

Learn to Lead Through Reaching Out

Utah Women's Leadership Speaker & Dialogue Series

September 8, 2016 (6:00-8:30 p.m.)

Ragan Theater, Utah Valley University

Panelists



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Commission on Service
& Volunteerism



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Are you interested in learning how to reach out to others in our communities, state, and beyond? Do you want ideas about how to serve refugees, those living in poverty, women and children who have survived abuse, or how to get involved in strengthening each other? If you're ready to be more engaged in your community, this is the event for you. Come and learn how you can prepare to influence and lead through reaching out. Dr. Susan R. Madsen, founder of the *Utah Women & Leadership Project*, will moderate a lively and engaging panel of community experts on this topic (6:00-7:15 pm). Then, you will pick up some light refreshments and move to rooms where you can eat and informally learn and discuss more about how to get involved in helping: (1) refugees, (2) those living in poverty, (3) women and children who have survived abuse, and (4) other Utah girls and women served by local and state initiatives. Representatives from nonprofits, government, and other community organizations will be there to provide ideas and resources. Bring your phones and iPads to access interactive online tools. Women (12 years and older) are welcome to attend (men who support them can come too)! Come listen, learn, laugh, eat, and dialogue!

The event will live stream as well (more info to come). Video recordings of the event will also be available after the event at www.uen.org and also rebroadcast on UEN-TV channel 9.1.

Panelist Bios

LaDawn Stoddard, Director, Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism

LaDawn Stoddard is the Director of UServeUtah. With a degree in business management and an extensive background in finance, she began working for the Commission in 2004 as the Grants Officer and then went on to fill the role of Development Director working not only with State AmeriCorps Programs, but also Citizen Corps, AmeriCorps VISTA, Youth Service, and other various service initiatives within the Commission. In 2007 she became the Utah State National Service program manager, working closely with numerous community organizations across the state, and in 2012 she became the Director. Early in her career LaDawn owned and managed a small business; she has also served on numerous boards and volunteer committees at both the national and local level, which has given her a unique perspective into the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

Ally Isom, Director of Family & Community Relations, LDS Public Affairs

Ally Isom is the director of Family and Community Relations for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her responsibilities include local business, interfaith, and community relationships, as well women's, LGBT, and race issues. Previously, Ally was deputy chief of staff, communications director and spokesperson for Utah Governor Gary Herbert. Her specialty was being at the nexus of communications, policy, and politics, then mapping strategy and messaging to mobilize key audiences. Before that, she served as government affairs director for the Utah Department of Workforce Services and as deputy director of the Utah Department of Community and Culture. She got her start in politics and policy by running numerous local and statewide political campaigns between babies. Ally graduated from BYU-Provo. She and her husband, Eric, have four children.

Anne Burkholder, CEO, YWCA Utah

As CEO of the YWCA Utah since 2000, Anne has led the century-old women's membership organization through a series of changes and accomplishments linked to family violence services, early childhood education, women's leadership development, and advocacy. In 2011 the YWCA took the lead in starting Real Women Run, and in 2014 the YWCA launched the Utah Women's Well-Being Initiative. Anne brings more than 25 years of nonprofit leadership and management experience to her work, as well as service on boards and commissions including the Utah Women in the Economy Commission. She has served as president of the boards of the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, the YWCA Southwest/Delta Region, and the Utah Nonprofits Association. Her academic studies focused on religion, philosophy, and ethics, and she earned several graduate degrees including a Master's of Divinity from Yale.

Chris Bray, Vice President of Collective Impact Operations, United Way of Salt Lake

Chris coordinates efforts of collective impact grants, contracts, oversees refugee work, collective impact investments, basic needs grants, 2-1-1 and works to measure, track and report outcomes in these areas. Prior to United Way, she was the CEO of Utah Nonprofits Association (UNA) for three years where she worked to unify, strengthen and elevate Utah's nonprofits. Chris has served for over 30 years in the nonprofit sector in a variety of nonprofit organizations and functioned on many national and local nonprofit boards. She is currently the past chair of the Utah Commission of Service and Volunteers (UServeUtah). She received her Master's Degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University, a Bachelor's Degree from Utah State University, a personal coaching certification from Franklin Covey, and a Certified Public Manager certification.

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