

## **About the Presenters**

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Lili and Chris  
Anderson

Christian Anderson, MSW and Lili De Hoyos Anderson, MSW, Ph.D. are both licensed clinical social workers. Chris has provided individual, marriage, and family therapy in agency and private practice for over 25 years. Chris has also specialized in Crisis Response, participating in a number of relief efforts including the Columbine High School shootings, the World Trade Center attacks, the Indonesia Tsunami, and Hurricane Katrina. Lili, a full-time wife and mother for almost 20 years, now has a full-time private practice treating individuals, marriages, and families and teaches part time for the BYU School of Family Life. The Andersons write, present, and offer seminars separately and together. Chris and Lili are the parents of eight and grandparents of ten.

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Dean Byrd

Dr. Byrd is Clinical Professor, University of Utah School of Medicine with appointments in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, the Department of Psychiatry as well as an adjunct appointment in the Department of Family Studies, also at the University of Utah. He received his academic training at Spartanburg Methodist College, Brigham Young University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Medical College of Virginia, Loyola University and the University of Utah. He is the author of 4 books and more than 100 journal articles, book chapters, book reviews and opinion editorials.

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Allan Carlson

Allan Carlson is President of The Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society in Rockford, Illinois. He holds his Ph.D. in Modern European History from the Ohio University. He is the editor of The Family in America monograph series and a contributing editor to Touchstone magazine. His books include The Swedish Experiment in Family Politics: The Myrdals and the Interwar Population Crisis (1990), Fractured Generations: Crafting a Family Policy for Twenty-first Century America (2005), and Conjugal America: On the Public Purposes of Marriage (forthcoming in September 2006).

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Bryce Christensen A native of Mt. Pleasant, Utah, Bryce Christensen earned his Ph.D. at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The founding editor of *The Family in America* published by the Howard Center (Rockford, Illinois), Dr. Christensen has since 2001 been a member of SUU's English department, where he is assistant professor of composition. Author of *Utopia Against the Family* (Ignatius, 1990) and *Divided We Fall: Family Discord and the Fracturing of America* (Transaction, 2005), Dr. Christensen has published articles in *Philosophy and Literature*, *Christianity and Literature*, *Renascence*, *Modern Age*, and other journals. He and his wife are the parents of three sons.

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Louis DeSerres Louis DeSerres, B.A., M.B.A., is involved on the front lines of the marriage debate in Canada, participating in efforts to reverse current legislation allowing same-sex marriage. He is co-founder and director of Preserve Marriage - Protect Children's Rights ([www.preservemarriage.ca](http://www.preservemarriage.ca)). He also serves as Québec Regional Director for Vote Marriage Canada, a non-partisan organization lobbying in favor of man-woman marriage in Canada. Earlier this year, he testified at the Judiciary Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature on the Marriage Amendment: "How heterosexual marriage protects children's rights and best interests – Does marriage need a constitutional definition?"

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Brenda Destro Brenda Destro earned a Masters of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and a Doctor of Social Work at the Catholic University of America. Brenda is a past Deputy Director of the National Council for Adoption. She now works at the Association of Adoption Professionals

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Robert Destro Robert A. Destro is professor of law and is director and founder of the Interdisciplinary Program in Law & Religion. He joined the faculty in 1982, and served as Interim Dean from 1999-2001. From 1983 to 1989, he served as a commissioner on the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and led the commission's discussions in the areas of discrimination on the basis of disability, national origin and religion.

He served as general counsel to the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights from 1977 to 1982, and as an adjunct associate professor of law at Marquette University from 1978-1982. From 1975 to 1977, he was engaged in the private practice of law with the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Cleveland, Ohio.

Professor Destro lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife Brenda and their two children, Gina and Mark.

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John R. Diggs	John R. Diggs, Jr., MD, Internist, Western Massachusetts
David Dollahite	David C. Dollahite, Ph.D. is Professor of Family Life at Brigham Young University where he has been an Eliza R. Snow University Fellow. He has been a visiting scholar at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Dominican University of California, and the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda in Gujarat, India. His scholarship focuses on religion and family life, Latter-day Saint family life, and faith and fathering. He and his wife, Mary, are parents of seven terrific kids.
Bill Duncan	William C. Duncan 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.
Scott FitzGibbon	Professor at Boston College Law School. J.D. from Harvard, B.C.L. from Oxford. Member of the Massachusetts Bar.
Ed Gantt	Edwin Gantt is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He received his doctorate in psychology at Duquesne University in 1998. He is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles and invited chapters examining the assumptions of egoism, determinism, and reductionism in contemporary psychological theory and practice. In particular, his work has addressed some of the ways in which these assumptions render psychological theory and therapeutic practice unable to adequately account for empathy, altruism, moral agency and meaning. His is also co-author (with Richard N. Williams) of the book <i>Psychology-for-the-Other: Levinas, Ethics, and the Practice of Psychology</i> . He and his wife have been married for 19 years and are the proud parents of four sons.

Matthew Holland

Matthew S. Holland is an assistant professor of political science at Brigham Young University where he teaches courses in political philosophy, ethics, and American political thought. He has published several articles and is currently completing a manuscript on how ideals of Christian love helped shape a number of America's most significant political speeches. He spent the last academic year at Princeton University as a James Madison Fellow starting a second research project on what it would mean for public policy and constitutional interpretation today if liberal political theory took as seriously as the Founders did the notion that freedom was something to be preserved as well as enjoyed. Matt received his Masters (1997) and Ph.D. (2001) in political science from Duke University.

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Marianne Jennings

Marianne M. Jennings is a professor of legal and ethical studies in the W.P Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. She has taught there since 1977. She has served as a consultant to companies, government agencies and educational institutions. She writes a weekly column that is syndicated around the country. She is the author of *Business Ethics: Case Studies and Readings* (4th edition) as well as the forthcoming *A Business Tale: A Story of Choices, Success, Ethics and A Very Large Rabbit*.

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Lynn Marie Kohm

Lynne Marie Kohm (B.A. Albany, 1980, J.D. Syracuse, 1988) is the John Brown McCarty Professor of Family Law at Regent University School of Law. She has been licensed to practice law in NY, MA, VA, DC and FL after serving as a partner in the New York general practice firm of Webster & Kohm. Professor Kohm has taught Family Law at Regent University's law school since 1994, at William and Mary School of Law in 2000, and guest lectured at Cornell University in the 1990s. Her work has focused on legal research and scholarship on marriage, women's issues, children, and family issues, for which she received the Chancellor's Award at Regent University in 2005. She teaches courses in family law, bioethics, human life & death, and elder law. Her professional service includes the Virginia State Bar Family Law Section Board of Governors, the Virginia Bar Association Domestic Relations Council, the Chief Justice's Task Force on the Family Court in Virginia, and the Governor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect. <http://www.regent.edu/law/faculty/kohm.html>

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Charles Reid

Charles J. Reid, Jr. was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he majored in Latin, Classics, and History. Reid then attended the Catholic University of America, where he earned J.D. and J.C.L. (license in canon law) degrees. Reid then attended Cornell University, where he earned a Ph.D. in the history of medieval law under the supervision of Brian Tierney. His thesis at Cornell was on the Christian, medieval origins of the western concept of individual rights. In 1991, Reid was appointed research associate in law and history at the Emory University School of Law, where he has worked closely with Harold Berman on the history of western law. Reid has also pursued a research agenda involving scholarship on the history of western notions of individual rights; the history of liberty of conscience in America; and the natural-law foundations of the jurisprudence of Judge John Noonan.

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Charles Russo

Charles J. Russo, M.Div., J.D., Ed. D., is the Joseph Panzer Chair in Education in the School of Education and Allied Professions and Adjunct Professor in the School of Law at the University of Dayton. The 1998-99 President of the Education Law Association, he authored or co-authored more than 170 articles in peer-reviewed journals, authored, co-authored, edited, or co-edited twenty-two books, and almost 600 publications. Dr. Russo speaks extensively on issues in Education Law in the United States and has lectured in nineteen other countries on six continents. He has also taught summer courses in England and Spain and served as a Visiting Professor at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia; the University of Sarajevo, Bosnia; South East European University, Macedonia; and the Potchefstroom Campus of Northwest University in Potchefstroom, South Africa.

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Roger Severino

Roger Severino is Legal Counsel for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, an interfaith public-interest law firm based in Washington D.C. After graduating from Harvard Law School, Mr. Severino joined the Becket Fund in 2003 where he has worked on religious freedom cases under immigration, land-use, free speech, and international law. In addition to radio and television appearances, Mr. Severino has contributed articles on church and state for the Wall Street Journal, the New Republic Online, and Jewish World Review and has been quoted by the Chicago Tribune, World Magazine and the Weekly Standard. Before law school he received a Master's Degree in Public Policy with highest distinction from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelor's in Business Administration with honors from USC.

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Monte Stewart

Monte N. Stewart is president of the Marriage Law Foundation. He has served in the past as United States Attorney (Nevada), Special Assistant Attorney General (Utah), Director of the Rex E. Lee Advocacy Program at Brigham Young University's law school, and Law Clerk to the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Oxford University in June 2004 awarded Mr. Stewart a post-graduate degree with distinction for his work in constitutional and family law, and his Oxford thesis, "Judicial Redefinition of Marriage," was published in September 2004 in the Canadian Journal of Family Law. In June 2005, he published (with Bill Duncan) a scholarly critique of the "racial analogy" argument for genderless marriage. In January 2006, he published at Duke University the in-depth presentation of the social institutional argument for man/woman marriage and an analysis of the judiciary's treatment of that argument. He followed that up in July 2006 with another Duke publication on the same subjects, focusing on the New York courts. Since his return from Oxford in the summer of 2004, he has also presented at numerous conferences addressing different aspects of the marriage issue.

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Seana Sugrue is Associate Professor of Politics and Chairman of the Department of Politics at Ave Maria University. She came to Ave Maria University from Princeton University, where she was the Associate Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. Her research interests include civil liberties and constitutional governance, the role of law in the formation of a just society, civic institutions such as the family, and pro-life concerns. She teaches courses in Constitutional Law, American Civilization, International Relations, and Public Policy, among others. Dr. Sugrue holds the degrees of B.B.A. from Bishop's University, LL.B. from the University of Ottawa, and both LL.M. and D.C.L. from McGill University. She has taught at Princeton and McGill.

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Camille Williams

Camille S. Williams, Administrative Director of the Marriage & Family Law Research Grant, BYU Law School, is an Assistant Provo City Attorney, and has practiced family law, taught family law for undergraduates, and has participated in professional seminars on family law. She has authored articles in law journals dealing with planned parent-deprivation strategies of same-sex couples, state marriage amendments and the non-essential woman, family norms in adoption law, and why a federal marriage amendment may be a necessary condition for women's equality (forthcoming). She has also authored chapters in *The Silent Subject: Reflections on the Unborn in American Culture* (1996), and *The Bill of Rights: A Bicentennial Assessment* (1994).

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