



Conference Presenters



Sean Brotherson, Ph.D. is a Professor and Extension Family Science Specialist with North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND. He served an LDS mission to South Korea and completed a 6-month Study Abroad program in Israel and the Middle East. He earned his BS and BA degrees in English and family science, and an MS in family science from Brigham Young University. He earned his PhD in human development and family studies at Oregon State University, and has worked at North Dakota State University since 1998. His work involves conducting family research and program evaluation, developing educational programs for children, couples, and families, and teaching university courses on relationships, parenting, families across cultures, and family life education. He has conducted research and published articles on early childhood education, marriage and divorce, parenting, family stress and well-being, family life education, family policy, and other family-related topics. He speaks frequently on healthy family living, writes regularly on family topics for public audiences, and develops educational materials to strengthen family relationships. He is the co-editor of the book *Why Fathers Count* (with Joseph White), and co-author of the parent education programs *Basic Beginnings*, *Bright Beginnings*, *Father Times*, and *Gearing Up for Kindergarten*. He has also served as a member of the North Dakota State PTA Board, member of the ND Alliance for Children’s Justice, and project director of the ND Family Life Education Project. Sean and his wife, Kristen, have been married for 26 years and are the parents of 8 children.

Stephen Duncan, Ph.D. is Professor in the School of Family Life at Brigham Young University. Steve specializes in strengthening marriages and families through outreach family life education. At BYU he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Family Life Education, Family Adaptability and Resiliency, Marriage Enhancement, and coordinates internships for the School of Family Life. He conducts research on marriage preparation, marriage and relationship education, and improving the practice of family life education. With colleague and coauthor H. Wallace (Wally) Goddard, he recently published the 3rd edition of *Family Life Education: Principles and Practices for Effective Outreach* (SAGE, 2017). In addition to teaching and research, he also oversees outreach family life education projects for the School. He directs the *Forever Families* website (www.foreverfamilies.byu.edu), and was director of content development for *Real Families, Real Answers*, a popular reality-based documentary series airing on BYU Television and numerous American public television stations, available as a complete series on DVD from Seagull Book and Deseret Book.



Scott Gardner, MFT, Ph.D., is currently Interim Dean of the College of Education & Human Development at BYU-Idaho. He was born and raised in Northern Nevada (around Reno). He has taught marriage and family classes for the past 10 years. He received his BS in Psychology from BYU, his MS in child and family development from the University of Georgia, and his Ph.D. in marriage and family therapy from Texas Tech. His work experience includes in-home family therapy with children and adolescents, adult male alcohol and drug treatment centers, children’s play therapy group at a domestic abuse shelter, and private practice in Marriage and Family Therapy in South Dakota. He also taught at South Dakota State University for 11 years and researched the effectiveness of marriage education programs for high school aged youth. His Ph.D. is in Marriage and Family Therapy. His interests include racquetball, snow skiing, and gardening. Most importantly, he celebrates his marriage of 29 years to his wife, Brenda.

Wallace Goddard, Ph.D. was recognized as one of the nation’s leading family life educators during his career as a professor of Family Life in Alabama and Arkansas. He was awarded the Arcus Outstanding Family Life Educator Award and granted Fellow status in the National Council on Family Relations. During his career, he developed creative programs on personal well-being, marriage, and parenting, including *Blueprint for Happiness*, *The Marriage Garden*, and *The Parenting Journey*. He created a television series on parenting for public television and has authored or co-authored several books including *Between Parent and Child*, *The Soft-Spoken Parent*, *Bringing Up Our Children in Light and Truth*, and *Drawing Heaven into Your Marriage*. He has written regular columns for *Meridian Magazine* for many years and is currently working on a book titled *Discoveries: Essential Truths for Relationships*. He and his wife, Nancy, have 3 adult children, 14 grandchildren, and have cared for many foster children.



Adam Hiné was a running back and kick returner for the BYU football team from 2011-2015. He was chosen for the Phil Steele All-Independent team multiple times. After returning a kick for a 99-yard touchdown in 2014, he was named the National Kick Returner of the Week. Adam also received the BYU Service Athlete of the Year award in 2015 for his volunteer work with youth throughout Utah and Nevada. Adam was born in Miami, Florida. He served an LDS mission in the Panama, Panama City Mission. In 2013, he married his wife Cassidy, and they now have two children. They live near Salt Lake City, Utah where Adam attends the University of Utah School of Dentistry. In his free time, Adam enjoys mountain biking, pottery and working on his old truck.



Loren Marks, Ph.D. is a professor in Brigham Young University's School of Family Life. His research interests have included religion and families, minority families, and family finance. He has authored 100 scholarly works including two books, *Sacred Matters* (with Wes Burr and the late Randy Day) and *Religion and Families* (with David Dollahite). His research on families has received national media attention from outlets including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. During his 13 years at LSU, he was twice nominated (in 2011 and 2014) by LSU for a national Carnegie (CASE) Professor of the Year Award. He is Co-Director (with Dr. David Dollahite) of the American Families of Faith Project.

Chloe Merrill, Ph.D. graduated with a Bachelors and Master Degree from Utah State University, and Doctorate from Colorado State University. She is Associate Dean for the Moyes College of Education and Professor in the Department of Child and Family Studies at Weber State University and also served as Department Chair for the Child and Family Studies department from 1987 to 1995 and again from 2009-2012. She is a member and active in numerous professional organizations. She is affiliated with civic and educational associations where she has or is currently serving as a board and committee member (Professional Woman Network; National Association of Female Executives; National Council on Family Relations; & American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences). As a motivational speaker, conference and workshop lecturer, she strives to educate all participants with knowledge that will help them throughout their lives. She is one of the co-authors in the books "Self-Esteem and Empowerment for Women," "You're on Stage! Image, Etiquette, Branding & Style," "Women's Journey to Wellness: Mind, Body, & Spirit," "Women's Survival Guide for Overcoming Obstacles, Transition & Change," and "Women as Leaders: Strategies for Empowerment & Communication" all published by the Professional Woman Publishing.



Mark Ogletree, Ph.D. was raised in Texas and joined the Church at age 18. He served an LDS mission from 1982-1984 in Seattle, Washington. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1987 from Brigham Young University; Master of Arts in Educational Psychology from Northern Arizona University, 1990; Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling in 1994 from Northern Arizona University; and a Ph.D. in Family and Human Development from Utah State University in May 2000. In 2010, he accepted a position at Brigham Young University as an Associate Professor in the Department of Church History and Doctrine. At BYU, he teaches courses on the Eternal Family and Living Prophets. He has published several books and articles on marriage and family relationships. Some of his most recent books include, *No Other Success: The Parenting Practices of David O. McKay*, *Preparing for Your Celestial Marriage*, *Just Married*, and *Raising an Army of Helaman's Warriors*. He is presently the bishop of his ward in Provo, Utah. He is married to the former Janie Cook, and they have 8 children, and 10 grandchildren.



David Schramm, Ph.D. was born and raised in Payson, Utah. After serving a mission in Jacksonville, Florida, he married his high school sweetheart, Jamie, in the Salt Lake Temple, and they are the parents of four children. He earned degrees from Utah Valley State College, Brigham Young University, Utah State University, and a Ph.D. in Family Studies from Auburn University. He worked as a professor and Family Life Extension Specialist at the University of Missouri for nine years, teaching relationship, parenting, marriage, and divorce education in classrooms and in workshops around the state of Missouri. In June of 2016, he accepted a faculty position at Utah State University and the Schramm fam lives in North Logan. Since arriving at USU, He has been appointed by Governor Herbert to serve on Utah's Commission on Marriage and he conducts trainings around the state on a variety of family life topics. His work centers on promoting personal well-being and happy and healthy relationships, including romantic and marital relationships, parent-child relationships, and coparenting relationships for separated or divorced parents. He was called to serve as the bishop of a newly created ward in North Logan this past January. His greatest joys are experienced while spending time with his wife Jamie and their 4 children and serving the Lord.



Paul Schvaneveldt, Ph.D. is a Brady Presidential Distinguished Professor and the Department Chair of Child and Family Studies at Weber State University. His research focus is on Latin American families. He received his Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of North Carolina Greensboro. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Ecuador from 2009-2010 which is awarded by the US Department of State. He is the Director of the Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education project at Weber State University. He is also the Co-Chair of the Utah Marriage Commission and the Director of Weber State University's Family Literacy Program. He is a Crystal Crest Master Teacher Finalist (teaching award at Weber State University) and was a mentor to four separate student papers receiving the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Paper, awarded by the National Council on Family Relations in 2003, 2004, 2006, and 2011. He has been married to his wife Rachel for 25 years and together they have 5 children.



Joseph White, Ph.D. Founder and Executive Director of the Foundation for Family Life, (former South Dakota State and University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor), oversees development and implementation of all the Foundation's programs (MentorWorks, NativeWorks, FatherWorks, etc.). For over two decades Dr. White has focused on substance-abuse prevention, responsible fatherhood, and evidence-based risk-prevention programs and organizations. He worked with Dakota and Lakota tribes to develop a culturally-specific, family-oriented alcohol, drug, and suicide prevention program called *Takoja Niwiciyape: Giving Life to the Grandchildren*. His experience with design and implementation of fatherhood programs has been key to the successful, federally-funded MentorWorks reentry program. He maintains relationships with many partner agencies to expand MentorWorks reach for reducing relapse and recidivism. With nearly 33 years of sobriety, Dr. White understands the devastating cycle of addiction and incarceration and is able to connect with those ready to change the destructive patterns in their lives. He served an LDS Mission in Denver, Colorado (1986-1988), earned Bachelors (1992) and Masters (1994) degrees from Utah State University, and a Ph.D. from Texas Tech University (1997). He co-founded the Dakota Fatherhood Initiative, and co-authored the book *Why Fathers Count* (with Sean Brotherson). He and his wife, Alice, of 28 years are the parents of 8 children (7 girls, 1 boy) ranging in age from 9 to 25.

