Atlantic*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and other popular media and

news outlets. In 2014, Dr. Carroll received the Berscheid-Hatfield Award for Distinguished Mid-Career Achievement, a biennial award given for distinguished scientific achievement by the International Association for Relationship Research. He and his wife Stefani reside in Draper, Utah. They are the parents of five children and two grandchildren.



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*.



Bonnie H. Cordon, President, Southern Virginia University

Bonnie H. Cordon is the president of Southern Virginia University. She previously served for seven years as a General Officer of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the last five as President of the worldwide Young Women organization. In that role, Cordon led the Young Women organization through a significant season of growth and change represented, in part, by the implementation of a new, worldwide Children and Youth program and the significant expansion of For the Strength of Youth (FSY) conferences. Cordon has contributed to institutional boards, including the Church Educational System Board of Education, Brigham Young University Broadcasting, Humanitarian XP, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Church of Jesus Christ's Missionary Executive Council, and has worked with civic, government, and religious leaders around the world. Her focus on analyzing policy and procedure to better

meet the growing needs of today's rising generation resulted in a series of structural changes with the Church to empower, embolden, and enable youth to succeed. President Cordon has also served as a mission leader for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Curitiba, Brazil; pursued a management career in the software industry; and started her own business. She is a mother of four and a proud grandmother of seven.



Frederick Davie, former Vice Chair, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

Reverend Frederick Davie is the former Vice Chair of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, where he served for four years. He is currently Senior Strategic Advisor to the President of Union Theological Seminary, where he was Executive Vice President for more than a decade. He has had a long career of working domestically and internationally at the intersection of faith and justice with public, non-profit, and philanthropic institutions. Rev Davie, an ordained Presbyterian minister, is a graduate of Greensboro College and Yale Divinity School. He lives in New York City with his spouse of 26 years Michael Adams, a lawyer and CEO of SAGE.



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.



Deirdra Dryden, Vice President of Development, Southern Virginia University

Deidra Dryden was named the Vice President of Development at Southern Virginia University in April of 2024. Dryden has more than two decades of experience as an athletic administrator and head coach at the University—most recently as Associate Athletics Director for the

past five years, Senior Woman Athletics Administrator for the past eight years, and head women's tennis coach for the past ten years.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, Dryden served as Southern Virginia's acting athletic director spearheading the university's NCAA Division III exploratory application process and leading the athletics program to its highest combined winning percentage (.566). That year she also led her women's tennis team to a 15-3 record, which marked the best season in the program's six-year history.

Dryden began coaching at Southern Virginia in 1997 when she helped recruit the university's first women's basketball, volleyball, and soccer teams. From 1998-1999, Dryden was the head women's soccer coach leading the team to an impressive 10-2 record in its inaugural season, capped by a NSCAA national championship. That year she was also head women's basketball coach and guided the first-year team to a fourth-place finish at the NSCAA national tournament. In the spring of 2000, she became head softball coach in the program's second year and took the team to a second-place finish at the NSCAA national tournament. Dryden's intercollegiate athletic career includes playing tennis at Brigham Young University-Hawaii and playing basketball and tennis at Columbus State University. Dryden also served as the Title IX Coordinator from 2015-2017.

Dryden has a BS in math education from Columbus State University and an MEd in mathematics from James Madison University. Deidra and her husband, Dr. Brent Dryden, reside in Buena Vista and have five children.



Brady Earley, Rising Generation Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies

Brady Earley is a JD/MPP candidate at the University of Chicago and currently works as a research fellow at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. He has previously worked in research positions for the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief and the Constitutional Court of Chile. His scholarship uses data and empirical methods to address questions in constitutional law and religious freedom. He has also been a rising generation fellow at the International Center for Law and Religion Studies. His work as a rising generation fellow has focused on equipping the rising generation with resources and opportunities related to religious freedom.



Marian Edmonds-Allen, Executive Directory, Parity

Rev. Dr. Marian Edmonds-Allen is executive director of Parity, a nonprofit that works at the intersection of faith and LGBT concerns, and director of Blessed by Difference, a project that promotes curious and collaborative bridging. She is co-chair of the LGBT-FoRB International Religious Liberty Roundtable and the author of *Covenantal Pluralism and Mission: Evidence for Healing the LGBT and Faith Divide*. Marian is a speaker, author, and educator focusing on

covenantal pluralism, inclusive religious freedom, and theological methods for encountering others with love and curiosity. She is married, has four children, and is a passionate skier and outdoor enthusiast.



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.



Carl Esbeck, R.B. Price Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Missouri

Carl H. Esbeck is the R.B. Price Professor Emeritus and Isabella Wade & Paul C. Lyda Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Missouri. He has published widely on the First Amendment and church-state relations, and his articles have appeared in law reviews throughout the U.S. and U.K., including the *BYU Law Review* and *Utah Law Journal*. During 1999–2002 Professor Esbeck directed the Center for Law and Religious Freedom, a public interest law firm in Washington, D.C. He then served as special counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, and the U.S. Department of Justice, where he directed the task force for the Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Professor Esbeck published *Disestablishment and Religious Dissent: Church-State Relations in the New American States, 1776–1833* (2019), examining the undoing of the American colonial and state religious establishments. His most recent article, which he co-authored with three other law professors, is The Respect for Marriage Act: Living Together Despite Our Deepest

Differences, 2024 ILL. L. REV. 511 (2024). He received his Juris Doctor from Cornell University School of Law.



Blaine H. Evanson, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher Law Firm

Blaine H. Evanson is a partner at the international law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where he practices primarily in the appellate and constitutional law practice group. He has represented clients in several matters before the Supreme Court of the United States and in federal and state appellate courts around the country. He maintains an active pro bono practice focused primarily on the defense of religious liberty. Mr. Evanson graduated from Brigham Young University and

Columbia Law School, where he was a James Kent Scholar and a senior editor on the *Columbia Law Review*. After graduation, he served as a law clerk for Judge A. Raymond Randolph of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. In addition to his law practice at Gibson Dunn, Mr. Evanson is adjunct faculty at BYU Law School, where he teaches a course on advanced constitutional law. He also taught at the University of Southern California and University of California, Irvine law schools. Mr. Evanson lives in Laguna Niguel, California with his wife Robin and four children.



Micah Fries, Director of Programs, Multi-Faith Neighbor's Network

Micah Fries (pronounced Freeze) is the Director of Engagement at Glocal.net and the Director of Programs at the Multi-Faith Neighbor's Network. He has served as a senior pastor in Tennessee and Missouri and at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, TN. Fries was a Christian minister in Burkina Faso, West Africa, and is a frequent speaker in churches and conferences. He holds a Master of Divinity from Midwestern Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from The

Baptist College of Florida. Micah is currently a PhD student at Southeastern Seminary. Micah is married to Tracy, and father to Sarah Grace, Kessed Noel, and Haddon. Micah is the co-editor and author of *Islam & North America: Loving our Muslim Neighbors*. He also authored *Leveling the Church* and a commentary volume on Haggai and Zephaniah in the *Christ-Centered Commentary Series*. Micah is an adjunct professor in the Clamp Divinity School at Anderson University.



Dave Gibbons, Founder and CEO, Dave Gibbons, LLC

Dave Gibbons is the author of *The Shape of My Eyes: A memoir on race, faith and finding myself*. Dave also is a senior advisor with culture leaders in the arts, business, entertainment, and professional sports. His integrative work with leaders is customized to the unique design of each individual helping them to personally, relationally, corporately,

and spiritually flourish. Dave advises leaders from companies like Netflix, VC's, Google, Meta, and the Atlanta Hawks.



Michael Goodman, Associate Professor, Brigham Young University

Michael A. Goodman is the RSC's associate publications director. He has worked for the Church Educational System since 1989 and was the manager of CES College Curriculum before joining the Department of Church History and Doctrine in 2007. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism with public relations, a master's degree in information technology, and a PhD in marriage, family, and human development. He is a coinvestigator on the Family Foundations of Youth

Development longitudinal research project. His research focus is on adolescent and family faith development and mental health outcomes with a special emphasis on suicidality. He has been married to Tiina Anita Goodman from Lahti, Finland, since 1985.



R. Shawn Gunnarson, Attorney, Kirton McConkie

R. Shawn Gunnarson is a shareholder at Kirton McConkie, where he represents The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in matters concerning religious freedom. He has participated in briefing 65 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Several of these cases include amicus curiae briefs representing the Church and other national religious organizations. Three recent cases illustrate that work. In *Groff v. DeJoy*, a postal worker sought an accommodation from the U.S. Postal

Service to avoid working on Sundays for religious reasons; in *303 Creative, LLC v. Elenis*, a Christian web designer invoked the Free Speech Clause to avoid creating messages that clashed with her sincere religious beliefs. In *Carson v. Makin*, Maine excluded families from otherwise available state funding for their children's education because the state did not deem their chosen schools secular enough. Shawn graduated from J. Reuben Clark Law School, cum laude, in 1994 and from BYU with a BA in political science and philosophy, magna cum laude and University Honors, in 1991.



Cal Jernigan, Lead Pastor, Central Christian Church of Arizona

Cal Jernigan has served on the staff of Central Christian Church of Arizona since 1987 and has been the Lead Pastor since the beginning of 1999. From his roots in youth ministry, Cal leads with a passion for communicating the Word of God in a relevant, timely, and engaging manner. His greatest desire is to help people understand there is a God who cares deeply for them and wants to connect with them. Cal has been married to his wife Lisa for 45 years and they have two grown

children and eight grandchildren.



Jeremiah Johnson, Professor, Political Science, Southern Virginia University

Jeremiah John is a professor at Southern Virginia University where he is the Social Science Division Chair and the Political Science Program Coordinator. Of his vocation, John says, “I study politics in order to understand human beings and how they try to solve difficult problems like conflict, injustice, and insecurity. I love Southern Virginia University students because they see education as something that can change their lives.” John earned a BA summa cum laude in Political Science from Hampden-Sydney College, an MA in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame, and a PhD in Political Theory and Comparative Politics from the University of Notre Dame.



Sarah Johns, Faith, Hope, and Love Ambassador; 2024 JD Graduate, BYU Law School

Sarah Johns is a recent graduate from BYU Law School who is passionate about peacemaking and international law. Ms. Johns has recently published papers with *Notre Dame Journal of International & Comparative Law* and with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Alongside Rev. Marian Edmonds-Allen and Alex Arner, she has assisted in the creation of the Faith, Hope, and Love Ambassador program to promote peace, love, and healing across religious and LGBTQ+ divides.



Camille N. Johnson, Relief Society General President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

President Camille N. Johnson was sustained as Relief Society General President for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 2, 2022. At the time of her call, she was serving as the Primary General President. President Johnson has served in numerous Church callings, including Gospel Doctrine and Relief Society teacher, member of a ward Relief Society and Primary presidency, and ward Young Women president. She and her husband Douglas R. Johnson served as companion and mission president in the Peru Arequipa Mission from 2016 to 2019. President Johnson graduated from the University of Utah in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in English, followed by a law degree from the University of Utah S. J. Quinney College of Law in 1989. She practiced law for nearly 30 years at the Snow, Christensen & Martineau law firm, where she recently served as firm president. She and her husband are the parents of three children.



Casey Jorgensen, former State Co-coordinator, Mountain Region Co-Lead, President's Support Team, Braver Angels

Casey is a State Co-Coordinator and Event Organizer at Braver Angels. Originally from Boise, she has lived in/near Salt Lake City since 1990. Her education is in marketing, and she worked as an Executive Assistant until she and her husband, Dean (from Alberta, Canada) had their first of three children (who are now grown.) She has served as a GOP Precinct Chair and Delegate, URLEND Parent Advocate, Patriot Camp Founder/Director, and UHEIA Board Member. Casey loves live theater, is a devout Latter-day Saint, and feels honored to work with truly Braver Angels.



James Lambert, Provost, Southern Virginia University

James Lambert has been Provost at Southern Virginia University for three years, and before that served as Vice President of Academic Operations, Humanities Division Chair, and Associate Professor of English. Throughout his career, Dr. Lambert has been a strong advocate for education that is based on seeking wisdom, generosity, and acuity from the best materials and books. In using that approach to undergraduate education, students become better equipped for graduate schools, professional schools, careers, and life. By first knowing how students learn, Dr. Lambert can then understand how teachers should teach. This continues to be his guiding philosophy in teaching, advising, and leading. Dr. Lambert earned a doctorate in literature from the University of Iowa, a master's degree from the University of Arizona, and a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University. Before joining Southern Virginia University in 2016, Dr. Lambert chaired the English Program at American University of Kuwait.



Paul W. Lambert, Religion Initiative Director, Wheatley Institute

Dr. Paul Lambert is the Religion Initiative Director at Wheatley Institute. He is a leading expert on religious pluralism in society, including the role of pluralism in economics and business. He works regularly with global businesses on this topic, including American Airlines, Accenture, Dell Technologies, Equinix, ServiceNow, and PwC. Paul was Assistant Dean at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, where he managed consulting and business education programs for global companies and university partners. Before joining Georgetown University, Paul was at the National Defense University (NDU), where he served as Professor and lead Academic Officer of a congressionally funded Department of Defense and Department of State American Studies graduate program for students from over 75 countries. Paul's leadership and teaching gained him recognition as one of NDU's most highly rated professors and the recipient of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint

Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the highest award available for civilian service from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Paul has also held numerous teaching and leadership roles in other educational institutions, including as a lecturer at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, a visiting professor at the National Defense University in Washington DC, and visiting fellow and faculty at BYU's Marriott School of Business. Paul also led the development of the Freedom Forum Institute's first executive education capability focused on religious freedom in business contexts and served on the executive education advisory board for the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Paul also serves on the board of the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation and as a member of the national advisory council of Cicero Group. Paul is a graduate of Georgetown University where he earned his Doctorate in Liberal Studies; the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University where he received his master's degree in international relations; Brigham Young University where he studied American Studies; and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he graduated from the Seminar XXI Fellowship Program on foreign affairs and national security.



Gordon Larsen, Senior Advisor for Federal Affairs, Office of Utah Governor Spencer Cox

Gordon Larsen is the Senior Advisor for Federal Affairs to Utah Governor Spencer Cox, managing Utah's interests before Congress, the White House, and federal agencies. In this capacity, Larsen leads Governor Cox's work as chair of the National Governors Association, including his chairman's initiative, Disagree Better: Healthy Conflict for Better Policy. Larsen previously served as the Director of Federal

Affairs and Director of Policy for Governor Gary Herbert. Before working for Gov. Herbert, Larsen was a legislative director in the U.S. House of Representatives, and then Legislative Counsel for Congressional Affairs at the U.S. Agency for Global Media. A native of Kearns, Utah, Larsen attended Brigham Young University and holds JD and MBA degrees from the College of William and Mary. He and his wife have five children and live in Farmington.



Josh McDaniel, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Josh is the Director of Harvard Law School's Religious Freedom Clinic, a pro bono program that gives students a hands-on, supervised experience representing a diverse group of clients in First Amendment and religious freedom cases. Before entering clinical teaching, Josh clerked for the Honorable Cormac J. Carney of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and the Honorable Jay S. Bybee of

the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In addition to serving as a staff attorney in the clinic's inaugural semester in 2020, he was previously a trial litigator at Munger, Tolles & Olson and an appellate litigator at Horvitz & Levy, where he specialized in representing individual and organizational clients in both commercial and civil rights cases, with

expertise in First Amendment and religious freedom issues. While in private practice, Josh received a Daily Journal 2022 California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year (CLAY) award, was twice named a “One to Watch” in appellate law by *Best Lawyers*, and argued in numerous appellate courts and courts of last resort, including twice before the California Supreme Court. His amicus brief for Jewish schools in a case before the U.S. Supreme Court was quoted by Justice Kavanaugh at oral argument. Josh earned his BA, *magna cum laude*, from Brigham Young University and graduated first in his class from UCLA School of Law.



Shonda McPherson, Doctoral Student, Fuller Theological Seminary

Shonda is concluding her second year as a PhD student at Fuller Theological Seminary. Her research interests include eye movement desensitization reprocessing (EMDR) to help clients resolve psychological symptoms and emotional distress using a somatic-attachment approach. She is particularly interested in the reconsolidation of maladaptive memories within EMDR therapy. She completed EMDR basic training and began practicing the modality in 2020. Currently, she is completing advanced training to become certified through the EMDR International Association. After many years of clinical practice with a variety of populations in Michigan, Shonda has returned to academia to earn a doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology. She is a previous graduate of Western Michigan University (1997), becoming a licensed masters-level psychologist (1997), and a licensed professional counselor (2015) in Michigan where her credentials remain current. In her free time, Shonda enjoys spending time with family & friends, her dog, music, traveling, going to the movies, and new adventures.



David H. Moore, Dean; Sterling and Eleanor Colton Endowed Chair in Law and Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Dean David 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. As a human rights expert, Dean Moore serves on the roster of experts of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe’s Moscow Mechanism. In 2020, he was elected to a brief term on the United Nations Human Rights Committee. From 2019 to 2023, Dean Moore was an Associate Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies. Dean 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, Dean Moore worked in multiple roles at the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, DC, including as Acting Deputy Administrator, and as General Counsel. Dean 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. Dean 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.



Rachel N. Morrison, Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center

Rachel N. Morrison is an attorney and Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, where she directs EPPC's HHS Accountability Project. Her legal and policy work focuses on religious liberty, healthcare rights of conscience, the right to life, nondiscrimination, and civil rights. Before joining EPPC, Ms. Morrison served as an Attorney Advisor and Special Assistant to General Counsel Sharon Fast Gustafson at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), where she focused on religious discrimination issues and was a member of the General Counsel's Religious Discrimination Work Group. Before that, she served as Litigation Counsel for Americans United for Life and as a Constitutional Law Fellow at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, defending the right to life and religious freedom for all. She also clerked on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. Ms. Morrison earned her J.D. from the Pepperdine University School of Law and her B.A. in Mathematics and Speech Communication from Whitworth University (Spokane, WA).



James Phillips, Constitutional Government Initiative Director, Wheatley Institute

James C. Phillips is the Constitutional Government Initiative Director and an associate professor at BYU's Wheatley Institute. He is a nationally recognized constitutional scholar and appellate advocate with sought-after expertise on the freedom of religion and constitutional interpretation. His scholarship has been cited by judges around the country, including at the U.S. Supreme Court. He has been covered in various media outlets, including the *New York Times Magazine*, *USA Today*, Reuters, CNN, and Fox News. He is a member of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society Religious Liberty Committee and the Executive Committee of the Federalist Society's Religious Liberty Practice Group. Before joining Wheatley, Phillips was associate professor of law at Chapman University's Fowler School of Law, where he taught Constitutional Law, Religion and the Constitution, Civil Procedure, Family Law, and Professional Responsibility and was named 1L Professor

of the Year. Dr. Phillips has taught Administrative Law at BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School, where he also helped conceive and design the Corpus of Founding-Era American English. He was also a non-resident fellow with Stanford Law School's Constitutional Law Center. Dr. Phillips has published 30 academic articles, primarily in law journals, but also communications, business, and history journals. His longer pieces have been published in, for example, the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, the *Southern California Law Review*, and the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, and his shorter articles have been published in journals such as the *Yale Law Journal Forum* and the *Duke Law Journal Online*. Dr. Phillips has also written op-eds on constitutional issues for *Newsweek*, *The Atlantic*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Orange County Register*, *Deseret News*, and *National Review*.

Prior to his university posts, Dr. Phillips practiced law as a Constitutional Law Fellow for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and an associate for Kirton | McConkie. He has worked on over 30 cases at the U.S. Supreme Court, and in federal and state courts throughout the country. He is currently an academic affiliate with the D.C. law firm of Schaerr | Jaffe and is a member of the bar in Utah and D.C. He clerked for Judge Thomas B. Griffith on the U.S. Court of Appeal for the D.C. Circuit and for Justice Thomas R. Lee on the Utah Supreme Court. Dr. Phillips earned his JD, Order of the Coif, from UC-Berkeley's School of Law, where he was a member of the *California Law Review*. He also has a PhD in Jurisprudence & Social Policy from UC-Berkeley, an M.A. in Mass Communication from BYU, and a B.A. in History from Arizona State University. He and his wife live in Utah County and have eight children.



Tami Pyfer, Chief of Staff and VP External, UNITE

Tami Pyfer is the Chief of Staff and VP External for UNITE—a national organization seeking to ease division across political and cultural differences. Tami is also the co-creator of the Dignity Index, an eight-point scale for measuring the dignity or contempt in the language we use with each other when we disagree. Before her work with UNITE Tami served for 7 years as the Education Policy Advisor to former Utah Governor Gary Herbert, where she was involved in state-level policy development, coalition building, and stakeholder engagement. She held local and state elected offices for 12 years: eight years on the Logan City Council and four years on the Utah State Board of Education. Tami's professional training is in Special Education. Before her appointment to serve on the Governor's executive team, she taught at Utah State University, preparing teachers to work with students with disabilities. Tami and her husband Aaron are the parents of 5 children and grandparents of 15. They live in South Jordan, Utah.



Bob Roberts, President, Institute for Global Engagement

Dr. Bob Roberts Jr. is a pastor and renowned bridge builder who has dedicated his life to promoting and advancing religious freedom, peacemaking and civil engagement. He is the founder of GlocalNet, a ministry dedicated to mobilizing the church to bring about transformation in the public square, co-founder of the Multi-Faith Neighbors Network (MFNN), an organization committed to promoting religious freedom through intentional cross-cultural relationships, and newly appointed president of the Institute of Global Engagement (IGE), an organization that catalyzes freedom of faith worldwide so that everyone has the ability to live what they believe. With decades of experience in peacemaking and international religious freedom, Dr. Roberts' groundbreaking work has earned him respect and recognition from the United Nations, U.S. Department of State, World Economic Forum, ambassadors, international royal families, and policy leaders worldwide. His impressive contributions were honored by The White House in 2022 when he and the MFNN co-founders received the Uniter Award for their inspiring grassroots bridge-building work across faith groups throughout the US. For over 30 years, Dr. Roberts led Northwood Church near Dallas, Texas, where he is now the Founding Global Pastor. He is also a prolific author of six books and the host of the Bold Love podcast, where he shares stories of his journey and encouraging people to boldly love their neighbors. Dr. Roberts holds a Doctorate of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary, a Masters of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a BA from Baylor University.



Brett G. Scharffs, Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Brett G. Scharffs is Rex E. Lee Chair and Professor of Law and Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies at Brigham Young University Law School. He received a BSBA in international business and an MA in philosophy at Georgetown University and, as a Rhodes Scholar, earned a BPhil in philosophy at Oxford. He received his JD from Yale Law School, where he was senior editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. He is a recurring visiting professor at Central European University in Budapest and at the University of Adelaide Law School. He has for several years helped organize certificate training programs in religion and the rule of law in China and in Vietnam and has taught and helped organize programs at several Indonesian universities on sharia and human rights. Author of more than 100 articles and book chapters, he has made more than 300 scholarly presentations in 30 countries. His casebook, *Law and Religion: National, International and Comparative Perspectives* (with Cole Durham, 2nd English edition forthcoming 2017), has been translated into Chinese and Vietnamese, with Turkish, Burmese, and Arabic in process. He is an author with Elizabeth Clark of *Religion and Law in the USA*, a 2016 contribution to Wolters Kluwer's International *Encyclopaedia of Laws*.



Jefferson Shupe, Utah State Co-Coordinator, Braver Angels

Jefferson's passion for working across boundaries was evident in Switzerland as a young missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. There, he established a weekly partnership with a local Catholic charity. Missionaries lifted and packed the heavy crates with items prepared by the elderly women of the parish, to be shipped to developing nations. He is the author of the successful YA novel *The Bathwater Brigade*, which he wrote for his kids. Through the backdrop of a racial tragedy in a college town, the reader learns not just how, but why to seek out nuance in a complex world, and how finding good intentions on the opposite side can change everything. Jefferson gives workshops to parents and students on finding common ground and other skills that prepare them to confidently engage in modern society. He currently serves as Utah State Coordinator (Red) for Braver Angels and lives with his wife Stacie and four teenage and young adult children in Ogden, Utah.



Noah Silverman, Vice President of Strategic Communications, Interfaith America

An Interfaith America leader since 2005, Noah currently oversees the Marketing & Communications and Learning teams as Vice President of Strategic Communications. Over his years at IA, Noah has launched academic initiatives, executed organizational partnerships, co-designed and launched internal training seminars, and served as an overall interfaith leader and thinker. He holds an MA in religion and has contributed to international interfaith work for over two decades, including working with Auburn Seminary, Religions for Peace, the Parliament of the World's Religions, the Interfaith Encounter Association, Seeds of Peace, and the Tony Blair Faith Foundation. Noah has consulted with dozens of institutions, developed multiple interfaith curricula, and published on the methodology of interfaith engagement, including co-editing *Interreligious/Interfaith Studies: Defining a New Field* (Beacon Press, 2018). A native Chicagoan, Noah enjoys his time with his wife and two sons and rethinking Jewish communal education.



Elyse Slabaugh, Rising Generation Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies

Elyse Slabaugh is a recent graduate of the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. She grew up in a military family and spent most of her teenage years living abroad in Italy. While working at the International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS) as an undergrad, she became interested in attending law school and advocating for religious freedom. During her time in law school, Elyse had the opportunity to be a research fellow for ICLRS, serve on the Center's Management

Board and Executive Committee, and participate in three international moot court competitions on religious freedom. She has also worked with several other ForB organizations, including IRF Secretariat, Global Peace Foundation, and Bellwether International, and has published an article in the *BYU Law Review* on religious freedom in American prisons. Elyse is currently serving as a Rising Generation Fellow with ICLRS, where she is involved in various initiatives to educate, inspire, and connect the rising generation about matters of freedom of religion or belief.



Hannah Clayson Smith, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Hannah Clayson Smith joined the International Center for Law and Religion Studies as Associate Director in 2023. Hannah has been involved with the Center throughout her legal career: she was a law student research assistant to Professor Cole Durham when the Center was founded in 2000; she later served as a Senior Fellow, on the International Advisory Council, and as the National Coordinator for the Religious Freedom Alliance Council. Hannah joins the Center following two clerkships at the U.S. Supreme Court for Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel A. Alito, Jr., and a distinguished decade of service as Senior Counsel at Becket Law. Hannah brings to ICLRS an unparalleled record of service to religious liberty. She was a member of the legal teams that secured victories in key U.S. Supreme Court religious liberty cases, including *Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. EEOC*, *Holt v. Hobbs*, *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, and *Zubik v. Burwell* (the Little Sisters of the Poor case). She has contributed to over 25 Supreme Court briefs and represented more than 13 major faith groups including Anglicans, Assemblies of God, Baptists, Catholics, Hindus, Hutterites, Jews, Latter-day Saints, Lutherans, Muslims, Russian Orthodox, Santeros, and Sikhs. Hannah has received numerous awards for her religious freedom advocacy, including BYU's Alumni Achievement Award, the J. Reuben Clark Law Society's Women-in-Law Leadership Award, and the Center for Constitutional Studies' James Madison Award. As a law student, she received the J. Reuben Clark Award and the Law Faculty Award for Meritorious Achievement and Distinguished Service. Hannah has testified twice before Congressional committees on religious freedom issues: first, before the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of then-US Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, analyzing his free exercise and establishment clause jurisprudence; and second, before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution. She has briefed policymakers on religious freedom at the 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 have appeared 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. Following law school and in between clerkships, Hannah was an associate in private practice at national law firms in Washington D.C.



Adam Smith-Cairns, Product Marketing Manager, Service Now

Adam Smith-Cairns has had a multifaceted career within technology companies, where he has worked in various roles including product and creative marketing, instructional design, training, and product management. He has also ventured into entrepreneurship as a small business owner and has diverse experience as a martial arts trainer, life coach, professional marketing writer, and life skills author, notably for his work “Kryptonite Factor.”

Adam’s journey with ServiceNow began with his involvement in the Interfaith Employee Belonging Group (EBG). He was asked to serve on the Interfaith Council as the LDS representative and subsequently took on the role of Interfaith Global Co-Chair for two years. He is currently serving in another leadership capacity as the Global Lead for Belief-Connect Groups. Adam’s religious experience includes serving a full-time mission for his church in Rosario, Argentina. He has held various leadership positions, guiding youth, managing local congregations, and leading training programs focused on teaching and self-reliance. Among his many roles, his favorite has always been that of a teacher and mentor. He has a passion for learning about different belief systems and strives to celebrate both the commonalities and unique aspects of various beliefs and behaviors.



Shawn Trotter, Vice President, Global Inside Sales Academy, Dell Technologies

Shawn Trotter is Vice President of the Global Inside Sales Academy within Dell Technologies, where she has dedicated over 25 years to fostering excellence and innovation. Her journey at Dell Technologies has been characterized by her leadership across many sales divisions, including the Channel, Federal, K12, and State and Local Sales divisions in North America. In her current role, Shawn is tasked with the roles of talent acquisition, mentorship, and the development of inside sales and technical professionals. Shawn is co-founder of two Employee Resource Groups: the Veterans Employee Resource Group and the Interfaith Employee Resource Group. Since its inception in 2019, the Interfaith Employee Resource Group has expanded to include over 3,000 members in 45 countries. Shawn continues to serve as the Global Executive Co-chair, leading a team of 70 in the Interfaith Leadership Team. On a personal note, Shawn celebrates a fulfilling life with her husband, Wil, to whom she has been married for 31

years. Together, they have two children, Drake, 30, and Matteson, 20, and cherish the joy of their grandchild, Deklyn, aged 2. Shawn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Concordia University of Austin and holds certification as a Professional Coach. Her passion extends beyond her professional endeavors into community leadership, where she acts as the Chief Operating Officer for the Drake Foundation and holds a position on the Board of Directors for the Lone Star Paralysis Foundation.



Chad Webb, Administrator of Seminaries and Institutes of Religion, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Chad Webb was born and raised in Southeastern Idaho and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Veracruz, Mexico. He and his wife, Kristi, are the parents of six daughters and have two grandchildren. He has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Brigham Young University. He taught released-time seminary in Salt Lake City, Utah and institute in Salt Lake City, Ogden, Utah, and the Washington D.C. area. Since 2008 he has served as Administrator of Seminaries and Institutes of Religion for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Webb has been called as the first counselor in the General Sunday School Presidency of the Church and will begin his service in August 2024.



Jean Darlae Yim, Graduate Student, Fuller Theological Seminary

Jean is a third-year student in the Doctor of Psychology program at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA. Her clinical experience includes psychotherapy with individuals and couples in community mental health, neuropsychological assessment with children, adolescents, and adults, and spiritual direction and counseling within her church community. Prior to this program, she obtained a Master of Arts in Theology and a Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Talbot School of Theology (Biola University). She has also taught intensive English courses at UCLA and Cal State LA after completing a Master of Arts in TESOL. Her research and clinical interests include the integration of psychology with faith and spirituality, and she endeavors to provide holistic, incarnational care for the wounded as a wounded healer herself.