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Biographies of Presenters, Panelists, and Participants

Scott Abbott is a professor of Integrated Studies in the Department of Philosophy and Humanities. Abbott holds a Ph.D. in German Literature from Princeton University and has taught at UVU since 2000. Abbott has published a wealth of articles, essays and translations, and has also won numerous awards. His translation of Peter Handke’s To Duration / Gedicht an die Dauer (Amsterdam: Last Books, 2015) was named “Best Book of the Year” by novelist and critic Gabriel Josopovici in the London Times Literary Supplement, November 26, 2015.

Anne Arendt is an Assistant Professor in Technology Management. Prior to that, she worked as the Web Resource Director in University Marketing and Communications. Before that position, she worked in Distance Education as a Resource Manager. In total, Anne has been at UVU for over 13 years. Before coming to Utah, she worked for Walden University in Minneapolis as the Director of Web and Application Development, and at Smyth Companies in Saint Paul as a Web Team Manager.

Jessica Awtrey is the Assistant Dean of University College at Utah Valley University. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy from Utah Valley University, and completed a Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Utah. Jessica is passionate about bureaucracy, and the political conventions that govern state institutions. Her research focuses on the role state legislatures play in publicly funded organizations, specifically higher education.

Lesi Baker is the Director of the UVU Library and the liaison for collection development for Education. She has held numerous professional appointments, including those affiliated with the Utah Academic Library Consortium, the Utah Library Association, and Utah Valley University. Lesli received the John Cotton Dana Award from the American Library Association in 2012, and has been honored with numerous awards from UVU.

Brian Birch is a professor of philosophy and the Director of the Center for the Study of Ethics at Utah Valley University (although on sabbatical during Fall 2016). He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Philosophy from the University of Utah (1990, 1992) and completed a Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion and Theology from Claremont Graduate University in 1998. He specializes in ethics, the philosophy of religion, and comparative religious thought. He is the founding editor of Teaching Ethics: The Journal of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum and among his current book projects is a volume entitled Radical Pluralism.

Brett Breton is an assistant professor of Psychology at Utah Valley University. He completed his doctoral work in Psychology from Brigham Young University. He also obtained a dual master’s degree in Counseling and School Psychology. Breton has worked in the leadership of the Multicultural Student Services department at UVU since 2000. His research includes cross-cultural studies, philosophical basis for psychological theory, and socio-cultural aspects of relationality and humanity.
Rodger Broomé is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Emergency Services. He holds a Ph.D in the Philosophy of Psychology from Saybrook University (San Francisco). Prior to teaching, Rodger was a Police Officer for the West Jordan Police Department as well as the Battalion Chief for the West Jordan Fire Department. Rodger is currently a member of the Utah Critical Incident Stress Management Team, as well as a reserve officer for the Woods Cross Police Department. Rodger’s academic interests include human science research, public safety/emergency responder psychology, existential-phenomenological psychology, and criminology.

Michael Bunds is an Associate Professor (and Chair) in the Department of Earth Science (he has been with UVU since 2001). Dr. Bunds holds a B.A. in Geological Sciences from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and M.S. in Geology from the University of California at Davis, and a Ph.D. in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Utah.

Fern Caka is the Department Chair of Chemistry. She received a M.S. and Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from Brigham Young University, and has been a faculty member at UVU since 2001. She has published works on the topics of the formation of sulfate in the desert southwest and the conversion of SO2 to sulphate in the atmosphere.

Jim Callison is an Associate Professor in the Department of Earth Science at Utah Valley University. He has been teaching and studying water-related issues since 1985. As an instructor in water treatment at the United States Penitentiary, Tucson, Dr. Callison’s students included drug kingpins, bank robbers, and cannibals.

Jared Chapman has 15 years of experience facilitating leadership development and employee performance as a coach, trainer, manager, and professor. His career focus has been creating environments where people can be effective and successful. Jared's broad work experience and education (including work as a general manager, production manager, instructional designer, technology specialist, and trainer) allow him to engage multiple perspectives when solving organizational issues.

Chris Clark serves as the chair of the Theatre Department and the executive producer for Robert Redford's Sundance Summer Theatre. Chris has studied with the Royal Shakespeare Company, Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre (London,) Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Second City Chicago, and Theatre Biomechanics (Italy and Austria). He has directed for the Utah Shakespeare Festival, Hale Center Theatre Orem, Hale Centre Theatre West Valley, Utah Valley University, Northcoast Repertory Theatre, Sundance Summer Theatre and Brigham Young University. He recently won the 2013 National Outstanding Director Award from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for his production of Vincent at Brixton. He has produced and traveled eight productions to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Janet Colvin is the Department Chair of Communication. She has worked in the field of communication for the last twenty years and is fascinated by the different factors that affect the world of communication and all that influences our ability to communicate in the world around us. Dr. Colvin has won numerous teaching and research awards including a Board of Trustees award for outstanding contribution to the university. She has published a book, journal articles and book chapters, as well as participating in regional and national and international conferences. She is currently serving on the National Communication Association task force on diversity and intercultural communication. Dr. Colvin has spent many hours working with international refugees in Utah. Her students participate in service learning with the refugees each semester in her intercultural communication course.
Raquel Cook is the current secondary education department chair for the School of Education. Dr. Cook has traveled the world in many capacities. Dr. Cook has led School of Education groups to the Navajo Nation.

Courtney Davis is the Interim Director of the Center for the Study of Ethics. She has taught at UVU since 2007 as both a lecturer and an assistant professor in the Department of Art & Design. She teaches a range of art history courses focusing on American and European art from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Also a licensed attorney, Courtney is passionate about topics related to arts management, freedom of expression, and copyright law. In recent years, Courtney has been honored with the UVU Faculty Senate Excellence Award and the Alumni Outstanding Educator Award, both for the School of the Arts.

Matthew R. Draper currently works as a Professor of Psychology in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Utah Valley University. He earned a doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin, and previously served as Director of Clinical Training at Indiana State University. His research interests focus on the theology and philosophy of well-being and how these ideas can be applied both within a psychotherapy setting as well as in daily life, particularly doctrines of love and compassion. Clinically he has worked in counseling centers, refugee trauma clinics, hospitals, and super-maximum security prisons. He currently maintains a private practice to apply the principles he teaches, and to inform his mentorship of his students in and out of the classroom.

Jacques d’Emal is a UVU Librarian, a position he has held for the past nine years. He is also the Chair of the UVU Committee for the Use of Copyrighted Materials. Before joining UVU, he was a librarian at South Texas Collage. Jacques holds a Master’s of Art in History from Texas A&M University and a Master’s of Library Science from the University of Arizona.

Steven Emerman is an Associate Professor in the Department of Earth Science at Utah Valley University. He was a Fulbright Professor at Tribhuvan University in Nepal and is a frequent visitor to Nepal. In the 1980s Dr. Emerman served in the military wing of the African National Congress and South African Communist Party in the areas of counterintelligence and psychological operations.

Elaine Englehardt is the Distinguished Professor of Ethics and a Professor of Philosophy at Utah Valley University. She has taught philosophy, ethics and communication classes at UVU since 1976. She has written and directed seven multi-year, national grants. Four large grants are in Ethics Across the Curriculum from the Department of Education’s FIPSE; and three are in Interdisciplinary Ethics from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her first NEH grant funded the beginning of the Ethics and Values core interdisciplinary course at UVU. From this work, she is considered the founder of the Ethics Across the Curriculum movement. She is author of more than eight books and co-editor of the journal Teaching Ethics. She has served in various administrative positions at UVU including Vice President, Dean and Director. She has served on Utah’s Judicial Conduct Commission for eight years, Utah Humanities Council for seven years and the Utah County Planning and Zoning Commission for 10 years. She has written and presented number papers and directed numerous grants.

Cori Evensen is a junior working towards a Bachelors of Arts in philosophy. She was introduced to the program through her affiliation with the honors program. Originally a ballroom major, she happened upon philosophy through the honors ancient legacies course, abandoned dance for reasoning, and has been unable to pull herself away ever since. She recently presented at a national undergraduate philosophy conference held last spring at SUU. And is working towards being accepted to a graduate program in Berlin, upon her graduation from UVU.
Douglas S. Gardner is an Associate Professor of Student Leadership and Success Studies at Utah Valley University in Orem Utah. Education background includes AA in Psychology, BS in Family and Human Development, Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership, and Ph.D. In Higher Education. He teaches classes that help students start college successfully, including Major and Career Exploration. His research interests focus on college access and success, first-generation college students, parent involvement, the generational transmission of the value of education, reading engagement, topics of work life balance, and career development. He is writing (a work in progress) an OER textbook for his Major and Career Exploration students.

Mason Garland is a senior at UVU and is double majoring in Biology and Philosophy. He has been in the Honors program since his sophomore year. Once he graduates, Mason plans on earning his Ph.D. in either Biology or Philosophy and then becoming a professor. Teaching is his passion and he hopes to one day contribute to improving our understanding of learning.

Madison Hanks is an undergraduate student at Utah Valley University studying Behavioral Science with an emphasis in Psychology. Her research interests include multicultural counseling, quality of mental health and education for marginalized groups, qualitative research methods, quantitative research methods and trauma work with minority and adolescent population. She is the President of the Black Student Union and has been a research assistant to Dr. Brett Breton & Dr. Matthew Draper.

Kirk O. Hanson is Executive Director of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University and John Courtney Murray S.J. University Professor of Social Ethics, positions he has held since 2001. In 2001, he took early retirement from Stanford University where he taught in the Graduate School of Business for 23 years and is now an emeritus faculty member. Hanson writes on managing the ethical and public behavior of corporations. He co-edited a four-volume series released in 2006 entitled The Accountable Corporation. His current research interests include the design of corporate ethics programs and the responsibilities of boards for the ethical culture of organizations. Hanson was the founding president of The Business Enterprise Trust, a national organization created by leaders in business, labor, media, and academia to promote exemplary behavior in business organizations; the first Chairman of the Santa Clara County Political Ethics Commission; and a weekly columnist on workplace ethics for the San Jose Mercury News. Hanson currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Skoll Community Fund, on the Advisory Board of the Neely Center for Ethical Leadership, and was the founding chair of the Advisory Board of the Center for International Business Ethics in Beijing, China's first center for the study of business ethics. He has twice chaired Stanford University's Committee on Investment Responsibility which advises the Stanford Board of Trustees on social investment issues. Mr. Hanson is a graduate of Stanford University and the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He has held graduate fellowships and research appointments at the Yale Divinity School and the Harvard Business School. He received an honorary doctorate in 2013 from the University of Portland and was honored by the Aspen Institute's Center for Business Education with a lifetime achievement award for contributions to business and society.

Senator Orrin G. Hatch has established himself as a leading voice in the United States Senate during his nearly four decades of public service. As the upper chamber’s most senior Republican, he currently serves as President Pro Tempore and as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. In this capacity, he is fighting to create jobs and strengthen the economy by streamlining the tax code and creating more opportunities for American businesses abroad. As a long-time member and former Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Hatch has also fought to check judicial activism and protect our liberties. One of Senator Hatch’s particularly noteworthy achievements on the Judiciary Committee is the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993—a bipartisan bill he co-authored with the late Senator Ted Kennedy. This landmark legislation prohibits substantial government burdens on the free exercise
of religion, allowing all Americans to live, work, and worship in accordance with their deeply held personal beliefs. In addition to protecting our individual liberties, Senator Hatch has long been on the front lines of legislative battles to protect our free-market economy and our system of limited government under the Constitution. His reputation as a statesman and his record of fiscal responsibility even earned him the nickname “Mr. Balanced Budget” from President Reagan. By all objective measures, Senator Hatch is one of the most effective and impactful legislators of modern times. Since he first came to Congress in 1977, no legislator alive today has sponsored more bills that have become law than Senator Hatch. Moreover, with his work in the current Congress, he shows no signs of letting up. Some of Senator Hatch’s most notable accomplishments in the 114th Congress include: permanent tax relief for families, small businesses, and entrepreneurs; the first long-term road infrastructure legislation in a decade, which neither raises taxes nor adds a dime to the deficit; a new legal framework for trade deals to expand exports and lower prices for consumers; and new intellectual property protections for valuable trade secrets, such as Café Rio’s recipe for its cilantro-lime ranch dressing or proprietary coding used by Utah’s tech firms. Of all Senator Hatch’s achievements, he is proudest of his family, and he credits the love of his wife and children as the key to his success. He and Elaine have been married for more than fifty years. Together, they are the parents of six children, 23 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Jorgen Hansen is the Interim Associate Director for the CSE and a Lecturer in the Philosophy Department at UVU. He graduated summa cum laude from UVU in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and was CHSS valedictorian. He earned a master's degree from University of California, Riverside in 2013. His primary research interests focus on issues in moral psychology, applied ethics, and pedagogy.

Tiffany Harris is the Program Coordinator of Volunteer & Service-Learning. Tiffany graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor of arts in speech communications. Promptly after graduating Tiffany starting working with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Salt Lake. She was there for over 10 years and enjoyed working with children and families on the west side of Salt Lake City. Tiffany then earned a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Utah. During her graduate studies she spent time connecting with local nonprofit agencies focused on community development. Tiffany is currently the Program Coordinator for the Volunteer & Service-Learning Center at Utah Valley University. She loves working with college students and providing a brave space for them to discuss social justice issues, expand their ideas, reflect, and become leaders.

Hilary Hungerford is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Earth Science at Utah Valley University. She has been working on water issues in West Africa for the past 15 years, having lived in multiple countries and interviewing thousands of people on water and environmental issues. One of Dr. Hungerford’s life goals is to live in Mongolia.

Vessela Ilieva is an Associate Professor of Education and serves as assistant dean for engagement at the UVU School of Education. Her teaching, service, and research are driven by her commitment to quality 21st century education for all learners, dedication to productive intercultural educational environments, and passion for providing opportunities for educational success in a global reality.

Armen Illikchyan is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Technology Management. He holds a Ph.D in Technology Management from Indiana State University and was a Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Engineering Technologies at Bowling Green State University. His research interests include the application of text and data mining techniques for quality improvement and the development of methods for assessing and improving the quality of unstructured data.
Sandy Jay is an Assistant Professor of Elementary Education. She has been a public educator for over 30 years with the majority of her time in grades K-8. She holds a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from Oklahoma State University and a doctorate from Florida State University. Dr. Jay has led School of Education groups to China.

Joseph Jensen is a Professor of Physics. Dr. Jensen did his undergraduate studies at Caltech and graduate work at the University of Hawaii in observational astronomy. After graduating he worked at the Gemini Observatory in Hawaii and Chile for 12 years. When Dr. Jensen came to work at UVU 7 years ago, he was chosen to be the Managing Editor for the Astronomical Society of the Pacific Conference Series. The ASP Conference Series is the premier publisher of proceedings of astronomical conferences and workshops around the world, and is among the top ten astronomical journals worldwide. Hundreds of thousands of readers download ASPCS articles every year through electronic media or read articles in printed books. Like other not-for-profit scientific publishers, the ASPCS is sensitive to issues related to copyright, archive management, open access, and government sponsorship of fundamental research.

Ethan Drake Johnson is a philosophy and history dual major and an honors student. He is currently interested in both the philosophies behind different radical politics as well the foundations of western thought in ancient Greece. He wishes to pursue philosophy and history at the graduate and professional level.

Russell Johnson is a Professional in Residence in Business Management. The founder of The Playful Leader, Inc., a leadership training company, Russ is a sought-after and compelling speaker and trainer who has spoken to major companies such as Disney, Microsoft, American Express, Caesar's Entertainment, E*Trade and many more. He also delivers "student engagement" seminars across the country. Russ has shared the stage with the likes of Jay Leno and Steve Young with groups as large as 400 business managers at corporate conferences. He is the author of two books on leadership, influence and engagement. He has degrees from BYU and Thunderbird Global School of Management.

Patience Kabamba is from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). He has worked as consultant for UNDP in Kinshasa on issues of proliferation of small arms and light weapons. For many years, he was counselor of prisoners and single mothers in Cameroon, DRC, Chad, Burkina Faso, and France. He taught at Emory University, at the University of Notre Dame, at the University of Johannesburg, at Marymount Manhattan College and as a visiting fellow in the Department of Anthropology at The University of Pennsylvania. He is now Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Utah Valley University. He did extensive fieldwork in the Great Lakes Region of Africa (Congo, Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda). His research is on new social formation emerging in war torn Africa when the state imploded. He is also expert on local structures of power and accountability in Africa.

Brian S. King is the Utah House of Representatives Minority Leader (D-UT). Representative King, a graduate from the University of Utah College of Law, has practiced law in Salt Lake City for 30 years, often representing individuals suing health, life, and disability insurers. Representative King has lectured across the country on the topic of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (“ERISA”), and was invited to testify before the Department of Labor in Washington D.C. regarding proposed changes to ERISA’s claims and appeals procedures. He has been the lead counsel in hundreds of trial and appellate cases, and has represented clients before the U.S. Supreme Court and in many Federal Circuit and District courts. In 2008, Mr. King was elected to the Utah State House of Representatives as the Democratic representative for District 28 in Salt Lake City. He currently serves as the Chair of the Judicial Conduct Commission for the State of Utah. Following the 2014 election, he was elected to be the Leader of the House Democratic caucus. He also serves on the Executive Offices and Criminal

Tami King proudly comes from Price, UT where she currently teaches a concurrent enrollment class for USU-E and Carbon School District. She is a mother of three, grandmother of three and wife to one. She is married to State Representative Brad King (not to be confused with Representative Brian King because that is how rumors get started). Tami has been serving on the Judicial Conduct Committee since February 2015 as a Public Member which she feels a privilege and honor of which to be a part.

Bernd Kupka is an associate professor of management for the Woodbury School of Business at Utah Valley University. Dr. Kupka’s teaching interests include (international) human resource management, training & development, organizational behavior, and organizational communication. Dr. Kupka’s research interests focus on all issues related to expatriation, the practice of sending corporate representatives on short- and long-term business assignments abroad. Dr. Kupka is the advisor to the UVU student chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management, and in 2013 he received the Civically Engaged Scholar Award.

Pierre Lamarche is a Professor of Philosophy and the Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Humanities. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin. He works primarily in 20th Century Continental Philosophy, in particular Existential Phenomenology, Critical Theory, and Post-structuralism and Post-Marxism. He also works in Marxism, Aesthetics, Skepticism, Philosophy of Literature, and Hellenistic Philosophy. He is currently completing revisions for Ontology of Boredom, for the SUNY Press and continuing work on Genealogy of Languor and In Praise of Superficiality.

Elena N. Laricheva is a Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry at UVU. She received a B.S. and M.S. in Organic Analytical Chemistry from St-Petersburg State University in Russia, followed by a Ph.D. in Computational Chemistry from Bowling Green State University. Prior to coming to UVU, she worked as a Post-Doctoral Research and Teaching Scholar at the University of Michigan, where she split her time between investigating the atomic-level mechanisms underlying protein functions and teaching undergraduate courses in general and physical chemistry. Her current research interests focus on the biochemistry of folate receptors – from understanding the mechanisms of their trafficking and rational design of antifolate drugs to elucidating their role in the sperm-oocyte recognition during mammalian fertilization."

Ryan Leick is an Assistant Professor specializing in air transport strategy and marketing at Utah Valley University in Provo, Utah, USA. He is a graduate of the Air Transport Management PhD program at Cranfield University and alumni of the School of Business at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach Campus. Dr. Leick draws upon industry experience in airline marketing, distribution and information technology acquired from working for entrepreneurial start-up and long-haul, low-cost carrier MAXjet Airways; legacy carrier United Airlines and privately held, niche carrier Aloha Airlines. Ryan lectures on the subjects of air transport marketing, operations and strategy.

Jeff Maxfield has consulted for billion dollar corporations and various government agencies throughout North America and Europe. He is a retired Chief Operations Officer/Assistant Chief for a metropolitan fire department, with approximately 25 years of service. Jeff served for four years as Associate Dean over the School of Public Services (Criminal Justice, Emergency Services, Forensic Science, and Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, and the Institute of
Emergency Services and Homeland Security). He currently is enjoying teaching and researching in the disciplines of public leadership and adult education.

**Brad Mertz** has worked in development at UVU for over 12 years. Before joining the Woodbury School of Business as the current Director of Development, Brad was the Associate Athletic Director for External Relations at UVU.

**Julie Parma** is an Integrated Studies Major studying American Sign Language, Anthropology and Philosophy. Julie participates in Food Not Bombs! in Salt Lake that gives away free donated/reclaimed food three times a week, no questions asked. They also do work with a number of other radical initiatives in Utah, such as helping to manage a radical lending library, the SLC Free Skool, and resisting Tar Sands development in Utah.

**Michael Patch** is the current elementary education department chair for the School of Education. He has led School of Education groups to Tonga and New Zealand.

**Jeff Peterson** is an Associate Professor of Business Management in the Woodbury School of Business, where in addition to teaching Organizational Behavior courses he teaches Business Ethics to both undergraduate and MBA students. Prior to coming to UVU, Professor Peterson had an extensive career in industry and has worked for or consulted for companies such as Intel, Microsoft, Boeing, Starbucks, Weyerhaeuser, and Premera Blue Cross. He is a strong proponent of the value of concerted self-reflection as a tool to help people live informed lives that embody ethical and moral behavior.

**Kate McPherson** is a Professor of English and Honor Program Director at UVU. She is co-editor of several scholarly essay collections about English Renaissance drama, and she also serves as Resident Scholar for the Grassroots Shakespeare Company, an original practices performance troupe begun by two UVU students. In recent years, Kate has been honored with the UVU Trustees Award, the College of Humanities & Social Sciences Faculty Excellence Award and the Alumni Outstanding Educator Award.

**Patrick Milligan** joined the faculty of Utah Valley University in January of 2015. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of Marketing for GameStop/Simply Mac. Mr. Milligan worked for Kraft Foods Global, Inc. for more than 20 years in many important capacities. Mr. Milligan has extensive brand marketing experience in managing some of the world’s most well-known consumer products. As a senior executive in a number of Fortune 100 companies, he is uniquely qualified to connect with industry leaders, advise students and faculty, assist in career placement, assess student readiness and provide marketing expertise in promoting the UVU-Woodbury School of Business brand. Professor Milligan was named the UVU Outstanding Educator of the Year for 2016 and in 2013, he was the recipient of the Utah Valley University-Pinnacle Award.

**Michael Minch** is a Professor in the Department of Philosophy & Humanities and has been the Director of Peace & Justice Studies. His research focuses on conflict transformation and peacebuilding (including negotiation and mediation, theories of violence, and reconciliation), theories of justice, and global justice. He also works in political and moral theory, and in particular, the connections between them; democratic theory and democratic peace theory, political ecology and political theology.

**Shannon M. Mussett** is Professor of Philosophy at Utah Valley University. She specializes in existentialism, German Idealism and feminist theory. She is co-editor of *Beauvoir and the History of Philosophy from Plato to Butler* (SUNY Press, 2012) and co-editor of *The Contradictions of Freedom: Philosophical Essays on Simone de Beauvoir’s ‘Les Mandarins’* (SUNY Press, 2006). She publishes
widely on Beauvoir and Hegel and is currently working on a manuscript detailing the philosophy of entropy.

Nicole Mouskondis is Co-CEO of Nicholas and Company, along with her husband, Peter. Nicolas and Company opened its doors in 1939, over 75 years ago with Peter’s grandfather, William (Bill) Mouskondis. They’ve been delivering products and services in the food service industry ever since. With 10,000 products and a seven-state territory, it is clear that their Greek passion and philotomos (love or honor in Greek) is the driving force in how they run their family business. In a time when statistics reveal that less than 3 percent of family businesses will continue into a fourth generation, Nicholas and Company is definitely unique. In 2015, Nicole and Peter Mouskondis were selected as the recipients of the Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award from UVU. The company has also received the Utah Worksite Wellness Platinum Award (2015), Best of State Winner Food Services and Distributor (2010-15), and Wasatch Front Top Workplaces (2014, 2015), among many other awards. Nicolas and Company is very active in community involvement, and as a company, they strive to make responsible decisions for future generations through their strong interest in sustainability. They are committed to sourcing options for the environmentally-conscious foodservice operator, and making it easier to obtain greener options.

Jeffrey Neilsen has taught philosophy at both Utah Valley University and Westminster College. Jeffrey was educated at Weber State University and Boston College. At Boston College, Jeffrey was a Teaching Fellow where he taught courses in logic and critical thinking, the history and philosophy of art and science as well as in ethics and epistemology. Jeffrey also consults with organizations helping them bring joy back into the workplace in order to unleash the full potential of all their people. He has consulted with companies around the world on corporate governance and management issues and assists organizations in developing peer-based managing, moral decision-making, and strategic problem-solving models. He authored the books, The Myth of Leadership: Creating Leaderless Organizations, published by Nicholas Brealey Publishing, and Deconstructing the Supermeme of Leadership: A Brief Invitation to Creating Peer-based Communities and Leaderless Organizations, which offer a new paradigm in peer-based management and joyful work.

Kraig Powell is a Republican member of the Utah House of Representatives, representing District 54 since 2009. Rep. Powell holds a J.D. from the University of Virginia Law School and a Ph.D. in Government from the University of Virginia. He worked as a Capitol Intern for the U.S. Senate Labor Committee, a Senior Law Clerk as the Illinois Supreme Court, a briefing attorney for the Texas Court of Appeals, and a City Attorney in Midway, Utah. As a representative, he serves on numerous committees, including the House Natural Resources, Agricultural, and Environment Committee; the House Political Subdivisions Committee; and the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee; among others.

Nicole Ortega is an Associate Professor in the Department of Dance. She teaches Ballet, Dance Education, and Repertory Ballet Ensemble. She is an active member and past president of the National Dance Education Organization and the Utah Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters. She served two years as the Secondary Endorsement Dance Representative for the Utah State Office of Education and has choreographed for Synergy Dance Company, Contemporary Dance Ensemble, Utah Regional Ballet, Utah Regional Ballet II, Boise State College, and Scera Shell Outdoor Theatre.

Richy Ramos is a history major and is expected to graduate in Fall 2016. He is the first in his family to complete a Baccalaureate degree. Richy is a member of the African Club and became the MC for the clubs first ever Africa Night Celebration. He was a member of the Pre-Law Club and has had the privilege to collaborate and work with attorneys and judges throughout the valley. This inspired him to work as an intern at the Orem Court as a Court Clerk and at Dexter Law as a Legal Assistant. He is
currently the Vice President of the Black Student Union (BSU) and aims to use all of his experiences to provide an opportunity for student to reach their goals.

**John Rees** is an Assistant Professor of Photography in the Department of Art & Design. His work has appeared in *Art Directors Club NYC, Communication Arts, Photo District News (PDN) Photo Annual, Print*, and *ID*. For the past 24 years he has worked with top national and international clients including work: Nike, Apple, Starbucks, Nordstrom, Weiden+Kennedy, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, American Express, Paul Mitchell, Philips, and Entrepreneur.

**Kyle A. Reyes** currently serves as Special Assistant to the President for Inclusion and Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Utah Valley University. Kyle’s work at UVU and research both focus on improving educational outcomes for historically underrepresented students. Dr. Reyes combines his three passions (education, art, and multiculturalism) to empower youth to become the authors of their own stories. Dr. Reyes has led School of Education groups to the Navajo Nation.

**Grant Richards** is a Professor of Behavioral Science. Dr. Grant Richards grew up on a dairy farm and completed a BS degree in Animal Science, then switched departments and completed an MS degree in Psychology. He worked for the Church Educational System for many years, teaching and supervising classes in jails, prisons, alternative schools and schools for the handicapped. During this time, he completed a doctorate in Educational Psychology from BYU. He then taught psychology and special education at Ricks College (now BYU Idaho) and then spent several years at BYU as Associate Director of Admissions and part time faculty. He came to UVU (then UVCC) in 1992. Dr. Richards teaches courses in mediation, communication, positive psychology and family studies. The mediation classes are service learning classes with students serving as mediators in small claims court and public schools and teaching parent/teen communication in the schools. Family studies students are serving as facilitators for a 14 week Strengthening Families Program conducted for local public schools.

**George Rudolph** is an Associate Professor in Computer Science. Dr. Rudolph received his PhD in Computer Science from BYU in 1995, with a focus on hardware implementations of neural networks, then went on to work as a programmer at Motorola for 7 years on a variety of projects including embedded systems. He then moved to The Citadel in Charleston, SC, where for the last 13 years he has taught computer science, AI robotics and embedded systems, to middle- and high school students, undergraduate and graduate students using Lego Mindstorms, Raspberry Pi, and MindCraft ComputerCraft. His current research interests include machine learning, supercomputing and cybersecurity.

**Eric J. Russell** is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Emergency Services at Utah Valley University teaching Servant Leadership for the Emergency Services and Homeland Security. Eric retired early as a Captain with the Department of Defense-Air Force Fire and Emergency Services with combined service of active duty military, DoD civil service, and reserve military. Eric holds a Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership and a Master of Science-Executive Fire Service Leadership from Grand Canyon University. Eric is the author of *The Desire to Serve: Servant Leadership for Fire and Emergency Services (2014)*, published by the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership & *In Command of Guardians: Executive Servant Leadership for the Community of Responders (2016)*, published by Springer International. He has published 50 trade and peer-reviewed articles on servant leadership, servant leadership within the fire and emergency services, and homeland security education. Eric has keynoted on the topic of leadership and leadership education for the fire and emergency services. He has spoken and presented research at peer-reviewed academic conferences in the areas of homeland security education, servant leadership, and servant leadership education.
Gregory Smith is a Professional in Residence in Human Resources Business Management.

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