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As chief product officer at GoDaddy, **Steven Aldrich '91** (Panelist, To Boldly Go—Adventures in Leadership) leads the company's product teams that help people to start, run, and grow their ventures. GoDaddy's mission is to radically shift the global economy toward small businesses and has made a dent in that goal by growing to 18 million customers in 53 markets and over 20 languages around the world. Steven spent over a decade at Intuit and has been an entrepreneur multiple times, starting with an online marketplace that simplified shopping for insurance. Steven earned an MBA from Stanford and a BA in physics from Carolina. After hours, Steven helps educational and arts nonprofits like the Bay Area Glass Institute, and enjoys spending time with his wife, Allison (also Morehead-Cain Class of 1991), and their son, Jackson, at many sports and arts events.



Cathy Alston-Kearney '81 (SEVEN Speaker) is committed to helping families thrive. As founding executive director of Warren Family Institute, a family-centered community development corporation, she worked for more than twenty years to help rural families navigate the challenges of chronically low-wealth communities. She now lends her energies to facilitating student success in the public schools. All of Cathy's professional and personal endeavors are grounded in her faith. She pastors Oak Chapel AME Church, a 151-year-old activist congregation with a mission to restore, empower, affirm, and love people into living their best selves. Cathy and her husband, George, have four adult children and "three glorious grandsons."



Nick Andersen '12 (Panelist, Listen Up—Podcasts, Smart Speakers, and the Growing Marketplace for Your Ears) is the podcast producer at the WGBH-Boston / PBS drama series, MASTERPIECE, where he produces the Webby Award-winning MASTERPIECE Studio podcast and develops new audio projects. He is also the senior producer of the podcast Ministry of Ideas, a project of the Harvard Divinity School's Religious Literacy Project. Prior to all that, Nick spent four years as an associate producer at the WBUR / NPR national call-in talk show, *On Point Radio*, founded the Detroit bureau of the Vox Media Group's Eater family of blogs and reported on national voting rights and ballot access in the 2012 election for the News21 consortium. While at UNC, Nick was an editor, columnist and senior reporter at *The Daily Tar Heel*, and he also managed to find time to DJ for early morning commuters at WXYC, produce the short-lived but beloved TV dramedy series, *Above the Fold*, and write a senior history thesis on post-World War II American opera. He lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



Noam Argov '15 (Panelist, Taking the Leap—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of a New Career) is a National Geographic Explorer and independent filmmaker. Traveling world-wide for projects (most recently to Kyrgyzstan), Noam has had the opportunity to produce and direct documentaries, photoshoots, and even digital workouts for a fitness startup. Between hanging off of rock faces and shooting in deep mud, Noam runs her own production company. She seeks out character-driven projects that expand to larger social and political themes, and her academic background in international development and conflict always seems to find a way into her work. Some brands and media outlets Noam has worked with include National Geographic, The North Face, Google, Adidas/Terrex, *Outside Magazine*, *Runner's World*, and *Rock & Ice Magazine*. Last year Noam participated in the Banff Mountain Film Festival Adventure Filmmaker Workshop and the Sundance Film Festival Ignite Program. She is driven by unassuming people doing the unique and incredible, whether they're directors, editors, or characters in a story.



Jerry Askew '76 (Panelist, Taking the Leap—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of a New Career) currently serves as president of the Alliance for Better Nonprofits and an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee. Over the course of his career, he has served as a university dean and faculty member, foundation president, and healthcare executive, and on the boards of 50 nonprofit organizations. He received his PhD from the Ohio State University and has completed additional theological studies at the University of the South. He and his wife, Robyn, an attorney, have two adult children. Jerry made his first major career change following his attendance at the very first Morehead Alumni Forum, having been inspired by the incredible women and men he met at the event.



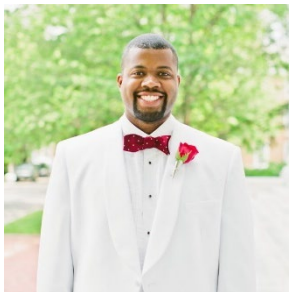
Robbie Bach '84 (Moderator, Social Impact—Building Bridges of Hope at Home and Abroad) joined Microsoft in 1988 and over the next 22 years worked in various marketing, general management, and business leadership roles. He played an important role as a marketing leader in the successful development of the Microsoft Office business, and subsequently led the creation and development of the Xbox business where he served as the Chief Xbox Officer. Robbie retired from Microsoft in 2010 as the company's President of the Entertainment and Devices Division. Robbie now works as a Civic Engineer with corporate, philanthropic, and civic organizations that are driving positive change in our communities. He guest lectures extensively at a variety of colleges and universities and speaks to corporate, civic, and trade association audiences across the country. In 2015, he completed his first book, *Xbox Revisited: A Game Plan for Corporate and Civic Renewal*. As part of his civic commitment, Robbie serves on the national board of governors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and for the local Boys and Girls Club chapter in Bellevue, Washington. He is also a member of the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and the board of directors for the Puget Sound chapter of Year-Up, and is chair of the board of the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, DC. His corporate responsibilities include being co-owner of Manini's, Inc., a gluten-free pasta and flour company, and serving on the board of directors for Sonos Inc. At UNC, he graduated with a BA in economics, was very involved in the Catholic Student Center, and was also named an Academic All-American on the Tar Heels' tennis team. He earned his MBA at Stanford University where he was an Arjay Miller Scholar.



David Ballard '78 (Panelist, *A Healthier Body and Bottom Line—How Innovation Will Transform Health Care*) is a board-certified internist in Dallas, Texas. David trained at Mayo Clinic, was assistant and associate professor at Mayo Medical School, associate professor of Medicine with tenure at the University of Virginia, and professor of medicine with tenure and professor of epidemiology at Emory University. From 1999 to 2018 he was chief quality officer for the largest health care system in Texas, during which time he was also president of the International Society for Quality in Health Care. David recently joined, as a board member and executive, a global clinical simulation company focused on reducing harm to patients and improving health-care operational efficiency. He received in 2008 the Distinguished Medical Alumnus Award of the UNC School of Medicine, serves as adjunct professor of Health Policy and Management in the UNC Gillings Global School of Public Health, and has been named for each of the past four years by Becker's Hospital Review as one of "50 Experts Leading the Field of Patient Safety."



Founder of JB Innovation **James Barnes '77** (Panelist, *I Shouldn't Be Here. Or Should I? Identifying and Overcoming Impostor Syndrome*) aims to reduce suffering in the world one conversation at a time. To that end, he coaches and consults at the intersection of philanthropy, faith, innovation, and education to help others find and achieve their purpose in the world. James has over 40 years' experience in finance, philanthropy, and start-ups in England, South Africa, and the United States. He co-authored "Who am I?" and has taught innovation at Villanova for 15 years. James is a grief and career counsellor at Wayne Presbyterian Church in Wayne, Pennsylvania, and recently gave a TEDx talk on "Missing Conversations, a Tool for Innovation."



Philip Blackett '07 (Panelist, *Taking the Leap—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of a New Career*) has been on quite a journey to find the career of his dreams. After graduating from Carolina, he got a taste for finance working with Goldman Sachs as an equity research analyst. Soon the Great Recession happened, and Philip found himself laid off and exploring entrepreneurship. After many trials and errors, he moved back home to Memphis and fortunately got back on his feet working for FedEx in marketing, communications, and social responsibility. In 2014, he attended Harvard Business School and met his future wife on an online dating app. While working at a search fund after getting his MBA, he and his wife Mayra found out that they were expecting twin girls. This brought Philip to a crucial career crossroads. After a tough decision, he served as the dean of operations for a charter school while exploring what would be his ideal career. In June 2018, he embarked on his dream career, through which he could build his business, master his craft, and serve many people.



Scott Boatwright '89 (Panelist, *This Is My Stop—The When, Why, and How of Managing Work-Life Balance and Transitions*) wandered with his eventual wife, Lisa Nurre, through stops in Cincinnati, Charlotte, Louisville, and Greenville, South Carolina, before finally landing in Asheville (ahhhh . . .), about forty minutes from his hometown, Waynesville. He spent time figuring out that he was not meant to be an insurance coverage lawyer at a large firm, or a generalist trial lawyer at a small firm. He was modestly more successful, and definitely more fulfilled, being a full-time parent to their two children, Stuart and Harper, for eight years, after which he transitioned to financial planning, which is like parenting, but with people that appreciate what you're doing. He very much enjoys taking any Asheville visitors on trail runs guaranteed to renew the soul.



Patrick Bradey '21 (Panelist, The Morehead-Cain Experience—Then and Now) is majoring in political science and Spanish linguistics, with an eye to pursue a career in law. Patrick spent his first summer backpacking through the North Cascades mountains in Washington state and his second with a Civic Collaboration team working with the office of the Mayor of Albuquerque on several community policing issues. A graduate of Myers Park High School in Charlotte, he is excited to return home to combine his interests in municipal government and politics to run for City Council one day.



Stacey Brandenburg '96 (Moderator, This Is My Stop—The When, Why, and How of Managing Work-Life Balance and Transitions) is an attorney and shareholder at a technology-law boutique, ZwillGen PLLC, where she advises companies on privacy, data security, collection and use of alternative data, and other emerging issues. Stacey particularly enjoys developing compliance and regulatory frameworks in uncharted areas, and helping companies navigate novel issues. A veteran of the Federal Trade Commission's Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, Stacey also regularly handles FTC investigations and State Attorney

General inquiries involving Section 5 of the FTC Act/State UDAP laws, the FTC's endorsement and testimonial guidelines, and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).



Tim Brown '89 (Panelist, Listen Up—Podcasts, Smart Speakers, and the Growing Marketplace for Your Ears) is excited to be a part of the Alumni Forum, if for no other reason than it proves the selection process (for the Forum OR the Scholarship) isn't perfect! After graduating from Chapel Hill, he started a career in television news, but soon found that there had to be something more than just talking when the red light came on. Two graduate degrees later, he started teaching at the University of Central Florida, the largest university no one's ever heard of. As a program coordinator and associate director at the Nicholson

School of Communication and Media, Tim has led several growth initiatives, most recently spearheading the School's move to a new campus in downtown Orlando. Rotating out of administration, he's happy to be back teaching enthusiastic journalism students and studying why people use different types of media.



Sarah Bufkin '13 (Panelist, We Have Few Words, Many Emotions, and a Lot to Say—Civil Discourse in an Uncivil Era) is a PhD student in Political Theory at the University of Oxford and an Examination Fellow at All Souls College. She works on the ethics of racialization in the contemporary United States, with a particular emphasis on the problems of voice and visibility in racial hierarchies. Sarah also serves as an editor of *Scalawag*, a print magazine that is dedicated to telling more nuanced stories about the South. She is a Rhodes Scholar and a Mitchell Scholar. Before returning to graduate school, she worked as the communications

coordinator for the North Carolina NAACP.



Kevin Callaghan '89 (Panelist, Talking with Our Mouths Full—Can Food Help Heal the Rural/Urban Divide Threatening Our Civil Discourse?) launched Acme Food & Beverage Co. in Carrboro in 1998. Since that time, Acme has been featured in *Bon Appetit*, *Southern Living*, *Garden & Gun*, *The New York Times*, *Esquire*, and many other national and regional newspapers and magazines. Kevin is one of the nation's leading advocates of sustainable food and local farms. His work maintains deep connections to the traditional foodways that are at the heart of the farm-driven food of the American South. In 2016, Kevin was named by Lululemon as one of their 29 American artists and “makers,” and, in 2017, he was chosen to be a Lululemon Brand Ambassador. In 2016 and 2017, Kevin was named the executive chef of Wanderlust Festivals in North America. The father of two awesome young women, Kevin lives in Carrboro.



Tonya Turner Carroll '89 (Panelist, Building Culture with Impact—A Pop-up Art Exhibition, Behind-the-Scenes Tour, and Discussion) studied art history at UNC; at Stanford's Center for Classical Studies in Rome; and at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where she was a Raoul Wallenberg Scholar and worked with the Israel Museum. The Morehead-Cain enabled Tonya to intern at Sotheby's in London and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, instilling in her a passion for contemporary art that resulted in the opening of Turner Carroll Gallery in Santa Fe in 1991. The gallery is still going strong. Tonya is especially interested in representing artists who address contemporary sociopolitical issues, and she recently curated an exhibition titled, *Hung Liu: Women Warriors*, at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts in Michigan. She serves on the governing board of 516Arts, Albuquerque's Contemporary Museum, and the newly formed Hung Liu Gift and Endowed Fellowship at the University of Oregon's Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art. She also represents the Estate of Traian Alexandru Filip—former head of the Romanian state Engraving Studio under Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. With husband and business partner Michael Carroll, Tonya co-authored the definitive monograph on Filip and is currently writing a book on Agnes Martin's teachings for artists. Tonya and Michael live in New Mexico with their three children—Sophie, Finn, and Beckett.



Kim Chapman '00 (Sponsor, Uncle Mot Trot 5K) is originally from British Columbia, Canada. Ten years ago, she opened Bull City Running Co., a running specialty shop in Durham that caters to all levels of fitness enthusiasts and hosts numerous training programs, races, and community events in the area. Bull City Running has been named a Top 50 Running Store in America, Best Running Store in the Triangle, and a Great American Running Shop. Kim has two children, Elodie (11) and Callum (8), and in her free time loves to run trails in the area and stay connected to her original career roots in global health.



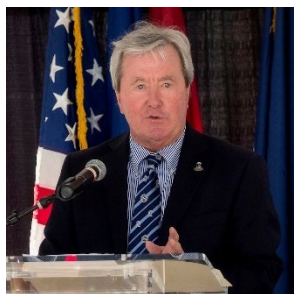
Galahad Clark '99 (SEVEN Speaker) is a seventh-generation shoemaker of the Clarks Shoes family who has taken the industry in a new direction. Galahad leads London-based Vivobarefoot, maker of a full collection of performance and lifestyle barefoot shoes, which he started in 2004 with a boyhood friend. Vivobarefoot's patented ultra-thin soles and anatomic shapes aim to make barefoot the gold standard for the footwear industry. With a million pairs of shoes sold, and growing at more than 30 percent per year, Vivobarefoot is expanding internationally via franchises. Galahad aims to make Vivobarefoot's shoes the most sustainable shoes in the world (best for you and the planet).



Elias Clarke '09 (Panelist, Hype vs. Reality—Debunking Myths of Emerging Technologies), “A Modern Artist,” is the founder of Forge Modern, a media and technology consulting firm. For the past three years he has been pioneering the use of emerging and immersive technologies in the training, education, and entertainment sectors. Since completing his master’s degree in Animation and New Media from N.C. State’s college of design, he has helped develop virtual reality training applications for the FDA and the U.S. Army, assisting on productions for industry leaders including Universal Music Group, Interscope Records, Fox, A+E Networks, History Channel, Puma, and many more. His photography and production assistance credits include names such as Jada Pinkett Smith, Snoop Dog, Rihanna, Eminem, Big Sean, Rae Sremmurd, Steve Aoki, Waka Flocka, Juicy J, and Wiz Khalifa, to name a few. He has consulted for award-winning production companies The Arsenal Film and creative, Join the Org, and Cogito Creative to produce innovative content aimed at moving the immersive media industry forward.



Zach Clayton '07 (Panelist, To Boldly Go—Adventures in Leadership) is the Founder & CEO of Three Ships, which operates at the intersection of digital publishing, commerce, and customer acquisition. Three Ships serves as a digital marketing agency for clients—creating performance-driven content and optimizing digital advertising investments for leading national brands. Three Ships also operates as a vertically focused digital publisher with brands including Mattress Advisor, House Method, and Remedy Review. Three Ships has already successfully incubated and exited from two businesses, one to a public company and the other to a private equity-owned company. Zach also serves on several nonprofit boards, including the UNC General Alumni Association.



Haywood Cochrane '70 (SEVEN Speaker), a native of Weldon, North Carolina, is the chair of UNC’s board of trustees and past chair of the board of directors of DARA Biosciences, Inc. He began his career in banking and moved into health care, where he specialized in being part of a team that rebuilt and grew a number of public and private companies—with the support of venture capital and private equity partners—to create jobs and build long-term shareholder value. At Carolina, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and was a North Carolina Fellow and secretary of the UNC Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. He has held several senior management and executive positions at companies including Allied Clinical Laboratories, Inc.; Roche Biomedical Laboratories, Inc.; National Health Laboratories, Inc.; Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings; and CHD Meridian Corporate Healthcare, Inc., now a unit of Walgreens. He has served as director of I-trax; Allied Clinical Laboratories, Inc.; Tripath Imaging, Inc.; EV3, Inc.; American Esoterics, Inc.; JDN Realty, Inc.; Sonus Corp.; Unilab, Inc.; and Ameripath, Inc.; as well as other private companies. He and his two teenage sons reside in Elon, North Carolina.



Gerry Cohn '84 (Panelist, Talking with Our Mouths Full—Can Food Help Heal the Rural/Urban Divide Threatening Our Civil Discourse?) is the Southeast Region Manager with CROPP Cooperative/Organic Valley. He lives in Durham and serves as the primary liaison between CROPP and 50 farmer members in the Southeast, providing technical assistance in grazing and forages, milk production, animal health, and business planning issues. Prior to joining Organic Valley, Gerry worked on enterprise development and land conservation with the Rural Advancement Foundation International and American Farmland Trust. He also raised heritage turkeys, dairy goats, and blueberries on Matzah Rising Farm in Alamance County for a dozen

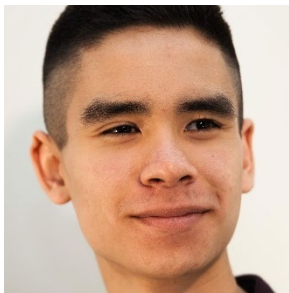
years. Gerry received an MS from the University of California at Davis in Agricultural Economics, an MA from the University of Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania) in Development Studies, and a BA from Carolina in Peace, War, & Defense in 1984.



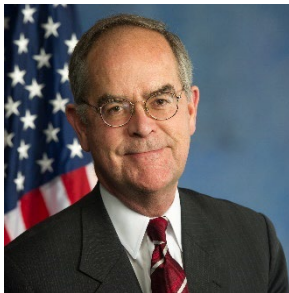
Jarrard Cole '12 (Panelist, Hype vs. Reality—Debunking Myths of Emerging Technologies) is the deputy head of video and audio at *The Wall Street Journal*, where he helps lead a global team making video stories and podcasts. Before returning to the Journal in 2017, Jarrard produced 360° and interactive experiences at a virtual reality creative studio. He was previously at *The Wall Street Journal* for 5 years, working on emerging platform storytelling and special projects. He has reported from Lebanon to Tokyo to the cornfields of Iowa. In 2014, he was nominated for an Emmy for his interactive video report on Obamacare. At UNC, *The Daily Tar Heel* introduced Jarrard to journalism when he was a first-year scholar trying to get his hands on a Dean Dome press pass.



Richard Colven '88 (Panelist, Taking the Leap—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of a New Career) is the owner and general manager of Camp Wagging Tails, a pet boarding and daycare facility in Cornelius, North Carolina. Richard and his wife Mary made the jump into small business ownership in October 2011 after long careers in technology consulting, sales, and management. Facing yet another corporate acquisition, Rich and Mary decided to get serious about taking control of their life and have never looked back. They have four children, two dogs, and a cat, and they are both proud to have no status in any frequent flyer programs.



Christopher Combemale '19 (SEVEN Speaker Introduction) is a senior scholar studying English and Italian. He began life as an actor in London, but when that didn't work out made his way to UNC to work on violence prevention and new play development. He taught in India for a summer and bluffed his way into editing a book, sending him on a path that would take him from Bangalore to New York literary agencies. Chris is a theater artist and has worked at UNC's PlayMakers and off-off Broadway.



Congressman **Jim Cooper '75** (Panelist, We Have Few Words, Many Emotions, and a Lot to Say—Civil Discourse in an Uncivil Era) was born and raised in Tennessee. He and Martha, his wife of thirty-three years, live in Nashville and have three children. A *New York Times* columnist called him “the House’s conscience, a lonely voice for civility in this ugly era” and a “tart-tongued moderate” who “seeks bipartisanship on fiscal matters and other issues in a polarized political climate.” *USA Today* named him one of the “Brave 38” of a “tiny band of heroes” in Congress for his work on a bipartisan budget plan. In Congress, he’s known for his work on the federal budget, health care, and government reform. He’s also a businessman, attorney, and part-time Vanderbilt professor when Congress is not in session.



Roy Cooper '79 (Keynote Speaker) is North Carolina's seventy-fifth governor. Born and raised in Nash County, North Carolina, Roy attended public schools and worked summers on the family farm before attending UNC-Chapel Hill. After earning a law degree from UNC, Roy returned home to Nash County to practice law and, with his wife Kristin, raise three daughters: Hilary, Natalie, and Claire. He taught Sunday School, served as an elder and deacon in his church, and tutored in local schools. Roy has spent nearly three decades in public service. Starting in 2000, he served four terms as Attorney General of North Carolina. He also served terms in the N.C. House and Senate. The son of a school teacher, he has worked throughout his career to strengthen North Carolina's schools, among numerous other policy areas.



Jim Copland '94 (Moderator, *We Have Few Words, Many Emotions, and a Lot to Say—Civil Discourse in an Uncivil Era*) is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and director of Legal Policy. In those roles, he develops and communicates novel, sound ideas on how to improve America's civil- and criminal-justice systems. He has testified before Congress as well as state and municipal legislatures; and has authored many policy briefs, book chapters, articles, and opinion pieces in a variety of publications, including the *Harvard Business Law Review* and *Yale Journal on Regulation*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *National Law Journal*, and *USA Today*. Jim speaks regularly on civil- and criminal-justice issues; has made hundreds of media appearances in such outlets as PBS, Fox News, MSNBC, CNBC, Fox Business, Bloomberg, C-Span, and NPR; and is frequently cited in news articles in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Economist*, and *Forbes*. In 2011 and 2012, he was named to the National Association of Corporate Directors "Directorship 100" list, which designates the individuals most influential over U.S. corporate governance. Prior to joining MI, Jim was a management consultant with McKinsey and Company in New York. Earlier, he was a law clerk for Ralph K. Winter on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Jim has been a director of two privately held manufacturing companies since 1997 and has served on many public and nonprofit boards. He holds a JD and an MBA from Yale, where he was an Olin Fellow in Law and Economics; an MSc in the politics of the world economy from the London School of Economics; and a BA in economics from Carolina.



Keith Cowan '78 (Panelist, Morehead-Cain Q&A) is CEO of Cowan Consulting Corporation in Atlanta, which provides strategic advisory services through Innosight Consulting LLC (the leading expert on disruptive innovation, strategic transformation, and growth strategies) and directly to various companies (that have included Softbank, Sprint, Assurant, and others). Previously, Keith was president of strategic planning and corporate initiatives for Sprint Corporation, before which he was chief development officer, president of marketing and product management, and chief network field officer for BellSouth Corporation. Keith began his career in law, earning a JD from the University of Virginia and working up to the role of partner at Alston & Bird LLP. He is chair of the Morehead-Cain Scholarship Fund Board of Directors.



James Dean '89 (SEVEN Speaker) is a film and television producer (and occasional director), who's been working in the entertainment industry since his time as a Morehead-Cain Scholar at UNC. He found himself in Los Angeles after graduation, learning the ropes of the business on such movies as *Misery* and *Barton Fink* before returning to Britain, where he switched his focus to television. He spent several years in reality television before moving into scripted comedy with his award-winning comedy series, *This Is Jinsy*, which ran for two seasons in the UK. He also produced the award-winning feature film comedy, *Discoverdale*.

Since then, he has produced a host of other TV shows including *The Midnight Beast*, *Tripped*, and *Marley's Ghosts*. In the last two years, he has been making the culture-clash comedy, *Living The Dream*, about a British family who move to Florida for good and decide to buy an RV Park. He filmed the first series in Savannah, Georgia, and has just finished production on the second series in Southern Spain (both doubling for Florida!). Ever since returning to the UK, he has been a part of the British Morehead-Cain Scholarship Program—serving for many years as chairman—and keeping the flow of British scholars coming into the program and the alumni connected. He is currently vice chairman of the program.



Mike Deimler '86 (Panelist, To Boldly Go—Adventures in Leadership) is a senior partner and managing director in the Atlanta office of the Boston Consulting Group. He is currently the chairman of BCGInnovations, the firm's global initiative to innovate and grow into adjacent businesses. From 2005 to 2013, he was the founding global managing director of BCG's Strategy Practice, where he guided the firm's considerable investment agenda and client service offerings related to strategy, representing a \$1B practice for the firm. He has significant experience advising clients on a broad range of classic and emerging strategy

topics, including business model innovation, growth strategy, large-scale transformational change and performance-improvement efforts, and creating compelling strategy messages for investors, boards, and senior leadership teams. Mike is the principal editor of a business bestseller on the attributes required to win in today's turbulent business environment entitled *Own the Future*. The book was published by Wiley in the Spring of 2013. Mike also devotes substantial time advising a range of nonprofit organizations on issues of strategy and innovation, including Feeding America, the Piedmont Park Conservancy, the Boy Scouts of America, and Opportunity International. Mike has an MBA from the Wharton School and a BA with highest distinction from Carolina.



Culminating a career in community action and organizing, missional outreach ministry, and social and political activism in her native North Carolina, Rev. **Laura Alexander Elliott '81** (Panelist, Social Impact—Building Bridges of Hope at Home and Abroad) moved to the island of Hispaniola last year to serve as executive director of Soaring Unlimited Haiti. Appointed by her Bishop to this Methodist-affiliated nonprofit as a missionary in this disaster-plagued nation listed last on the Economic Index for the Western Hemisphere, Laura leads her U.S. Board, Haitian staff, and faithful volunteers in engaging in community development

programs in health and nutrition, education and leadership, and clean water and sanitation to the people of northeast Haiti. Laura transitioned to ministry and community advocacy after 15 years' experience as a VP-level manager in corporate communications and marketing at Duke Energy in Charlotte and Wachovia in Winston-Salem, and then began serving United Way agencies as a specialist in nonprofit management and development, capacity-building and board governance best practices, and community collaboration. She has also led local and international missions, service learning, and spiritual formation initiatives of multiple congregations in the Western North Carolina Conference, at the Methodist Children's Home, and with Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry at Wake Forest and Salem College. Laura was a finalist for the William

C. Friday Human Relations Fellowship, elected as chair of the Forsyth County Democratic Party, and served as a campaign coordinator for Governor Beverly Perdue.



Patrick Emerson '92 (“How to Blind-Taste Like a Pro” Wine-Tasting Lesson), Advanced Sommelier (Court of Master Sommeliers), most recently launched a wine distribution company in South Carolina called “Curated Selections.” He specializes in small, family-estate fine wines from around the world with a commitment to sustainability and the highest quality. Patrick’s commitment to high standards and wine education is confirmed by the fact that all Curated Selections employees carry the distinction of being at minimum a Certified Sommelier, including his delivery drivers and warehouse team. From 2004 to 2012, Patrick worked in Charleston as the wine and beverage director for four successful restaurants, High Cotton (and its sister restaurant in Greenville), Slightly North of Broad, and The Old Village Post House. In November 2012, Patrick was voted as the top sommelier in Charleston by national and regional critics and was honored at the highly acclaimed “Ultimate Critics Dinner.” His restaurant wine lists have been awarded 28 *Wine Spectator* “Awards of Excellence.” Patrick has attained his Advanced Sommelier (AS) certification with the Court of Master Sommeliers and is a Certified Specialist of Wine (CWS). He is also a founding member of the Charleston chapter of the U.S. Bartenders’ Guild. A native of England, Patrick graduated from Carolina with highest honors in speech communications and dramatic art.



John Everett '85 (Panelist, Hype vs. Reality—Debunking Myths of Emerging Technologies) is the deputy director of the Information Innovation Office at DARPA, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, where he manages the creation and execution of advanced research efforts in cyber security and artificial intelligence. Starting in 2014, John was a program manager in the Information Innovation Office. In that role he initiated and managed two research programs, one on defending legacy software, and the other on enabling rapid recovery from a nation-state cyber-attack on the power grid. At Carolina, John majored in English and economics. He subsequently earned an MBA and a PhD in artificial intelligence from Northwestern University.



Brendan Foley (Panelist, Morehead-Cain Alumni Engagement—What’s New and What’s Next?), director of communications at the Morehead-Cain Foundation, loves hearing—and sharing—a good story. He joined the Foundation staff in March 2014 with a decade of experience doing both, having produced televised newscasts in cities across the country. He has covered presidential elections, natural disasters, the capture of one of the FBI’s most-wanted fugitives, and the Heels’ 2009 national championship in men’s basketball. At the Foundation, Brendan oversees the creation and implementation Morehead-Cain’s communications strategy, its website, and its social media channels. He also serves as its resident photographer and videographer. Brendan earned his Bachelor of Arts in communication from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and his Master of Science in broadcast journalism from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. After many years living in one city after another, he and his wife (and two rescue dogs) are ecstatic to once again call North Carolina “home.”



Carol L. Folt (Speaker, Higher Ed Q&A) is Carolina's 11th Chancellor, and 29th in the lineage of leaders that dates back to Carolina's founding. An internationally recognized life scientist, award-winning teacher, and accomplished academic leader, Chancellor Folt has worked to place Carolina's students at the center: advancing the University's academic excellence, championing Carolina as a leading global public research university, and focusing on innovation through the development of new avenues for entrepreneurship. Chancellor Folt came to Carolina from Dartmouth College, where she was interim president in 2012–

2013 and served as a faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences. Chancellor Folt earned her bachelor's and her master's degrees from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She received her doctorate from the University of California, Davis, and undertook a postdoctoral fellowship at Michigan State University before joining the faculty at Dartmouth.



After serving as senior class vice president and Freshman Camp (now Carolina Kickoff) counselor, **Becca Frucht '05** (Moderator, Taking the Leap—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of a New Career and SEVEN Speaker Coach) became a self-described “Tumbleweed Queen,” whose eclectic personal and professional journey has taken her from the red carpet to the high desert prairie. After a decade of diverse employment in America's biggest cities (NYC, LA, SF) delivering high fashion ads to Times Square billboards, slinging sustainability in the construction and production trades, covering the DNC for MTV, and finally

anchoring a daily cable TV show for women's media brand POPSUGAR—Becca went full Dixie Chicks . . . she needed “wide open spaces.” So she became a ranch hand intern on an 87,000-acre cattle operation in Colorado, working her way up to Education and Outreach Director. This American West adventure rekindled a commitment to conservation that was first ignited by her Outward Bound experience in Montana, the wild state she currently calls home. Becca loves telling stories almost as much as living them—she's shared her escapades onstage for hit shows like NPR's “The Moth” as well as creating her own storytelling showcase “TMI Live!” while coaching others to own their narratives and speak their truths.



Becky Smith Galli '80 (SEVEN Speaker) is a former IBM sales rep who turned to writing after a bout with the flu in 1997 left her paralyzed from transverse myelitis, a rare inflammation of the spinal cord that affects one in a million. Her book, *Rethinking Possible: A Memoir of Resilience*, chronicles her journey of love, loss, and healing through this and other significant losses, including her seventeen-year-old brother's death; her son's degenerative disease and subsequent death; her daughter's autism; her divorce; and only nine days later, her paralysis. In 2000, *The Baltimore Sun* published her first column about playing

soccer with her son—from the wheelchair—that led to a career in op-ed writing and three monthly columns. With over 400 published columns and a completed memoir, she launched *Thoughtful Thursdays*, a weekly column for her subscriber family that shares what's inspired her to stay positive. She also periodically contributes to *Midlife Boulevard*, *Nanahood*, and *The Mighty*. Join her *Thoughtful Thursdays* family at www.beckygalli.com/signup.



Alexis Slagle Gilroy '98 (Panelist, The Doctor Is In—No Matter Where You Are), a digital health leader and partner at global law firm Jones Day, advises on complex legal issues with an emphasis on virtual health. Health systems, technology and life science companies, and investors from around the globe work with Alexis on these novel digital health topics. Alexis also serves on the board of the American Telemedicine Association.



Tyla Gomez '20 (Panelist, The Morehead-Cain Program and Carolina—Then and Now) is from Greenville, North Carolina, and is studying communication studies with a concentration in media production and a minor in business administration. She spent her first Morehead-Cain summer rock climbing and backpacking the Sierra Nevadas. Her second summer was spent navigating ambiguity with Civic Collaboration in Greensboro, North Carolina. This past summer she focused on her career goals by interning at AMC Networks in New York. Tyla plans on eventually pursuing a career in the television industry.



Kemp Gouldin '02 (Panelist, Social Impact—Building Bridges of Hope at Home and Abroad) is president and founder of Because Baseball (BecauseBaseball.org), a nonprofit that is bringing youth baseball to the greater Middle East region. Starting with Egypt, the organization is building bridges of understanding with the Middle East across families, communities, and cultures—building connectivity across society. With nearly 15 years of experience at the crossroads of business, policy, and diplomacy in the region, he is a consensus builder who regularly advises key U.S. and world officials working on international issues.

Whether overseas or stateside, he can be found closely following Tar Heel basketball and intensely defending the (nearly irrefutable) premise that the '80s produced the finest music of the last century.



Shilpi Somaya Gowda '92 (SEVEN Speaker) was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. As a Morehead-Cain Scholar, she spent part of her Travel/Study summer as a volunteer in an Indian orphanage, which (unbeknownst to her) seeded the idea for the first novel she would write 15 years later. In the meantime, she graduated with a degree in economics and international studies, worked on Wall Street with Morgan Stanley, earned her MBA at Stanford Graduate School of Business, and spent a decade working with retail and consumer companies on strategy and business development. In 2006, she began writing and her first novel, *Secret Daughter*, was published in 2010. It became a *New York Times* and #1 international bestseller, selling more than a million copies worldwide in over 30 languages and countries. *Secret Daughter* was shortlisted for the South African Boeke Literary Prize, was longlisted for the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, was an IndieNext Great Read and a Target Book Club Pick, and was the #1 bestselling novel of 2010 in Canada. Her second novel, *The Golden Son*, was published in 2015–2016 around the world, and was a #1 international bestseller and a Target Book Club Pick. It was also awarded the French literary prize, Prix des Lycéens Folio. She has served on the Advisory Board of the Children's Defense Fund, and is a Patron of Childhaven International, the organization for which she volunteered in India. She lives in California with her husband and children.



Robyn Hadley '85 (Invocation, Saturday Dinner in the Blue Zone) serves as associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of the Office of Scholar Programs at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. A native of Graham, she is an author, entrepreneur, and professional speaker. Robyn has been recognized by the White House and various organizations for assisting students in getting to and through college. She has special expertise in working with first-generation and low-income students, respectively. After Carolina, Robyn attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, then spent seventeen years in international business before focusing her sights on education and policy.



Michael Hanley '00 (Piano Performance, Sunday in Memorial Hall) diversified his time while at Chapel Hill in business, actuarial science, and piano performance, and has never needed to make a decision among them. He works as an actuary in Atlanta with Willis Towers Watson, as a practice leader and consultant to global companies on employee benefits, financial risk, and talent management. Michael was the recipient of the international Wooddy Actuarial Award from the Actuarial Education and Research Foundation. Michael continues performing on the piano as much as he can. He has performed as a soloist with ten symphony orchestras throughout the U.S., weekly at nearly every senior community throughout Atlanta, and nightly for his wife and two young girls who can sleep through anything.



Tony Harrington '63 (Moderator, The U.S. Role in Global Affairs—Issues, Trends, and the Evolving World Order) is chair of the Managing Board of Albright Stonebridge Group and co-leads the firm's Latin America practice. He served as U.S. ambassador to Brazil, nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate with bipartisan support in a record twelve days. In recognition of his accomplishments in that role, he was awarded the Order of Rio Branco, Grand Cross, by the Government of Brazil. Previously, Ambassador Harrington was a senior corporate partner with global law firm Hogan Lovells and a co-founder, director, and investor in companies in the communications industry, as well as chairman of the President's Intelligence Oversight Board. He is a trustee of the Committee for Economic Development, chair of the Advisory Council of the Brazil Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center and chair emeritus of the Brazil-U.S. Business Council.



Kate Harris '05 (SEVEN Speaker) is a writer with a knack for getting lost. Her work has been featured in *Hazlitt*, *Canadian Geographic*, and *The Walrus*, among others, and cited in *Best American Essays* and *Best American Travel Writing*. A Rhodes Scholar, she was named one of Canada's top modern explorers, and she has degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill, Oxford, and MIT. She lives off-grid in Atlin, British Columbia. Her debut book, the bestselling travel memoir *Lands of Lost Borders*, is forthcoming in translation in multiple countries.



Patrick Heron '92 (Panelist, *A Healthier Body and Bottom Line—How Innovation Will Transform Health Care*) is a managing general partner of Frazier Healthcare Partners' Life Sciences team. He joined the firm in 1999 and opened Frazier's Menlo Park office in 2003. Throughout his 13 years as a general partner, Patrick has led or co-led investments across nearly 20 companies. Patrick has successfully partnered with entrepreneurs across a range of company types and stages, from early stage anti-infectives companies to >\$100M commercial-stage dermatology companies. Patrick has also been active in company formation around both early and later-stage assets. He has led and served as director for many successful investments, including Armo (acquired by Eli Lilly), Ignyta (acquired by Roche), Tobira Therapeutics (acquired by Allergan), Marcadia (acquired by Roche), Calixa (acquired by Cubist), Cerexa (acquired by Forest), PreCision Dermatology (acquired by Valeant), MedPointe (acquired by Meda), and Collegium (NASDAQ: COLL). He currently serves on the boards of Flashlight Therapeutics, Imago BioSciences, Iterum Therapeutics (NASDAQ: ITRM), ScoutBio, Silvergate Pharmaceuticals and SutroVax.



As deputy chief counsel for the House Committee on the Judiciary, **Aaron Hiller '03** (Moderator, *Does Spirituality Really Make a Difference? Seeking Higher Power in the 21st Century*) manages the committee's oversight of the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Homeland Security. His portfolio includes congressional investigations, government surveillance programs, the constitutional limits of war powers, and the rules for the impeachment of federal officials. Aaron is a native of Houston, Texas. He took a gap year before entering Carolina to live on a kibbutz and attend Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and currently sits on the board of

directors for both Camp Young Judaea Texas and Hill Havurah, the center for Jewish life on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.



Jamie DeMent Holcomb '01 (Moderator, *Talking with Our Mouths Full—Can Food Help Heal the Rural/Urban Divide Threatening Our Civil Discourse?*) was raised in Eastern North Carolina. As she saw family farms disappearing and industrialized farming taking over, she searched for ways to revive the simplicity of eating healthy, locally grown food. In 2001, after completing her degree in Southern History and African American Studies at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, she became a legislative aid for Representative Brad Miller on Capitol Hill, then was a director of special projects for the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences, where she supported fundraising efforts for the Nature

Research Center. Jamie left the Museum in 2007 to join her husband, Richard Holcomb, at Coon Rock Farm. The couple also own Piedmont Restaurant in Durham. Jamie's days are spent writing about food and farming and planting, harvesting, cooking, and selling products from her farm. Jamie's first cookbook, *The Farmhouse Chef: Recipes and Stories from my Carolina Farm*, came out in Fall 2017 from UNC Press. Jamie's second book, *Canning in the Modern Kitchen* was published in August 2018 by Rodale Books, a division of Penguin Random House. She is also a guest lecturer at UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State University, and Duke University, and teaches cooking classes around the country. Jamie was recently named one of North Carolina's "Outstanding Women in Business" for 2016 and was in the 2017 "40 Under 40" class by the *Triangle Business Journal* and has had featured articles and recipes in many local, regional, and national publications. Jamie is also a regular contributor to cooking segments on the Hallmark Channel *Home & Family* show.



and received an MBA from Duke University.

At Panaceutics, **Edison Hudson '75** (Panelist, *A Healthier Body and Bottom Line—How Innovation Will Transform Health Care*) led the design of a disruptive robotic platform for a personalized medicine fulfillment system. Prior to co-founding Panaceutics, he was a leader in several technology and robotics companies, including iRobot and RedZone Robotics, spending over a decade in the semiconductor industry in Silicon Valley. Founder of four companies, he has over twenty patents in automation, machine intelligence, and automated pharmacy. Edison studied artificial intelligence at Oxford University in the UK



Global Brands team, Naimul focused on bridging the math and science of data analysis with the art of strategic marketing and planning. His clients included Red Bull, CVS, J&J, Verizon, and Warner Bros. Naimul Huq joined W2O group from Humana's Innovation center, where he worked on preventative medicine programs, technology and health solutions, and social media strategy. While at Humana, his projects included launching the first payer initiatives in social media and starting the nation's first bike-sharing program. At Carolina, Naimul did his enterprise summer with Accenture's Development Partnership, where he consulted with NGOs and charity organizations on business and process strategy in Thailand and the United Kingdom. He studied chemistry, English literature, and creative writing. Naimul lives in New York City. You can reach him at <http://www.twitter.com/naimul>.

Naimul Huq '08 (Panelist, *Does Spirituality Really Make a Difference? Seeking Higher Power in the 21st Century*, and Speaker, *Remembering Eve Carson*) is SVP of Digital at Lippe Taylor: a data-driven, integrated communications agency. He is focused on digital strategy and leads analytics across all Lippe Taylor clients, including Intel, Pfizer, and Walmart/Jet.com. Prior to Lippe Taylor, Naimul spent years in nearly every department of W2O Group, including analytics, corporate development, media and engagement, and creative. He worked with global clients in many industries, including pharma, digital health, consumer, retail, B2B, entertainment, technology and education. As part of the



From the time she received the Morehead-Cain Scholarship, **Barbara Rosser Hyde '83** (Co-Chair, 2015 and 2018 Morehead-Cain Alumni Forums) has had many doors opened for her and, in turn, is committed to opening doors for others. As president of the Hyde Family Foundation, she has worked tirelessly to lead systemic education reform, community empowerment, and creative place-making in Memphis, Tennessee. Over more than 20 years, she has championed transformative civic initiatives and chaired numerous boards, ranging from New Leaders for New Schools and KIPP Memphis to the Women's Foundation and Shelby Farms Park Conservancy. Her work at Carolina has expanded from her early years as a development officer and executive director of the Arts and Sciences Foundation to her service on the advisory board of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, co-founding the Carolina Women's Leadership Council, and serving two terms on the University's Board of Trustees. Barbara and her husband, Pitt, have three children—two of whom are current students at Carolina.

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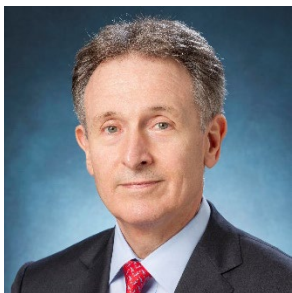
Akhil Jariwala '14 (Salsa Dancing Teacher) is an MBA candidate at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Akhil has spent his career in electric vehicles, most recently working at ChargePoint, a global provider of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, where he managed data analytics and network interoperability on the business development team. Prior to ChargePoint, Akhil worked at PlugShare, the UC Davis Plug-in Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Research Center, and Sungevity. Akhil graduated from Carolina in 2014 with a degree in business and environmental studies and attended high school at the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics. Akhil was a national finalist in the Conrad competition in 2010, when his team designed a latticed pod system that generated electricity from wave energy using internally housed piezoelectric ceramics. For fun, Akhil performs competitively in the Bay Area salsa scene and enjoys indoor rock climbing in his free time.



David Jernigan '00 (Moderator, What's the Point, Anyway? Grappling with the Purpose and Perplexities of K-12 Education) is the deputy superintendent for Atlanta Public Schools, where he assists the superintendent in realizing a bold vision of transformation for a district of 52,000 students, resulting in improvement in the district's graduation rate from 59 percent to 80 percent over four years. Prior to assuming the role of deputy superintendent, he was the executive director for KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools, overseeing the network of eight KIPP schools in Metro Atlanta. David started his school leadership experience in 2003 as the founding principal of KIPP WAYS (West Atlanta Young Scholars) Academy. David moved to Atlanta in 2000 through the Teach For America program, where he taught at M. Agnes Jones Elementary School in the West End of Atlanta.



Til Jolly '83 (Moderator, The Doctor Is In—No Matter Where You Are) is either widely experienced or a clinical vagabond, depending on your perspective. From his time in academic medicine to a stint in government (everyone in Washington does that once) to emergency preparedness for Super Bowls, he tried a bit of everything. For the past five years he has been chief medical officer of SOC Telemed, the nation's largest provider of acute care telemedicine services. He will discuss how to apply clinical, technology, and business tools to solve the specialty physician shortage.



Don Kanak '75 (Panelist, The U.S. Role in Global Affairs—Issues, Trends, and the Evolving World Order) is chairman of Eastspring Investments, the Asia investment organization of Prudential plc, one of Asia's leading asset managers. Don is also chairman of Prudence Foundation, the community investment arm of Prudential in Asia. Don is based in Hong Kong and has lived and worked in Asia for over 30 years. Don serves as chairman of the EU-ASEAN Business Council, the primary voice for European businesses within the ASEAN region. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a senior fellow of the Harvard Law School Program on International Financial Systems, and a member of the Steering Committee of the Sustainable Development Investment Partnership of the World Economic Forum. Don holds a JD with honors from Harvard Law School, an MLitt in Management Studies from University of Oxford (UK), and a BA with highest honors in economics from Carolina.



Erika Hamilton Karasiewicz '00 (SEVEN Speaker and Panelist, The U.S. Role in Global Affairs—Issues, Trends, and the Evolving World Order) is a foreign service officer posted at the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan. She has spent the past 17 years in government service focused on national security issues ranging from counterterrorism to political dynamics in the Middle East. She has supported senior White House officials and served as the executive officer to the deputy director of National Intelligence. Prior to her government service, Erika worked in investment banking as an analyst in Citibank's Project and Structured Trade Finance Department. While at Carolina, she earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in political science and Latin American studies, competed on the varsity women's rowing team, and was the recipient of the Frank Porter Graham Award. She holds a Master's in Business Administration from Duke University.



Nayab Khan '13 (Panelist, The U.S. Role in Global Affairs—Issues, Trends, and the Evolving World Order) is an emerging markets trader at Goldman Sachs, where she has been working since graduating from Carolina in 2013. She focuses on the EMEA and NJA regions now, but also spent a few years trading the Mexico book. In her role, she analyzes macroeconomic trends to provide liquidity for the firm's clients in FX derivative transactions in these regions. As an undergraduate, she majored in economics and English and minored in Arabic. Prior to UNC, she worked as a junior fellow at King's Academy in Madaba, Jordan, where she worked primarily in the Community Service Department, and she created partnerships between the school and social development organizations in the Middle East. She has spent significant time living in Houston, Boston-area (graduated from Phillips Academy Andover in 2008), Jordan, Bolivia, and Pakistan. She currently resides in New York.



Hassan Kingsberry '01 (Panelist, Seven Words of Wisdom from Winston Churchill—"If You're Going Through Hell, Keep Going") was raised by a single mother in a highly dysfunctional, impoverished family, and attended public schools in Phoenix, Arizona; Aiken, South Carolina; and Henderson and Warren Counties in North Carolina. He graduated as valedictorian of Warren County High School's Class of 1997 and, after graduating from Carolina with a BA in public policy analysis, earned his JD from North Carolina Central University School of Law. Hassan was first licensed to practice law in Georgia, where he served as a prosecutor and practiced real estate law, and later in North Carolina, where he opened his own comprehensive, general-practice law firm. He currently proudly serves as the county attorney for Warren County. His career has also included public school education. Hassan taught high school social studies at his alma mater and obtained a master's degree in School Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill. He also served as an assistant principal and principal in Franklin and Halifax County Schools. Hassan obtained a master's in Divinity from Regent University and, along with his wife (college sweetheart Francemise, who is also an educator), has pastored Rebirth and Renewal Church International. The couple has three children—Hassan II and twin girls Keren and Kelyn. After his difficult upbringing, Hassan had vowed to create his own healthy family. But, in addition to having to care for his own mother, who had numerous strokes years ago that left her without speech and paralyzed on one side, Hassan's first child, Amira, succumbed to a mysterious neurological illness at the age of 4. Years later, when one of his twin daughters, Kelyn, began having similar issues, Hassan finally got a diagnosis that held the answer to Amira's mysterious illness and health decline. In 2017, Kelyn was diagnosed with a fatal genetic disorder called Neimann Pick Type C, which results from the cells' inability to process cholesterol properly. Currently, the Kingsberry family's #1 priority is keeping Kelyn as healthy and happy as possible and—although they have endured much—their faith in God has strengthened them and propelled them to keep going through any and every hard time.



Working in media since starting his high school newspaper in Madison County, North Carolina (and subsequently seeing it get shut down only after a few editions), **John Kunza '06** (Panelist, Taking the Leap—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of a New Career) has worn many hats in the journalism field. Starting in local TV and advancing to network news as a foreign news producer for NBC, he transitioned to digital managing editor at a regional newspaper in Eastern Tennessee and eventually landed back in the Triangle as the digital director at the ABC-owned station in Raleigh-Durham. Years on the job caught up to John and after sacrificing mind, body, and soul for the job, he is now on a self-titled “lifestyle year” because many of the sacrifices he was making were literally killing him. In an industry where having a heart condition almost seems like a badge of honor, John faced a huge dilemma. Morbidly obese in his early 30s with a checklist of health conditions to battle, John departed his position at ABC in June of 2018, founding his own company—Media on the Street, LLC, a boutique media consulting agency that has worked with media outlets such as UNC-TV. After years of working weekends, overnights, and 60-hour plus work weeks, John is now ready for his second act and is on a quest for the work-life balance everyone talks about.



As chief program officer, **Britt Lake '03** (Panelist, Social Impact—Building Bridges of Hope at Home and Abroad) oversees GlobalGiving’s work with thousands of nonprofits in 170 countries, and heads GlobalGiving’s Disaster Recovery Network, which has granted millions of dollars to community-led disaster relief and recovery efforts around the world. Britt also leads GlobalGiving’s impact-measurement and capacity-building work. In addition to more than a decade at GlobalGiving, she has worked at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and with a variety of nonprofits in Sierra Leone, South Africa, Kenya, and Zimbabwe. She has served on multiple nonprofit boards and was a founding board member of Feedback Labs. Britt holds a BA in international studies from Carolina, a master’s in international relations from the University of Cape Town (South Africa), and a master’s in public affairs from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School.



Pearce Landry '95 (Panelist, Does Spirituality Really Make a Difference? Seeking Higher Power in the 21st Century) is president and chief investment officer of Granville Capital, Inc. and has over 20 years of principal investing experience. He currently oversees Granville Capital’s funds of hedge funds, their private equity strategy, which he started in 2004, and their investments in energy infrastructure. Prior to joining Granville Capital in 2004, Pearce was first an analyst, then an associate, and finally a partner with the private equity firm First Union Capital Partners (and its successor Wachovia Capital Partners) from 1995 until 2003. While there, Pearce specialized in energy and telecommunications investments. Pearce has held roles of service and leadership in various organizations and ministries, including Search Ministries, Hope Academy, Caldwell Academy, Young Life, and F3. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Carolina, earning his BS in biology (with highest distinction) and a minor in chemistry. He considers it an honor that he was able to play basketball under the leadership of legendary Coach Dean Smith from 1993 to 1995.



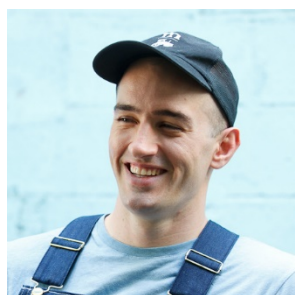
Melanie Langness '19 (SEVEN Speaker) is a senior scholar majoring in political science with minors in art history and public policy. A first-generation college student from McGee's Crossroads, North Carolina, Melanie strives to draw on her unique small-town Southern experience as she engages with questions of global gender inequity, racial injustice, and uneven development. Melanie currently chairs the Student Safety and Wellness Committee in Executive Student Government, is a childcare specialist at the Compass Center for Women and Families, and acts as the research and development intern for the N.C.

Coalition Against Domestic Violence. When she's not buying way too many art supplies at the Durham Scrap Exchange or working on her honors thesis at Weaver Street Market, Melanie enjoys cooking, traveling, and pretending she's still good at soccer.



Jed Lau '98 (Panelist, This Is My Stop—The When, Why, and How of Managing Work-Life Balance and Transitions) lives in San Francisco with his wife and two kids. He has held leadership roles in software engineering and product management at technology companies and has been with early stage companies for the past 10 years. Currently, he is a stay-at-home dad working on an education startup, and serves on the board of trustees for his kids' Mandarin immersion school. Jed earned a BS in mathematical sciences from UNC, and an MEng in computer science from Cornell University. His interests include

education, eldercare, scuba diving, and karaoke.



Josh Lee '04 (Panelist, Talking with Our Mouths Full—Can Food Help Heal the Rural/Urban Divide Threatening Our Civil Discourse?) is the co-founder of Green Top Farms in Queens, New York. Josh grew up in rural North Carolina and fell in love with farming when he was 10 years old after spending an afternoon working in a tobacco field with his granddad. After college, Josh worked as an independent insurance agent and was a founding board member of Nourish International, a nonprofit that fights poverty through student action. Josh moved to New York City in 2010 to become a special education teacher in the South

Bronx. As a teacher, he launched his school's first wrestling team. Seeing kids from all over the world work together inspired him to co-found Lucha Vida, a wrestling-based nonprofit focused on youth development. After four years in the classroom and seeing kids come to school hungry on a regular basis, Josh left the classroom to return to his roots as a farmer, growing hydroponic greens inside the city limits of New York. That experiment turned into an urban farm and farm-to-table catering company, Green Top Farms, named after the country diner in Spivey's Corner where his granddad made buttermilk biscuits before they went to work the farm every day. The ultimate goal for Green Top Farms is to make local, farm-fresh food the default option for NYC schools because in a world of abundance, no one should go without access to real, nourishing, food.



Caroline Leland (Panelist, Morehead-Cain Alumni Engagement—What's New and What's Next?) is the Foundation's content specialist. She joined the team in May 2018, after two years as a freelance journalist in Nashville, Tennessee, and Brooklyn, New York. Before that, she was an account manager for an international recruitment company. Somewhat bizarrely, Caroline attended both UNC and Duke via the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program—though her loyalties are unquestionably on the Tar Heel side. In her free time, you can find her testing new recipes, reading in a hammock, planning her next international

adventure, or trekking through the woods somewhere deep in the Smokies.



Jessica Lin-Powers '00 (Panelist, Seven Words of Wisdom from Winston Churchill—"If You're Going Through Hell, Keep Going") is a stay-at-home parent based in Washington, DC, with her husband, 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son. Jessica studied environmental science at UNC and spent several years in environmental consulting before attending graduate school at the University of Michigan. At Michigan Jessica earned an MBA and an MS in Natural Resources, which helped her transition into a career in renewable energy, first working for GE Wind Power in North America and China. After marriage and a relocation, Jessica took a role in R&D portfolio planning with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. In April 2015, during the last trimester of her second pregnancy, Jessica suddenly and rapidly descended into irreversible liver failure. She safely gave birth to her son Orion and then stumbled through a month of decaying health, puzzling doctor and ER visits, the relentless three-hour feeding schedule of a newborn, and (stupidly) attempting to sleep train her 2.5-year-old daughter. After this period of exhaustion and frightful uncertainty, her medical team recommended adding Jessica to the liver transplant waitlist. Only two days later, Jessica was flown by helicopter to Johns Hopkins Hospital where she received a lifesaving liver transplant from a deceased donor. Recovery was long, painful, and not at all smooth, but miraculously the new liver works! Jessica is still surprised that she is alive today and full of gratitude to the total stranger who restored her to life and to her family. Please register: <https://www.donatelife.net>



Trey Loughran '90 (Moderator, Seven Words of Wisdom from Winston Churchill—"If You're Going Through Hell, Keep Going") is the president of Financial Services at Red Ventures in Charlotte. He assumed that role in September after 12 years at Equifax in Atlanta, most recently as president of their U.S. Information Solutions business unit. Since graduating from UNC in 1990, he has been blessed with a wonderful family, friends, and career opportunities, but also ample challenges to overcome. In 2006, shortly after joining Equifax, Trey and his wife Lee's (also UNC class of 1990) youngest son Jordan was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. Ultimately Jordan needed two bone marrow transplants and overcame several life-threatening circumstances, but today he is a healthy and happy 14-year-old. Balancing Jordan's treatment, maintaining stability with their other two children, and keeping careers on track presented enormous challenges, including moving the entire family twice to be near treatment facilities, but today Lee and Trey would say the family is stronger for it (but would never wish it on anyone). In 2017, not long after taking the reins of Equifax's biggest business unit, Trey learned that it had been the victim of a significant data breach. Over the next year, Trey juggled the massive impact on the business and public personal accusations while maintaining stability with the Equifax team. This experience taught him a lot about personal resiliency in the face of challenges to integrity and character.



Though **Chuck Lovelace '77** (Panelist, Morehead-Cain Q&A) first joined the Foundation staff in 1984, initially serving as treasurer and assistant director, his history with Morehead-Cain goes back more than a decade earlier. He first came to Chapel Hill in 1973 as a Morehead-Cain Scholar, earning his Bachelor of Arts in economics in 1977. He went on to earn his master's in business administration at UNC-Chapel Hill two years later. Chuck has served as executive director of the Foundation since 1987. He currently serves as a trustee of the Association of

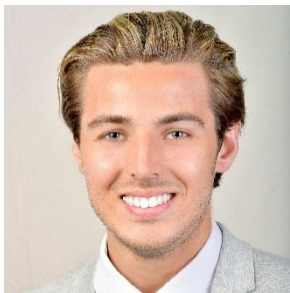
Boarding Schools (TABS) and is a former board member of Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia; Summerbridge National (now Breakthrough Collaborative) in San Francisco; and McCue Corporation in Peabody, Massachusetts.



Ben Lundin '07 (Panelist, The Doctor Is In—No Matter Where You Are) is co-founder & CEO of Pacify, a telehealth company that is transforming the way large health plans, employers, and public health agencies manage maternal and child care. The Pacify mobile app reduces avoidable ED visits and extends breastfeeding by giving members 24/7 access to nurses, lactation consultants, and dietitians, from any mobile device, with an average wait time under 30 seconds. The platform integrates with case management and delivers customized educational campaigns and reminders, addressing HEDIS and quality priorities. Prior to Pacify, Ben spent five years at McKinsey & Company in Washington, DC, where he served large health systems and payors on strategic and operational projects. After Carolina, Ben received his MBA from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.



Since joining the Morehead-Cain Foundation staff in 1985, **Megan Mazzocchi** (Panelist, Morehead-Cain Q&A) has worked in many different roles in support of the Morehead-Cain Program. She has done everything from overseeing the selection process, advising the scholars, and planning events such as the wildly popular triennial Morehead-Cain Alumni Forum to coaching new staff members, helping create every version of the Morehead-Cain website, and producing the annual year-in-review and other publications. Perhaps her favorite aspect of her long tenure at the Foundation has been witnessing firsthand the positive impact of nearly 2,000 Morehead-Cain Scholars during their undergraduate years at Carolina and then staying in touch as they've gone on to lead meaningful and interesting lives. In addition to her roles at Morehead-Cain, Megan has occasionally put her UNC Drama degree to work onstage in a variety of plays and musicals, including a few very special shows in which her daughters also appeared. She and her husband, Jay (an editor at UNC Press), are longtime parishioners of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill, and Megan is vice chair of the board of trustees of Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh.



Kent McDonald '19 (Panelist, The Morehead-Cain Experience—Then and Now) is an out-of-state scholar from Overland Park, Kansas. Kent is an English literature and dramatic art double major with a minor in history. He is interested in pursuing a career in news and entertainment media and is currently a production intern for Thunder Mountain Media, a documentary film company based in Carrboro. He has previously worked as a summer intern for WNYC Studios at New York Public Radio and CBS Sunday Morning. Kent's work has been featured on episodes of Freakonomics Radio; Death, Sex & Money; A Piece of Work; and 2 Dope Queens. In addition to producing, Kent is also a columnist for *The Daily Tar Heel*, where he writes about pop culture and LGBTQ+ issues and co-writes a satirical advice column.



Patrick Methvin '01 (Moderator, Higher Ed Q&A with Chancellor Folt), director of Postsecondary Success at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, oversees work designed to significantly increase the number of Americans achieving a post-high school credentials and eliminate educational attainment disparities by race and income. Prior to joining the foundation in 2013, Patrick served as a principal in the Boston Consulting Group's Social Impact and Consumer Goods Practice Areas. In the Social Impact Practice, Patrick supported higher education institutions in managing operating model changes necessitated by their rapidly changing funding environments. He also supported K-12 transformation at the state, district, and charter school organization levels. Patrick is a proud father of two young daughters and spouse of fellow Morehead-Cain Scholar, Amanda Methvin (Boenish).



Mipso (Saturday Dinner Entertainment), Chapel Hill's indie Americana quartet—**Jacob Sharp '13** (mandolin, vocals), **Wood Robinson UNC '13** (bass, vocals), **Joseph Terrell '13** (guitar, vocals), and **Libby Rodenbough '14** (fiddle, vocals)—is borne from North Carolina's broad range of disparate musical influences, their distinctly unique sound an undeniable alchemy of the historical musical traditions of the rural south and their progressive home of Chapel Hill. A discernible and rising force in the upstart musical genre known as Americana, Mipso's music is lush and forward moving. Appalachia melds with modern alt-country, hints of folk-rock are leavened with a sly and subversive sense of humor, and underneath it all is a genuine and moving passion for the ever-evolving traditions of Americana. With the recent release of the band's fifth album, *Edges Run* (April 2018/Anti-Fragile Music), Mipso continues the complex dance of looking back and moving forward with grace and beauty.



Cecelia Moore (Silent Sam Educator) is University Historian and Project Manager for the Chancellor's Task Force on University History. The Task Force is responsible for developing a comprehensive approach to curating and teaching the history of the University. A long-time resident of North Carolina, Moore holds a BA in Theatre from Barry University (Miami, Florida), an MA in Public History from North Carolina State University, and a PhD in History from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is the author of *The Federal Theatre Project in the American South: The Carolina Playmakers and the Quest for American Drama* (Lexington Books, 2017), and co-author of *UNC A to Z: An Encyclopedia of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill* (University of North Carolina Press, expected 2019).



Tom Morris '74 (Speaker, *Cousins and Collaborators*—Our Wrap-up with Tom Morris) is a native of North Carolina, a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, and a double PhD from Yale University. He has gone from being one of the most popular professors at the University of Notre Dame, where he taught for fifteen years, to now becoming the world's most active public philosopher—authoring over twenty-five published books, including national bestsellers, while bringing the wisdom of the ages to many of the biggest and most successful companies in the world. His work has been covered by most American television networks and in most major newspapers and magazines around the world. He has been described as the world's happiest philosopher.



Sonny Morton '81 (Panelist, *The Doctor Is In—No Matter Where You Are*) has thirty years of experience in emergency medicine, urgent care, travel medicine and medical leadership. He has provided medical care on four continents, including austere and underserved environments. He has always had an interest in innovative models of medical care. Sonny previously served as Senior Medical Director for CVS MinuteClinic, a pioneer of the retail health care model. Currently, he is chief medical officer for WorldClinic, a concierge telemedicine company. Sonny's medical degree is also from Carolina, and he picked up an MBA/MHA along the way. He has a particular interest in leadership and its role in catalyzing change.



Alan Murray '77 (Panelist, The U.S. Role in Global Affairs—Issues, Trends, and the Evolving World Order) is chief content officer of Time Inc. Brands, Meredith Corporation, where he oversees editorial operations and is responsible for the company's commitment to quality journalism and storytelling. He is focused on harnessing the collective power and scale of all Meredith's brands to produce and distribute content on every platform. Alan also serves as president of Fortune. As editor-in-chief since 2014, he integrated the print and digital editorial teams, established new franchises and platforms, and helped

significantly increase Fortune.com's traffic. His diverse background includes serving as president of the Pew Research Center, hosting an eponymous show on CNBC, and spending more than two decades at the *Wall Street Journal*, where his experience included overseeing digital operations and the *Journal's* Washington bureau. The author of four books, Alan is also a member of the Gridiron Club and the New York Economics Club.



Katherine Noesen '86 (Panelist, Hype vs. Reality—Debunking Myths of Emerging Technologies) is currently COO of a tech startup applying AI to the development sector in Sub-Saharan Africa. She has broad management experience across diverse industries including: digital media, wireless telecom, handheld devices, manufacturing, consumer products, web services, solar, and artificial intelligence. Katherine has a proven track record in designing, developing, implementing, and launching products and innovation initiatives for Palm Computing, Philips Electronics, and other Fortune 500 companies. She has facilitated strategy and

product design charrettes in the connected home, digital music, portable devices, and consumer products arenas, for companies such as Microsoft and Flextronics, often introducing new technologies and product concepts. Katherine has an MBA from Stanford's Graduate School of Business.



Dana Burgess O'Donovan '95 (Panelist, To Boldly Go—Adventures in Leadership) is the managing director of Monitor Institute by Deloitte. The Institute is a social change consultancy that works with innovative leaders to surface and spread best practices in public problem solving and to pioneer next practices—breakthrough approaches for addressing social and environmental challenges. Drawing on her twenty-five years as a social impact adviser, consultant, and nonprofit executive, she partners with the CEOs and leadership teams of national foundations, nonprofits and corporations to drive performance

and maximize impact. Her work on issues of social impact strategy and implementation has been published in *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, and *Fast Company*. Prior to becoming Monitor Institute's chief operating officer in 2010, she led human assets strategy at Teach For America and started her career as a consultant at Monitor Group. Dana has served on many nonprofit, foundation, and government boards. Currently she serves on the North Carolina Council for Women, the North Carolina Aquarium Society Board, ADAP Capital Guidance Council, The University of North Carolina's Kenan Institute Board of Mentors, and the Board of DREAMS of Wilmington.



Highly organized and passionate about higher education, **Emily Olson** (Panelist, Morehead-Cain Alumni Engagement—What's New and What's Next?) manages most of the daily operations related to the Alumni Engagement team's fundraising and engagement efforts. She is responsible for managing the team's scholar/alumni relations, alumni records, financial reports, and stewardship program. Emily's studies have given her the opportunity to travel the country and the world. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in anthropology from the University of Arizona, her Master of Arts in history and archaeology from

Washington University in Saint Louis, and her PhD in art history here at UNC-Chapel Hill. She also studied abroad in Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Though Emily traveled extensively for her education, she is happy to call North Carolina home. She enjoys all that the Triangle region has to offer, including its outdoor parks and walking trails, its eclectic restaurants, and the area's museums and art galleries.



Andrew Patterson '06 (SEVEN Speaker) has been the senior director of business development at Major League Baseball Advanced Media since 2010. In his role, Andrew is responsible forming strategic relationships with New Media platforms, integrating social functionality into existing products, and leveraging platform opportunities to create new fan experiences. Before baseball, Andrew was a senior analyst at Digitas, as well as an analyst at a privately held investment management firm. At Carolina, he majored in international studies and minored in business.



Glenna Patton '86 (Panelist, To Boldly Go—Adventures in Leadership) is a Bay Area entrepreneur and consultant who thrives on inventing and reinventing brands in technology, media, sports, fashion, retail, and consumer products. As CEO of Gutc Brands, she works with C-suite executives on strategy, branding, thought leadership and internal culture. Her proprietary brand strategy framework also helps businesses diagnose customer and employee engagement issues, re-position their brands, and/or adapt to new market dynamics. Through Gutc Brands and a prior role as President, Brand Results at slap (consultancy), her clients have included CNN, HLN, McAfee, and Creative Marketing Concepts.

Prior to Gutc Brands, she founded Sicksports, an app and website by and for <30s, focused on the intersection of sports and pop culture. Combining curated trending stories with original content from correspondents in their 20s, Sicksports reached 1.3m monthly with 40k daily active users. Glenna's team built its own technology, including predictive, personalized content serving and an aggregation engine that scored sports stories based on social media popularity. Glenna's experience includes global marketing and communications leadership roles at Hewlett-Packard, Viacom (MTV Networks International), and Sci Fi Channel in their heydays. She spent 16 years of her career in Europe, including London and Prague, and remains a European at heart. The only reason she moved back to America was that she missed her first love, Tar Heel sports.



Originally from Charlotte, **Joan Templeton Perry '79** (SEVEN Speaker) moved to Kinston, North Carolina, after completing her pediatric residency at UNC. There, she and her husband have raised five sons. Joan's professional career has included 35+ years with a private pediatric practice and the Lenoir County Health Department, and adjunct appointments at UNC and Brody Schools of Medicine. Her family's life in Kinston has revolved around community involvement, addressing issues ranging from education to homelessness to prevention of sexual abuse. Perhaps their most rewarding investment has been

the privilege of hosting more than twenty-five individuals in their home for extended periods of time. Along the way, Joan has enjoyed being a ranked triathlete, competing in a number of world championships on Team USA.



Rachel Mazyck Pfeifer '02 (Panelist, What's the Point, Anyway? Grappling with the Purpose and Perplexities of K–12 Education) is the executive director of College and Career Readiness at Baltimore City Public Schools. Before returning to Baltimore, she was president of Collegiate Directions, Inc. (CDI), a community-based organization that supported first-generation students from low-income families through college graduation. Prior to her work at CDI, Rachel served as assistant to the chief academic officer for Baltimore City Public Schools and started her career as a fourth-grade teacher in the Mississippi Delta. Though she's proudest of being a Morehead-Cain and Tar Heel, Rachel holds degrees from the University of Oxford, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar, and Harvard's Graduate School of Education. She lives in Maryland with her husband and daughter.



Mitch Prinstein, PhD (Moderator, Popular: The Power of Likability in a Status-Obsessed World—Morehead-Cain Book Club), is a husband and father, is board certified in clinical child and adolescent psychology, and serves as the John Van Setters Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience and the Director of Clinical Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mitch's Peer Relations Lab has been conducting research on popularity and peer relations for almost 20 years, and has been funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Child and Human Development, and several private foundations, resulting in over 100 scientific works, including a slew of scientific journal articles, book chapters, a set of encyclopedias on adolescent development, and even a textbook on the field of clinical psychology. Mitch is deeply committed to science and training in clinical psychology, having served as president of the Society for a Science of Clinical Psychology and the Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*, and on the boards of the American Psychological Association, the Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology, and publication board of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies. He and his research have been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, National Public Radio, *The Los Angeles Times*, CNN, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Time* magazine, *New York* magazine, *Newsweek*, Reuters, *Family Circle*, *Real Simple*, and elsewhere.



Bill Sanford '95 (Moderator, To Boldly Go—Adventures in Leadership) is a leadership trainer with Bell Leadership Institute in Chapel Hill. Recognized as an impactful trainer, stand-out speaker, and insightful coach, Bill embodies a unique combination of substantial credibility with a down-to-earth approach. Bill has worked with executives, leadership teams, and organizations globally, developing business relationships that span the decades. Companies such as Extraco Banks, Citrix, U.S. Polo Association, Ply Gem, Oberweis Dairy, and Heartland Dental repeatedly call on Bill to design and facilitate programs that lead to higher organizational performance. Bill devoted the first part of his career to resolving ethnic conflicts and complex public disputes in Central Europe and Central Asia. He has built leaders in a wide range of industries—from tech, manufacturing, and healthcare to banking, government, and education. His extensive work in athletics ranges from national champion college sports teams to the National Basketball Association (NBA). With expertise in conflict resolution and a keen ability to help break down barriers, Bill leads clients to clarity, alignment, and highly productive teamwork. A native Tar Heel who continues to call

North Carolina home, he loves spending time with his wife and three sons and attending as many Carolina games as he can—as well as making playlists for all occasions. Bill holds an MS in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and an MS in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR) at George Mason University.



Niki Shamdasani '15 (Panelist, Does Spirituality Really Make a Difference? Seeking Higher Power in the 21st Century) is the co-founder and CEO of Sani, a designer label for Indian-inspired occasion wear. Since her time at UNC she has been building businesses from the ground up, whether that was creating the University's first official mobile app, launching a startup accelerator's New York office, or founding her current business. After graduating, she forayed into the world of federal consulting before leaving it for venture capital in San Francisco and then New York City. She currently resides in North Carolina.



Taylor Sharp '16 (Panelist, Social Impact—Building Bridges of Hope at Home and Abroad) is a filmmaker and nonprofit leader with a particular interest in the relationship between sports and society. His most recent documentary *Hoops Africa: Ubuntu Matters* explores the growth of basketball and its impact on society on the African continent. During high school, he co-founded *Casting for Hope*, a nonprofit that financially and emotionally assists women with gynecological cancers in North Carolina, and later at UNC co-founded *Daymaker Giving*, an online, kid-to-kid giving platform that makes the experience of giving to children in need real, personal, and simple. From Zimbabwe to Toronto to Egypt, Taylor has since traveled the world capturing compelling content and telling meaningful sports stories while also continuing his nonprofit work in his home state of North Carolina.



Jay Sheth '21 (SEVEN Speaker) is a sophomore scholar from Charleston, West Virginia, studying computer science and political science. A son of immigrants, Jay enjoys listening to his family's stories of life in India. He is working on implementing a student task force in West Virginia high schools that focuses on developing viable solutions to local community problems. When he isn't crushing his opponents in his fantasy football league, Jay likes reading, playing soccer, and binge-watching *MacGyver*.



Sarah Wells Slechta '00 (Panelist, I Shouldn't Be Here. Or Should I? Identifying and Overcoming Impostor Syndrome) is a psychiatrist based in Asheville. She is a managing shareholder at the Pisgah Institute for Psychotherapy and Education. She treats children, adolescents, and young adults in a variety of settings, from student health services at UNC-Asheville to a local wilderness therapy program. Sarah has a passion for teaching, and since completing her training, she has been on faculty with the UNC School of Medicine-Asheville Campus. Most recently, she helped develop a new psychiatry residency program at MAHEC, and currently serves as its associate program director. Sarah is also a mom to three kids, ages 6 and under—Winters, Lily, and Max.



Jesse Soloff '08 (Panelist, Seven Words of Wisdom from Winston Churchill—"If You're Going Through Hell, Keep Going") is a sports marketing executive in Charlotte, where he has worked on Olympic Games programs for Fortune 500 companies, Procter & Gamble, and Hershey. While his work has taken him around the world, Jesse lost his compass in the fall of 2016 when, in the span of 19 days, he lost his father, Bruce, to lung cancer, and 31-year-old wife, Taylor, to ovarian cancer. In the two years since, Jesse has worked to figure out what it means to be a widower in his early 30s and all the trappings that come with it.

Along the way, Jesse founded the Taylor Soloff Memorial Endowment as a way to honor his late wife by supporting patient care initiatives at the Levine Cancer Institute. A few months later, he won a 2018 National City & Regional Magazine Award for his *Charlotte Magazine* essay, *Our Last Home*, which describes his first night home after the death of his wife. Still figuring it all out, Jesse enjoys Everything bagels with lox, autumn in Charlotte, and spending time with his six-year-old dog, Cali.



Christopher Sopher '10 (SEVEN Speaker) is co-founder and CEO of WhereBy.Us, a media and technology startup that connects people to their cities through daily email newsletters, digital storytelling, and local experiences. WhereBy.Us's publications—Miami's *The New Tropic*, Seattle's *The Evergrey*, Portland's *Bridgeline*, and Orlando's *Pulptown*—reach more than 2 million curious locals every month. Chris previously managed a portfolio of journalism and media innovation grants and investments at Knight Foundation, and has consulted, trained, and spoken for organizations around the world on human-centered

design and creating media products for young people. At Carolina, Chris received the Harry S. Truman Scholarship—the premier graduate fellowship in the United States for those pursuing careers as public service leaders.



Erika Stallings '07 (Panelist, Seven Words of Wisdom from Winston Churchill—"If You're Going Through Hell, Keep Going") is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and currently works as an attorney for Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), where she is responsible for handling all legal issues concerning BMI's affiliated songwriters and publishers. In the summer of 2014, Erika underwent genetic counseling and testing and discovered that she carried a BRCA2 gene mutation, a hereditary cancer mutation that elevates the lifetime risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer. A few months later she underwent a

prophylactic double mastectomy to reduce her risk of developing breast cancer to under 5 percent. Her experience led her to become an advocate for other young women dealing with BRCA, and in 2016 she became the founding co-chair of the Young Leadership Council for the Basser Center for BRCA, the first research center solely devoted to treating and curing BRCA-related cancers. To date the YLC has raised over \$75,000 to fund young investigators seeking to cure BRCA-induced cancers. She has also written about her experiences with BRCA for *Jezebel*, *New York Magazine*, and the *Huffington Post*.



Brian Strong '00 (Co-Chair, 2018 and 2021 Morehead-Cain Alumni Forums) is the senior vice president of Brand Communications at FOX Sports, leading brand storytelling strategy connected to the company's key sports and entertainment moments, digital platforms, marketing campaigns, and special projects. Previously, at Nike, Brian held the role of communications director on both the Global Corporate and North America category communications teams. With the global team, he drove storytelling for the company's corporate/brand narrative. In North America, he led the strategic media relations work for the

Basketball, Soccer, Football, and Training categories. Prior to that, Brian led an independent communications consultancy, The Strong Group, and also worked for renowned NYC agencies HL Group and Dan Klores Communications, after an early career role at CBS Sports.



Kelsey Sutton '20 (Salsa Dancing Teacher) is a junior from Marshall, North Carolina, double-majoring in psychology and sociology with a minor in southern studies. When she's not in class (or the library), Kelsey can be found at the Campus Y, giving tours through the Admissions Office, or spending time with friends on the quad. According to her parents, Kelsey has been dancing since she could walk, although the specific styles have shifted and multiplied over the years. She grew up primarily clogging, a traditional percussive dance from the Appalachian Mountains, but also loves tap dancing, contra, swing, and blue fusion as well. She learned how to salsa and bachata while teaching English in Ecuador the summer before her sophomore year of college. After graduating, Kelsey is planning on pursuing a PhD in clinical psychology.



Bill Taylor '66 (SEVEN Speaker) is a founding partner of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP and one of the country's foremost litigators. Over the course of his 40-year career, he has litigated numerous high-profile civil and criminal matters, often under intense media scrutiny. Bill practices in federal and state courts nationwide and has tried more than 60 cases to judgment. While an experienced trial lawyer, he is also well known for his creative motions practice and is often successful in obtaining dismissal of charges against his clients before trial. He is equally at home in complex commercial litigations and straightforward credibility contests. Clients retain him not only for his litigation successes but also for his judgment and advice. Bill's clients have included public officials, such as former International Monetary Fund (IMF) managing director Dominique Strauss-Kahn, former Rep. Tom Feeney, and the late Sen. Alan Cranston; executives, such as former New York Stock Exchange Compensation Committee Chair Kenneth Langone, former Salt Lake City Olympic Committee chair Thomas Welch, and former CEO of Massey Energy Company Donald Blankenship; and a wide variety of public and private organizations, including Fortune 500 companies, hedge funds, law firms, and unions, among others. A former public defender, Bill is also committed to pro bono work, and his clients include death row inmates.



Tim Taylor '92 (Panelist, What's the Point, Anyway? Grappling with the Purpose and Perplexities of K-12 Education) is a Managing Director and Head of Loan Sales and Distribution at Lotus Capital Partners, LLC, a boutique investment banking and advisory firm based in New York. Tim advises fixed-income investors on the buying and selling of portfolio investments with a goal of risk-return optimization. Prior to joining Lotus, Tim served as Head of Special Situations at Ten-X Commercial, where he worked closely with special servicers, commercial real estate bankruptcy practitioners, impaired mortgage backed securities borrowers, and a select group of institutional commercial real estate firms. Previous employers include CCRE (the real estate finance arm of Cantor Fitzgerald) and Merrill Lynch Mortgage Lending. Tim received his MBA from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina. His undergraduate degree at Carolina was in mathematics. Tim has been a member of the board of trustees for Explore Schools Inc., a New York-based network of charter schools, and the network's individual school-based boards, for more than a decade.



Grace Terrell '83 (Moderator, *A Healthier Body and Bottom Line—How Innovation Will Transform Health Care*) is President/CEO of Envision Genomics, a company focused on the integration of precision medicine technology into population health frameworks for patients with rare, misdiagnosed, and undiagnosed diseases. She is a national thought leader in health care innovation and delivery system reform, and a serial entrepreneur in population health outcomes driven through patient care model design, clinical and information integration, and value-based payment models. She is the former CEO of Cornerstone Health Care, one of the first medical groups to make the “move to value” by lowering the cost of care and improving its quality for the sickest, most vulnerable patients, and the founding CEO of CHES, a population health management company. Grace currently serves on the U.S. DHHS’s Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee, the board of the AMGA, and the Oliver Wyman Health Innovation Center’s Leadership Alliance.



Nathan Tilley '14 (Panelist, *Does Spirituality Really Make a Difference? Seeking Higher Power in the 21st Century*) is a PhD student in the Graduate Program in Religion at Duke University. After studying ancient philosophy and religion at Carolina, Nathan discovered the vibrant world of late antiquity (300–700 CE) while completing a master’s degree at the University of Notre Dame. His doctoral research examines how early Christians and their contemporaries used different genres of writing and various bodily practices to shape and nurture memory. Nathan also loves learning languages and working to make ancient texts preserved in less-studied languages (Coptic, Syriac, etc.) more accessible.



Zeynep Tufekci (Favorite Professor Lecturer), is an associate professor in the School of Information and Library Science and an adjunct professor in the School of Sociology at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is also a faculty associate with Harvard’s Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society. Professor Tufekci is a Turkish writer, academic, and techno-sociologist known primarily for her research on the social implications of emerging technologies in the context of politics and corporate responsibility. She is a *New York Times* contributing Op-Ed writer covering the internet, technology, politics, and society, and has done several TED talks. Her book, *Twitter and Tear Gas: The Power and Fragility of Networked Protest*, was published in 2017 by Yale University Press. Her next book, from Penguin Random House, will be about algorithms that watch, judge, and nudge us.



Since stumbling onto the founding team of APPLES at Carolina, **Michael Ulku-Steiner '92** (Panelist, *What’s the Point, Anyway? Grappling with the Purpose and Perplexities of K–12 Education*) has been trying to answer one burning question: What kinds of communities and experiences best allow young people to grow into their most compassionate, capable, and courageous selves? He has been a tumbleweed picker; EKG technician; translator; tour guide; teacher of English, Spanish, and Theory of Knowledge; coach of basketball and baseball; and Dean of Students. After five years as Headmaster at The American School in Switzerland, Michael now serves as Head of School at Durham Academy. His more essential roles: father, husband, friend, learner, community builder, and furtherer.



Richard Vinroot '63 (Panelist, *We Have Few Words, Many Emotions, and a Lot to Say—Civil Discourse in an Uncivil Era*) is a practicing lawyer in Charlotte. He and his wife, Judy (UNC Class of 1965), have three children, all of whom attended Carolina, and four “spectacular” grandchildren. At Carolina, Richard played on Coach Dean Smith’s first two Carolina basketball teams and served as president of his junior and senior classes. Following graduation from law school, Richard volunteered for the draft and served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army during 1967 and 1968, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for such service. Upon his return from Vietnam in 1969, Richard joined the Charlotte law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, where he has practiced law continuously since then. In Charlotte, Richard has served as a boy scout master in the inner-city for seven years, and a high school Sunday school teacher for more than 40 years, been a member of Charlotte’s City Council, and its Mayor from 1991 until 1995. In 2015 Richard (a former Republican mayor of Charlotte) and Mike Meeker (a former Democratic mayor of Raleigh) agreed to co-chair “End Gerrymandering Now”—an effort to create a non-partisan re-districting commission in North Carolina—which has not yet been successful; and two years ago Richard and UNC alumnus Tom Lambeth (also a Democrat) agreed to co-chair the UNC “Institute of Politics,” a new student-led organization designed to promote bi-partisanship, on the Carolina campus—which has been very successful! Thus, on the subject of this “civil discourse” panel, Richard is “batting .500”—which is not too bad! This past year Richard and Judy endowed a professorship at the UNC School of Government in honor of dear friend and deceased law partner, Bob Bradshaw.



Anamay Viswanathan '19 (SEVEN Speaker Introduction) is a senior studying political science and neuroscience—he hopes to better understand how voters think. During his Morehead-Cain summers, Anamay hiked the Appalachian Trail in Maine, developed a high school history curriculum in Cambodia, worked for Matter in San Francisco (founded by Corey Ford '00), and did something with money at the D.E. Shaw Group in New York. On campus, he finds himself trying to fundraise for *The Daily Tar Heel* and give vaguely useful advice as the undergraduate adviser to UNC’s Institute of Politics.



Laurel Wamsley '06 (Panelist, *Listen Up—Podcasts, Smart Speakers, and the Growing Marketplace for Your Ears*) is a breaking news reporter at NPR, where she worked previously as a producer. A native of Athens, Ohio, she worked at technology companies in Austin and Chicago before returning to NPR in 2015. As a Voqal Fellow, she created a pilot for a podcast about what people can do to make their cities better places. She likes riding bikes around Washington, DC, where she lives.



Dave Werry '06 (Panelist, *A Healthier Body and Bottom Line—How Innovation Will Transform Health Care*) is Vice President, Head of Transformation overseeing Aetna’s transformational efforts focused on disrupting the healthcare system through consumer experience. Prior to leading the Transformation organization, Dave oversaw Aetna’s member-facing capabilities as the VP of Consumer Health Products. In this role, Dave was responsible for leading a diverse portfolio that delivered seamlessly integrated capabilities to transform the member experience and improve health. Business units included: Aetna Health, Aetna One Advocate, Aetna-Apple partnership, bswift and PayFlex. Prior to joining Aetna, Dave served as an executive for PPD, a leading global contract research organization providing drug

discovery, development, lifecycle management, and laboratory services. He served as the global head of Biotech, where he transformed the operating model to service this segment and drove the sales process to be deeply data-driven in targeting growth opportunities. Prior to PPD, he managed and invested in health care businesses at Hellman & Friedman, a leading private equity firm. Prior to Hellman & Friedman, he worked in Morgan Stanley's health care investment banking group. Dave received his MBA from Harvard Business School. While at UNC, he founded Carolina Dreams, a nonprofit organization enabling student-athletes to engage with North Carolina Children's Hospital's pediatric patients and their families. Dave sits on the Board of Visitors for the Rams Club and the Board of Parexel, a large clinical research organization.



Julie McManus Werry '03 (Panelist, *This Is My Stop—The When, Why, and How of Managing Work-Life Balance and Transitions*) is a consultant specializing in nonprofit development and donor communications. Her passion for fundraising started in her Carolina days when she helped lead the fundraising efforts of the UNC Dance Marathon, a tradition she's thrilled has continued today. After receiving her Master's in Public Policy from Georgetown University, Julie worked for nearly a decade at New York City's largest poverty-fighting organization, the Robin Hood Foundation, where she led the Donor Relations and Events teams. She has also worked on Teach For America's Growth, Strategy, and Development team and led Right To Play Canada's Development team. She now runs her own consultancy advising nonprofits and philanthropists. A lifelong believer in the importance of service, her current volunteer efforts include acting as a lead community organizer to fund and host the resettlement of Syrian refugee families in Canada. Julie and her husband, Scott (Morehead-Cain '03), live in Toronto with their two daughters, who are currently the only children in their school decked head-to-toe in Tar Heel gear.



Kim Freer Woodard '96 (Speaker, *Morehead-Cain Matinee*) is co-founder and co-president of Lucky 8, overseeing all production, development, and operations for the award-winning company, which has created and produced a wide range of successful series and event specials, as well as feature documentaries. Since the company's inception in 2014, Kim has executive produced more than 200 hours of programming for Lucky 8, from blue-chip documentary to formatted reality, in genres spanning crime, comedy, science, food and more. Kim's current and recent credits under the Lucky 8 banner include the groundbreaking and long-running hit series *60 Days In* for A&E, as well as the network's *Undercover High* and *Behind Bars: Rookie Year*; *Released* for OWN (executive produced by Oprah Winfrey); *Deadly Power* for Oxygen; *The Real Story with María Elena Salinas*, *People Magazine Investigates: Cults and Dark Waters* for ID; *The Laws of Jaws* for Discovery's "Shark Week"; *Secrets of the Underground* for Science Channel; *Manson Speaks: Inside the Mind of a Madman* for History; *Kids BBQ Championship* for Food Network; and *The Unknown Flag Raiser of Iwo Jima* and *Alaska Aircrash Investigations* for Smithsonian Channel. Kim and Lucky 8 also produced the feature documentaries *Bronx Obama*, which debuted in 2014 on Showtime, and *Standing Up*, which premiered in 2017 at DOC NYC. Prior to launching Lucky 8, Kim served as executive in charge at Part 2 Pictures, where she executive produced series including *Oprah Winfrey's Belief* for OWN and *Polygamy, USA* for National Geographic. Before Part 2, Kim was vice president of development and production at National Geographic Channel, where she shepherded highly successful series and specials, including *The '80s: The Decade that Made Us*, *Wicked Tuna*, and *Save the Titanic with Bob Ballard*. Kim also launched National Geographic TV & Film in New York, where she served as head of production, creating some of NatGeo's highest-rated series, including *Brain Games*, *Border Wars*, *Lockdown*, *DogTown* and *Taboo*. While at NatGeo TV & Film, Kim also produced the network's acclaimed special *Inside Guantanamo* and the award-winning PBS Nature documentary *Katrina's Animal Rescue*. Kim has also produced projects for History Channel, as well as for PBS's *Frontline* and *American Experience* series.



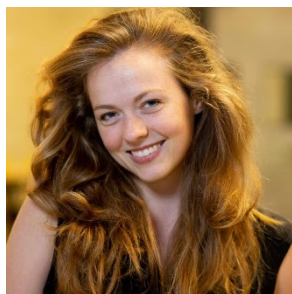
David earned his JD from the University of Virginia, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif; at Carolina, he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

David Wright '80 (Panelist, Morehead-Cain Q&A) is a partner with Robinson Bradshaw in Charlotte, and his experience spans multiple industries and practice areas. David has handled cases in numerous state and federal courts, has represented three different governors and other cabinet officials in constitutional disputes, and for the past decade has been featured in Woodward-White, Inc., The Best Lawyers in America. He currently serves as chairman of the Morehead-Cain Foundation Board of Trustees, and served as the Foundation's general counsel from 2009 to 2015. David earned his JD from the University of



recently the Freer|Sackler Galleries, where she served as director of external affairs for 13 years. Since returning to Chapel Hill, Katie has helped attract the largest gift in the Ackland's history—127 drawings by Dutch and Flemish masters of the Golden Age, including seven by Rembrandt, and endowments totaling \$25 million from UNC double alumnus Sheldon Peck and his wife, Leena. Katie has also expanded the reach of the Ackland by initiating a Local Advisory Board to complement the National Board; creating ART&, a special space for lounging and programs; and developing the outdoor Terrace Gallery for interactive art and open 24 hours daily. She has significantly increased fundraising, led the staff through internal branding, and conducted strategic planning with UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School. Katie holds a master's degree in Islamic art and architecture from the American University in Cairo, where she was a Rotary International Fellow, and a bachelor's in European history from Carolina. Katie has been the study tour leader for a dozen Smithsonian tours to Spain and the Arab world and writes and lectures on Islamic art.

Katie Ziglar '79 (Panelist, Building Culture with Impact—A Pop-up Art Exhibition, Behind-the-Scenes Tour, and Discussion) is an art museum professional whose work over three decades has resulted in improved visibility, increased financial support, expanded public outreach, and new education programs in five museums. Katie's expertise includes building strong teams that work effectively to connect art museums with larger audiences and more supporters, as well as developing entrepreneurial partnerships. Katie became director of the Ackland Art Museum in July 2016 after a career at several Smithsonian museums, most



system. She is also accidentally minoring in public policy because she feels these classes have helped make her a more informed citizen. Her focus, now, has become thinking about ways to stop (or slow? or reverse?) climate change, and she plans to explore this field immediately after graduation this spring.

From the small mountain town of Burnsville, North Carolina, **Lauren Zitney '19** (Panelist, The Morehead-Cain Experience—Then and Now) has danced her way to UNC where she has picked up a fascination for (along with a major in) economics along the way. Thus, naturally, she has taken on the role of treasurer for Modernextension Dance Company on campus. Lauren interned with Motley Fool Wealth Management last summer, but she taught sixth graders detective-themed math in New Orleans one summer, and traveled to Helsinki, Finland, for a semester when she thought she wanted to reform the American education