



UTAH HUMANITIES

Ideas in Action

Janice Brooks

Janice Brooks holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from University of Nevada Las Vegas. She was a Security Specialist for the Department of Energy for nine years and has freelanced as a Public Affairs and Governmental Affairs Liaison for several public and private companies. Janice has held many professional positions and has served on a wide variety of Community/Civic Boards, including six years (two as Vice-Chairman) for the Clark County Housing Authority. She currently resides in Ivins, Utah and is devoting her creative energy and business savvy to her newest endeavor, "Jan Brooks Synergies Unlimited." JBS Unlimited offers public affairs, public relations and philanthropy strategy consultation services.

Dianne Harris

Dianne Harris is Dean of the College of Humanities at the University of Utah, where she is also a Professor in the History Department. She holds a PhD in Architectural History from the University of California, Berkeley. She is editor for the University of Pittsburgh Press's "Culture, Politics, and the Built Environment" series and currently serves as Chair of the Advisory Board for the Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture at Columbia University. She is also the recipient of a 2006 Iris Foundation Award from the Bard Graduate Center, New York, for outstanding scholarly contributions in the history of art, decorative arts, and cultural history. She has also been the Principal Investigator for several large grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, including a \$3 million grant to create the "Humanities Without Walls."

Gael Hill

Gael Hill received her BA in English - College of Humanities from the University of Utah. In her early career, Gael served as an Associate Librarian at the Salt Lake City Public Library. She also participated in the graduate masters program through Emporia State University, School of Library and Information Management. Gael has lived and worked in Escalante, Utah for the last 20 years, living and learning about Utah. Always seeking a community service position, Gael has worked for various cities, counties and the state in program management, grant and foundation management, tourism and scenic byways program. She also worked for the National Parks, BLM and Forest Service in visitor services and park interpretation. She hopes to bring energy and community connectivity to her role on the Utah Humanities Board of Directors.

Phyllis Hockett

A co-founder and partner in the Utah-based nonprofit consulting firm, Pathway Associates, Phyllis Hockett is a dedicated philanthropist, and believes in the transformative power of generosity. With over thirty years' experience, Phyllis has worked for and consulted with over one hundred organizations, many for multiple years, while coaching and guiding them to more sustainable futures. From founding to maturity, from financial insecurity to sustainability, from volunteer founders to engaged board and professional staff – she's experienced these stages first hand. Under her passionate and expert leadership, these organizations have become sustainable and better able to meet their missions. In collaboration with her clients, she has raised over \$310 million.

Monica Rodriguez Mesa

Monica Rodriguez Mesa was born and raised in Bogota, Colombia. She landed in Utah 16 years ago to learn English and completed her graduate work in Education at Weber State University. She works as the Retention Specialist, Counselor and Advisor for the Center for Multicultural Excellence at Weber State University. Monica spent 6 years as adjunct faculty for the Learning English for Academic Purpose program (LEAP) at Weber State University. Monica is passionate about service, advocacy, and creating opportunities for minorities. Monica won a publication through an undergraduate research contest about the *working minors in the charcoal mines in Bogota, Colombia, 2001*. Her qualitative research was published by the UNICEF and OTI with another 3 researchers that talk about poverty, equal opportunities, and access to education for minors in different cities in Colombia.