

## Bios

### for the *Symposium on Same-Sex Marriage and Gay Adoptions: Inclusion, Compromise, Protection, and Consequences*, at **BYU Law School, November 2, 2007**

**Annette Ruth Appell** is a William S. Boyd Professor of Law and Associate Dean for the Clinical Studies Program at the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She has published over two dozen articles, essays and book chapters regarding adoption, child welfare, parental rights, and children's rights and advocacy. She serves on the editorial board of the *Juvenile and Family Court Journal* and the *Adoption Quarterly*, where she was the founding editor of the Legal Intersections column. She currently teaches constitutional law and child welfare clinic.

**Stephen T. Black** is a Professor of Law at the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, NH. He has over fifteen years experience in the areas of state, federal, and international taxation. He has taught at the University of Idaho, Syracuse University, the University of Washington, and Utah State University and is an instructor for the Center for Tax Studies. Professor Black has published articles in prominent journals and law reviews and is one of the authors of *Family Law in Utah*<sup>TM</sup>, which is used by the courts and by attorneys in Utah (and is now in its second edition). His most recent article, "A National Tax Bar: An End to the Attorney-Accountant Tax Turf War" appears in the *St. Mary's Law Journal*. Professor Black is a frequent speaker on tax issues to the media, professionals, government and business leaders, and is a Vice-Chair of the Teaching Taxation Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation.

**David Blankenhorn** is the founder (1987) and president of the Institute for American Values, a private, nonpartisan organization devoted to contributing intellectually to the renewal of marriage and family life and the sources of competence, character, and citizenship in the United States. In 1994, Blankenhorn helped to found the National Fatherhood Initiative, serving as that organization's founding chairman. He also serves on the board of directors of the National Parenting Association. In 1992, he was appointed by President Bush (41) to serve on the National Commission on America's Urban Families. The *New York Times* describes Blankenhorn as a "consensus builder for a moral base in society." *USA Today* describes Blankenhorn as "leading a grassroots movement" to strengthen marriage (2000). The *Los Angeles Times* called him "the de facto navigator" of a new fatherhood movement. Mary Ann Glendon of Harvard Law School states: "No one writes about the crisis in American family life with more candor, intelligence, and sympathetic understanding than David Blankenhorn." Norval Glenn of the University of Texas calls Blankenhorn's 1995 book, *Fatherless America* "one of the most important and provocative books of this decade." Blankenhorn has co-edited four other books: *Rebuilding the Nest: A New Commitment to the American Family* (1990); *Seedbeds of Virtue: Sources of Competence, Character, and Citizenship in American Society* (1995); *Promises to Keep: Decline and Renewal of Marriage in America* (1996); and *The Book of Marriage: The*

*Wisest Answers to the Toughest Questions* (2001). His latest book is *The Future of Marriage* (2007) in which he argues, *inter alia*, that legalizing same-sex marriage is associated with national decline of marriage and family. Blankenhorn is a 1977 graduate (*magna cum laude*, social studies) from Harvard. In 1978, he was awarded an M.A. (with distinction) in comparative social history from the University of Warwick in Coventry, England. He served two years as a VISTA Volunteer. Blankenhorn lives in New York City with his wife, Raina, and their children, Raymond, Sophie and Alexandra.

**Dale Carpenter** is the Julius E. Davis Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota Law School. He teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional law, the First Amendment, sexual orientation and the law, and commercial law. Professor Carpenter was chosen the Stanley V. Kinyon Teacher of Year for 2003-04 and 2005-06 and was the Tenured Teacher of the Year for 2006-07. He was the Julius E. Davis Professor of Law for 2006-07 and the Vance K. Opperman Research Scholar for 2003-04. Since 2004, he has served as an editor of *Constitutional Commentary*. Professor Carpenter received his B.A. degree in history, *magna cum laude*, from Yale College in 1989. He received his J.D., with honors, from the University of Chicago Law School in 1992. At the University of Chicago he was Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Chicago Law Review*. He received both the D. Francis Bustin Prize for excellence in legal scholarship and the John M. Olin Foundation Scholarship for Law & Economics. Professor Carpenter clerked for The Honorable Edith H. Jones of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from 1992 to 1993. After his clerkship, he practiced as an associate at Vinson & Elkins in Houston and at Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin in San Francisco. He is a member of the state bars of Texas and California, and frequently comments on Constitutional and Sexual Orientation legal issues in the media.

**Shahar Lifshitz** is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University, Israel. He received a B.A. in Law and Psychology from Bar-Ilan University in 1996, and his Ph.D. in Law from the same institution in 2002. His doctoral dissertation, which was awarded *summa cum laude*, is titled *Contractual Regulation of Spousal Relationship in Civil Law*. Dr. Lifshitz was Visiting Scholar and Berkowitz Fellow at New York University Law School's Global Law School in the 2005-2006 academic year, and Visiting Professor of Law and Distinguished Fellow of Jewish Law and Interdisciplinary Studies at Cardozo Law School in 2006-2007. Dr. Lifshitz's areas of academic interest are contractual law, family law, and Jewish Law, especially the philosophical basis of these fields. In 2004, he won the Alon Excellent Scientist Scholarship, awarded by the Higher Council for Academic Studies in Israel, which fully sponsors young scholars in their university positions for three years. In 2005, he won the Rothschild Fellowship for post-doctorate study, as well as the Fulbright Award. Dr. Lifshitz is a researcher at the Israeli Institute for Democracy, which advances a process of legislation for an accepted constitution for Israel. His specific task is to formulate a proposed law to regulate the registration of secular spouses in a civil spouses register in Israel. He participates in the meetings of the Israeli Knesset Constitution, Law, and Justice Committee, and advises the legislators on family law issues. He is a member of the Israel Ministry of Justice legislative committee for the rights of children, and he was appointed a judge of the special court for adhesion contracts. Recently, his first book,

*Cohabitation Law in Israel from the Perspective of a Civil Law Theory of the Family*, published by Haifa University Press in 2005 (Hebrew), was awarded the Bahat Prize.

**JA (Robbie) Robinson** was appointed in 1982 as senior lecturer in the Law Faculty of the then Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education and was promoted to professor in 1989. He completed his PhD in 1986 on conscientious objection to military service. He teaches mainly law of persons and family law. He is also involved in the management of the faculty as director of professional services. In 2003 he received accreditation from the South African National Research Foundation and was appointed in 2005 on the Executive Committee of the International Society of Family Law. He received various grants and scholarships from institutions in South Africa, Germany, Belgium and Holland and lectured a course in Children's Rights in 2001 at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam.

**Bradley Smith** matriculated from Grey College Bloemfontein in 1996, obtained his B.Com degree (*cum laude*) in 1999, his LL.B (*cum laude*) in 2002, and his LL.M (*cum laude*) in 2006. He was the recipient of the Dean's Medal and the Free State Bar Association's award for the best LL.B student in 2002, and again received the Dean's Medal for the best LL.M student in 2006. He was appointed to the Department of Private Law at the University of the Free State in November 2002. He teaches Family Law and the Law of Trusts at both under- and postgraduate level. He has delivered papers dealing with various aspects of private law at both national and international conferences, has authored a number of accredited research publications and also delivers guest lectures at other South African universities from time to time. His current family law research focuses on the consequences of the recognition of same-sex marriages in South Africa. He has been admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa, and is a member of the South African Academy of Science and Arts and the Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa.

**Lynn D. Wardle** is the Bruce C. Hafen Professor of Law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University. He also has taught and lectured at other law schools in the United States, Scotland, Japan, Australia, and China. His scholarship focuses on Family Law, Conflict of Laws, Biomedical Ethics and Law, and American Constitutional History. He has served as President (2000-2002) of the International Society of Family Law (an international learned society for family law scholars), and is a member of the American Law Institute. He has testified before Committees of the U.S. Congress and state legislatures about various family policy issues including the federal and state Defense of Marriage Acts, and has published extensively in law reviews about same-sex marriage and lesbian adoption policy issues and interjurisdictional recognition issues. He is a author, co-author, or co-editor of nine scholarly or professional books or treatises and over 100 law review articles and book chapters dealing with family law and related issues.

**Robin Fretwell Wilson** is a Professor of Law at Washington & Lee University School of Law, where she teaches in the areas of family law, insurance, children and violence, and law and

social science. She is the editor of two recent books, RECONCEIVING THE FAMILY: CRITICAL REFLECTIONS ON THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE'S PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF FAMILY DISSOLUTION (Cambridge University Press, 2006), AND THE HANDBOOK OF CHILDREN, CULTURE & VIOLENCE (Sage Publications, 2006, with Nancy Dowd and Dorothy Singer). Her work on child maltreatment and child welfare has appeared in the CORNELL LAW REVIEW, the EMORY LAW JOURNAL, the SAN DIEGO LAW REVIEW, the WASHINGTON & LEE LAW REVIEW, and numerous peer-reviewed journals. Professor Wilson has served as the Chair of the Section on Law, Medicine & Healthcare of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), and as a member of the Executive Committee of the AALS' Section on Family and Juvenile Law.