

Harris H. Simmons

Chair, Utah Board of Regents and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Zions Bancorporation

Harris H. Simmons is Chairman and CEO of Zions Bancorporation, a \$65 billion (assets) bank that operates approximately 435 full-service offices throughout the western United States.

A native of Salt Lake City, he has served in a variety of positions with Zions Bank and Zions Bancorporation in his more than 40 years with the organization. Mr. Simmons became CEO of Zions Bancorporation in 1990. In April 2002, Simmons added the role of chairman to his duties.

Simmons received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Utah in 1977, and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) degree from Harvard Business School in 1980.

Active in community and industry affairs, Simmons is chairman of the Utah Board of Regents, and has served as chairman or president of Utah Symphony, Pioneer Theatre Company, Shelter the Homeless, Inc., Utah Foundation, and Economic Development Corporation of Utah. He also serves on the board of directors for Dominion Energy Midstream Partners, National Life Group (Vermont) and O.C. Tanner Company. He is past chairman of the American Bankers Association.

Harris Simmons and his wife, Amanda Pahnke Simmons, are the parents of four children.



Rich Kendell, Ph.D.

Former Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education

Richard E. Kendell has served as the very model of an effective educator throughout his career. He earned a Bachelor of Science in English at Weber State, then a Master's degree and Ph.D. in Leadership and Policy at the University of Utah. His experience spans Utah's educational spectrum from high school English teacher, to faculty member and associate dean at the University of Utah, to leadership positions in the Davis School District, interim president of Southern Utah University, and superintendent of the Utah State Board of Education and the Utah System of Higher Education. As deputy for public education, higher education and economic development under Utah Governor Mike Leavitt, Kendell helped initiate six high-tech high schools, develop charter school legislation, and create programs to attract and retain a stronger corps of math and science teachers in the state. Throughout his tenure Kendall has provided indispensable leadership and service to the University of Utah, and effective advocacy for higher education with the state legislature. Dr. Kendall has also worked in private industry as a research and development director for WICAT Educational Systems and as a project manager for hospital and health care facilities for the Boyer Company.



Pamela S. Perlich, Ph.D.

Director of demographic research at the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, University of Utah

Pamela Perlich, Ph.D. is the director of demographic research at the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah where she leads the newly formed demography team. In this role, she and her team are responsible for developing and producing population estimates and projections, neighborhood indicators and demographic analyses focusing on Utah. In addition, the demography team is responsible for the Utah State Data Center, a program affiliated with the U.S. Census Bureau that is responsible for the dissemination and interpretation of demographic and socioeconomic data, including recently released and historical. Formerly, she worked as a senior research economist with the Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR), which has recently merged into the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute. Prior to joining BEBR, she worked in the Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, concentrating on long-run economic and demographic projections. Although trained as an economist, she applies a multidisciplinary approach to develop data, modeling and analysis that identifies ongoing demographic, economic and cultural transformations. The focus of her work is to illuminate these trends and the associated implications for the future, especially as they impact Utah. Her work highlights the great diversity in our communities and how these change over time.



David W. Pershing, Ph.D.

President Emeritus, University of Utah



David W. Pershing was the 15th President of the University of Utah. He received a bachelor's degree from Purdue University in 1970 and a Ph.D. from University of Arizona. Pershing joined the faculty of the University of Utah in 1977 as a professor of chemical engineering. He was named a Presidential Young Investigator by the National Science Foundation in 1984 and became dean of the College of Engineering in 1987. He was named a Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering in 1995. In 1998, university President Bernie Machen named Pershing as senior vice president for Academic Affairs. In March 2012, Pershing was named president of the University of Utah, where he also holds an appointment as a distinguished professor of chemical engineering. During his tenure, Pershing has emphasized pursuit of excellence, equity and diversity, creation of a sustainable future and affordable academic and health care programs. Pershing is known to be focused on engaged student experiences at every stage of learning, strong support for research, creative work and scholarship and opportunities for meaningful endeavors that make a positive difference in the state, nation and world.

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D.

President Emerita and University Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia



Teresa A. Sullivan is University Professor and President Emerita of the University of Virginia. As President, she led a team that stimulated the revitalization of the UVA Health System, raised faculty salaries, launched an ambitious program of faculty hiring, raised both the numbers and quality of applications, reached new fund-raising records, and launched the University's Bicentennial celebration. Earlier she was the Executive Vice President and Provost of the University of Michigan, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the University of Texas System, and Vice President and Graduate Dean at The University of Texas at Austin. In her academic career as a demographer, she developed analytic techniques for the use of U.S. Census Public Use Sample. She was an investigator on a large international sample survey, and with law colleagues Elizabeth Warren and Jay Lawrence Westbrook she led several original large-scale data collections of consumer bankruptcy records. The first book-length analysis of the bankruptcy records, *As We Forgive Our Debtors*, received the Silver Gavel Award of the American Bar Association. The second book, *The Fragile Middle Class*, received the Writing Award of the American College of Financial Services Lawyers. Ms. Sullivan has held faculty positions at the Universities of Chicago, Texas, Michigan, and Virginia, and has received five major teaching awards. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Michigan State University and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Daniel A. Reed, Ph.D.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Utah



Daniel A. Reed is the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Utah. Previously, he was Vice President for Research and Economic Development, University Chair in Computational Science and Bioinformatics, and Professor of Computer Science at the University of Iowa. He also served as Microsoft's Corporate Vice President for Technology Policy and Extreme Computing. Before joining Microsoft, he was the founding director of the Renaissance Computing Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he also served as Chancellor's Eminent Professor and Vice Chancellor for Information Technology. Prior to that, he was Gutgsell Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications.

Jayne B. Hart

Executive Vice President of Human Resources, Myriad Genetics



Jayne B. Hart joined Myriad in May 2011 as executive vice president of human resources. She has more than twenty years of professional experience in the human resources field. Prior to joining Myriad, Ms. Hart served as vice president of human resources at LANDesk Software, a global software company. Before that, she was vice president of human resources for 360networks, a wholesale telecommunications company, and at AT&T Wireless, a global telecommunications company, where she began her career.

Courtney H. McBeth, Ed.D.

Special Assistant to the President and Project Director, American Dream Ideas Challenge, University of Utah



Dr. Courtney H. McBeth, Ed.D. is special assistant to University of Utah President Ruth Watkins and project director for the American Dream Ideas Challenge, a statewide initiative funded by Schmidt Futures that seeks to strengthen Utah's middle class. Dr. McBeth also leads campus initiatives in innovative financing and students success. She is an experienced higher education leader with a demonstrated history of building programs, curriculum, and community and working across disciplines and sectors in domestic and international settings in previous roles at the Hinckley Institute of Politics and the Sorenson Impact Center. She is an adjunct professor in the Eccles School of Business and teaches social entrepreneurship. Dr. McBeth received her B.S. and M.A. degrees from the University of Utah and was captain of the women's soccer team. She graduated with dual distinction from the University of Pennsylvania with a doctorate degree in higher education management and focuses her research on social innovation in higher education.

Taylor Randall, Ph.D.

Dean, David Eccles School of Business, University of Utah



Dean Taylor Randall has led The University of Utah David Eccles School of Business since 2009. Randall has elevated the school's national reputation as a place of innovation, garnering top 25 entrepreneurship rankings for both undergraduate and graduate programs. In 2017-18 alone, seven of the school's programs were ranked Top 25. Under his leadership, the value of an Eccles School education has increased dramatically. Experiential learning opportunities have expanded along with the institutes and centers that offer invaluable experience to students in fields ranging from finance to social impact to policy creation. The Marriner S. Eccles Institute for Economics and Quantitative Analysis, the Sorenson Impact Center, the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute and the Goff Strategic Leadership Center all opened under Randall's direction. Additionally, the Lassonde Entrepreneur Institute has continued to grow with the opening of Lassonde Studios, a unique living and learning space that includes 400 beds and a 20,000-square-foot fully equipped makerspace for students to launch their dreams.

Barbara J. Wilson, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Illinois System



Dr. Barbara J. Wilson is the Executive Vice President/Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of Illinois System. In this role, Dr. Wilson serves as the second most senior executive and the chief academic officer for the \$5.6 billion U of I System. She works with the president and the chancellors and provosts of the Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield universities on setting academic priorities for the system, coordinating planning and budgeting across the system, and spearheading system-wide academic initiatives.

Dr. Wilson has been a faculty member at U of I Urbana-Champaign since 2000. She served as head of the Department of Communication from 2002 to 2009. She spent five years as vice provost and then executive vice provost, providing campus leadership on academic and financial planning, and faculty hiring and promotion. In 2014, she was named the Harry E. Preble Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the largest and most diverse college on campus. In 2015-16, she served as interim chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Wilson's research focuses on the social and psychological effects of the media, particularly on youth. She is co-author or co-editor of four books and over 80 articles, chapters, and technical reports on media effects and implications for media policy. In 2008, she was elected as Fellow of the International Communication Association.

Wilson earned her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Ryan Watts, Ph.D.

CEO, Denali Therapeutics



Ryan Watts is one of the co-founders of Denali Therapeutics and a member of our Board of Directors. He serves as their President and Chief Executive Officer. Ryan previously served as Director of the Department of Neuroscience at Genentech, where he was employed for 11 years. During his tenure there, he led the company's entry into neuroscience, building a department and advancing multiple programs for neurological disease from discovery to clinical testing. Ryan's own laboratory focused on drug discovery for Alzheimer's disease and on understanding mechanisms of neurodegeneration guided by human genetics. Ryan is also a leader in the development of improved methods for delivering therapeutic antibodies across the blood-brain barrier. He obtained his B.S. from the University of Utah and his Ph.D. in biological sciences from Stanford University.

Nina Barnes, M.P.A.

Vice Chair, Utah Board of Regents



Ms. Barnes served on the Cedar City Council from 2005–2013. She owns and operates several businesses and is involved in various community affairs, including Real Women Run and the Utah Summer Games. Nina previously served as a member of the Southern Utah University Board of Trustees, the Southern Utah Foundation and the Anne & Dixie Leavitt Foundation. Ms. Barnes received a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Southern Utah University. Nina currently teaches as an adjunct professor at SUU. Ms. Barnes and her husband, Keith, have five children.

Deneece Huftalin, Ph.D.

President, Salt Lake Community College



Dr. Deneece G. Huftalin was named the eighth President of Salt Lake Community College in 2014 and feels privileged to have served SLCC students, faculty, and staff for more than two decades. In her tenure as President, Dr. Huftalin has launched a collegewide strategic planning cycle which has produced a new vision, mission, values, and strategic goals for the College. Dr. Huftalin is leading efforts to strengthen completion rates, transfer pathways, workforce responsiveness, and equity in student access and completion. Dr. Huftalin has also encouraged an environment of innovation and has challenged staff and faculty to embrace emerging pedagogies and to situate SLCC as a model for inclusive and transformative education. Dr. Huftalin has taught in the Education, Leadership, and Policy program at the University of Utah and serves on a number of community boards and committees. Nationally, Dr. Huftalin serves as a Commissioner and Executive Committee member for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, a trustee for LeaderShape, and an Advisory Board member for NASPA's Center for First-generation Student Success. Dr. Huftalin earned a master's degree from UCLA and a doctorate in Education, Leadership, and Policy from the University of Utah.

Erika George, J.D.

Samuel D. Thurman Professor, S.J. Quinney College Of Law and Presidential Fellow, University of Utah



Professor George earned a B.A. with honors from the University of Chicago and a J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she served as Articles Editor of the Harvard Civil Rights–Civil Liberties Law Review. She also holds an M.A. in International Relations from the University of Chicago. Her research interests include globalization and the indivisible, interdependent, and interrelated nature of civil liberties and socioeconomic rights; cultural pluralism and rights universalism; gender violence and gender equality; justice and peace promotion in post-conflict societies; environmental justice; and the use of documentary film in human rights advocacy and education. Her current research explores the responsibility of transnational corporations to respect international human rights and various efforts to hold business enterprises accountable for alleged abuses.

Mabel Rice, Ph.D.

Fred & Virginia Merrill Distinguished Professor of Advanced Studies, University of Kansas



Mabel L. Rice, Ph.D., Fred & Virginia Merrill Distinguished Professor of Advanced Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. She directs the cross-disciplinary Child Language Doctoral Program and the Merrill Advanced Studies Center, a center that organizes small research conferences. Her research focuses on children with and without language impairments, twins as well as single-born. She has directed longitudinal studies for 30 years, encompassing an age span of 2 years into adulthood, children's siblings and parents, many dimensions of language and cognition, across many service settings. Her studies bridge disciplines (speech/language pathology, linguistics, psychology, pediatrics, genetics, public health, and education) and cross international boundaries. She works with colleagues in Australia and Norway on longitudinal studies and has professional ties with colleagues in Scotland, South Korea, and the Czech Republic. She is a researcher with the NIH-wide Pediatric HIV/AIDS Cohort Study. NIH has continuously supported her research. She served on the Council of the National Institute of Deafness and other Communication Disorders (2008-2012), during which she served as Co-chair of the Voice, Speech, & Language Subcommittee of the NIDCD Strategic Planning Committee (2010). Her leadership across disciplines has been recognized with Fellow awards from ASHA, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Psychological Association, American Association for Psychological Science, ASHA Honors, and the Alfred A. Kawana Council of Editors Award (2005) from ASHA. She serves on the Education Board of the American Health Council.

Andy Weyrich, Ph.D.

Vice President for Research, University of Utah



Dr. Andrew Weyrich is a Professor of Internal Medicine, Vice President for Research, and President of the Research Foundation at the University of Utah. He received a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Baldwin-Wallace College, a Master's degree in Exercise Physiology from Wake Forrest University, and a PhD in Physiology/Pharmacology from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Dr. Weyrich's research lab, which focuses on blood clotting in health and disease, has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health for over 20 years. Based on his seminal discoveries in the field of Hematology, Dr. Weyrich was awarded the prestigious William Dameshek prize from the American Society of Hematology. He was recently selected to serve on the NIH National Heart, Lung and Blood Advisory Council and has a passion for mentoring students, fellows, and young investigators who are pursuing careers in biomedical research. Dr. Weyrich holds an H.A. and Edna Benning Presidential Endowed Chair, a recognition from the University of Utah that honors a select group of top medical researchers.

Sherri Collins

Deputy Secretary, Office of Technology and Innovation, Department of Community and Economic Development, State of Pennsylvania



In her role as Deputy Secretary of Technology & Innovation at the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Sheri is responsible for fostering innovation and entrepreneurship to ensure the success of Pennsylvania's business community. Sheri oversees a number of economic development tools designed to market the commonwealth as a premiere destination to start and grow a business. Sheri and her team are responsible for the oversight and administration of programs such as the Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance, the nationally-recognized Ben Franklin Technology Partners, Pennsylvania's three Life Sciences Greenhouses and a robust venture investment program. Sheri also serves as the Governor's State Alternate to the Appalachian Regional Commission and serves on various boards in both a professional and personal capacity. Sheri has dedicated her professional career to public service starting in 1986 with the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System. At the State Employees' Retirement System, she served as the special assistant to the chief counsel and played an integral role in negotiating and closing complex investment transactions.

Natalie Gochnour, M.S.

Associate Dean, David Eccles School of Business and Director, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, University of Utah



Gochnour's experience includes a diverse mix of public service and business expertise. For seven years she guided the public policy work of the Salt Lake Chamber, Utah's largest business association. Gochnour created and led the Downtown Rising movement, helped pass a ballot initiative to secure funds for the expansion of Utah's TRAX light rail and FrontRunner commuter rail service, and assisted with the drafting and promotion of the Utah Compact, a widely heralded document supporting immigration reform. During Gochnour's state service she advised Utah governors Bangerter, Leavitt and Walker. She also served as a political appointee in the George W. Bush administration, serving as an associate administrator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a counselor to the secretary at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Gochnour is a sought after public speaker with the unique ability to translate policy-speak into everyday language. A native Utahn, her professional focus and passion are public policies that promote balance, civility and prosperity. She shares her views in regular columns in both Utah Business magazine and the Deseret News.

Keith Marmer, D.P.T., M.B.A.

Associate Vice President and Executive Director, Technology & Venture Commercialization, University of Utah



Previously, Mr. Marmer was co-founder and managing director of SG3 Ventures, a venture capital fund focused on early-stage life science companies. Prior to SG3 Ventures, Marmer was chief business officer at Penn Center for Innovation, University of Pennsylvania. Before his university-based commercialization roles, he was an entrepreneur, launching and scaling two companies and co-founding a consulting firm that advised early-stage growth companies. Marmer serves on a number of boards as well as a past entrepreneur-in-residence at Princeton University. Marmer received an MBA, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Physical Therapy and Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from University of the Sciences.

Michael L. Good, M.D.

Senior Vice President, University of Utah Health Sciences

Chief Executive Officer, University of Utah Health

Executive Dean, University of Utah School of Medicine



Dr. Michael Good is the CEO of University of Utah Health, the Dean of the University of Utah School of Medicine, and the Senior Vice President of University of Utah Health Sciences. He is a professor of anesthesiology. Prior to arriving in Utah, Dr. Good held many leadership positions at University of Florida (UF) and its clinical affiliates, including dean, interim dean, senior associate dean for clinical affairs, chief of staff for Shands at UF, chief of staff for the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, and system medical director for the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System. Early in his academic career, Dr. Good led a team of UF physicians and engineers to create the Human Patient Simulator, a sophisticated computerized teaching tool that is now used in health education programs throughout the world. He graduated with distinction from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in computer and communication sciences. Dr. Good also earned his medical degree from Michigan, completed his residency training and a research fellowship in anesthesiology at UF, and joined the UF College of Medicine faculty in 1988. Dr. Good and his wife, Danette, have five children and three grandchildren.

Sarah Mangelsdorf, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison



Mangelsdorf came to the University of Wisconsin after serving six years as the dean of the Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University, where she was also a member of the Department of Psychology. Prior to Northwestern, Mangelsdorf served from 2004 to 2008 as the Henry E. Preble Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – the first woman to hold that position. She joined the University of Illinois Department of Psychology in 1991 and served as associate provost from 2001 to 03 and head of the psychology department from 2003 to 2004. She previously served four years as an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Michigan.

Charles F. Zukoski, Ph.D.

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Buffalo



Charles F. Zukoski, PhD, has served as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University at Buffalo since 2012. A deep believer in the power of higher education to improve society, Provost Zukoski is committed to providing transformative educational experiences that prepare students for future success, growing UB's impact through interdisciplinary excellence and meaningful engagement, and enhancing its strength as a truly global university. Under his leadership, the university has transformed its general education program, increased international and experiential learning opportunities, significantly improved graduation rates, grown and diversified the student body, and enhanced faculty research productivity and impact.

Keith Diaz Moore, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Architecture + Planning, University of Utah



Keith Diaz Moore is Dean of the College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Utah. He is a registered architect with degrees from the University of Illinois (B.S.), University of Minnesota (M.Arch.) and the University of Wisconsin (Ph.D.). Dr. Diaz Moore is a passionate advocate and an international expert in the connection between culture, health and place, particularly in the area of design for people experiencing dementia with several books, over 30 refereed publications and more than 100 presentations on the topic. This program of research has generated over three-quarters of a million dollars in external support. His current research explores the impact neighborhood design has upon the incidence and trajectory of cognitive impairment in older adults and he is considered an international expert in aging-in-place.

Sherri-Ann Butterfield, Ph.D.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Associate Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University-Newark



Sherri-Ann P. Butterfield is Executive Vice Chancellor and Associate Professor of Sociology at Rutgers University–Newark. She is a nationally recognized scholar, teacher, and thought leader in race and ethnicity, immigration, and diversity in higher education. Sherri-Ann is also a sought-after facilitator on managing diversity within complex institutions. As an advocate for leveraging diversity in all its dimensions, she works with her RU-N colleagues to actualize the public mission of colleges and universities as engines of social mobility, and as anchor institutions that collaborate with partners from multiple sectors in order to help communities succeed. Her work has appeared in numerous journals and edited volumes that include the *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* and the *Research in Urban Sociology Series*. While at Rutgers–Newark Sherri-Ann has served in numerous academic and administrative capacities, including: Visiting Academic Fellow in Nuffield College at Oxford University, American Council on Education Fellow at New York University, Faculty Fellow in the Office of the Chancellor, Acting Director of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, Associate Director of the Clement A. Price Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience, and former Chair of the Sociology and Anthropology Department. She received her B.A. in Sociology from Yale University and M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Michigan.

Rosey Hunter, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, College of Social Work, University of Utah



Dr. Hunter joined the College of Social Work faculty in 1995, and currently serves as an Associate Professor. Most recently, Dr. Hunter served as Special Assistant to the President for Campus-Community Partnerships, and Director of University Neighborhood Partners (UNP), a campus-community partnership initiative focused on creating greater access to higher education for underrepresented populations and community capacity-building partnerships. Dr. Hunter’s research, teaching and practice is focused on developing pathway partnerships that extend social work higher education to Individuals living in marginalized settings, often where social work education does not exist or where there is little access to higher education. Through online learning platforms and global partnerships, these programs are extending higher education to communities who live at the margins and focused on building the global social service workforce by preparing entry-level workers (i.e., case managers, family and youth advocates, women empowerment workers, community health workers) living in refugee camp communities, employed in serving communities in forced migration, and/or those working in community-based organizations (CBO), and NGOs. Hunter serves as director of the Bridging Borders project, a university-community partnership between the U’s College of Social Work, Division of Occupational Therapy and Asia Center focused on extending higher education to partnering communities in Myanmar, Thailand and Uganda.

Spencer J. Cox

Lt. Governor, State of Utah



Spencer J. Cox, Utah’s 8th Lieutenant Governor, was born and raised in Fairview, Utah where he currently resides with his wife Abby and their four children. He is a graduate of Snow College, Utah State University and Washington and Lee Law School. He formerly practiced law with Fabian & Clendenin and was Vice President and General Counsel of CentraCom. He has served as a councilman and mayor of Fairview, as a Sanpete County Commissioner and in the Utah House of Representatives. Lt. Governor Cox is by statute the chief election officer of the state and the liaison between the governor and legislature. In his limited free time, he enjoys working on the family farm, spending time in Utah’s amazing backcountry, and talking about the Utah Jazz. He also plays the bass guitar with his brother in a local rock band.

Sarah George, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Natural History Museum of Utah



Sarah B. George, Ph.D, is the Executive Director of the Natural History Museum of Utah and Adjunct Professor of Biology at the University of Utah. Working in museums since she was an undergraduate at the University of Puget Sound, she received her M.S. at Fort Hays State University in western Kansas, and her Ph.D. at the University of New Mexico as a field biologist, mammalogist, and evolutionary geneticist. After completing graduate school in 1984, she was Curator of Mammals at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, also holding adjunct faculty appointments in the biology departments at USC and UCLA.

Brooke Horejsi, M.S.

***Assistant Dean for Art & Creative Engagement and Executive Director of UtahPresents,
University of Utah***



Brooke has more than 20 years of experience in the field of creativity. In her role at the University of Utah, Horejsi oversees a non-profit, campus-based arts presenter, and is a member of the leadership team in the College of Fine Arts. Her work focuses on embedding the arts and creativity broadly across campus and the region. Additionally, she teaches courses in arts leadership and has a variety of grant panel, project advising, and board service experience, including her current appointment as an Advisor for the National Theater Project, funded by The New England Foundation for the Arts, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Brooke almost never pronounces her last name with linguistic accuracy, but does manage to spell it correctly 98% of the time. She is relieved that the responsibility of teaching it to her two boys, Jack and Kolya, falls to her partner, Michael, who is far better at making all the right sounds in all the right places.

Wyatt R. Hume, D.D.S.

***Dean, School of Dentistry and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Education,
University of Utah Health***



A graduate of the University of Adelaide, Australia, Dr. Hume previously served as Dean of Dentistry at the University of Sydney; Dean of Dentistry, then Executive Vice Chancellor, the chief academic officer and chief operating officer, for the University of California Los Angeles, UCLA; then Provost and Chief Operating Officer for the ten-campus University of California System. In addition to clinical qualifications in dentistry, Dr. Hume holds two research doctorates, one in human physiology and pharmacology and the other in dental science. His research, primarily focused on biological mechanisms underlying beneficial and adverse effects of materials and medicaments used in oral care, was continually funded by the US National Institutes of Health or its Australian equivalent between 1978 and 2002. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Restorative Dentistry, the peak professional organization in his clinical field. He and his wife Jennifer, a retired law professor, live in Salt Lake City. Their two children and three grandchildren live in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Julie Metos, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Associate Chair, Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology, University of Utah



Julie M. Metos, PhD, MPH, RD is the Associate Chairperson of the Department of Nutrition & Integrative Physiology in the College of Health at the University of Utah, and the Executive Director of the University of Utah Center for Community Nutrition. Her research interests focus on child and adolescent diabetes and obesity prevention, and these interests are exemplified in her work with the Driving out Diabetes Initiative (DoDi), for which she serves on the leadership team, and directs the DoDi diabetes prevention programs for secondary school students, and homeless children and their families. She completed her doctorate at the University of Utah in the Division of Public Health. Her MPH in Public Health Nutrition from the University of California, Berkeley and attended the University of Utah for undergraduate studies. Dr. Metos speaks frequently in local news outlets on nutrition and health issues.

Sarah Munro, Ph.D.

***Executive Director, University Neighborhood Partners and Special Assistant to President Ruth
Watkins, University of Utah***



Sarah Munro became Director of UNP in 2015. She works with community and higher education partners to guide UNP in its long-term strategy of building reciprocally beneficial partnerships that reduce barriers to educational opportunity for residents of west Salt Lake neighborhoods. She also contributes to City and County level discussions focused on cross-sector collaborations to address equity in educational opportunities. Dr. Munro received a Ph.D. in Anthropology in 2002 from the University of Michigan. Her passion for bringing multiple forms of knowledge to bear on complex social issues led her to UNP in 2002. Since then, Dr. Munro has helped build UNP's work through a range of University-community partnerships focused on community development, grassroots community leadership, and capacity building to address systemic barriers to educational and economic opportunity in low income neighborhoods of Salt Lake City. She is committed to fostering community leadership in multi-cultural settings, and is particularly interested in how academic research can be enriched through collaborations between faculty/students and community stakeholders. Dr. Munro is also Assistant Research Professor in the Department of City and Metropolitan Planning. She speaks Spanish and Italian fluently, and spends much of her time meeting with partners to identify shared priorities between University and west side community resources.