

ADDITIONAL FACULTY PROFILES



BETH ADAMS

Guidepost Books, Editor, New York

Beth is a Senior Editor at Guideposts Books who works primarily with fiction. She is in charge of Guidepost's direct mail fiction program, and is always looking for writers who can work within a multi-author continuity series. She also edits for Guideposts' retail program. Prior to joining Guideposts, she worked at Random House. She has degrees from Princeton and New York University and lives in Brooklyn, NY.



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 17 years there, he nationally published his own card line, Heaven's Unofficial Greetings. Matt and his wife Kris have three college-ish kids.



KIM BANGS

Regal Books, Author relations/Contract Manager, California

Kim Bangs has twenty years of experience in publishing. Currently, she is the Author Relations/Contract Manager for the Regal Books, as well as a member of the acquisitions team. She has had the privilege to work with Dennis and Barbara Rainey, Holly Wagner, Jim Burns, Gloria Gaither, Lisa Harper, Josh McDowell, Gary Smalley, Michelle McKinney Hammond, Karen O'Connor and many others. Kim enjoys working with authors to provide resources that touch hearts, change lives, and open conversation with others.



VICKI CRUMPTON

Revell/Baker Publishing Group, Executive Editor, Michigan

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.



JESSE FLOREA

Focus on the Family Clubhouse, Editor, Colorado

Jesse Florea has worked at Focus on the Family for nearly 18 years. For the past 13, he's been the editor of *Focus on the Family Clubhouse* (for boys and girls ages 8-12). He earned bachelor and master's degrees in communications from Wheaton College, IL. Additionally, Jesse has written or co-written eight books (including *Adventures of Average Boy: Growing Up Super Average*, *The One-Year Devos for Sports Fans* and *The One-Year Everyday Devotions*, all with Tyndale House Publishers). He lives with his wife, Stephanie, and two teenagers, Nate and Amber, in Colorado Springs.



MIRANDA GARDNER

Discovery House Publishers, Editor, Michigan

Miranda Gardner is an editor with Discovery House Publishers, a division of RBC Ministries. (RBC produces the *Our Daily Bread* devotional, *Day of Discovery* TV show, and *Sports Spectrum* radio program.) Prior to Discovery House, she was associate editor with Kregel Publications. She enjoys reading (of course!), music, and black-and-white movies.



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.



GINGER KOLBABA

**Kyria.com, editor; Discipleship & Women's Resources, manager;
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Ginger Kolbaba is founding editor of Kyria.com (a women's online resource and monthly digital magazine) and manager of discipleship and women's resources for Christianity Today International. In Christian publishing for more than 15 years, she is former editor of *Today's Christian Women* and *Marriage Partnership*—both award-winning magazines. An accomplished book author, Ginger has written or contributed to more than 16 books, including her most recent novel series, *Secrets from Lulu's Café*, which include *Desperate Pastors' Wives* and *Katt's in the Cradle*. Ginger also teaches and speaks across the country. www.gingerkolbaba.com



DOUG NEWTON

**Former Senior Editor, *Light and Life* magazine; Co-founder, Mary's Place;
Pastor, Greenville Free Methodist Church, Illinois**

Doug Newton is senior pastor of the 800 member Greenville Free Methodist Church. He recently completed his 15th year as senior editor of the award-winning *Light and Life* magazine, the denominational magazine of the Free Methodist Church of North America. He and his wife, Margie, are co-founders and directors of Mary's Place, a prayer retreat ministry to help pastoral couples reorient their busy ministry lives around prayer. Newton has published five books and travels widely as a church, seminar, college and retreat speaker.



MARGIE NEWTON

**Former Manuscript Manager, *Light & Life* magazine;
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Margie Newton is Pastor of Prayer Ministries and Counseling at the 800 member Greenville Free Methodist Church. She recently completed her 10th year as manuscript manager for *Light & Life* magazine. She is co-founder of Mary's Place, a prayer retreat ministry, and is a frequent retreat and conference speaker on prayer.



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 16 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.



DEBORAH RANEY

Freelance Novelist, Kansas

Deborah Raney is at work on her 20th novel. Her books have won the RITA Award, HOLT Medallion, National Readers' Choice Award, Silver Angel, and have twice been Christy Award finalists. Her first novel, *A Vow to Cherish*, inspired the World Wide Pictures film of the same title. Deb's new Hanover Falls Novel series from Howard/Simon & Schuster includes *Almost Forever*, *Forever After* and *After All*. Deb and her husband, Ken Raney, enjoy small town life in Kansas. They are empty nesters with four grown children and a growing collection of precious grandchildren—all of whom live much too far away.



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.



TONYA STONEMAN

***In Touch Magazine*, Editor, Georgia**

Tonya Stoneman is the editor of *In Touch* magazine, a publication that circulates to nearly one million readers. She has published more than 200 articles in a variety of mainstream Christian magazines and written two books. She lives in Social Circle, Georgia with her husband Tim and her two sons, David and Christopher. When she is not writing, she spends her time restoring an antebellum house.



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 an award-winning writer who has been published numerous times in *Guideposts*, *Angels on Earth*, more than fifteen *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books, and many other anthologies, magazines and newspapers. She enjoys talking about building your platform, writers groups (she's a member of three) and writing stories that sell. B.J. is also working on a novel series about dogs and the people who love them. She calls these books beach reads for dog lovers, or her shorthand term: "dog-lit."



THOMAS UMSTATTD, JR.
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Thomas Umstattd Jr. loves technology. He taught his first web design class at 16 years old and has been helping people use the web ever since. As an award winning speaker, Thomas' friendly speaking style blends multimedia and audience participation. Thomas is the CEO of Umstattd Media, a company that helps authors use the web to sell books and win contracts. He also runs AuthorTechTips.com a resource for authors timid about technology.



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Dana is the editor of Standard Publishing's magazine for teens, *ENCOUNTER—The Magazine*. As a full-time freelance editor and writer, she has edited a variety of curriculum lines and trade books, published numerous articles, ghostwritten books, and written countless Sunday school lessons. She holds a Master of Divinity in Christian Education and is passionate about enabling and equipping people to serve others using their God-given gifts.



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Author, speaker, and mentor, Carla Williams has writing credits in curriculum, devotions, short stories, and articles. She has authored or co-authored over 24 books including *As You Walk Along the Way*, *My Bible Dress-Up Book*, and *Ears to Hear: Hearing the Voice of God*. With having royalty and self published books, she understands the value and compatibility of both venues. Carla enjoys working with writers and editors through her position as Editorial Director, helping raise the standard in self-publishing. As Publicity Director, she provides authors with viable ways to build their promotional platforms and marketing plans. Carla@winepressgroup.com



RUSTY WRIGHT
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Rusty Wright is an award-winning author, journalist, syndicated columnist and lecturer who has spoken on six continents. His columns have appeared in mainstream newspapers across the US. He is a frequent presenter at Evangelical Press Association conventions and his writing credits include many EPA magazines such as *Christianity Today*, *Decision*, *Worldwide Challenge*, *Plain Truth*, *Physician* and *Pentecostal Evangel*. He holds a Bachelor of Science (psychology) and Master of Theology degrees from Duke and Oxford universities, respectively. Rusty is a winner of numerous Amy Writing Awards.

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JANET KOBOBEL GRANT
Books & Such Literary Agency, President, Agent, 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. Previously she was a book editor for more than 12 years, an imprint editor at Zondervan, managing book editor at Focus on the Family, collaborator on 17 books and writer of two books. As a result, Janet knows the publishing world from the perspective of writer, editor, and agent.



RACHEL ZURAKOWSKI KENT
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Rachel Kent is an associate agent with Books & Such Literary Agency. She has more than four years of agency experience and training working closely with agents Janet Kobobel Grant, Wendy Lawton, and Etta Wilson. Rachel specializes in working with authors who are writing fiction and nonfiction for teens, twentysomethings, and thirtysomethings. Her goal is to develop strong relationships with her clients and to help them develop lasting relationships with their editors and publishers.



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 29 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.

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WENDY LAWTON
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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.



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Currently an active Literary Agent and Editor-in-Chief of the Jerry B. Jenkins Christian Writers Guild, Les Stobbe mentors apprentices in What's Your Story course of the Christian Writers Guild and serves as director of International Christian Writers. He has been denominational editor, newsletter editor, book editor, curriculum editor, and president of a publishing house.

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Discovery House Publishers: Miranda Gardner

Guidepost Books: Rebecca Maker

Harvest House Publishers: Nick Harrison

Hensley Publishing: Terri Kalfas

Random House:

Multnomah: David Kopp

Regal Books: Kim Bangs

WinePress Publishing Group:

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Christian Communicator: Sally Stuart

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Guideposts: B. J. Taylor, Rep

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