

## **Short bios of the Conference Participants**

### **Abdrisaev Baktybek**

Baktybek Abdrisaev from February 11th, 1997 until March 28th, 2005, served as Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to USA and Canada. After graduating from the Bishkek Polytechnic Institute as an engineer with degree in computer sciences in 1980, he obtained a Ph.D. degree in Applied Physics from the Institute of Electronics, Academy of Sciences of Belarus (1990). His professional career includes scientific activities at Bishkek Polytechnic Institute and National Academy of Sciences of Kyrgyzstan, when in 1990 he held the position of Associate Professor. In 1992 he was appointed to the position of expert in the International Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration and further promoted to its chairmanship in 1993. Dr. Abdrisaev was also a Member of the Kyrgyz Parliament from March 1995 until March 2000. Since August 1st, 2005, Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev has been working as a Distinguished Visiting Professor and then Lecturer at the Department of History and Political Science at Utah Valley University, USA. He has more than one hundred articles related to both the science of applied optics as well as international relations and diplomacy. As UVU lecturer he writes extensively on issues of Central Asia and Kyrgyzstan in international and U.S. media outlets like OpenDemocracy, the Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and Foreign Policy. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 he testified before the House Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs of the Committee of Oversight and Government Reform about recent upheaval in Kyrgyzstan and the implications it might have on U.S. policies.

### **His Excellency, Mr. Acharya, Gyan Chandra**

Ambassador Gyan Chandra Acharya is the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Acharya was Foreign Secretary of Nepal and held the post of Nepal's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and World Trade Organization in Geneva, serving concurrently as Ambassador to Switzerland from February 2003 to February 2007. Mr Acharya was Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry and Joint Secretary (Director General) Europe–American Division/South Asia and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Division from September 1998 to February 2003. Before that he served as the Ministry's Joint Secretary (Director General) Economic Relations and Coordination Division. Mr Acharya received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Tribhuvan University in 1981 and a master's degree in economics from the University in 1984.

### **Ahmedova, Rana**

Rana Ahmedova is a musician from Azerbaijan. She graduated from Azerbaijan State Conservatorie in Baku. She performed in many competitions, always taking 1st place. For over 25 years she taught in musical college while at the same time performing piano solos, duets and as a concertmaster. In 1990s she performed again in a few competitions and received awards as best concertmaster and solo performer. Rana Ahmedova has a musical family. Starting in 1996

the family performed as vocal a cappella quartet and piano performers in many concerts in Azerbaijan, England and Norway. In 2002 the family immigrated to Norway where they continued working and performing. Recently a movie was made about this family and their accomplishments. They are regularly performing on different TV shows. Rana Ahmedova is presently working as an organist and again teaches piano.

### **Aidaraliev, Asylbek**

Asylbek Aidaraliev, M.D., Institute of Medical and Biological Problems (Moscow, Russia)1977. Current position of him is the President of International University of Kyrgyzstan and Official Representative of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on Sustainable development of Mountain Regions of the Kyrgyz Republic. He is a member of the strategic climate transformation of the World Bank. His research areas are Applied Human Physiology; Policy of Education and Science. Aidaraliev has issued more than 200 publications. These are some of his publications: Medico-Biological and Social Aspects of Human Vital Activity in the North. In: Arctic research-Advances and prospects (1990), part 2, Leningrad, pp. 338-372.; Higher Education Reforms in Kyrgyzstan: perspective of introduction of USA universities experiences. “Problems of Central Asian Higher Schools Integration into International Education” (Rectors Seminar of Central Asian Higher School), Bishkek, 1997; Problems of Quality Evaluation in Higher Education. “Problem of Effective Quality of Higher Education in Context of Socio-Economic Transformation in Central Asia” (Rectors Seminar of Central Asian Higher Schools), Bishkek, 1998; The Processes of Democratization and Legal Aspects of the World Economic Activity. “Democratic processes in Central Asia: Experience and Perspectives”, Bishkek, 1999. He is a chairman of the National Program “Bioetanol” in the framework of the project on global warming.

### **Akmatalieva Tcholpon**

Graduate of the Department of Philosophy and Economy at Kazakh State University (1985), she worked as the Instructor (1985-1987) at the Department of Political Science and Professor (1991-1995) at the Department of Philosophy at Kyrgyz Technical University (Bishkek). She defended her dissertation on Women Issues at Moscow State University (1991). She worked as an Expert of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in Bishkek (1995-1996) and attended College of Strategic Studies and Defense Economy in Marshall Center (Garmish-Partenkirchen, Germany) in 1996. She wrote several articles on Women’s movement and Democracy in Kyrgyzstan and post soviet countries. She was actively involved in number of local and international Conferences in Central Asia, Russia and USA. She was a visiting scholar at the Women’s Research Institute at Brigham Young University, Utah and currently she is a visiting scholar .

### **Andrade, Maureen Snow**

Maureen Snow Andrade in the associate dean of University College at Utah Valley University. She has extensive experience teaching ESL and TESOL courses and is a former ESL program director and department chair. Dr. Andrade has directed in-country English language programs and provided in-service TESOL training in international contexts. One of her primary research interests is the transition and success of diverse populations in higher education settings.

### **Antúnez, Guimaray Gabriela**

Agronomy Engineer with specialization in Political Science, mention in Programs and Social Projects Management and have a Diploma Degree in Project Management for the International Cooperation and another one in Agricultural Production Management. Since 1999 worked as a Community Relation Officer at the Antamina Mining Company. From 2007 up to the present, working as a Cultural Projects Officer for the Ancash Association, a non-profit organization founded by Antamina, responsible of: Designing and implementing request, selection, and approval of projects and programs in culture. Design strategies in order to assure our intervention in cultural issues. Create, design, propose and direct contests and other ways to assure financial support for the cultural programs and projects in the Ancash Region. Monitoring the accomplishment of the institution policies and fundamentals in the management of programs and projects.

### **Ashurova, Zamira**

Zamira Ashurova is a teacher of psychology at the Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages and lector-trainer at the Regional Center of Teacher Training of Samarkand State University in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. She had bachelor, master educational background in preschool psychology and pedagogy in her native Samarkand, trained in Russia, India and now she is a Participant of JFDP granted by ACCELS. She has experience of working as a psychologist and trainer with children and women.

### **Badger, Arielle**

Arielle Badger is an undergrad student at Brigham Young University studying international relations, specifically international conflict. She worked as an intern at the European Parliament Committee of Foreign Affairs for the European Greens Party in fall 2008. Additionally she has participated in the national Model UN tournament in 2008 and 2009 winning the top awards in all categories both times. She has also participated in the West Coast Model EU tournaments in 2009, 2010 and 2011 and has won awards there. Arielle has been published in the Claremont Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union 2009 with her paper "Serbia and Kosovo: A resolution for both sides." She has also presented papers at conferences such as the 2010 Wheatley International Affairs Conference, "Human Rights in India." She is preparing for a conference to present her research and audio documentary made on the Irish Republican Party and the Troubles. Most importantly Arielle works as a coder for the WomanStats Project at

Brigham Young University under Dr Valerie Hudson. This project is the most comprehensive database on the status of women cross-nationally.

### **Batjargal, Elbegzaya (Zaya)**

Ms. Elbegzaya (Zaya) Batjargal is the Regional Program officer working with the Central Asia hub of the Mountain Partnership Consortium. By training, she is environmental policy analyst, and worked with the UNDP/WWF offices and since 2008 she is with the Mountain Partnership Consortium. Prior coming to Central Asia, she was based in Nepal for the Mountain Partnership's Asia Pacific Hub. She coordinates the regional level work, the member initiatives and works for creating the platforms and communication tools for shared learning and working together for the MP members.

### **Baumer, Jacque**

Jacque Baumer is the program director for Child Rescue Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending child trafficking in the US and Canada. Currently Child Rescue is organizing a National Law Enforcement Training with the Utah Human Trafficking Task force on the issue of Child Sex Trafficking in the United States which will be held June 1st at the Salt Palace Convention Center. Jacque also has experience working closely with the Utah Health and Human Rights Project providing direct care Services to victims of human trafficking in Utah as a Case Worker. Jacque has presented at several universities, non-profit agencies and community organizations on the issue of trafficking and will be beginning her masters of social work program in the fall.

### **Mayor of Salt Lake City, The Honorable Becker, Ralph**

Mayor Ralph Becker earned two graduate degrees, one from the University of Utah – a Master's in Planning and a JD – after completing undergraduate work at the University of Pennsylvania in 1973. He served as the Utah State Planning Coordinator under Governor Scott Matheson and then went on to launch his own Salt Lake City-based consulting firm, Bear West, specializing in community planning, environmental assessment, public lands use and public involvement before acting on his long-held desire to serve the public. Elected to the Utah State Legislature in 1996, Ralph was a member of the House of Representatives for 11 years and battled for the issues most important to his Avenues constituents. He served in legislative leadership positions for most of that tenure, including five years as House Minority Leader. In 2008, Ralph brought this considerable body of education, experience and engagement with local issues to his new office of Mayor of Salt Lake City. In the first three years of his first term, Mayor Becker has greatly expanded transportation options for the City's residents and visitors, with a special focus on public transit, trails and bikeways. He also championed the state's first municipal protections in the areas of employment and housing for the City's LGBT community – an effort that has since been replicated by Salt Lake County and over a dozen local governments throughout Utah. Under Mayor Becker's leadership, City government has become much more transparent, and

new opportunities have been created for residents to engage and participate in the decision making process. Mayor Becker is an avid outdoorsman who, when he is away from work, can be found backcountry skiing, river running or backpacking.

**Bennett, Lyn Ellen**

Associate Professor of History, Department of History, Utah Valley University. Ph.D. from the University of Kansas with areas of emphases in the American West, 19th Century United States History, United States Women's History, and Latin America.

**Bidwell, Marcie**

Ms. Bidwell serves as Executive Director and landscape ecologist for Mountain Studies Institute, a mountain research and education non-profit in Southwest Colorado. She has a Master of Landscape Architecture degree with a specialty in landscape ecology. She has more than 13 years of experience in project management, public facilitation and community outreach, and six years of experience in landscape ecology and environmental monitoring. She is the project manager for climate change, wetlands restoration, remediation/landscape change, and air quality projects. Her collaborators include USFS, BLM, EPA, and the local governments of San Juan, La Plata, and San Miguel Counties. Throughout her diverse professional experience, Ms. Bidwell has worked with government agencies, local governments, scientists, and private clients to manage, design, and facilitate environmental projects for the restoration and management of public and private lands.

**Biibosunova, Saltanat**

Dr. Saltanat Biibosunova, from October 18th, 2010 until October 18th, 2011, has been working as a visiting scholar in George Washington University at the Department of Economics. After graduating from the Kyrgyz National University as a specialist with a degree in roman and Germanic philology in 1996 and graduating from Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University as an economist in 2002, she pursued her graduate studies and obtained a Ph.D. degree in Economics from the Kyrgyz Economic University (2008). Her professional career includes lecturing position at Institute of Social Development and Business, where she has been working as a docent. Since 2007, she has been working as a Lecturer at the Institute of Social Development and Business, Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek. She teaches courses on documentary management, Principles of Economics, Management etc. Dr. Biibosunova also has an experience of working as government officer at State Agency of Science and Intellectual Property from 2001 till 2002. She is an author of 13 articles on econometrics, economic theory and gender economics, amongst which there are 2 guidelines on computer sciences and one book on business environment in Kyrgyzstan. She has participated in number of trainings, like: capacity building, analytical skills, and conflict prevention, project management, ToT, monitoring and evaluation.

**Birch, Brian D.**

Brian D. Birch is Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Utah Valley University where he oversees programs including international education, internships, and faculty and student research. In fifteen years of service to the university, he has served as director of the Religious Studies Program, associate dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and associate director of the Center for the Study of Ethics. After completing a bachelor's and master's degree in philosophy from the University of Utah, he attended Claremont Graduate University, where he received a Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion and Theology in 1998. His research interests center around the ethical and theological dimensions of religious diversity.

### **Bishop, Rebecca, SSW**

Rebecca Bishop graduated from Brigham Young University in 2005. Since then, she has worked as a Social Service Worker and helped low-income families, troubled youth, abused children, minorities (from Mexico, Spain, Italy, South America, Central America, Africa, Philippines, China, etc.), orphans, illegal immigrants, and the elderly. She recently spent three years in Europe and is now researching European citizen's public awareness of human trafficking in collaboration with Dr. Charlie Morgan. She is currently a social work graduate student at Brigham Young University.

### **Blomquist, Roger**

Roger Blomquist is a history instructor at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. His focus is on North American Frontier History as the Native Americans met the oncoming Spanish, French, and English. He has worked on about 40 film projects for Motion Picture, Television, and Documentaries about the West and has established a "Making Historical Documentaries" course in the History Department at UVU. He has published two articles and has a book and article pending revolving around his research. One of his articles deals with the dichotomy between historians and filmmakers. Another article and the pending book deal with the saddlemakers of Old West Wyoming. He is a hands-on historian who also participates in living history. He was on the Board of Directors for the Fort Bridger Rendezvous Association rendezvous that occurs annually at the site of Jim Bridger's fort. He is also an award winning saddlemaker of Old West style saddles. He also has a degree in design and worked as an Architectural Designer for many years. He has also received thousands of dollars in grants to fund the documentary program to take students into the field and teach them how to film historical pieces. He also served as secretariat for the International *Women of the Mountains* conference 2011.

### **Bonner, Elena**

Elena Bonner was born on February 15, 1923, in Merv, Turkmenistan. She grew up in the restless, cosmopolitan atmosphere of the Hotel Luxe on Gorky Street, which lodged important foreign Communists working in Moscow. She finished high school in Leningrad, volunteered as a nurse when war broke out, was wounded twice, and was honorably discharged in 1945 as a

lieutenant and a disabled veteran. After two years of intensive treatment, the loss of vision caused by her wartime injury was brought under control, and she enrolled in the First Leningrad Medical Institute. After graduation, she worked as a pediatrician, a district doctor, and a freelance author and editor. She mingled with the generation of writers and artists who had been inspired by the post-Stalin thaw, but she also helped prisoners and their families. Elena met Andrei Sakharov in October 1970 when both were attending the trial of human rights activists in Kaluga. By August 1971 friendship turned into love, and in January 1972 they formally registered their marriage. She took early retirement as a disabled war veteran and devoted herself to Sakharov, serving as his chief of staff and secretary as well as cook. She also became Sakharov's ambassador to the world at large. She represented him at the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo; reported on her visits to Italy, France, and America; and after his January 1980 exile, served as his sole link with Moscow and the West until May 1984, when she too was barred from leaving Gorky. In August 1984, she was tried by a Gorky court, found guilty of "anti-soviet agitation" and sentenced to exile. But a love story deserves a happy ending - on December 15, 1986, a telephone was installed in their Gorky apartment. The next day it rang for the first time, and Mikhail Gorbachev personally asked the Sakharovs to return to Moscow. They arrived at the Chkalov Street apartment on December 23, 1986. The curtain was raised for the next act. Since Andrei Sakharov [http://asf.prime-task.com/cgi/ASFdbs.pl?&action=Linkview&pass=&link\\_name=doc&link\\_type\\_doc=file&main\\_page=http://asf.prime-task.com/&main\\_page\\_title=ASF+Home+Page&layout=frame&database=asfdocs\\_p\\_sprivat&link\\_res\\_doc=ads.897449555.html](http://asf.prime-task.com/cgi/ASFdbs.pl?&action=Linkview&pass=&link_name=doc&link_type_doc=file&main_page=http://asf.prime-task.com/&main_page_title=ASF+Home+Page&layout=frame&database=asfdocs_p_sprivat&link_res_doc=ads.897449555.html)'s death in December 1989, Elena Bonner has continued the campaign for democracy and human rights in Russia. She joined the defenders of the Russian parliament during the attempted coup of August 1991, and lent her support to Yeltsin during the constitutional crisis of 1993, but in 1994, in protest against the war in Chechnya, she resigned from the Presidential Human Rights Commission. She writes frequently for the Russian and American press on issues of human rights and democracy in the former Soviet Union. She has campaigned tirelessly in defense of self-determination for the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh and for all the peoples of the former Soviet Union. Dr. Bonner has published a number of books in the United States and in Russia.

### **la Bonte, Emily**

Emily la Bonte is a student at Utah Valley University. She is working on a major in History with an emphasis in Native American History and on a minor in Gender Studies. She is a junior and currently her grade point average is 3.9. She has done documentary research in Santa Fe, New Mexico for a historical film detailing the Old Spanish Trail to Los Angeles. She worked as a teacher's assistant on campus for an upper division Native American history class where she had the opportunity to work with students on their critical writing skills and to research and present a lecture during the course. Afghanistan is an area of deep interest for her. She wrote a paper early in 2010 that explored the topographical implications of fragmentation on Afghanistan's

social framework. Her hope is to attend graduate school in New York where she will pursue a Master's degree in Women's Studies. She intends to do research with women all over the world, on the front lines, from the valleys of Utah and, in good faith, all the way to the women of the Afghan mountains.

### **Brklacich Tyler**

Tyler Brklacich is a Freshman at Utah Valley University, majoring in Political Science with an emphasis in International Relations. Currently an intern for Child Rescue, a national anti-trafficking organization, Tyler is involved with planning an international task force training in June of 2011. While a full time student and maintaining two jobs, Tyler makes time to serve. Tyler was recently accepted to represent Utah Valley University on a service trip to Fiji in June of 2011 to build a school library as well as construct sewer systems to decrease the spreading of diseases. He is charming, quick-witted and idealistic, with a passion for service. With that service, Tyler strives to make the world a better place.

### **Brown, Kathren**

Dr. Kathren Brown has been the chair of the Department of History and Political Science since 2008 and at Utah Valley University since 2002. She received her PhD in Modern Russian History from Bowling Green State University, Ohio. She teaches courses on Russia, genocide, and the Holocaust, among others. Her current research interests include Jewish women partisans in Belorussia and the Red Army during World War II.

### **Butler, Danielle**

Dr. Butler is the Honorary Consul General of the Kyrgyz Republic in Utah and is the Co-chair of the Organizing Committee of the Women of the Mountains conference. Although retired, she remains active in international women's issues. Dr. Butler was the president of several women's organizations in the United States and Canada, and has worked extensively in humanitarian and education issues. She has traveled extensively throughout the world on behalf of women and children. She was awarded the title "Honorary Professor" by the Kyrgyz International University. Dr. Butler is the mother of seven children and 36 grandchildren. She believes that the strength of the home, and the mother, will determine the strength of any nation.

### **Butler, R.E. "Rusty"**

Dr. Butler is the Associate Vice President for International Affairs & Diplomacy and Director of the Utah-Russia Institute at Utah Valley University. In addition, he is the Honorary Consul General of the Russian Federation in Utah and former president of the Utah Consular Corps which represents all foreign consulates in Utah (30). Dr. Butler's career started as a professor of linguistics in Canada from which he branched into private business in western Canada and the United States. He later served as a senior staff member in the U.S. Senate and the Reagan Administration before entering management with the Boeing Corporation in its military

operations. He returned to the academic world at UVU in 1992. Dr. Butler is two-time recipient of the medal of merit from the Russian Foreign Ministry and has published in the Ministry's journal, *International Affairs*. He is an accomplished triathlete, cyclist, marathon runner and plays ice hockey in his spare time.

### **Carayon, Celine**

Dr. Celine Carayon is assistant professor of history in the History and Political Science Department at Utah Valley University, which she joined in the Fall 2010. She specialized in early American history with particular emphasis on Native-European contacts, communication, and cultural exchanges in the early Atlantic World. She was educated at the Université Paul Valéry in Montpellier, France, and received her Ph.D in history from the College of William and Mary, Virginia. Her teaching responsibilities at UVU include courses on the Atlantic world, the American Revolution, Indians of Eastern America, and the history of early Christian missions in colonial North America, as well as introductory courses in American history. She is the recipient of a number of prizes and research fellowships and is currently working on her first book, entitled "Beyond Words: Nonverbal Communication, Performance, and Acculturation in the early French-Indian Atlantic (1500-1701)".

### **Cobb, William W.**

William W. Cobb, Jr. is professor of history at Utah Valley University. He earned his Ph.D. in American History from the University of Colorado - Boulder and has taught at UVU since 1994. He currently serves as the executive director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Advisory Board, coordinator for the Turning Points in History Lecture Series, the chair of the Engaged Learning in the Liberal Arts Committee, the director of the American Studies Program, and faculty advisor for the History Club and the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society. In 1998 he published a book based on his dissertation: *The American Foundation Myth in Vietnam: Reigning Paradigms and Raining Bombs*.

### **Cockerham, Geoffrey**

Geoffrey Cockerham is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Political Science at Utah Valley University. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Arizona, and his J.D. from Louisiana State University. His teaching and research interests focus on the areas of international cooperation and institutions. Peer-reviewed research publications include *Health and Globalization* (Polity 2010), as well as journal articles in *International Politics* (2007) and *East Asia: An International Quarterly* (2010).

### **Connelly, David**

David Connelly is an Associate Professor at Utah Valley University teaching in the History and Political Science Department. His primary teaching interests are in public administration with specific interests in public management, leadership, performance measurement and survey

research. David has worked extensively in economic and community development in rural areas while working for the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA) for eight years. He has also worked for five years developing and implementing information technology policy at the local, state and federal level (heavy focus on rural issues) while at the Center for Technology in Government (CTG) at the University at Albany. David has a Ph.D. from the University at Albany while his MPA is from Brigham Young University. His current research interests include further developing quality of life measures in rural areas, rural taxation policy, and public management curriculum issues.

### **Day, Candra**

Candra Day is co-founder and President of Vista 360°, an international organization dedicated to fostering cooperation among mountain communities around the world, using the arts and cultural exchange to build lasting relationships. The mission of Vista 360° is to help strengthen mountain communities and protect mountain places through international cultural exchange, economic cooperation and the sharing of knowledge and ideas. In Kyrgyzstan, Vista 360° is active in supporting traditional handicraft cooperatives and the development of small creative businesses. In 2011, as part of their cultural exchange program, Vista 360° will be presenting an American Cowboy Show and Rodeo in both Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan. Vista 360° also presents the Jackson Hole Fire Festival, as a community-wide cultural exchange with the city of Fujiyoshida in Japan. Day was educated at Reed College and Antioch University. She has been a non-profit management consultant since 1980, working in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Wyoming in the fields of arts, education, immigrant rights and community design. She has been a presenter of multi-cultural arts since 1985 and has assisted with the start-up of several arts and arts education organizations, including Jackson Hole's new Center for the Arts. She has also assisted with the start-up of charter schools for Native Americans on the Wind River Indian Reservation. She received the Wyoming Governor's Arts Award in 2007.

### **DeVore, Karinjo**

Karinjo DeVore has an extensive global background working with international organizations and NGO's on environmental and cultural issues. Her articles on related subjects have been published in the National Geographic Magazine, GEO, LIFE and other major publications. Ms DeVore is a founding member and president of AIMF,(Aspen International Mountain Forum), a non profit dedicated to furthering world peace and cultural understanding through it's activities. AIMF is a member of the Mountain Partnership. With Sister Cities International and UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme), she co produced a multi year series of conferences on 'Sustainable Mountain Development' in Hokkaido, Japan; Chamonix, France; and Aspen, Colorado. Karinjo also partnered with UNEP during the Year of Indigenous Peoples to create *Earth Voices*, a Celebration of Indigenous Cultures. For a decade, she served as Regional Representative for FRIDA,( Fund for Research and Investment for the Development of Africa), based in Lesotho. Karinjo skied for both the Univ. of Utah and the Univ. of Colorado. Ms DeVore continues to enjoy the mountains around her home in Aspen, Co. with her son, a world reknown ski mountaineer and her daughter, a recent graduate in environmental sciences.

### **Duku, Moses Hensley**

Moses Hensley Duku, Senior Research Scientist, obtained a MSc. from the University of Science and Technology at Kumasi, Ghana. He is currently a Visiting Researcher at the University of Southampton, U.K, and Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China. He has been the elected representative of the African Mountain Forum on Mountain Forum Board and the Focal Point, Ghana, Mountain Partnership. His work encompasses provision of scientific information, biofuels technologies, clean technologies, plastic waste management, and transfer of technology. He has been involved in renewable energy research in Ghana, particularly with the development of the second generation biofuels technologies. Duku has participated in various international meetings such as the second meeting of the Royal Society Award Holder meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in 2010, and in both the first and second Global Meetings of Members of the Mountain Partnership, and e-consultations which developed a Global Action Plan for sustainable mountain development. From 2003 - 4, he coordinated Ghana's component of PDF-A and B phases of regional project on "Removing Barriers to Invasive Plant Management and Prevention in Africa" involving five countries, namely, Ghana, Uganda, Ethiopia, Zambia and Kenya. Duku also presented papers on Status of Biofuels Development in Ghana at the ICS-UNIDO conference on biofuels in Accra in 2007 and also at International Centre for Science and High Technology (ICS-UNIDO)Expert Group Meetings on "Clean Technologies, Environmentally Degradable Plastics Technologies for exploitation of renewable feedstocks and waste valorisation", and at an international conference on "Renewable Resources and Renewable Energy" in Trieste, Italy. He is both a member of ICS-UNIDO regional task force on "plastic waste management", and sub-regional network on "technology management and transfer".

### **Dzhusupova, Zamira**

Zamira Dzhusupova is Senior Researcher at Centre for Electronic Governance under United Nations University - International Institute for Software Technology (UNU-IIST) in Macao, China from 2008. She initiated and led a number of e-governance, ICT for development and knowledge management projects in different countries. Her research works were published in several scientific journals and international conferences. Dr. Dzhusupova held her PhD degree in the International Academy of System Research and Master degree with Hons (equivalent) in State Bauman Technical University, Moscow, Russian Federation. Before joining UNU-IIST she was working for UNDP in Kyrgyzstan as ICT4D coordinator for three years and World Bank project as ICT consultant for 5 years. She was a national coordinator at Swedish Royal University for Land Management Master Program and a part-time lecturer for Master Program on Information Systems in Public Management at the Academy of Management under the President of Kyrgyz Republic.

### **El-Saidi, Mohammed A.**

Mohammed A. El-Saidi, Ph.D. is presently the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at Utah Valley University. He received his Ph.D. in Applied Statistics from the University of Memphis in addition to a Masters Degree in Mathematical Statistics from the University of Iowa

and a certificate in Management and Leadership from Harvard University. Prior to this he was the Academic Dean at Texas A&M University – Central Texas, and the Assistant Dean at Ferris State University in Michigan. He has held numerous faculty positions as a Professor of Statistics. He has served in the editorial boards for several international journals. His research interests are in statistical modeling and probability theory. He consults in the area of applied statistics, performance measurement and strategic planning.

### **Lynn England**

Lynn England is currently a Lecturer in History and Political Science at Utah Valley University. He was formerly Professor of Sociology at Brigham Young University. His Ph.D. is in mathematical sociology from the University of Pittsburgh. He specializes in the study of rural communities, theories of change and modernity, and Latin American studies. He is currently involved in research concerning poverty of the Tarahumara Indians of Chihuahua, Mexico, forces involved in the social construction of the Crandall Canyon Mine disaster, and the theoretical contributions of W. E. B. Du Bois. His recent publications include work on the history of Hispanic women in Utah, child mortality among the indigenous peoples of Mexico, and the theories of W. E. B. Du Bois.

### **Englehardt, Elaine E.**

ELAINE E. ENGLEHARDT is Special Assistant to the President and a Distinguished Professor of Ethics at Utah Valley University (UVU). She received her BA and MA from Brigham Young University and her PhD from the University of Utah. She has taught ethics, philosophy and communication classes at UVU for the past thirty years. As a professor of Philosophy she teaches courses such as Ethics and Values, Business Ethics, Communication Ethics, Bioethics, and Legal Ethics. She is a broadcast Philosophy Professor for Utah's channel 9 (KUED). For the past twenty years, she has written and directed seven multi-year, national grants. Four large grants are in ethics across the curriculum from the Department of Education; and three are from the National Endowment for the Humanities. She is the author of seven books in ethics and over 50 journal articles. In 2008 she became the co-editor of Teaching Ethics an international journal for the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum. She has served in various administrative positions including Vice President, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean, Director and Department Chair. She has received numerous national awards including the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award – for Faculty Development to enhance undergraduate teaching and learning.

### **EL Ezzi, Asmahan**

Asmahan EL Ezzi is a professor of Biochemistry in Lebanese University and is the director of Medical Screening lab at the Lebanese Atomic Energy Commission (LAEC). She worked with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on several projects: the screening for congenital hypothyroidism in neonates, then the use of tumor markers in diagnosis and follow up

of cancer then the screening of prostate disorders in Lebanese men and the relation with risk factors related to diet and lifestyle. Actually, she is working on the biological activity of *Origanum Syriacum*, an herb that is common in Lebanon and other Mediterranean countries; in order to help encourage planting it and to help its sustainability. Her research resulted in 30 papers published in peer reviewed international scientific journals and presentations in international conferences. She was visiting professor at UVU last year and a Fulbright grantee at UCI, CA during the academic year 2005. She is a member of many international scientific associations and organizations like TWAS (Academy of Science in Developing World) Green Peace in Lebanon, women network in Arab science and Technology foundation (ASTF), Member of Editorial Board and reviewer for several international scientific journals like: "the Journal of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine", "Asian Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biological Sciences", and "Clinical reviews and Opinions" journal (academic journals).

### **Farnsworth, F. Dennis, Jr.**

F. Dennis Farnsworth, Jr., is Professor of Political Science, UVU, where he has taught for 39 years. He has an M.A. degree from Brigham Young University, and an MPHIL from the University of Utah. He is a Vietnam-Era Draftee who spent 35 1/2 years in the army, retiring as Chief Warrant Officer Four. He founded the Honors Program at UVU in 1984 and directed it until 1993. He is cofounder of the UVU Faculty Senate and co-author of its constitution; founder of Outcomes Assessment; and co-founder of Affirmative Action. He is a recognized authority on the History of the People's Liberation Army, the History of the Sino-Soviet Dispute, and the Book of Mormon in Chinese. His research specialty in the program that led to his Masters of Philosophy degree is Organizational Theory.

### **Foster, Diane**

Diane works for the City of Park City as Environmental Sustainability Manager. Prior to joining the City, Diane worked in the ski industry and high tech consulting industry, specializing in market research, internet marketing, product management and database & email marketing, Diane holds a BA in Rhetoric from Bates College in Maine and an MBA in International Business from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. Diane serves as a Planning Commissioner in Eastern Summit County; on the Board of Directors of Park City's NPR station, KPCW Radio, and the Park City Rotary Club; and is a co-founder of the Wasatch Back Environmental Alliance and Build Green Utah. She is a past President and member of the Advisory Board for Recycle Utah. Diane and her husband Hutch, along with avalanche search dogs Belle Starr & Murphy and cats Gus & Princess Buttercup, live in a net zero energy home in Wanship, Utah. Diane enjoys all forms of snow sliding (tele, alpine & snowboard) and trail running.

### **Gardner, Kevin M.**

Kevin M. Gardner is a non-traditional History Education major at Utah Valley University. Kevin is an aspiring future educator that strives to motivate and direct students through participatory activities while maintaining high academic standards and achievement

expectations. He develops constructive programs to better facilitate student learning in the area of politics and history by effectively interacting with diverse populations of students. Kevin has placed an emphasis on ancient history and World War II, hoping to better understand human cultural interactions so as to improve communications and create a more peaceful and provident global society.

### **Gray, Jesse**

Jesse Gray is a native of the beautiful beehive state and a senior at Utah Valley University majoring in Political Science with an emphasis in International Relations. At Utah Valley University he is working with faculty, staff and students for sustainable mountain development through the Mountain Partnership. Also, he currently chairs Public Policy for the Utah County Chapter of the Latin American Chamber of Commerce. Jesse recently returned home from Scotland where he interned for the Scottish National Party in the Scottish Parliament under Member of Scottish Parliament (MSP) Kenneth Gibson of the Cunninghame North District. This summer Jesse will be a Country Director for HELP International where he will travel to Uganda and engage in humanitarian work. Jesse enjoys the outdoors and many outdoor activities that Utah provides.

### **Greer, Joel**

Joel Greer is the Country Director of Safe Homes for Children, a 501c3 in Guatemala. This private, not for profit organization, known locally as Casa de Sion, is dedicated to promoting nutrition and education among the underserved Mayan populations of Guatemala's Central Highlands. Joel is also Founder and current President of the popular Social Media Network, Twitter Travel. He has documented his travel experiences to 32 countries in the past 5 years, including many impoverished mountain communities in countries such as Peru, Nepal, China, Guatemala, Brazil, Viet Nam, Cambodia and Myanmar, the former Burma. Joel has completed his master's degree in Organizational Management and has extensive senior level executive management experience in both Academic Institutions and the Automotive Industry. Joel and his wife Carol are adventure travelers and recently spent well over a month in the Himalayan mountains of Nepal and the Andes of Peru for a first hand view of the issues facing underdeveloped mountain communities. Joel is specifically engaged in seeking alternative organic products and farming techniques that can be used to alleviate conditions of severe malnutrition that exist in the central highlands of Guatemala. He teaches and encourages self-sufficiency and the efforts of sustainable development in remote, economically disadvantaged mountain communities.

### **Griffin, Rick**

Dr. Rick Griffin received his J.D. from the University of Mississippi, his Ph.D. from Brigham Young University, and his LL.M. from the University of California, Berkeley. In addition, he was a visiting law student at Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School, and

Downing College, University of Cambridge. More recently, he was one of two applicants from the United States admitted to the highly restricted Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.) program at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Griffin has taught at Brigham Young University and at Utah Valley University; and is currently an Assistant Professor at UVU, where he teaches public law and judicial politics, chairs the university's Constitution Week program, and serves on the university's Policy Advisory Council. His research and teaching interests are in judicial politics, state legislative process, and public law (including constitutional law, government, history, and theory). Most notably, since joining UVU, Dr. Griffin has been awarded three teaching awards and has co-hosted (with William Sederburg) "State Legislative Process," a statewide, political talk show and college television course.

### **Gruppman, Igor**

Igor Gruppman is one of a rare breed of artist whose career successfully manifests itself in many artistic fields. Critically acclaimed for his richness and beauty of tone, elegant phrasing, drive, passion and virtuosity, Mr. Gruppman enjoys an exciting career as conductor, violin soloist, orchestra leader and chamber musician. As the Concertmaster of the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra and a frequent guest leader of such orchestras as the London Symphony Orchestra and London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Mr. Gruppman has collaborated with and was influenced by some of the most esteemed conductors of his generation including Solti, Gergiev, Rostropovich, Colin Davis, Simon Rattle and Bernard Haitink. In the United States Mr. Gruppman holds the post of Principal Conductor of the Orchestra at Temple Square in Salt Lake City. His concerts with the Orchestra at Temple Square are broadcast regularly on cable television in the U.S. and abroad. In recent seasons some of the world's great artists have appeared with this orchestra including Renée Fleming, Bryn Terfel and Ida Haendel. Since May of 2009 after several successful appearances Mr. Gruppman is invited by Valery Gergiev to conduct on the regular bases the newly formed Mariinsky Stradivari Orchestra. In January of 2010 Mr. Gruppman was honored as the Artist of the Month by the Mariinsky Theater. The 2006/07 season highlights included Gruppman's conducting debut with the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra in special Easter performances of The Last Seven Words by Hadyn and Gubaidulina in the Rotterdam Cathedral. He also appeared in a critically acclaimed all-Mozart program at De Doelen Great Hall in Rotterdam where in addition to conducting, Mr. Gruppman gave the Netherlands premiere of Mozart's recently reconstructed Concerto for Violin and Piano (Op. 315F) with pianist Ronald Brautigam. In March of 2007 Mr. Gruppman received glowing reviews for his performances of the Double Concerto by Brahms under the baton of Valery Gergiev and the Second Violin Concerto by Prokofiev under the baton of Yannick Nezet Sequen, both with the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra. In the 2007/08 season Mr. Gruppman made his conducting debut with the Marinsky Orchestra during the Easter Festival in Moscow. January marked his debut as leader with the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields on a tour of Germany. In April Mr. Gruppman made his conducting debut with the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra in Korea with all Tchaikovsky program. In the 2008/09 season Mr. Gruppman returned to conduct the Seoul Philharmonic as well as the Mariinsky Orchestra in Mozart/Mendelssohn program. The same season marked Mr. Gruppman's debut with the Tokyo Philharmonic and the start of the new series of concert he will conduct with the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra. The 2009/10/11 seasons marked the beginning of the series of TV cable broadcasts of the Orchestra at Temple Square concerts from the historic Salt Lake Tabernacle. In July 2010 Mr. Gruppman

conducted the Mariinsky Stradivari Orchestra at the opening concert of the Mikkeli Festival and in November 2010 he returned to conduct the Rotterdam Philharmonic Proms series. The future engagements include the tour of Asia with the Mariinsky Stradivari Orchestra. 2009/10 seasons marked the release by Video Artist International of a series of DVDs featuring Mr. Gruppman as conductor, violin soloist and chamber musician in partnership with a variety of artists including his wife, prominent violinist/violist Vesna Stefanovic Gruppman and a frequent Duo partner. They have been heralded as "violin archangels" for their Koch recording of Malcolm Arnold's Concerto for Two Violins and Orchestra with the San Diego Chamber Orchestra which won its producer Michael Fine a Grammy in 1994. 2008 marks the long awaited release of the reconstructed original string version of the Brahms' F Minor Quintet recorded with the members of the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields. Igor Gruppman's violin solo recordings have met with enthusiastic reception by the international press: Berlioz' Reverie and Caprice (Naxos); Respighi's Poema Autunnale (Koch); Miklos Rosza's Sinfonia Concertante and the violin Concerto (Koch), which marks the first release of the concerto since the recording by Heifetz for whom this piece was written. In 2010 the Erasmus Foundation generously presented Mr. Gruppman with the special violin by Antonio Stradivari. Igor Gruppman is a graduate of the Moscow Conservatory where he studied with Leonid Kogan and Mstislav Rostropovich, followed by studies with Jasha Heifetz in Los Angeles. In 2002 Mr. and Mrs. Gruppman co-founded the Gruppman International Violin Institute to select, train and develop careers of exceptionally gifted violinists around the world using the latest videoconferencing technology. Mr. Gruppman is on the faculty at the Rotterdam Conservatory.

#### **Haas, JaNae Brown**

JaNae Brown Haas is a Professor of History at Utah Valley University where she directed the Honors Program from 1993-2005 and was Teacher of the Year in 1997. She teaches Roman, Greek and History of Science courses. Her research interests include History of Medicine and Greek and Latin topics. She presented *The Athenian Democracy: An Analysis of Contemporary Sources* on 15 June 2010 at the 40th annual conference of The International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations. She received a CEL grant to fund her students' trip to Oxford during their London Study Abroad program in 2008. Her alma mater is the University of Wisconsin, Madison; History of Science class of 1990.

#### **Hanewicz, Cheryl**

Dr. Cheryl Hanewicz is an Assistant Professor in the Technology Management program at Utah Valley University. She has also served as an Assistant Dean in the College of Technology and Computing as well as Senior Director of Student Success and Retention at UVU. Previously, she taught technology-related courses both on-campus and online at Eastern Michigan University in the School of Technology Studies for ten years. She received her Bachelor of Science, Master of Liberal Studies in Technology, and Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Technology Management. Cheryl has over 20 years of computer and managerial experience in both the business and academic environments. Before teaching she worked in two software development companies in administrative positions and was a consultant for several companies, which included teaching computer skills to administrators, editing security manuals,

and updating maintenance policies for ISO 9000 compliance. In addition to teaching, she has published technology-related books and articles, participated in national conferences, and consulted with Macmillan Computer Publishing USA and Prentice Hall as a technical editor.

### **The Honorable Herbert, Richard**

Gary Richard Herbert is Utah's 17<sup>th</sup> Governor. Prior to becoming governor, he served as Lieutenant Governor under Governor Jon M. Huntsman Jr. for nearly five years, before taking the Oath of Office on Aug. 11, 2009. Governor Herbert was born in American Fork, Utah, and raised in Orem, Utah. After graduating from Orem High School, Mr. Herbert served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Eastern Atlantic States Mission. While attending BYU, the Governor met and married Jeanette Snelson, from Springville, Utah. Shortly after their marriage, the Governor joined the Utah National Guard and served for six years as a staff sergeant working with target acquisition, artillery and ground survey. After his military service, the Governor began a career in the real estate industry, founding Herbert & Associates Realtors, an Orem-based brokerage firm. He and Jeanette also began a child care service, The Kids Connection, which they operated for 23 years. In 1990, the Governor was appointed to the Utah County Commission. Soon thereafter, he was later elected to the body, which he served for 14 years. During his time as county commissioner, he served as presidents of the Utah Association of Counties and the Utah Association of Realtors, and as a board member of the Provo Orem Chamber of Commerce and Utah Water Conservancy District. The Governor currently serves as the Chair of the Economic Development and Commerce (EDC) Committee of the National Governors Association. He has previously served on the Healthcare Reform Task Force and the Special Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety. In his inaugural address, Governor Herbert outlined his three main priorities of economic development, public and higher education, and energy development. Governor and Mrs. Herbert have six children and 12 grandchildren.

### **Holland, Matthew S.**

Matthew S. Holland is the President of Utah Valley University, where he has been serving since June of 2009. Before assuming his current position, President Holland was an associate professor of political science at Brigham Young University, where he taught courses in political philosophy and American political thought, including BYU's large general education sections of American Heritage. A popular teacher, his commitment to applied learning concepts led to his selection as BYU's "Civically Engaged Scholar of the Year" in 2008 by Utah Campus Compact. His scholarly research on how ideals of Christian charity influenced the development of American political life garnered national attention. In 2005, he won Princeton University's James Madison Fellowship. In 2007, his book, *Bonds of Affection: Civic Charity and the Making of America*, was published by Georgetown University Press.

He graduated from Brigham Young University with honors in 1991, and was valedictorian for the political science department. That same year he was awarded the Raoul Wallenberg Scholarship for a year of graduate study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Before going on to earn his master's degree and Ph.D. in political science at Duke University, President Holland served as chief of staff for the top executive of the international consulting firm Monitor Group

and, later, as special assistant to then-Governor Michael O. Leavitt. Currently, he serves on numerous community boards, including the editorial advisory board of the Deseret News and the boards of the Utah Valley and Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Paige, have four children, Jacob, Mitzi, Grace and Dan.

#### **Hudson, Valerie M.**

Valerie M. Hudson is a professor of political science at Brigham Young University, having taught previously at Northwestern and Rutgers University. Her areas of research include national security affairs, foreign policy analysis, and gender in international relations, and she is the author of numerous journal articles and books. Her co-authored book (with Andrea Den Boer), entitled *Bare Branches: The Security Implications of Asia's Surplus Male Population* and published by MIT Press, won the Association of American Publishers Award for best book in political science in 2004, as well as the Otis Dudley Duncan Award for best book in social demography that year. Hudson is also recipient of the Karl G. Maeser Excellence in Teaching Award, served as president of the Foreign Policy Analysis Section and also Vice President of the International Studies Association, and directed the graduate program in International Relations at the David M. Kennedy Center for eight years. Dr. Hudson now heads an interdisciplinary research team constructing what is already the most comprehensive database on the status of women in the world today. The WomanStats Database, freely accessible online, covers over 310 variables for 174 nations with populations greater than 200,000 persons. Variables include those relating to women's health, security, education, legal status, and human rights, among others.

#### **Jasperson Jill O.**

Professor Jill O. Jasperson is an associate professor of Legal Studies in the School of Business at Utah Valley University. Her expertise includes mediation & conflict resolution, business law, legal research, identity theft, and consumer law. She received her J.D. from J. Reuben Clark Law School. Jill has presented locally, nationally, and internationally on various legal subjects.

#### **His Excellency, Mr. Zoran Jolevski**

Professor Zoran Jolevski was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to the United States in March 2007. In November 2008, he was also appointed as the Macedonian Government's chief negotiator on name differences with Greece under the auspices of the United Nations. Ambassador Jolevski is professor at the European University, in Skopje, Macedonia, where he teaches International Economic Relations, International Trade, and The Economic Policies of the European Union. From 2000 to 2004, Ambassador Jolevski was Chief of Staff to the late Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski, and served as the Chief Adviser to the Macedonian Government on Macedonia's World Trade Organization accession. He has served in various other capacities with the Macedonian Government through the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs. He was the Chief of Party to the Macedonian Business Environment Activity, and from 2004 to 2006 the Chief of Party to the World Trade Organization Compliance Activity. Both of these were USAID funded projects, and operated by Booz Allen Hamilton, a leading US consulting firm. Ambassador Jolevski founded and has been the first President of the Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs – “Ohrid”, he served also as a President of “The Boris Trajkovski International Foundation” from 2004 to 2005. Prior to his appointment as ambassador he was member of the Boards of number of companies. He also was Vice Chairman of the UN/ECE Committee on Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (2005-2007), as well as a Member of Team of Specialists on Internet Enterprise Development at UN/ECE (1999-2003). Ambassador Jolevski holds a Ph.D. in International Economy from the Faculty of Economy, as well as a Master of Science in International Trade Law. He is the author of two books, Chief Editor and co-author of three books and wrote more than a hundred articles.

### **Jones, Jeffrey**

Jeffrey Jones is a native of Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, on Mexico's northern border. Mr. Jones is the son of the late Max Jones and his wife Christine, and great-great grandson of Daniel W. Jones, an early Utah settler and frontiersman. He and his wife Michelle are the parents of four daughters, of which Melina is a graduate of UVU. After graduating from BYU in the early eighties, Jeff and Michelle moved back to Mexico to raise their family. Being involved in business for several years, he later did a stint in politics, from 1997 to 2009. He first served as Federal Congressman and then Federal Senator, where he presided over the Border Affairs Committee and dealt with many issues of the Mexico-U.S. relationship. Most recently, Mr. Jones served as Undersecretary of Agriculture in President Calderon's cabinet. Jeff is a member of President Matt Holland's National Presidential Advisory Board.

### **Johnson, David W.**

David W. Johnson is currently a Professor in the College of Technology & Computing at Utah Valley University where he also serves as chair of the Technology Management Department. He received his Ph.D. Degree from The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in Industrial Engineering and Business. Dr. Johnson also taught at Florida Gulf Coast University and Western Michigan University prior to coming to UVU. In addition, he has twenty-five years of industry experience in technology and management. Dr. Johnson teaches courses in “Global, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Technology” and “Current Topics in Technology and Management.” He has published numerous articles in academic journals and conference proceedings. Dr. Johnson has been associated with the Center for the Advancement of Leadership for the past five years representing his college. He is currently serving as chair of the Program Implementation and Evaluation (PIE) Committee. Dave lived most of his life in the mid-western states of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan. He and his wife, Mary Jane, are the parents of seven children. His interests include family history and genealogy, music, and LDS Church history and doctrine.

### **Karim, Yasmin**

Yasmin Karim has Masters Degree in Gender and Development from Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex situated in Falmer Brighton United Kingdom. Yasmin was one of the nominees for Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 from Pakistan by Swiss initiative of 1000 peace women around the World, nominated for Nobel Peace Prize and she has been titled as Nobel Laureate. She is serving as Programme Manager, Gender and Development with Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) of The Aga Khan Foundation working in the extreme North (Gilgit, Baltistan and Chitral) of Pakistan. Her abstract on Gender and Community participation in primary health care revitalization in earthquake affected area was approved by Global Health Committee and she presented the case in Global Health Conference in Washington .DC, in June 2010. She has worked with International Rescue Committee (IRC) as Director Social Mobilization and Community Participation in the earthquake affected regions (Azad Kashmir and Mansehra) of Pakistan. She has remained the pioneer in the Karakorum region for mountain women as having exposure for education nationally and internationally. She has remained a part of the documentary made on mountain women and their courage 'taller than the mountains' by AKRSP won the UNESCO ward on international year of mountains in 2001 presented in Bhutan.

### **Knowlton, David**

David Knowlton, associate professor, is a social anthropologist with a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin (1988). His work encompasses the ethnography of peoples of the Andes, Latin America, Latinos in the United States, and transnational religious movements, especially Mormons. Knowlton has written about religious change, ethnic movements, nationalism, guerrilla movements, and contemporary political struggles of in Lake Titicaca Basin of Peru and Bolivia. Most recently he published "Let Us Speak: The Blockade of 2004 in Copacabana as an Example of the Sociology of Mass Mobilizations" (In the original Spanish its title is: "Queremos hablar: El bloqueo de junio de 2004 en Copacabana como ejemplo de la sociologia de movilizaciones masivas".) He will be performing research this summer in the area on the social issues on the horizon of Adventist, Mormon, and Witness practice around Lake Titicaca.

### **Kuddus, Ruhul**

Ruhul Kuddus was born in Faridpur, Bangladesh. He obtained his undergraduate degrees in biology and chemistry from the University of Dhaka, Dhaka Bangladesh. Ruhul migrated to the United States in 1984. He obtained a masters degree in biology from George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia and a doctoral degree in microbiology and molecular biology from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Ruhul served as a member scientist at the Thomas Starzl Transplantation Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania before he joined the Biology Department of Utah Valley University (UVU) in 2003. Currently Ruhul is an associate professor at UVU. Ruhul is a published poet and he has authored several books and over fifty research

articles on biomedical and bioethical issues. Ruhul was the 2007 UVU Faculty Scholar of the Year and 2009 Faculty Fellow for the Center for the Study of Ethics of UVU. In 2010, UVU International Center conferred Outstanding Service award to Ruhul. Since 2006, Ruhul has been serving as the president of the Board of Directors of Utah Valley Islamic Council. Ruhul lives in Orem Utah with his wife Nahid and two of his children Raisa and Noah.

### **Lago Baldomero**

A native of Santander, Spain, Baldomero Lago has dedicated much of his life to teaching about his language and culture, training educators in the foreign language field as well as serving in the community. His academic background was founded in the USA where he obtained undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degrees in languages, language acquisition/pedagogy and education related subjects. He holds a PhD from the National University of Spain in Instructional Technology, and his areas of research and expertise are learning and teaching styles, technology in education, and knowledge management. During his past 15 years he has taught both Secondary and University level courses related to language methodologies, pedagogy, culture and language for the professions. During the past 5 years at UVU, Dr. Lago has been the language education supervisor, has established educational partnerships with the Woodbury School of Business, and the UVU School of the Arts, and he currently serves as the Department Chair in the Language Department. He loves to travel as he has presented his research and publications at many conferences in the US as well as throughout the world.

Besides his teaching career, Dr. Lago is a community leader who has served in many capacities locally and internationally. Twelve years ago he was appointed by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to serve as the Honorary Consul of Spain. During his tenure as Consul, he has served as President of the Utah Diplomatic Corps, has been the Founder and President of “La Casa de España in Utah”, and has served in the Utah Governor’s Office for Hispanic Affairs. Dr. Lago has been recognized locally, nationally in both Spain and the USA for his service and academic experience and holds many awards and distinctions.

### **Lamb Connie**

Connie Lamb is a senior librarian at the Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University with specialties in anthropology, Middle East Studies, and Women’s Studies. She is also the adjunct curator for Women’s Manuscript Collections in the L. Tom Perry Special Collections at BYU Library. She holds Masters Degrees in Library Science, International Relations-Middle East and Cultural Anthropology. Connie is co-editor of two book-length bibliographies and has published several book reviews and articles on a variety of subjects including library work, biology (her Bachelor's major), Middle East studies, and women’s studies. She is active in both library and subject-oriented professional organizations and has given presentations and papers at many association meetings. She has also taught the Introduction to Women’s Studies class at BYU. Her research interests are Mormon women, Middle East and Muslim women, anthropology of food, and Muslims in Diaspora.

### **Lizunkina Natalya**

Lizunkina Natalya Anatolyevna is a senior teacher of the Russian and Foreign Languages Department of Zhezkazgan Baikonurov University, Zhezkazgan, Kazakhstan. Her research has resulted in the team-teaching plan in Home Reading “Jefferson, Connecticut. Stories of Insecure Youth” to give lessons with Professor C. Woodruff Starkweather, American Peace Corp volunteer in 2004-2006, that includes practical tasks, prepared by her; compiling the Grammar exercises for the Electronic manual; authorizing the textbooks “People. People’s Relations” (2001); “Работа над текстом перевода ТРАГИЧЕСКАЯ ИСТОРИЯ ГАМЛЕТА, ПРИНЦА ДАТСКОГО” (2003). Lizunkina Natalya Anatolyevna was educated at Dzhezkazgan Pedagogical Institute, Dzhezkazgan, Kazakhstan in 1980-1985 and completed the full course under specialty “German and English Languages”. Before coming to Zhezkazgan Baikonurov University, Zhezkazgan, Kazakhstan she worked at the secondary school in Dzhezkazgan as English and German teacher. She is a constant initiator of team teaching with American Peace Corp volunteers and English, German and Russian teachers. Now she is the Junior Faculty Development Program fellow, representing Kazakhstan in UVU (Orem) and BYU (Provo) and attends the seminars and lectures of experienced U.S. instructors in methods of teaching English and German languages and in a new for her department field of linguistics sociolinguistics.

### **Lojik, Celeste**

Celeste Lojik is an accomplished dean’s list student who will be graduating this spring with bachelors in both Political Science and Psychology. She has over 4,000 volunteer hours with Utah Foster Care and Ukraine orphanages. As an experienced world traveler, she has seen a variety of the struggles those outside the United States face. She is passionate about putting an end to the modern day slavery of human sex trafficking. She is currently interning with Child Rescue, an organization combating child sex trafficking in North America over seeing their Public Relations. After graduation she plans on traveling to a variety of countries for one year doing service expeditions. Her scholastic goals are to obtain a Juris Doctorate and a Master’s degree in Public Administration.

### **Lowe, Christina**

Christina is a rising senior at Utah Valley University studying International Relations. She is a current member of the Utah Student Advocacy group for promoting Mountain Partnership members. Through her efforts, Salt Lake City and Park City have joined. She has also worked on a resolution that would make the whole state of Utah a member. She is currently serving as Miss Utah. Christina advocates for women all around the state and speaks to thousands of students about civic engagement. Additionally, she was chosen for an internship in Washington DC out of 180 applicants. She served on UVUSA as the Chief Justice and served as Miss Utah Valley University where she was key in organizing voter registrations drives and moderated the U.S. Senate debate. Christina has also previously served as Miss Wasatch County and Miss Utah County. She hails from Midway Utah and is one of eight children.

### **Madsen, Susan**

Susan R. Madsen is the Orin R. Woodbury Professor of Leadership and Ethics in the Woodbury School of Business at Utah Valley University. She is also an independent leadership and change consultant. She has been heavily involved for many years in researching the lifetime development of prominent women leaders. She has personally interviewed a host of women university presidents, governors, and international leaders and has had two books published on her results: *“On Becoming a Woman Leader: Learning from the Experiences of University Presidents”* and *“Developing Leadership: Learning from the Experiences of Women Governors.”* She is now doing related leadership research and consulting in the United Arab Emirates and China. She is also currently working with the Utah System of Higher Education to conduct research related to the lower percentage of female college students in Utah compared with the nation. Susan has also published over 50 articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals and speaks and presents often in local, national, and international academic and non-academic settings. In fact, she recently presented in sessions at the United Nations in New York and Geneva on women, leadership, and education. In 2007 she received a prestigious research award from the Academy of Human Resource Development and has also received numerous awards and honors for her teaching and scholarship at her institution and beyond. For example, her commitment and work with service and engaged learning led to her selection as Utah Valley University’s “Civic Engaged Scholar of the Year” and “Outstanding Civic Engagement Award” by Utah Campus Compact. Susan’s research and consulting work have focused on leadership development, change, ethics, strategic faculty development, and work-life integration. Susan received her doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in *Work, Community, and Family Education* with a specialization in human resource development. She has other degrees in exercise science/wellness and speech communication education and started her career many years ago as a middle school speech and debate teacher. She currently lives in Highland Utah with her husband and children and enjoys racquetball, soccer, snowshoeing, golf, hiking, and community involvement.

### **Manusyan Sona**

Sona Manusyan is a lecturer, junior faculty at the Dept. of Personality Psychology, Yerevan State University in Yerevan, Armenia, where she got her Master’s degree. She has also been an exchange program student in Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich, Germany. Sona’s academic interests are in the fields of social and cultural psychology, as well as in the studies of personality, self, identity in social contexts. Along with her academic interests, she has been active in the civil society and NGO sector, and has both volunteered and worked in a number of researches aimed to study of democracy and human rights in the country and region. Recently she has been a project director for an OSI-funded project on “Capacity Building in Monitoring and as a Way to Strengthen Civic Control in Armenia”. She worked as expert at the Dept. of International Cooperation of Human Rights Defender’s (Ombudsman) Office of RA, prior to that she worked in an anti-trafficking in “Democracy Today” NGO. Sona is a founding member and co-president of Socioscope Societal Research and Consultancy Center NGO, which is a member of the South

Caucasus Network of Human Rights Defenders. Apart from scholarly articles (in Armenian), she has also published on-line articles to make her civil voice heard on social-political issues in the country from a psychologist's perspective. Ms. Manusyan is currently a visiting scholar at the University of Michigan, MI, United States as with a fellowship from Junior Faculty Development Program of the Department of State.

### **The Honorable Martz, Judy**

The Honorable Judy Martz was elected as Montana's first female Governor on November 7, 2000. Just four years earlier, she was elected as the state's first female Lieutenant Governor when she ran with Governor Marc Racicot. During her tenure, Governor Martz created the Office of Economic Opportunity during the 2001 Legislative session. This office was tasked with promoting Montana Businesses, attracting complimentary businesses to the state, and developing Montana's workforce for better paying jobs. Governor Martz was born July 28, 1943 in Big Timber, Montana to ranching parents. She was a member of the U.S. Olympic Speed Skating Team at the 1964 Winter Games. Governor Martz worked as a field representative for U.S. Senator Conrad Burns from 1989 to 1995. She has been civically involved for years, serving as President of the Butte Chamber of Commerce in the early 1990's and vice-chair of the St. James Hospital Board of Directors. For more than 30 years, she and her husband Harry Martz have owned and operated a commercial solid-waste business in Butte. As a small business owner, she became actively involved in local and statewide economic development issues. Since leaving the Governor's Office, she has been focused primarily on family to include her three year old granddaughter Remy. She is very active in faith based conferences, Maternal Life International and serves on numerous boards to include TASER International and the Western Montana College Board. Governor Martz has been married to Harry for forty-one years.

### **Maxfield, Barry**

Barry Maxfield is a graduate of Utah Valley University (Spring 2010) with a BA History. Maxfield is currently considering a Masters program that would be in the possible area of business or history. The eventual goal is to seek a doctorate. Maxfield has lived in many part of the Hispanic world and is interested in South and Central American politics. Barry is an academic with hands on experience as a machinist and a mechanic. He is from an academic family, but chose to follow the trades due to his great aptitude in solving mechanical and manufacturing problems. He also served in the military for several years which experiences he has applied to academic training and focus. He is also serving as consultant and technical advisor for Dr. Roger Blomquist in his research and documentary filming of trains in Utah. He has published three articles and has others in the works that will be completed soon.

### **McGuire, Douglas**

Douglas McGuire is the Coordinator of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, hosted at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, Italy. He is by training a forester from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and has worked in the area of natural resource management and human development for more than 25 years, particularly in mountain regions.

McGuire has been with FAO since 1990, managing field projects in watershed management, and upland conservation and development in mountain and highland areas of Madagascar and Rwanda; he was also responsible for FAO's mountain programme at its headquarters in Rome for several years. He coordinated the global observance of the International Year of Mountains in 2002 and has since been involved in setting up the Mountain Partnership and heading its Secretariat in Rome.

#### **Minch, Michael**

Michael Minch is the director of Peace and Justice Studies at UVU, where is also the chair of the Philosophy and Humanities Department. He is the author of *The Democratic Theory of Michael Oakeshott: Discourse, Contingency, and the "Politics of Conversation"*: and co-editor with Christine Weigel of *Living Ethics* (2nd, ed., 2011). He works in democratic theory, peacebuilding and conflict transformation theory, theories of justice, political theology and political ecology. He has presented 30 papers or invited lectures in the US, Europe, and Central America. His latest journal article is "Democracy as Music, Music as Democracy," *Radical Philosophy Review*, Vol. 12, Nos. 1, 2 (2009); and he has several entries in the forth-coming *Encyclopedia of Global Justice* (Deen Chatterjee, ed) (Springer, 2011).

#### **Mirzayeva, Sevinj**

Sevinj Mirzayeva is a musician from Azerbaijan. She graduated from the Baku Music Academy as a composer, and from "Stavanger Institute for Music and Dance" as a classic pianist. She is also an excellent painter and has many exhibitions in different countries (Azerbaijan, Japan, England, Germany and in New York). As a musician, she participated in a number of musical competitions. With her parents and brother (also musicians) she performed in many concerts in Azerbaijan, England and Norway. She arranged the music for these concerts and also played her own music compositions. From 2002 Sevinj Mirzayeva is living and working in Norway as an organist and continues to compose music (for piano, different instruments and ballet "Isadora Duncan"). Recently a movie was made about her and her family and their accomplishments. They are regularly performing on different TV shows. In 2010 her music was played in the Music Festival in Switzerland.

#### **Nisguritzer, Jorge**

Jorge Nisguritzer is an Assistant Professor of Spanish at Utah Valley University where he teaches a variety of Spanish, Literature and Culture upper and lower division classes at the undergraduate level. His research interests are: women in 20<sup>th</sup> century Spain, Spanish civil war, role of women in the Spanish civil war, and Generation of 1898 among others. He has a Doctorate in Languages and Literature from the University of Utah.

#### **His Excellency Dr. Orazov, Meret**

His Excellency Mr. Meret Orazov is the Ambassador of Turkmenistan to the US, since 2001. During 1991 - 1992 he was Vice Premier of Turkmenistan, First Secretary of Democratic Party of Turkmenistan. Then from 1995 till 1997 was a Minister of Foreign Economic Relations. Since 1987 till 1991 he was a President of Turkmen Economic University, then President of Turkmen State University (1992-2001). Ambassador Orazov received his Degree of Doctor of Physico-Mathematical Sciences at Moscow University (1983) and Doctor of Economics at Saint-Petersburg University of Economy & Finance(1992). M.Orazov has published more than 100 scientific papers in the sphere of mathematics and economics.

### **Padiukov Pierre**

Padiukov Pierre was born on 1956, and on 1982 graduated Kyrgyz State Medical Institute, also on 2001 Master Degree on "International economical relations". He started his labor activity from 1983 as a physician-therapeutist at the city's clinic. From 1986 he worked at the Institute of the Physiology and experimental pathology of highlands under the Academy of Science of the Kyrgyz SSR. Since 1999 he is a director of the "Mountain village" project of the National Center for Mountain Regions Development of the Kyrgyz Republic. From 1998 he is actively participating in activities related to International Year of Mountains, at UN Headquarter in New-York have participated in preparation, development and declaration on International Year of Mountains on 2002. On 2001 he is organized presentation prepared to International Year of Mountains, issued two series of the post stamps. In the frame of National Strategy and plan of actions on sustainable development of the mountain regions of the Kyrgyz Republic he established training-center on trout-breeding in cooperation with Japan embassy, and also together with Russia center on collecting and processing medicinal plants. He is actively participating in "Clear water" project of the Asian Reconstruction and Development Bank. For active participation in preparation and organizing of the International Year of Mountains he was awarded with Honorary Diploma by the Prime-minister of the Kyrgyz Republic. Since 2003 he is a full member of the International Academy of the Information (Moscow) at the UN General Consultation status. At the present time under his coordination implementing "Poverty reduction in the polluted region of the Central Asia" project. He is closely working with UNESCO Department of Sustainable Mountain Development and is a member of intergovernment comission of Government programme "Bioethanol" for decreasing the effect of global climate warming in Kyrgyzstan.

### **Palmer, Allen W.**

Allen W. Palmer is Emeritus Professor of Communications at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Dr. Palmer was Fulbright Professor at American University of Central Asia (AUCA) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in 2009-2010. He also taught courses at at Kyrgyz National University and Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University in Bishkek. Previously he was also a Fulbright Scholar in Namibia, a Rotary International Scholar in Mauritius, and received a fellowship from the American Society of Newspaper Editors. He has also been a visiting professor in Kosovo, Benin, and the Philippines. He has published extensively in communication journals, including

Journal of International Communication, Communication Law & Policy, Global Media Journal, Mass Communication and Society, Science Communication, and Public Understanding of Science. For several years he was the head, International Communications Division for International Association of Media & Communication Research (IAMCR). For 30 years, Dr. Palmer has taught university courses in International Communication Problems, Development Communication, Communication Theory, Media Literacy, Media Processes & Effects, Mass Media Research, and Research Methods. He is married to Dr. Loretta Palmer, former Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Professor at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

### **Palmer, Loretta**

Loretta Palmer, is Emeritus Professor of Math Education at Utah Valley University and is the former Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Research and International Programs. She is a math educator with a Ph.D. in Instructional Design and Technology from Brigham Young University (1997). She has lived and worked in sub-Saharan Africa, most recently at the Polytechnic of Namibia, where she was a visiting faculty in the Department of Digital Media and also as an instructional designer at the Centre for Open and Lifelong Learning. Her research areas are reflective of her diverse experiences. They are in intellectual property issues related to distance education and digital media in sub-Saharan Africa and ethnomathematics. In particular, ethnomathematics as it related to the cultural contexts of math word problems found in American primary school mathematics textbooks published between the Revolutionary War and World War I.

### **Parkinson, Brett**

Brett Parkinson has been an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Utah since 2005. Currently, Mr. Parkinson serves as chief of the Office's Immigration Unit and is responsible for coordinating the office's immigration prosecutions as well as prosecuting immigration-related crimes himself. In addition, Mr. Parkinson coordinates the Utah Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. Before joining the United States Attorney's Office, Mr. Parkinson worked as a law clerk to two federal judges, the Honorable Dee Benson, District of Utah; and the Honorable Monroe G. McKay, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

### **Paul, Anita**

Born in January 1959, Anita graduated in Sociology followed by a Masters in Social Work from Delhi University in 1979. She has been involved with grassroots development, especially with empowerment of women in the mountains and is directly responsible for establishment of a community-owned company with 2,000 women shareholders in the central Himalaya. Currently, she is the Chairperson of this Women's Coop as well Director (Community Initiatives) of Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development Foundation.

### **Paul, Kalyan**

Born in September 1957, Kalyan did a Masters in Economics followed by another Masters in Social Work in 1979. Along with his wife and colleague, Anita, he co-founded Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development Foundation and is currently the Executive Director. He is directly responsible for providing technical, financial and managerial assistance to marginalised mountain communities to renew river basin hydrology through adoption of appropriate technologies. He is also the chief promoter and mentor of *barefoot engineers* guilds in the central and western Himalaya.

### **Pitblado, Bonnie L.**

Bonnie Pitblado is an Associate Professor of Anthropology, Director of the Anthropology Program, and Director of the Museum of Anthropology at Utah State University (USU) in Logan. She has written two books and numerous articles on the earliest, terminal Pleistocene human occupations of the Southern and Central Rocky Mountains, where she runs an active archaeology research program. She and her anthropology colleagues at USU recently won a National Science Foundation (NSF) “Major Research Instrumentation” award to create a geospatial lab for USU faculty and students, and they plan to follow that up with a spring 2011 proposal to launch an NSF “Science and Technology Center” devoted to the study of climate change, people, and mountains. Dr. Pitblado and the USU team hope and expect to find kindred spirits—and partners—among the attendees of the UVU meeting of the Mountain Partnership.

### **Portwood, Richard T.**

Richard T. Portwood is the current Student Body President at Utah Valley University. In this position Richard provides student input as a voting member of the Board of Trustees, the President’s Council, the Foundation Board, the Alumni Board, and several other campus boards and committees. In addition to his role on campus, Richard is the President of the Utah Student Association, a state-wide association for all universities and colleges of the State of Utah. Richard grew up in the famous mountain town of Park City, Utah. He is an avid skier, runner, and enjoys hiking and exploring the beauty of the mountains. Richard is studying International Relations with a Minor in Economics and plans to graduate in April of 2012. In November of 2010, Richard was selected as one of 15 student body presidents from across the United States to visit Moscow at the invitation of the Russian Government. The unprecedented visit included meetings with some of the top government and business leaders of Russia. Richard has continued to work with government entities to institutionalize exchanges between young leaders in the U.S. and Russia in order to create a lasting relationship for future generations. In February, Richard presented to the Board of Trustees of the Library of Congress’ Open World Leadership Center in Washington D.C. about how to include a younger generation of leaders in exchanges.

### **Pratt, Jane**

Jane Pratt is the former President and CEO of The Mountain Institute, <http://www.mountain.org>, dedicated to conserving the environments, communities and cultures

of the world's mountains. She is also a founder of Mountain Forum, a global network for sharing information among those who work in and on mountains <http://www.mtnforum.org>. She served as coordinator of the UN Focus Group on Mountains for the International Year of Mountains. Dr. Pratt is also a founding Partner of EcoLogica, a consulting firm focused on ecological and economic sustainability. She is a recipient of UNEP's Global 500 Award for her leadership in creating and heading the World Bank's environmental operations and strategy division, and leading the World Bank's involvement in the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. She holds an ScB in Zoology from University of Michigan, and a PhD from MIT where she specialized in political and economic development.

### **Saravia Miguel**

Miguel Saravia is the Executive Director of the Consortium for the Sustainable Development of the Andean Ecoregion (CONDESAN), a regional research organization in the field of sustainable mountain development in the Andes. CONDESAN is also very active promoting policy dialogs around SMD and promoting knowledge networks among several Andean stakeholders. As CONDESAN's Executive Director, Mr. Saravia is member of the Mountain Partnership Steering Committee and member of the International Mountain Society Steering Committee. Information scientist with a postgraduate training in nongovernmental organizations management at the Open University (UK), Mr. Saravia has 20 years of professional activity in the field of development, specifically in the ICT for Development and knowledge management. Mr. Saravia is member of the Information Architecture Institute.

### **Saparova, Chynarkan**

Chynarkan Saparova is Manager of the Local Governance Unit of the Public Foundation "Mountain Societies Development Support Programme in Kyrgyz Republic" (MSDSP KG). Her practice in local governance starts in 2009 by managing the implementation of the projects related to civil society and local governance. Currently Chynarkan combines her job with a part-time course study at the Academy of Management under President of the Kyrgyz Republic (Bishkek). Chynarkan's first interest in gender issue started in 2000 when she was attending courses at Civic Education Programme based in Osh. She participated at the Central Asian conference on gender issue and presented her abstract titled "Women, Religion, and Domestic Violence".

### **Dr. William A. Sederburg**

William A. Sederburg, Utah's 7th Commissioner of Higher Education, has spent much of his time in the pursuit of excellence in education. As a Michigan state senator and university president, Dr. Sederburg tackled education issues with various state initiatives and involved academic administrators in state-wide economic, employment and technological issues. He also served on a myriad of educational boards, including chair of the Midwest Higher Education Commission, where he worked to increase educational opportunity in the Midwestern states.

In 2003, Dr. Sederburg became the 5th president of Utah Valley State College, where he led the school through its transition to its status as Utah Valley University. Since becoming Commissioner, Dr. Sederburg has led an aggressive agenda for the Board of Regents. Commissioner Sederburg serves on numerous state and national committees. He was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. He serves on the executive committee of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE). In Utah, he serves on the Utah Technology Council Board, the Commission on Volunteers, the Governor's Homeland Security Commission, and the Governor's Commission on Excellence in Education.

President Sederburg and his wife Joyce reside in Salt Lake City and are the parents of two adult children.

### **Semyonov Alexey**

Alexey Semyonov, the CEO&CFO of Advanced Language Systems International, is a computer scientist and a mathematician. His professional work encompasses practical and theoretical system engineering, software development, and IT strategy formulation. In addition to the professional activities, Mr. Semyonov has a long-time involvement in the human rights movement, beginning with his 1970's activities as a dissident in the former Soviet Union. He is a President and Member of the Board of The Andrei Sakharov Foundation (USA) as well as Member of the Board for The Andrei Sakharov Foundation (Russia). Both professionally and as a human rights activist, he has worked in many developing countries and participated in efforts towards economic development and democratization in places such as Russia, Armenia, Georgia, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, and others.

### **Serrano, Olman**

Olman Serrano is from Costa Rica and has worked at a senior level in the FAO Forestry Department for more than 17 years. He recently served as Associate Secretary General and coordinated the effort to organize the XIII World Forestry Congress held in Argentina in October 2009, a global event that was attended by more than 7,000 people. Mr. Serrano speaks fluent Spanish, English, French, German and Italian and has held several managerial posts throughout his career. He has lived and worked in various countries, including Ecuador, Bhutan, Malawi and Tanzania, dealing with forestry-related issues. He also has long standing experience in building partnerships with a variety of stakeholder groups and in particular the private sector. He will be taking over the coordination role of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat at FAO as of 1 April 2011.

### **Sherzod, Nilufar**

Nilufar Sherzod was born and raised in Tajikistan. She graduated from Khorog State University majoring in World Economics and Marketing in 2005 and has worked in different international organizations mainly involved in Administration and Finance. In 2008 Nilufar moved to the

United States for school. After graduating ESL she took Business Administration general classes and is pursuing a Masters degree at Utah Valley University. She works as an Asia Marketing and sales Representative at Wencor (The leader in aviation parts and services.) Nilufar always wanted to learn more about being a leader as a woman, and she thinks every woman have to be educated and successful in this life, because of that she created International Modeling Club in Utah Valley University.

### **Shilling, John D.**

John D. Shilling has spent his career promoting economic development and encouraging sustainability. He earned his PhD in Economics from MIT in 1971, taught at Boston College, advised the Moroccan government in national planning, and worked nearly 30 years at the World Bank. His work at the World Bank covered research into key development issues, developing national country planning models, managing country programs in North Africa and East Asia, and leading the World Bank's efforts in the Brady Plan to assist highly indebted countries come through the debt crisis. He laid the basis for the World Development Report program, helped Morocco reform its economy while resolving its debt problem, authored *Managing Capital Flows in East Asia* (1996), which highlighted the issues that led to the Asian financial crisis, and led the Public Expenditure Review in Indonesia to help restructure the economy after the crisis. He was the Secretary to the Policy and Operations Committees of the Managing Directors 1996-1998, and served on the Bank-Fund Coordinating Committee for financial sector reviews. Over his career, Dr. Shilling has increasingly focused attention on achieving sustainable development and respecting the environment. He headed the World Bank's effort to create a new Environmental Strategy and launch the World Development Report on Sustainable Development and then wrote the World Bank's first evaluation of its environmental program. After leaving the World Bank, he has worked with a number of environmental NGOs, including World Wildlife Fund, Conservation International, and the Millennium Institute, to promote sustainable development and protect the environment. He consults for UN agencies and the World Bank, where he just completed an intensive study on the Infrastructure-Environment Nexus for the group of Evaluation Units of the major Development Banks. He is a founding partner of Ecologica LLC, devoted to sustainable development.

### **His Excellency, Mr. Shirinov, Abdujabbor**

Ambassador Shirinov started his carrier in 1992 as a computer programmer in the Data Processing Center of the Tajik State National University (TSNU) where eventually reached the position of Director of Software Development Department of the Data Processing Department. During 1992-2006 Ambassador Shirinov's activity was concentrated on banking and finance sectors of Tajikistan. In this period he occupied positions of Director of Settlements' Department of the National Bank of Tajikistan (NBT), First Deputy Chairman of Agro-Industrial Investment Bank, First Deputy Chairman of the NBT and Chair of State Finance Control Committee of the Republic of Tajikistan. He served as a First Deputy Director of the Agency for State Finance Control and the struggle against Corruption of the Republic of Tajikistan. Ambassador Shirinov graduated from TSNU with specialty in mathematics in 1974. He returned to TSNU to obtain a degree in economics, graduating in 1999.

### **Smith, Kay**

After nearly thirty years of teaching in the public school system, Dr. Kay A. Smith has found nirvana: preparing pre-service English teachers to enter the doors of public education. As a former middle, junior high, senior high teacher and then principal, she has devoted years to developing and using pedagogy, and not merely content, that most positively affects all learners. As a member of the English Department at Utah Valley University, Kay has expanded her interests to include all types of young adult literature, studying rhetoric as a means to affect change, and now, studying the life of many gifted yet obscure writers. Kay has presented at many international conferences, and is currently interested in the global development of education. Kay Smith lives in Payson, Utah, with her husband Michael. They enjoy seven children, and twenty-two grandchildren; she looks forward to a future life of humanitarian work.

### **Snedegar, Keith**

Keith Snedegar has been a professor of history at Utah Valley University since 1994, and has been instrumental in the development of the history and political science programs there. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and holds postgraduate degrees from the University of Edinburgh and Oxford University. He has been a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Cape Town and a visiting scholar at the Michigan State University African Studies Center. His research focuses on the history of African astronomy and indigenous knowledge systems, with applications to sustainable development and culturally relevant primary science education. Professor Snedegar served as a consultant to the 2003 film *Cosmic Africa*. In 2009 he received the Pollock Award in the history of astronomy. He has written numerous articles and is currently working on a book as well as collaborative projects with the Boyden Observatory and the University of Zululand Science Centre. A member of the African Studies Association and ISAAC, the International Society for Archaeoastronomy and Astronomy in Culture, Professor Snedegar also supports the Ssejinja Children's Foundation, which serves AIDS orphans in Uganda. He is married and has one step-daughter.

### **Sorenson, Burke**

Dr. Burke Sorenson is the recipient of numerous professional awards including the Max Steiner Award, the Madsen Memorial Music Award, and the Graduate Studies Dean's Award. He is an education administrator at the Utah State Office of Education. He holds a commission as a Captain in the Utah Army National Guard and is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He currently serves as the Personnel Officer in the 19th Special Forces Group & is responsible for the personnel actions of over 2000 soldiers in 11 states. He founded and conducted the Center Street Musical Theatre Orchestra, the Utah Valley Chamber Players Preparatory Orchestra, and the BYU New Horizons Orchestra. He currently heads the Instrumental Music Department at Merit College Preparatory Academy in Springville, Utah. He is on the Board of Directors of the Utah Chapter of ASTA, the Suzuki Association of Utah, and an Orchestra Committee member

with the Utah Music Education Association. He has published numerous articles in publications such as the American Teacher Journal and others. He also authored two books: A Quantitative Study of Higher Education Music Leaders at NASM Accredited Institutions and A Discussion and Analysis of Four Major Orchestral Selections. He has made presentations at many regional and international conferences including the Utah Music Educators Conference, the International Consortium of Educational Development, and the Mountain Plains Adult Ed. Association Conference.

### **Sozashvili, Nino**

Nino Sozashvili is associated professor of I. Gogebashvili Telavi State University (TESAU), Faculty of Humanities in Georgia. Her research has resulted in 10 books and 15 published articles. Dr. Sozashvili was educated at TESAU and at Literature Institute of Tbilisi Scientific Academy. Before coming to the TESAU she was invited professor at Aristotle State University of Thessaloniki. As a researcher, she works on different aspects of folklore. Over the last 5 years she has taken part in more than 20 international conferences. She is the director of five teaching programs on B.A. level including: 1. "Cultural Studies and Art History" (Major), 2. "Georgian language and literature" (Major) 3. "Georgian language and literature" (Minor) 4. "Georgian Literature" (Minor) (all Humanities programs) and 5. "Cultural Studies" (Minor) (in the Social Sciences program). 2008-2010 she was actively involved in a TEMPUS sponsored project (Development of quality assurance in TESAU) which was implemented at Telavi State University. Dr. N. Sozashvili is a Fellow of the Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP 2011).

### **Starr, S. Frederick**

S. Frederick Starr is Chairman of the Central Asia Institute at Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) in Washington, DC. His research has resulted in twenty books and 200 published articles. Dr. Starr was educated at Yale; Cambridge University, England; and Princeton. Before coming to the Central Asia Institute he was founding director of the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies at the Wilson Center in Washington, president for eleven years of Oberlin College, and president of the Aspen Institute. He founded the Greater New Orleans Foundation and was a trustee of the Eurasia Foundation. Dr. Starr has been closely involved with US policy towards Russia and Central Asia for thirty years and has advised four U.S. presidents. He maintains close ties with government leaders and independent figures in politics and culture on all the states he studies. Dr. Starr is the recipient of five honorary degrees and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

### **Stecker Alex**

Alex Stecker, senior lecturer, in the Department of History & Political Science and is the Political Science coordinator. Has a Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in ancient studies, archaeology and the modern Middle East. He has spent several years on excavations in Israel and in other countries of the Middle East. He is in final draft of an article "The Abdication

of Power” in the Bible. Much of his time is spent studying and watching the political events of the Middle East.

### **Stefanovich Gruppman, Vesna**

Critically acclaimed for her “impeccable taste and beautiful singing tone” (Gramophone Magazine), Vesna Stefanovich-Gruppman is equally acclaimed as both a violin and viola soloist, receiving First Prize at the Jaroslav Kocián International Violin Competition and becoming the first artist to win the National Violin Competition in her native Yugoslavia six times in a row. Vesna Gruppman’s solo career began when she was still a teenager. By the age of sixteen, she had performed as a soloist with such ensembles as the Munich Chamber Orchestra, the Moscow Philharmonic and the Prague Philharmonic Orchestras. She had regularly appeared on radio and TV programmes throughout Europe. Vesna Stefanovich-Gruppman graduated from the Moscow Central Special School of Music and received her doctorate in performance and pedagogy from the Moscow Conservatoire, where she was privileged to study under the legendary teachers Yuri Yankelevich and Igor Bezrodny. Today, Vesna Stefanovich-Gruppman has a demanding schedule as a soloist and chamber musician. Most recently she has appeared with the Dallas Symphony, the Edmonton Symphony, Concerto Rotterdam Chamber Orchestra, the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, the National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine and London’s Beethoven Philharmonic Orchestra, and in recital at London’s Wigmore Hall and St John’s in Smith Square, Amsterdam’s Hermitage Hall, Kiev’s Philharmonic Hall and the Mozart Hall in Prague. Vesna Gruppman’s solo and chamber music recordings have won high praise from such international publications as Gramophone Magazine, American Record Guide and Classical Disc Digest. Her recording of the Concerto for Two Violins and Orchestra by Malcolm Arnold (together with her violinist husband Igor Gruppman) for Koch International won a Grammy Award. Classical Disc Digest’s article describes Vesna Gruppman’s viola performance and recording of the recreated original version of Brahms’ F Minor Quintet together with lead musicians of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields: “Vesna’s electrifyingly intense, ripe-toned viola playing has infused itself into the hearts and minds of the British contingent, who responded by playing as if their very lives depended on it.” Vesna Stefanovich-Gruppman’s critically acclaimed 2007 performance of Mozart’s Sinfonia Concertante with the Temple Square Orchestra in partnership with the legendary Ida Haendel was broadcast numerous times on the US national cable network. The 2009 season marks the release of Video Artists International’s series of recital DVDs featuring Vesna Stefanovich-Gruppman as a soloist and chamber musician. The 2009–2010 season will feature recital and chamber music tours of Asia and the United States. She will also record her next DVD for Video Artists International in Miami in May 2010. Vesna Stefanovich-Gruppman also enjoys a successful teaching career. She is head of the Gruppman International Violin Institute and a Professor of Violin at the Rotterdam Conservatoire. In 2002, the American String Teachers Association honoured Vesna Stefanovich-Gruppman with the “College Teacher of the Year” award.

### **Thackeray, Susan L.**

Susan L. Thackeray is the director for Career and Technical Education at Utah Valley University. She received her Bachelor of Science in Digital Media from UVU and conducted research at Polytechnic of Namibia to complete her M.Ed. degree in Information Technology from Utah State. Prior to joining the

university, Susan worked as a project manager for high tech industries specializing in digital authoring, Internet technologies, distance education and database development. Susan was successful in securing a State Leadership Grant to identify why women in Utah are under-represented in higher education and participated in the initial research to the Women and Education Project. Her involvement in the electronic Student Education Occupation Plan (eSEOP) has brought together public education and higher education in a unique form of collaboration through electronic document transmissions. She is the current recipient of the Vice President of Academic Affairs Award of Excellence and is the Administration President-elect for the Utah Association of Career and Technical Education.

### **Torlina, Jeff**

Jeff Torlina is a sociologist in the Behavioral Science department at Utah Valley University. His Ph.D. is from the State University of New York at Albany. Jeff is working with the Women of the Mountains conference in his role as interim director of the Gender Studies program at UVU. His other specialties include social stratification, political economy, and culture. His forthcoming book with Lynne Rienner Publishers titled *Working Class: Challenging Myths About Blue-Collar Labor* explores the meaning of work and class in the working class subculture and in social theory. His current research concerns the place of small-scale farms and farmers in federal and international agriculture policy. Jeff is interviewing the owners of small farms in the Hudson River Valley of New York State to learn about their reactions to the economic and social hardships of recent times. Jeff is also studying the aftermath of a recent coal mine disaster and its effects upon the surrounding community and other constituencies.

### **Tikhomirov, Alexei**

Alexei Tikhomirov is currently an Interregional Adviser (at the D-1 level) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA). He joined the United Nations in 1989 and has been promoted from a first officer to a principal officer occupying positions of a Chief of Asia and Transition economies unit /section, acting Chief of Knowledge Management Branch, an Interregional Adviser. He has provided technical advice to the high level governmental officials in Transition economies and developing countries. He designed and backstopped a whole range of international programmes including projects devoted to public programming, modeling and governance for development. After graduation of Economics Department of Moscow State University he obtained his candidate /Ph.D degree (1978) and Doctor of Science degree in Economics (1988) at Moscow State University. He was holding research and professorship positions at Moscow State University, made postdoctoral research in Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Maryland University and State University of New York. He was appointed as a Deputy Chairman of Mathematical Modeling for Economic Analysis (1982-1983), Deputy Dean of Economics Department of Moscow University (1984-1987). In 1988 he founded and headed Economic Management Methods Laboratory at Moscow University, appointed a member of the Expert Council of the Russian High Certification Commission. Alexei Tikhomirov is a noted scientist in the field of public sector management, modeling of organizational structures and comprehensive networks, application of economic-mathematical simulation and information technologies in intersectoral governance

processes. He has more than 80 publications. He was awarded a golden medal of the Russian Academy of science; honorary citizen of Trenton, NJ (USA); laureate of other national and international awards and medals. He was born in the Russian Federation, married and has two children.

### **Todicheeney, Chevonne**

Chevonne Todicheeney is a research associate with the *Hóséstoo'o / Nii' ha' da haane'*, American Indian Tribal Communities Project at Utah Valley University. An enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, she is originally from Teesto, Arizona, one of the Navajo communities that was subject to removal as a result of the Navajo-Hopi Land Conflict. A recent graduate of Utah Valley University, she was an intern with the Department of Health and Human Services through American University's Washington Internships for Native Students program, and was a keynote speaker at the Plenary of Bringing Gender Home organized by US Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Women's Health with sponsorship from UNAIDS, in June 2010. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Public Health at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, and teaches an introductory course in American Indian Studies at UVU.

### **Ulloa, Sara**

Sara Ulloa was born in Peru. At an early age Sara came to the United States to pursue her studies at Brigham Young University, Utah. Eventually, she was given a position teaching Spanish at BYU and traveled with students to different areas in Mexico to perfect language skills as well as give humanitarian service to children in orphanages. Sara has also worked with English-Spanish translations and interpretations such as BYU Cable Production around the World. In addition, Sara has also worked with different humanitarian service organizations such as Help International and Chasqui Humanitarian. In 2008, Sara received the Dean's Recognition Award for Humanitarian Service from the School of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences at UVU for directing Hope for Peru Humanitarian Service Project. She has presented in conferences on service learning, humanitarian service and assessment in Spain, Peru, Greece, China and Egypt as well as the US. At present Sara is an Assistant Professor for the Languages Department at UVU. Sara has committed her time and energy to teach, mentor and mold the students' minds for a better future as they grasp language principles in the classroom. Sara believes that teaching a language projects intellectual engaging, cultural enlightening and educational empowering. Language teaching is about broadening horizons and deepening understanding about other cultures and people -linguistically, culturally, emotionally, and intra & interpersonally. Teaching a language does not only benefit students but also benefits society.

### **Utrilla, David**

David Utrilla was born and raised in Lima, Peru and studied international business before coming to the United States in 1994 after facing an uncertain future, political unrest and terrorism in his home country. After only 1 year in the United States, David polished his

language skills and founded U.S. Translation Company, a successful language services firm. David's strong sense of community and the desire to give back has led him to his current volunteer position as Honorary Consul to Peru in Utah.

### **Wallace, Rebecca J.**

Rebecca Wallace is a management consultant in public policy/administration. For over 20 years, she has consulted with federal departments and agencies on the organization, management, and operation of their programs to improve effectiveness and efficiency. She has worked on several projects with the federal land management agencies, including a series of projects addressing issues related to wildland fires. Ms. Wallace also has worked extensively with the Department of Energy, including the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, which leads the federal government's research, development and deployment efforts in energy efficiency and productivity. Ms. Wallace is a founding board member and secretary of the Aspen International Mountain Forum, a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering world peace and cultural understanding by providing educational opportunities that promote sustainable development in the world's mountain communities. She also is a past board member of the Aspen Community Office for Resource Efficiency, whose mission is to improve energy and water efficiency in Aspen and surrounding communities in order to benefit the environment and develop a more sustainable economy.

### **Mayor of Park City The Honorable Williams, Dana**

Mayor Dana Williams' family has a long and colorful history in the Park City area. He ran the family farm until 1990, and in 1984 received the Farmer of the Year award for Summit County. Dana, his wife Lisa and their two children moved into Park City proper in 1990 and he became a realtor with Coldwell Banker and he has earned his Lifetime Achievement Award from the Park City Board of Realtors. Over the past decade, Mayor Williams has worked on land preservation and responsible growth and was named the 1999 Rotary Citizen of the Year. He has also been a strong advocate for affordable housing and quality of life issues. He championed the city's new skateboard park and continues to play and sing in the highly popular Motherlode Canyon Band.

### **Wilson, David R.**

David R. Wilson is an Associate Professor of History and American Indian Studies at Utah Valley University, and the chair of the American Indian Studies program. Formerly a faculty member and administrator at Chief Dull Knife College, the tribally-controlled community college of the Northern Cheyenne Nation in southeastern Montana, his interests and research focus on the history of the Northern Cheyenne people, as well as community theory, where he has emphasized the questions of community attachment and community change. He holds a Ph.D. in History from Brigham Young University, as well as Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Classics from the University of Kansas.

### **Wilson, Ian**

During his career at Utah Valley University, more than two decades long, Dr. Ian Wilson has amassed a wealth of UVU leadership experience. He served as Dean of the Woodbury School of Business from 1989 to 2001 and then again as Interim Dean from 2008-2010. He also worked as Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement from 2001-2002 before being named Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Marketing at UVU, a capacity he served in from 2002-2006. Prior to coming to UVU in 1989 as Dean of the Business School, Dr. Wilson worked as Chair of the Department of Business Administration at Mount Royal College in Calgary, Alberta. Prior to that, he worked as Program Coordinator of Human Resource Management at the same institution. Dr. Wilson has an extensive pedigree as a business faculty member, having taught human resource management, business statistics, business ethics, organizational behavior, principles of management, and compensation and benefits administration. He had planned to return to the classroom following his second stint as business school dean, before being assigned by President Matthew Holland as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, following the departure of Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner of the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE). On October 19, 2010, President Holland announced that Dr. Wilson would assume the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs on a permanent basis, effective immediately. "Dr. Wilson is a highly respected leader across the institution with a proven track-record of executive success in a variety of capacities across multiple divisions on campus," Holland said. "His breadth of credentials, reputation with both the faculty and staff, and smooth transition into service as Interim Vice President--combined with the need for certainty and stability moving forward in this key position--made this decision, frankly, an easy one. The tough part was talking him out of a few more years back in the classroom, which he had been anticipating. I'm pleased to have Ian on board as a more permanent fixture in the administration." "I appreciate President Holland's confidence in me," Wilson said. "I have enjoyed playing an active role in the development of the institution over the past 20 years. I look forward to this new opportunity to assist in the building of this wonderful and dynamic University."

### **White, Frederick H.**

Frederick H. White is the Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and an Associate Professor in the Department of Languages. His areas of teaching and research include Russian Silver Age culture and post-Soviet cinema. He is the author of *Memoirs and Madness: Leonid Andreev through the Prism of the Literary Portrait* (MQUP, 2006) and has two more manuscripts in press, both dealing with social and cultural elements of early twentieth century Russia.

### **Wright, Norman**

Dr. Norman Wright currently serves as the Dean of the Woodbury School of Business at Utah Valley University. He holds a Ph.D. in Management from Wharton as well as an M.A. degree in Management from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Wright also attended Brigham Young University where he earned a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Economics. Prior to joining the Woodbury School of Business, Dr. Wright was the Founding

Dean of the College of Business at Alfaisal University in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He also worked for the American University in Washington, D.C. as a consulting Dean for the School of Business and Entrepreneurship at their affiliate University in Nigeria. He also served as a professor and academic administrator at Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates, the American University of Sharjah, and Brigham Young University Hawaii.

### **Yells, David**

David Yells currently serves as Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Utah Valley University. He previously served as Chair of the Department of Behavioral Science. His research and teaching interests are in the biological bases of behavior with an emphasis on psychopathology and cognitive processes. He received a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychobiology from the University of Nebraska in 1995.