

ADDITIONAL FACULTY PROFILES



MATT ANDERSON

DaySpring Cards, Senior Editorial Director, Arkansas

Matt Anderson is a Senior Editorial Director for DaySpring Cards, a subsidiary of Hallmark. Prior to his 18 years there, he nationally published his own card line, Heaven's Unofficial Greetings. Matt and his wife Kris have three college-ish kids.



ALLEN ARNOLD

Thomas Nelson, Senior Vice-President & Fiction Publisher, Tennessee

Allen Arnold loves great stories, passionate conversations and authentic living. As Senior Vice-President and Fiction Publisher at Thomas Nelson, he spends his days acquiring, reading and publishing world class adult and young adult fiction written from a Christian worldview. A veteran of the publishing industry since 1992, he initially oversaw marketing and branding campaigns of many best-selling Christian authors, utilizing skills learned while working for some of the world's largest advertising agencies. Allen's favorite way to spend the day is with his family –preferably with a C.S. Lewis book or Superman comic close at hand. Read about Allen's thoughts on creative leadership, heroic living, and story at AllenArnoldWrites.com. Twitter: @allen_arnold.



VICKI CRUMPTON

Revell/Baker Publishing Group, Executive Editor, Kentucky

Vicki Crumpton is executive editor for Baker Publishing Group. She acquires for the Revell division and works from her home in Paducah, Kentucky. She holds an M.Div. and Ph.D. from Southwestern Seminary. In her spare time she enjoys road biking and whitewater kayaking with her husband.



LAURA DERICO

Standard Publishing, Editor, Adult & Teen, Ohio

In fifteen years in Christian publishing, Laura has edited a wide range of interesting and inspiring projects, from children's board books to youth curriculum, Christian living titles to Bible study resources. Through her work with Standard Publishing and previously with Lion Hudson (Oxford, UK), she has had the opportunity to partner in the creative process with many talented artists, designers, editors, and authors, and looks forward to meeting many more. A working mom of two, she finds her best work is often done while the rest of the house is sleeping.



SHARON ELLIOTT

Gospel Road Magazine, Editor-in-chief, California

Sharon Norris Elliott is an award-winning author, speaker, Bible teacher, and Editor-in-chief of a the new publication, *Gospel Road*. Her website, www.LifeThatMatters.net, offers a wide array of links whereby site visitors can get connected with all she has to offer.

Sharon loves teaching at conferences and coaching writers. She and her husband James are enjoying their empty nest in Southern California.



NICK HARRISON

Harvest House Publishers, Senior Editor for Fiction & Nonfiction, Oregon

Nick Harrison is a senior editor of both fiction & non-fiction at Harvest House Publishers. He's the author of several books including *Magnificent Prayer*, *His Victorious Indwelling*, and *365 WWJD: Daily Answers to "What Would Jesus Do?"* Nick lives in Eugene, Oregon with his wife Beverly who works in the sales department at Harvest House. The Harrisons are the parents of three grown daughters and grandparents to two grandsons and two granddaughters.



TERRI KALFAS

Hensley Publishing, Director of Publishing, Oklahoma

Terri Kalfas has been in Christian publishing for over 23 years. Before entering book publishing she worked as a journalist in positions ranging from reporter and freelancer to managing editor and editor. Her goal at Hensley Publishing is to publish Bible studies that encourage people to read and study the Word itself and not only read books about the Word.



SUSAN KING

***The Upper Room*, Assistant Editor, Tennessee**

Assistant Editor of *The Upper Room* daily devotional guide, Susan King also teaches English at Lipscomb University and functions as a seminar facilitator in leadership and group dynamics. Formerly she taught English and feature-writing classes at Biola University, served as book editor for *The Institute of Scriptural Psychology*, and wrote magazine features as a freelance writer.



DAN KLINE

Consultant, Oregon

Dan Kline was a co-founder, teacher, and coordinator of the Writing Certificate Program at Cal State University, Long Beach during the 1990's. His writing credits include a book on grammar and a CD-ROM on proofreading, a videotape on hiring and interviewing, four 6-hour seminars, and numerous booklets on various aspects of writing. He is also an internationally recognized speaking professional who, since 1990, has addressed over 200,000 in the US and fourteen other countries combined. He draws his popular presentations from over thirty years of mixed and varied experience as a speaker, writer, retailer, and federal government manager.



JOANNA LUTZ

***Focus on the Family Clubhouse*, Associate Editor, Colorado**

Joanna Lutz, associate editor of *Focus on the Family Clubhouse* and *Clubhouse Jr.* magazines, grew interested in publishing at age 8. When a magazine printed her story about rescuing a baby squirrel, Joanna felt the first thrill of seeing her work in print. She later took a correspondence writing course, studied communications and has served in various editing roles, including six years with kids' magazines. Joanna's favorite parts of editing include fine-tuning fiction and making deep truths understandable for children.



SHANNON MARCHESE
WaterBrook Multnomah Publishing Group/Random House
Senior Editor for Fiction, Colorado

Shannon Marchese is Senior Editor, Fiction for the WaterBrook Multnomah Publishing Group, a division of Random House. She has been in publishing for fourteen years, serving in publicity and marketing roles before moving into editorial. She's acquired and edited acclaimed nonfiction and award-winning, best-selling fiction since 2002. She lives in Colorado Springs with her husband and daughter.



JUDI PERRY
Beacon Hill Press, Acquisitions and Consumer Product Editor, Missouri

Judith Perry is a writer and editor who has edited and/or rewritten numerous books and articles over the past 17 years. She currently serves as the acquisitions and consumer product editor for Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City. Judi attends several writers' conferences each year where she enjoys meeting with tomorrow's writers, critiquing their manuscripts, and teaching workshops. As a midsized publisher, Beacon Hill has given many authors their starts in the industry, and Judi enjoys working with new writers as they work to develop their skills. She is the mother of three grown daughters and lives in the Kansas City area with her husband, Ken.



BECKY PHILPOTT
Zondervan, Associate Acquisitions Editor, Michigan

Becky Philpott is an Associate Acquisitions Editor at Zondervan. For six years she was a production editor and recently moved over to Zondervan's acquisitions department, mainly focusing on fiction. Her favorite books are ones with compelling characters and story—whether real or fictional. Becky lives just outside of Grand Rapids, MI, with her husband and two black cats. In her spare time, she figure skates competitively and dabbles in interior design.



KEN RANEY
President, Clash Creative, Inc., Kansas

Ken Raney is president of Clash Creative, Inc., a producer of graphic novels and comics for the Christian teenage audience, currently contracted with Voice of the Martyrs and Kingstone Media. He also owns and produces www.clashentertainment.com, an entertainment portal website for Christian teens featuring media news, reviews, and interviews for books, comics, music, movies, careers, and gaming. Raney is the author/illustrator of two children's picture books and has over 35 years experience in graphic design, illustration, advertising and marketing. He and his wife, Novelist Deborah Raney, have four children and make their home in Kansas.



RICK STEELE
AMG International, Manager of Product Development/Acquisitions, Georgia

Rick Steele is an accomplished writer/editor who has managed the workflow of well over 100 titles for AMG Publishers in Chattanooga, TN. Working with both fledgling and experienced authors over the years, Rick has been at the forefront in the production of AMG's growing list of Bible study products. Under his direction, the publishing house has launched five different Bible study brands, including the Following God series (over 25 titles), the Coffee Cup Bible Studies (6 titles), and most recently, the Contenders Bible Studies Series (4 titles). Rick is now manager of acquisitions and product development at AMG. He and his wife Susan and son, Allen, live near Ringgold, GA.



CHRISTINE TANGVALD
Freelance author, Washington

Christine Harder Tangvald is the author of 100 picture books in 147 editions in 12 languages, with over 3.5 million books in print, and two #1 CBA bestsellers. She has also published curriculum, devotions, greeting cards, and articles for many publishers. She has been a teacher and speaker at over 100 writer's conferences, and founded Spokane Christian Writers. Christine currently writes with her daughter, Rondi DeBoer, and they have more fun than should ever be allowed! Many of their best friends are under six years old.



B.J. TAYLOR
Guidepost Magazine Representative, Freelancer, California

B.J. Taylor is the representative for *Guideposts* magazine and an award-winning author. She won a spot at the Guideposts Writers Workshop in 2004 and her published work appears in more than two-dozen Chicken Soup books, John Gray's *Mars and Venus in Love*, *Writers Digest*, *Romantic Homes*, and many other publications. She's compiled inspirational stories into successful e-books titled *Sunny Side Up* and is working on her "dog-lit". She lives in Southwestern California with her husband.
www.bjtaylorblog.wordpress.com

Agents



KAREN BALL
The Steve Laube Agency, Oregon

Karen Ball is an agent with The Steve Laube Agency, along with running her own business, Karen Ball Publishing Services, LLC. She has been in the business for over 30 years helping several publishers (Tyndale, Multnomah, Zondervan, and B&H Publishing Group) build strong fiction lines. She is a published author in her own right with several of her novels having received awards and been on the best-seller lists. Karen delights in partnering with authors to help them refine their craft, delivering their stories as powerfully as possible. She lives in Oregon with her husband, father, and a collection of four-legged, furry "kids," including an Aussie-Terrier mix they fondly refer to as the "Black Hole of Emotional Need."



DIANA FLEGAL
Hartline Literary Agency, North Carolina

Diana Flegal is a Literary Agent with Hartline Literary Agency where she represents fiction and non-fiction books to leading mainline and inspirational publishers. Diana is seeking to add both established and promising authors to her list of clients. She represents fiction of all genres, and is currently looking for Women's fiction and formula romance titles. She will entertain YA Fantasy titles, but only if they are of outstanding quality. Non-fiction titles written by authors with well established platforms are always considered.



JANET KOBABEL GRANT

Books & Such Literary Agency, President, California

Literary agent Janet Kobobel Grant founded the Books & Such Literary Agency in 1996 and represents several best-selling authors and winners of the Gold Medallion, Christy Award, and RITA. Books & Such Literary Agency's slogan, "Discerning Literature," forms the hallmark of the agency's work. Understanding the ever-changing rhythms of publishing trends and how to respond to them is an integral part of the service we offer. We concentrate on developing long-term relationships with the authors we serve, helping them to be savvy caretakers of their abilities and time. In any given year we place more than 150 projects with a variety of publishers.



JOEL KNEEDLER

Alive Communications, Colorado

Joel Kneedler is a literary agent with Alive Communications and represents authors of fiction and nonfiction. His nonfiction clients include Brady Boyd, Todd Burpo, Joseph Loconte, Kim Meeder, John Ramsey, Rudy Ruettiger and Congressman Frank Wolf. Recent projects include Todd Burpo's New York Times bestseller *Heaven is for Real*, written with Lynn Vincent. He began his publishing career as a publicist with Multnomah Publishers. He had the privilege of working with authors like Dee Henderson, Andy Stanley, and Bruce Wilkinson among others. He went on to manage publicity efforts at WaterBrook Press before joining Alive in early 2008. Joel is a California native and looks forward to returning to his home state for the Mount Hermon Writers Conference. He is married to Shawna and lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



STEVE LAUBE

The Steve Laube Agency, President & Founder, Arizona

Steve Laube, a literary agent and president of The Steve Laube Agency, has been in the book industry for over 30 years, as bookstore manager, book buyer, and Editorial Director/Adult Nonfiction for Bethany House Publishers. In 2002 Steve was named Editor of the Year by the Advanced Writers and Speakers Association. Since becoming an agent he has negotiated nearly 300 contracts representing over 500 new books and was named Agent of the Year by The American Christian Fiction Writers in 2009. In addition, Steve has taught at writer's conference in more than 60 cities. His office is in Phoenix, AZ.

www.stevelaube.com



WENDY LAWTON

Books & Such Literary Agency, California

Wendy Lawton is an agent with the much-respected literary agency, Books & Such. She represents some of the finest writers in the industry including many bestselling authors. Wendy relishes all aspects of the work—especially helping her clients develop their ideas and chart their careers. She's served on the faculty of several major writers conferences, won the infamous Bulwer-Lytton competition and authored thirteen books. Unfortunately, she's not yet mastered leaping tall buildings in a single bound. She lives with her husband, Keith, in Hillmar, California.



BARBARA SCOTT

WordServe Literary Agency, Tennessee

Barbara Scott has more than 30 years of publishing experience, ranging from newspapers and magazines to books. She is credited with kicking off a well-rounded series of quality, highly reviewed novels at Abingdon Press. Currently, she is a literary agent with WordServe Literary Group. Her educational background includes a M.A. and a B.A. in English; a Certificate in Film from the Mass Media Institute at Stanford University, and training in screen development with the Robert McKee Story Seminar in Los Angeles.



LES STOBBE

Leslie H. Stobbe Literary Agency, President, North Carolina

Les is first a writer, then editor, then literary agent. He has written hundreds of articles, editorials, ads, commercials, newsletters, fundraising letters, Bible studies, leaders' guides, 14 books, and curriculum for the Jerry B. Jenkins Christian Writers Guild. For more than five decades he has been assisting and inspiring writers, helping them get published as broadly as possible. As literary agent his focus remains helping writers get into print.

Publishing Houses Represented

- **Baker Publishing Group/Div. of Revell:**
 - Vicki Crumpton
- **Beacon Hill Press:** Judi Perry
- **DaySpring Cards:** Matt Anderson
- **Harvest House Publishers:** Nick Harrison
- **Hensley Publishing:** Terri Kalfas
- **Regal Books:** Kim Bangs
- **Thomas Nelson:** Allen Arnold
- **WaterBrook Multnomah Publishing Group/Div. of Random House:**
 - Shannon Marchese
- **Zondervan:** Becky Philpott

Publications Represented

- *Advanced Christian Writer:* Sally Stuart
- *Christian Communicator:* Sally Stuart
- *Guideposts:* B. J. Taylor, Rep
- *Christianity Today: Kryia.Com*
(digital magazine), Ginger Kolbaba
- *Focus On The Family Clubhouse:*
Joanna Lutz
- *Gospel Roads:* Sharon Elliott
- *The Upper Room:* Susan King

Critique Team

- James Scott Bell
- Joseph Bentz
- Ethel Herr
- Mona Hodgson
- Randy Ingermanson
- Jan Kern
- Karen O'Connor
- Christine Tangvald, Chairman

Conference Staff

- Myra Dalton (Bookstore Associate)
- Joy Harrison (Bookstore Chairman)
- Walt Herr (Transportation Assistant)
- Bob Hodgson (Transportation Chairman)
- John Vonhof (Manuscript Retrieval Chairman)
- Gay Lewis (Hospitality Chairman)
- Lynn Mansour (Hospitality Associate)
- Dan Kline (Manuscript Retrieval Associate)
- Simon & Trish Presland
(Assistants to Conference Host)