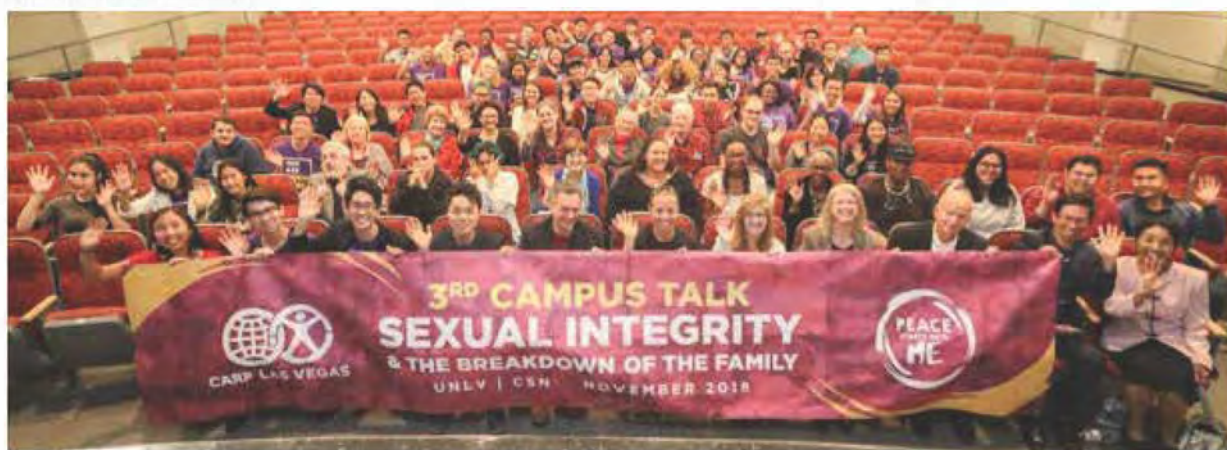


CARP UNLV | Fall 2018 Campus Talk

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Following the Campus Talk on College of Southern Nevada (CSN) North Las Vegas Campus, the Campus Talk *Sexual Integrity and the Breakdown of the Family* at University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) was held on Wednesday, November 7th.

The presenters at the CSN event were Dr. Loren Marks, a professor of the Department of Family Life at Brigham Young University, and Cheryl Wetzstein, a forty-year veteran reporter of *The Washington Times*. They focused their presentations around marriage and media. This time at the UNLV event, CARP featured Dr. William Struthers who studies and teaches about the impact of pornography consumption, and Mrs. Marcia Barlow who represents United Families International at the United Nations. Around 80 students and young adults including representatives from UNLV and CSN Student Government, four faculty members, and about a dozen leaders from faith groups attended the event.



Kailey Teo, president of CARP UNLV, warmly welcomed everyone and invited the Director of Government Affairs, Dr. James Wasden, to greet the guests. Dr. Wasden, who is also the advisor for UNLV CARP, shared about his personal experiences with his marriage, and commended the work of CARP in encouraging the students to think about their options in relationships.



Dr. William Struthers presented first and shared striking observations and research on how pornography has evolved within our culture - stripping the taboos, distorting our perceptions, and making 'porn' a part of a *new norm*. He also talked about how severely the younger population has been affected by the pornified culture, to the point that he is currently reworking and updating his research from 10 years ago.

Next, Mrs. Marcia Barlow presented on "Sexual Liberty and the Impact on the Family." Mrs. Barlow used numerous data to show the widespread consequences of the idea of sexual liberty, expressed in the forms of cohabitation and having multiple partners prior to marriage. Statistics on domestic violence, poverty, abortion, education attainment, and crime showed convincingly that the idea of sexual liberty rather than sexual fidelity is a main contributor to the worsening challenges faced by not only our children, but society as whole.



Dr. Struthers, Wheaton College



Mrs. Barlow, United Families International

During the 25-minute Q & A session, the participants were eager to ask questions regarding the impact of viewing pornography and cohabitation. This allowed the discussion to go into more specific points. Dr. Struthers made his points by sharing very personally about his intimate relationship with his wife, while Mrs. Barlow



carefully explained her disagreement with the concept of sexual liberty with concrete evidence.

To conclude, Ms. Teo invited everyone to consider their “Next Steps,” opportunities on receiving more education, mentoring others, and advocating for sexual integrity. Participants stayed in the auditorium, talking to each other and reflecting on what they had just heard.



The speakers and the guests representing different organizations were invited to a reception. It was a pleasant meeting, and though most people were meeting for the first time, they felt a sense of bonding. They were also invited to join an advisory committee to plan future Campus Talk events. We all left the dinner with a feeling that we were all at the right place with the right people, and that together we can make something truly wonderful happen.

