



Speakers

Walter Kim

President, National Association of Evangelicals

Walter Kim became the president of the National Association of Evangelicals in January 2020, after serving as a pastor for 15 years at Boston's historic Park Street Church and four years at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, Virginia. He has spent nearly three decades preaching, writing and engaging in collaborative leadership to connect the Bible to the significant intellectual, cultural and social issues of the day. He serves on the boards of Christianity Today and World Relief.



Dr. Kim is an advocate for the mission of Christian Higher Education and is passionate about the crucial role it plays in the church. Kim received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, his M.Div. from Regent College in Vancouver, and his B.A. from Northwestern University, and he is a licensed minister in the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference education community.



Shirley V. Hoogstra, J.D.

President, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

A visionary leader who is passionate about Christian higher education and its essential role in the world today, Shirley V. Hoogstra is the president of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, an educational association representing over 185 + colleges and associations around the world. Shirley

sees her role as the chief advocate and storyteller for CCCU institutions, which have unique missions but all share four distinctives: Christian faculty and staff who teach students through the lens of faith; rigorous intellectual engagement; Christian formation of students; and a commitment to the global service for Christ at both individual and institutional levels.

Shirley speaks on and for Christian higher education and has been quoted in the Washington Post, the New York Times, World Magazine, Christianity Today, and various podcasts, radio, and news programs. She is a regular speaker at conferences and campuses across the country. Shirley has contributed chapters on bridge building and covenantal pluralism, and she writes regularly for CCCU's Advance magazine.

Shirley serves on the boards of the American Council on Education, National Immigration Forum, the National Association of Evangelicals, and Trinity Forum. She received honorary doctorate degrees from Gordon College and Nyack College and was the recipient of the Nina Griggs Gunter Servant Leadership Award (Trevecca Nazarene University), the Lifetime Education Impact Award (National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference), the Keepers of the American Dream Award (National Immigration Forum), and the Maggie Sloan Crawford Award (Olivet Nazarene University).

Having received a bachelor's in education at Calvin University (Grand Rapids, MI) and a Juris Doctor, with honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law, Shirley spent more than a decade practicing law as a partner at a firm that specialized in litigation in New Haven, Connecticut. She served as the president of the New Haven County Bar Association and was a founding board member and officer of the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. She then returned to the world of Christian higher education and became Calvin's vice president for student life in July 1999, a role she served in until she became president of the CCCU in 2014.



Paul N. Friga, Ph.D.

Clinical Associate Professor, Kenan-Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, ABC Insights

Dr. Paul N. Friga is a Clinical Associate Professor at the Kenan-Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he teaches courses in

management consulting and strategy. He leads numerous strategic planning initiatives on campus and has served as the Special Advisor to the Provost for Online Education.

He researches strategic decision-making, knowledge transfer, intuition, management consulting processes, entrepreneurship and higher education and has presented at numerous conferences throughout the world. He is the recipient of numerous undergraduate and graduate teaching awards. He co-founded and served as the first chair of the Strategic Management Society's Strategy Teaching Community.

Dr. Friga consults for many large (Fortune 100), mid-size and entrepreneurial companies as well as universities and not-for-profit organizations. He is also a faculty member in the Institute for Management Studies through which he offers strategy seminars to executives in the U.S. and Europe. He was the Director of the STAR and STAR Global Programs – approximately 25 semester long consulting projects with MBAs and Undergraduates.

He has also served as a Trustee for Saint Francis University. He is the Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer of ABC Insights with a mission to improve the sustainability of higher education by making universities more efficient and effective.

Dr. Friga has focused his research on helping higher education over the past 6 years and has authored over 13 articles (primarily in The Chronicle of Higher Education). His work has been published in The Academy of Management Learning and Education, Research - Technology Management, and two books by McGraw-Hill, The McKinsey Mind (2001) and The McKinsey Engagement (2008). His work has been cited in the Economist, CFO Magazine, and other journals. He completed his Ph.D. and MBA at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Beta Gamma Sigma) and previously worked as a management consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers and McKinsey & Co. Dr. Friga's undergraduate degree (Honors Program) is from Saint Francis University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a double degree in Management and Accounting. He also earned CPA and CMA designations.

He resides in Chapel Hill, North Carolina with his wife, Meredith, and son, Nicholas. (pnf@unc.edu ; www.paulfriga.com ; www.linkedin.com/in/paul-friga-285b365/)

Wayne Schmidt

General Superintendent, The Wesleyan Church

Rev. Dr. Wayne Schmidt is the General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church, a role he was elected to on June 6, 2016 by the North American General Conference in Buffalo, NY. Previously, Wayne has served as the chief administrative officer of Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University since January 1,



2010. He led the seminary from its infancy to over 500 students from 34 states and 11 countries, achieving full accreditation and offering training in English and Spanish. From 1979-2009, Dr. Wayne Schmidt was first a co-founding pastor, and then, senior pastor of Kentwood Community Church (KCC) in the Grand Rapids, Michigan, area. He led the Church to become a multiethnic and sending church, launching 10 other congregations.



Dr. Stephen J. Lennox

President, Kingswood University

Dr. Stephen Lennox became Kingswood's 12th president on July 1, 2015. He was unanimously elected by the Board of Trustees during their spring 2015 meeting and officially inaugurated as president on October 16, 2015.

Dr. Lennox, an ordained minister of The Wesleyan Church, served ten years in pastoral ministry. During that time, his love for the Bible grew into a burning passion to study and teach it. For twenty-two years, Dr. Lennox served with distinction at Indiana Wesleyan University in several roles, including Division Chair of the School of Theology and Ministry, Director of the graduate ministry program, Dean of the Chapel, and Honours Professor of Bible and Humanities. The recognized scholar holds four degrees: the Ph.D. and M.Phil. from Drew University, the M. Div. from Evangelical Theological Seminary, and a B.A. from Houghton College.

A Christian statesman and prolific writer, Dr. Lennox has authored six books on the Old Testament including commentaries on Psalms, Proverbs, and Joshua, as well as an introduction to the Old Testament, *God's Story Revealed*. He has led educational tours for students in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, in addition to participating in excavations at Tel Dor in Israel.

Dr. Lennox strongly supports cross-cultural education and has taught courses in Russia, Jamaica, Zambia, and Mozambique. He and his wife, Eileen, have two children and two grandchildren. Dr. Lennox speaks frequently at local churches, camps, and conferences.

A proven leader with an educated mind and warm heart, Dr. Lennox firmly believes that,

"As Kingswood remains faithful to its calling and obedient to His leading, God will bless our efforts with success to His glory."



Tim Schultz

President, 1st Amendment Partnership

As president of the 1st Amendment Partnership, Tim Schultz directs all aspects of the organization's work, building faith alliances, guiding public policy and educating key influencers on religious freedom issues.

Prior to the 1st Amendment Partnership, he served as State Legislative Director for the Ethics and Public Policy Center's American Religious Freedom Program (ARFP). In that role, Mr. Schultz directed all of ARFP's state policy initiatives, including developing and guiding coalition efforts to establish bipartisan religious freedom caucuses in 30 state legislatures. Mr. Schultz is widely viewed as a leading expert on religious freedom issues, with a particular focus on state policy issues.

In his fifteen years of experience developing state and federal policy, Mr. Schultz has testified before Congress and more than fifteen state legislatures.

Mr. Schultz is a leading expert on religious freedom issues, with a particular focus on state policy. He is frequently featured in national media, including the Associated Press, NPR, Deseret News, The Hill, the Christian Broadcast Network, the Daily Beast, and The New York Times.

Mr. Schultz is a former instructor at George Mason University and was a staffer in the Washington, D.C., office of Senator Bob Dole's presidential campaign. He is a graduate of Kansas State University and Georgetown University Law School.

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Rev. Dr. Colleen R. Derr

President, Wesley Seminary

Colleen serves as President of Wesley Seminary and teaches courses in congregational formation, transformational teaching, spiritual formation, and children, youth, and family ministry.



President Derr is an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church with over 30 years of experience in local and denominational leadership.

Dr. Derr has published books on transformational communication, John Wesley and the faith formation of children, a Wesleyan catechism for children, and a preteen discipleship tool.

Dr. Derr recently co-lead the Christian Community Project at Indiana Wesleyan University which engaged every level of the university and The Wesleyan Church to develop *IWU's Guidelines and Practices In Pursuit of Christian Community* which integrated Wesleyan ethos, doctrine and practices into all key university policies, communications, faculty development, and teaching, learning and care for students.

Colleen is married to Wayne and together they have four children and five grandchildren who are the delights of her life!



Rob Gunsalus*

President, MemorialCare Foundation

Rob Gunsalus began his career in advancement at Oklahoma Wesleyan University and then Seattle Pacific University. He then moved into senior executive leadership in comprehensive external relations at Trinity University, Santa Clara University, and California State University Northridge in Los Angeles. He recently became the president of the MemorialCare Foundation which supports a network of hospitals and clinics in Southern California.

The bulk of his advancement efforts have been focused on development, marketing and communications, and alumni relations. He has led multiple fundraising campaigns and initiatives, raising nearly a billion dollars over his career. He has also led multiple brand transformation and marketing integration efforts. His broad experience in higher education includes board management, government relations, overseeing non-commercial radio stations, performing arts centers, auxiliary foundations, and endowments, as well as teaching multiple courses, research, and coaching soccer.

He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Purdue University and has completed graduate and continuing education studies at UNC Chapel Hill, Duke University and Harvard University. His Bachelor's degree is from Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

**Yes, you recognize that spelling. Rob's brother is Russ Gunsalus. But we know you won't hold that against him ;-). And, Rob has generously donated his time and expertise to this event.*