

Church World Service 2010 Forum on Domestic Disaster Ministry Faculty Members



Tony Brown, a licensed psychotherapist, an acclaimed baritone, and ambassador for goodwill around the world, uses music to promote peace and reconciliation in countries where peoples' lives are torn by war and civil strife. A 1971 graduate of Goshen College and Artist-in-Residence at Hesston (KS) College, he is founder of Peacing It Together Foundation which seeks to bring people together across the divides of religion, ethnicity, nationality, race and culture through musical events.

His peace work has taken him to such political hot spots as Bosnia, Northern Ireland, China, Japan, Moldova, Ukraine, Russia, Uganda, South Korea and Ethiopia. His performances seek to connect people and help them focus on how all people are part of the family of humanity. Brown recorded his first compact disc of African American Spirituals in 1995 and his second in 2002. His compact disc "Embracing American Song" (1999) offers a wide array of music from the romantic ballad to classic American folk songs. He released his fourth recording in 2006 -- "Each Other's Light" -- with songs of peace, hope and justice. A classical musician, Brown has appeared as an oratorio soloist performing Bach's St. Matthew's Passion, Handel's Messiah, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Mozart's Requiem, Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem and Mendelssohn's Elijah. His operatic performances include principal roles in Mozart's Die Fledermaus, Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors, Puccini's Gianni Schicci and Gershwin's Porgy and Bess.

Kaye M. Englin, Vice President of Advancement and Church Relations for Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), oversees fund raising, church relations, and disaster response and advocacy efforts at the affiliate of Lutheran Services in America and three Iowa synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Each year, her organization serves more than 40,000 Iowans of all ages, genders, nationalities, religions, ethnicities, and sexual orientations through childhood programs, adoption/foster care services, refugee resettlement, disabilities services, and disaster response initiatives. Englin joined LSI as part of its integration team in 2002 to bring Bremwood Lutheran Services and Lutheran Social Service of Iowa together. She had previously served as a Bremwood volunteer and board member of Bremwood Lutheran Services. She has more than 15 years of experience in not-for-profit organizations with a strong background in financial services. An Iowa native, she lives in Waverly with her husband John and their two children.



Howard Feinberg has served the not-for-profit Jewish community for more than 30 years in organizational development, fundraising, strategic planning, emergency preparedness and disaster response, and community organization. As Lead Staff of United Jewish Communities' Emergency Committee from 2005-2008, he organized and coordinated response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma, the Virginia Tech shootings, and more than 30 major tornados and several regional flooding incidents. Feinberg developed a system to raise funds and distribute emergency financial assistance to disaster survivors, created an emergency

preparedness and training consortium encompassing 20 national constituency organizations/agencies/religious movements to coordinate resources and expertise in disasters, represented UJC in National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and the Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief, and provided professional leadership to a volunteer committee which granted more than \$30 million to the Jewish and general community in 50 evacuee host communities following Hurricane Katrina. Since leaving UJC in June, 2008, he has consulted not-for-profit and academic institutions on organizational development and emergency preparedness and disaster response. Feinberg has served as Scholar-in-Residence and guest lecturer at Wurzweiler School of Social Work and visiting lecturer on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response at State University of New York (SUNY) Institute of Disaster Mental Health, New Paltz.



Allan M. Gentry is an instructor and Interim Dean and Chair of the Technology Department at Cleveland (TN) State Community College and administrator of the Energy Efficient Residential Construction Program Grant. Gentry has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee Technological University and a M.S. in Engineering with emphasis in Engineering Management and Systems Engineering from the University of Alabama at Huntsville. He worked for almost 30 years in industry -- mostly at the Tennessee Valley Authority. His experience includes power plant and systems design, construction, engineering, operation, and maintenance. Gentry worked in a number of management and specialist positions providing technical support in recruiting, training, organizational development, quality management, and strategic planning. Gentry is president of the McMinn County (TN) Habitat for Humanity affiliate, board chairman of the Coordinated Charities program of McMinn County, and chairman of the City of Athens, TN, International Relations Committee. He is a member of the Athens, TN, Optimist Club, the Ocoee Region Builder's Association, the National Association of Industrial Technology, and the Residential Energy Services Network organization (RESNET). Gentry is a woodworking hobbyist and has been an amateur builder for more than 20 years, working actively with Habitat for Humanity in construction and remodeling projects.

Matt Hackworth, a communications officer for Church World Service, joined CWS after 12 years as a newspaper and broadcast reporter. His broadcast work has appeared on the National Public Radio programs *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, *Justice Talking* and American Public Media's *Marketplace*.



William H. Hooke, PhD, is a Senior Policy Fellow and the Director of the Atmospheric Policy Program at the American Meteorological Society (AMS) in Washington, DC. Dr. Hooke previously worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and antecedent agencies for 33 years. After serving as a researcher at NOAA, he moved into a series of management positions of increasing scope and responsibility for the agency (Chief of the Wave Propagation Laboratory Atmospheric Studies Branch, Director of Environmental Sciences Group, Deputy Chief Scientist, Acting Chief Scientist, Director of the U.S. Weather Research Program Office, Chair of the Interagency Subcommittee for Natural Disaster Reduction of the National Science and Technology Council

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources). Dr. Hooke served on the faculty at the University of Colorado from 1967 to 1987 and as a fellow of two NOAA Joint Institutes. He has written more than 50 referenced publications and co-authored one book. Dr. Hooke holds a B.S. (Physics Honors) from Swarthmore College (1964) and an S.M. (1966) and Ph.D. (1967) from the University of Chicago. He chaired the NAS/NRC Disasters Roundtable from 2003-2009 and is an elected member of the American Philosophical Society.

John (Jody) Kretzmann, PhD, as Co-Director of the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute -- a research project of the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University -- works with community-building leaders across North America and five other continents in support of community-based efforts to employ local capacities and mobilize citizen resources to solve problems. ABCD builds on methods of successful community organizing and development Dr. Kretzmann and John L. McKnight detailed in their popular 1993 book -- *Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding and Mobilizing a Community's Assets*. Dr. Kretzmann, a founding faculty member of the Associated Colleges of the Midwest Urban Studies Program in 1969, served as director of the institution for six years. He worked as a community organizer on Chicago's West Side and has served as a consultant to a wide range of neighborhood organizing and development groups. In Chicago, Dr. Kretzmann also served as chair of the Neighborhood Planning Committee for Mayor Harold Washington and was an active policy consultant through Washington's four and a half years in office. Dr. Kretzmann's educational background includes a B.A. from Princeton University (Magna Cum Laude), a M.A. in English Literature from the University of Virginia, and a Ph.D in Sociology and Urban Affairs from Northwestern University. He has taught at Northwestern University, Valparaiso University, and the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Dr. Kretzmann is married to Ingrid Christiansen. They have two children, Marcus and Katie.



Rabbi Myrna Matsa, Rabbinic Pastoral/Trauma Counselor for Hurricane Katrina Support in the New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Biloxi/Gulport region deployed by the New York Board of Rabbis in partnership with United Jewish Communities, works closely with leaders of various faith communities -- both Jewish and non-Jewish -- in providing direct pastoral services during reconstruction. She serves as a Jewish referral resource and interfaces with various mental health associations. Rabbi Matsa has served synagogues in the South and Mid West and worked in medical settings at a hospice, psychiatric hospital, and nursing homes. With a Doctor of Ministry degree and studies in Clinical Pastoral Education, she brings together psychology and theology. A community leader, she has dedicated her life to helping people on the margins of society in children's rights, affordable housing, advocacy for homeless persons, substance abuse and domestic violence counseling. Rabbi Matsa served on the ethics committees of Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, NY, Mission-St. Joseph, Asheville, NC, and several nursing homes.



David Montanye, D.M., is Director of Major and Planned Gifts at Keuka College, a small liberal arts college in New York and a national leader in experiential education. During 30 years as a United Methodist minister, he held executive positions with Church World Service, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and the Virginia Council of Churches and served as a pastor to congregations in Garnerville, NY, and Branchville, NJ. In 1994, Montanye started working with small colleges and non-profits to help them develop financial resources. Bacone College, Muskogee, OK, Vellore Medical College in India, Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Louisville, KY, and the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Poughkeepsie, NY, are among the organizations he has consulted. His experience includes proposals to a wide range of potential funders – from wealthy individuals and family foundations to denominations, judicatories, and local, state, and federal governments. Montanye earned a B.A. in Political Science from American University, Washington, DC, and a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Drew University. His doctoral dissertation explored fundraising in a multicultural community.

David L. Myers, a Mennonite pastor, is the Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community-Based Initiatives for the Department of Homeland Security. Prior to joining the DHS, Myers served as Executive Director of Teen Living Programs in Chicago, bringing it to national prominence by identifying and focusing on vision and mission, developing a diverse Board of Directors, and building outcome-focused residential, social service, and health care programs. Myers previously served as Executive Director of the Center for Public Ministry in Evanston, IL, where he developed a suburban homeless agency focused on families that created strategic partnerships with neighbors, local businesses, and government. In his current role, Meyers engages religious and community groups in preparedness, relief, recovery and response, and sustainable risk management.



Diana Rothe-Smith joined National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) as executive director with in 2007 to build an infrastructure that would better serve needs of state VOAD affiliates and national members while meeting the increasing demands facing all disaster focused voluntary agencies. Rothe-Smith worked with staff and volunteers in 1996, 2000, and 2002 Olympic Games and the 2001 World Winter Special Olympics. She also served as a volunteer manager and disaster planner for community based organizations in the Greater Atlanta and National Capital Regions. In her previous role as Director of Disaster Initiatives for the Points of Light Foundation, she worked with volunteer centers to support their efforts in unaffiliated volunteer management planning. Rothe-Smith has a graduate certificate in emergency management and organizational continuity from Boston University and an executive certificate in nonprofit leadership from the Center for Social Leadership. She and her husband Rod live in Virginia with their two adopted dogs and two pet birds.

Jannah Scott joined the Department of Homeland Security as Deputy Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community-Based Initiatives after serving former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano as policy advisor on Faith and Community Initiatives. Scott was an associate with the International Foundation in Washington, D.C., the host of the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast. An ordained minister, she served seven years as executive director of the Collaboration for a New Century, a private sector effort to support the work of faith-based and community organizations in serving needy Arizonans. The Collaboration was part of a four-city project funded through the federal Compassion Capital Fund to provide training and technical assistance to faith-based and community groups in Phoenix. Scott has a graduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley and received an honorary Doctorate of Theology from the Desert Rose Christian College in Phoenix.



Pastor Michael Stadie has served as Lutheran Disaster Response Coordinator for Iowa since May 2004. Born in Omaha, NE, he graduated from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, and Lutheran Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, MN. After serving congregations in South Dakota and western Iowa, he joined Lutheran Services in Iowa in August 2003 as an Advancement/Church Relations Associate. As Lutheran Disaster Response Coordinator for Iowa, he has helped communities in long term recovery work. Since the Iowa tornadoes and flooding of 2008, Stadie has led a staff of up to 20 case managers in the most impacted parts of the state. He lives in Davenport with his wife Barb, a special education teacher in Pleasant Valley School District, and their three daughters.

Jeannette Sutton, PhD, designs, develops, and conducts research activities related to community resilience and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. An Assistant Research Professor at the Trauma, Health, and Hazards Center at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, she works primarily in “crisis informatics” examining the evolving role of information and communication technology -- specifically the uses of social media in crisis and disaster situations. Her current projects include analyses of risk perceptions as they relate to the design and implementation of formal policies for social media in disaster response, the emergence and coordination of a volunteer technical community to the Haiti earthquake, and information access as a measure of community resiliency. Dr. Sutton has received funding through Argonne National Laboratory, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Homeland Security, and private foundations. Additional research interests include the socio-behavioral aspects of disaster warning systems, outreach and service provision to vulnerable populations, and technologies for communication and coordination in disaster response and their virtual applications. Dr. Sutton is the co-founder of the Center for New Media and Resiliency, which is dedicated to increasing the safety, security and resiliency of citizens and communities through the understanding and use of new media and other emerging communications technologies for public safety, emergency response and homeland security. She is currently co-chairing a National Academies of Science workshop on public responses to alerts and warnings. Sutton earned her PhD in sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder and completed her postdoctoral training at the Natural Hazards Center. .



Tricia Wachtendorf, PhD, is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Delaware and Associate Director of UD's Disaster Research Center (DRC) -- the world's oldest research facility devoted to the social science aspects of disasters. Her research over the past decade has focused on such topics as transnational disaster coordination, community based approaches to disaster mitigation and partnership building, and multi-organizational responses to natural and terrorist-induced disasters. Dr. Wachtendorf conducted a DRC assessment of FEMA's Project Impact -- a community mitigation initiative, explored risk perception and willingness to pay for loss-reduction measures in California, and researched long term disaster impacts on business districts in California and Florida. She has worked directly with practitioners and community-based organizations on the implementation of loss-reduction and harm-reduction strategies. At the University of Delaware, she teaches the social science aspects of disaster, sociology, social vulnerability, and qualitative research methods.



Lydia Walker, a psychotherapist and organizational consultant based in eastern West Virginia, has worked in crisis response and disaster preparedness training since 1985 when flooding ravaged her state. Her special concerns and interests revolve around spiritual and emotional care for disaster survivors and responders, traumatology, and conducting critical incidents and emergency preparedness training in schools. An elder in the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church, Walker is a volunteer member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team. From 1988 until her retirement at the end of 2001, she served as Director of Disaster Child Care (now Children's Disaster Services) at the Church of the Brethren (COB) where she was instrumental in developing the child care services component for the American Red Cross Critical Response Team. While working at COB, she also served on the faculty of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Institute at Emmitsburg, MD, and conducted training events at numerous state and national disaster preparedness conferences throughout the U.S. Walker has also served for many years as director of music at the Presbyterian Church in Berkeley Springs, WV, whose members have prayed for her and supported her family when she has been deployed in disasters. The mother of five grown children, she now has four grand daughters and two grandsons and lives with her extended family in the hills of South Morgan County, WV, where she maintains her office and counseling practice.