

BIOS of Participants
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Scott Hancock Clark, A.B., Certificate of International Relations, with “Honors,” *magna cum laude*, University of Utah, 1970. *Phi Beta Kappa*, *Phi Kappa Phi*, *Pi Sigma Alpha*, Hinckley Institute of Politics Fellow, 1970. J. D. University of Chicago Law School, 1973, Edwin F. Mandel Legal Society, 1971-1972. Ford Foundation Fellow 1971. Director, Ray, Quinney & Nebeker, P.C.

President, Utah Arthritis Foundation, 1980-1981. Member, Utah State Board of Child & Family Services, 1994-2000 (Chairman, 1996-2000). Utah Fatherhood Council’s “Father of the Year,” 2002. Distinguished Alumnus, Utah Rotary Club 2003.

Married Mary Beth Clark, 1974. 21 adoptive children (12 boys, 9 girls) aged 4 years to 37 years. The Clarks’ adoptive children have multiple racial and ethnic backgrounds and some have physical and mental disabilities. Eight “Eagle” Scouts.

Chris Clem, is a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives. He grew up in a traditional family as the oldest of 3 children. His youngest sister was adopted. He graduated from high school in 1987, from University of Tennessee with a B.S. in 1990, and from the University of Tennessee School of Law in 1992. He also earned his certification as a Public Accountant in 1994. He currently practices law in both Tennessee and Georgia. His law firm

probably accounts for 80% of the adoptions in South East Tennessee. He has been married for 8 years to Liz Johnson Clem. They have a 2 year old son and a 4 year old daughter. Mr. Clem I was first elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in November of 2000. I was reelected in 2002 and in 2004. I am currently the sponsor of legislation pending in the Tennessee Legislature which would prohibit homosexual adoptions. This legislation is modeled after Florida's statute.

Catherine Connolly is the Director of the Women’s Studies Program and Professor of Sociology at the University of Wyoming. She received her J.D. (1991) and PhD (1992) degrees from the SUNY-Buffalo. She has published several articles on the topic of gay and lesbian families and the law, and is currently completing a book project.

William C. Duncan is the director of the Marriage Law Foundation. He formerly served as acting director of the Marriage Law Project at the Catholic University of America’s Columbus School of Law and as executive director of the Marriage and Family Law Research Grant at J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, where he also served as a visiting professor. He has published numerous articles on constitutional and family law issues in a variety of legal journals.

Cynthia R. Mabry (JD., 1983, Howard University School of Law; LLM., 1996, New York University School of Law) has been a full-time law teacher since 1993. Currently, she teaches Civil Procedure, Pretrial Litigation, Appellate Advocacy, Children and the Law and Family Law at Howard University School of Law (Howard). She taught an Adoption Law course at Syracuse University College of Law during the fall semester of

2004 and she expects to teach that course at Howard on a regular basis. Professor Mabry has taught at several prestigious American law schools including New York University School of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law, the University of Florida College of Law, Syracuse University College of Law and West Virginia University College of Law. She was Student Articles Editor of the Howard Law Journal at Howard. Afterward, she was a judicial law clerk at state and federal courts in the District of Columbia and Detroit, Michigan. She practiced law for seven years in the District of Columbia at law firms and with the federal government. Professor Mabry has written several law review articles on a variety of family law issues. Many of those publications focus on children's rights. Professor Mabry is a co-author of an adoption law casebook that will be published in the summer of 2006. Professor Mabry also has been a volunteer mediator for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia's Family Division since 2001. She has received more than one hundred hours of training in mediation. She specializes in mediating cases involving divorce and property issues and issues that affect children such as visitation, child support and custody.

Janice Kay McClendon graduated from University of Utah College of Law with honors in 1996 and received the degree of Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University School of Law in 1997. While at the University of Utah, she was a William H. Leary Scholar. Professor McClendon is a member of the Order of the Coif. After completing her degree of Master of Laws in Taxation, Professor McClendon clerked for the Honorable Judge David Laro of the United States Tax Court in Washington, DC. Professor McClendon received her Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude from University of Texas in 1987.

David D. Meyer, Mildred Van Voorhis Jones Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law at the University of Illinois College of Law, has written widely on topics at the intersection of constitutional law and family law. His recent articles have appeared in the *University of Chicago Legal Forum*, *Minnesota Law Review*, *UCLA Law Review*, and *Vanderbilt Law Review*, among other journals. Professor Meyer <mailto:dmeyer@law.uiuc.edu> received his B.A. in History with Highest Honors and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Michigan, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Michigan Law Review*. He clerked for Judge Harry T. Edwards on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for Justice Byron R. White on the U.S. Supreme Court. He also served as a Legal Advisor to the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague and practiced law in Washington, D.C., and Chicago before joining the Illinois faculty in 1996. In the summer of 2006, Professor Meyer will serve as United States Co-Reporter on Family Law at the Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

George Rekers (Ph.D., UCLA, 1972; Th.D., University of South Africa, 1997) is Distinguished Professor of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science Emeritus at the University of South Carolina and a Fellow of the Academy of Clinical Psychology. He

has over 100 academic publications, including the Handbook of Child and Adolescent Sexual Problems (Simon & Schuster). His work has been supported by fellowships, contracts, and grants exceeding one million dollars. Previously, he served as a Research Fellow at Harvard University.

Walter R. Schumm, Ph.D. (Purdue University, 1979) has taught at Kansas State University for 25 years. His publications include one edited book, a published autobiography, and over 250 journal articles and book chapters. His methodological criticisms have been applied to a range of topics from research on gay parenting to family violence, military vaccination programs, prescription drug effectiveness, Gulf War illnesses, and marriage education programming. After more than 30 years of military service, he retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a colonel in 2002. He lives on a small farm outside Manhattan, Kansas with his wife Kimberly and six of their seven children. His oldest son married in 2004 and works for the Riley County Police Department.

Mark Strasser teaches family law and constitutional law at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio. His research often involves the constitutional aspects of laws adversely affecting the families of sexual minorities.

Paul Vlaardingerbroek is Professor of Law (Family and Juvenile Law) in the Private Law Department of Tilburg University, The Netherlands. For more than twenty years he has taught family law and has published extensively especially regarding issues relating to children and the law. He also serves as a deputy judge in the Court of Appeal in Den Bosch and as a deputy judge in the District Court in Rotterdam. He has served for more than fifteen years as an officer of the International Society of Family Law, and currently is the President of the ISFL (with more than 550 members in 60 nations).

Lynn D. Wardle has taught since 1978 at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University and has visited at other law schools in the United States, Scotland, Japan, Australia, and China. His teaching and research focus on Family Law, Conflict of Laws, and related subjects. He has served as President of the International Society of Family Law (an international learned society for family law teachers), 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 co-editor of *Marriage and Same-Sex Unions* (Praeger 2003) and author, co-author or editor of eight other books or treatises and many articles dealing with family law and related policy issues.

Richard G. Wilkins is the Managing Director of the World Family Policy Center, Brigham Young University. He is a Professor of Law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School in Provo, Utah, where he has written extensively on constitutional law, international law, family policy, federal jurisdiction and legal advocacy. He is a former Assistant to the Solicitor General, United States Department of Justice.

Since founding the World Family Policy Center in 1997, Professor Wilkins has organized a series of world-wide interdisciplinary meetings on questions of family policy. Most recently, he served as Chair of the NGO Working Committee for the Doha International Conference for the Family. The Conference negotiated and adopted the Doha Declaration, which reaffirms the international community's commitments to the natural family. The Doha Declaration was noted by the UN General Assembly at its December 6, 2004, Special Session on the International Year of the Family.

Professor Wilkins has presented major papers at conferences in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North and South America, and Scandinavia. He has taught a course on international human rights in Beijing, China, and has made presentations to numerous UN bodies and commissions, including the UN General Assembly, the Commission on Social Development and the Commission on Human Settlements. He has testified before legislative panels in Australia, the European Union, Sweden and the United States and has assisted various governmental and non-governmental advisory committees on issues related to the new Constitution for the European Union.

Professor Wilkins is married to Melany Moore Wilkins, who holds a Masters Degree in Social Work. They are the parents of four children and have two grandchildren.

Camille S. Williams is Administrative Director of the Marriage & Family Law Research Grant at the J. Reuben Clark Law School. She completed at Brigham Young University a B.A. and an M.A. in English (1974, 1976, respectively), and a J.D. in 1994. She is an Assistant Provo City Attorney, and has had a small solo practice in mostly family law. She teaches family law for undergraduates, and has participated in professional seminars on law and topics related to the family. She has also taught courses at Brigham Young University in Shakespeare; in reading, reasoning and writing; in ethics and rhetoric; and in the philosophical roots of American feminisms. Her research and writings are on family and women's issues, with an emphasis on the mother-child relationship.

She is the author of "Planned Parent-Deprivation: Not in the Best Interests of the Child," 4 *Whittier Journal of Child & Family Advocacy* ____, and her published work includes chapters in *The Family, The Law, and the New Millennium* (1999); *The Silent Subject: Reflections on the Unborn in American Culture* (1996), and *The Bill of Rights: A Bicentennial Assessment* (1994); she has also published articles in *First Things* and *The World & I*, as well as in *Meridian Magazine* (<http://www.meridianmagazine.com>).