

## FFWPU USA: CARP USA at Love and Fidelity Network Conference - Princeton, NJ

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Several CARP members representing chapters across the country recently [participated](#) in the 15th annual Love and Fidelity Network ([LFN](#)) Conference held in Princeton, New Jersey, on Oct. 28 and 29. The national conference brings together hundreds of students, scholars, and experts to inform and equip pupils with the best research and supporting materials needed to bring the message of love and fidelity to college campuses.

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The conference program, titled "Sexuality, Integrity, and the University" ([SIU](#)), drew a crowd of more than 80 Ivy League students, as well as those from various religious institutions and public and private schools. National CARP has been attending SIU conferences annually for more than five years now, actively building partnerships with LFN staff and presenters, including LFN Executive Director Alain Oliver, who spoke at an event hosted by CARP New Jersey in 2019.

"I believe that while a large purpose for the conference is to continue to stand for marriage, family, and sexual integrity on college campuses, it's equally critical to fortify relationships with other like-minded groups to not only feel more empowered, but also to substantially show examples of a shift into this new culture," said Junta, a CARP member and UC Berkeley graduate.



This year, CARP students from the Bay Area, Boston, Florida, Las Vegas, and New Jersey chapters joined CARP staff, board members, alumni, and supporters at the conference. Featured speakers included author and "Them Before Us" founder and director Katy Faust, who asserted that children's rights should be considered foremost. She also emphasized that feeling safe and loved as a child is maximized when a biological father and mother are both present in raising them.

"Faust was the most impactful presentation in my opinion," shared Luc, a CARP student from UMass Boston. "She approached the issue of sexual immorality from a children's rights perspective. As someone in the education field, it really resonated with me and the work I do."

"In relation to CARP's perspective, I believe that children need both biological parents in the same household in order to grow to become a child who can discover their true identity as a child of God," added Keisetsu, a CARP student from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Brigham Young University professor Dr. Alan Hawkins was another speaker whose message touched the audience. He discussed the tendency for people to view marriage as a "capstone" - an end goal to accomplish - rather than as a "cornerstone" and foundation for their future. His research focused on comparing findings between earlier and later married couples, which revealed some favorable results for earlier marriages, such as more marital and sexual satisfaction.

Remarks were also delivered by Dr. Catherine Palaluk of the Catholic University of America and Dr. Robert George from Princeton University. Dr. Palaluk discussed her findings interviewing families across America who had more than five children. Her research revealed that despite various challenges, mothers with more than five children experienced greater happiness. Dr. George encouraged the young audience to "be determined truth-seekers and courageous truth-speakers." He said that while it may seem unimaginable or impossible for the national campus culture to change, it is in fact possible and starts with young leaders who stand up to the status quo.

Dr. Carl R. Trueman, a professor at Grove City College, and Dr. Anthony Bradley of The King's College shared presentations as well. Discussing parenthood and the mission of students, both academics said it's up to the current generation to resolve societal issues stemming from familial breakdown.

"Understanding the logical and academic support for our values is an invaluable asset for all [CARP] members," said a student from Nevada. "Because the culture on college campuses today is so heavily against true family values, being able to show that living by these values is empirically better would help us find more conviction in our beliefs and improve our ability to convey the importance of these values.

CARP members departed the two-day conference feeling revitalized and more confident in their mission after connecting with other students holding similar values.

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# Impacting the Culture of Love, Marriage, and Family through Education and Partnerships

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Marriage. Family. Sexuality. There are many different opinions and perspectives about each of these topics—and the university has become a hotbed to converse about them.

CARP has [our perspectives](#) on them as well. And to sharpen our thoughts on them, a few representatives spent a weekend in Princeton, New Jersey from October 28th to 29th for an annual conference hosted by the [Love & Fidelity Network](#) (LFN) called *Sexuality, Integrity, and the University* (SIU). National CARP has been attending their SIU conferences annually for over five years now, building partnerships with LFN staff and presenters including LFN executive director Alain Oliver, who spoke at an event hosted by CARP New Jersey in 2019. This year, ten CARP student representatives from the Bay Area, Boston, Florida, Las Vegas, and New Jersey chapters came to attend, as well as six CARP staff and board members, alumni, and supporters.



The conference aims to empower college students to share the message of love and fidelity by equipping them with research and arguments on the value of marriage, family, and sexual integrity. Various presentations were given on these topics from many accomplished speakers, each followed by a Q&A session. Over 80 students primarily from Ivy League schools and different Christian denominations come together

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Blair welcomes everyone to the conference.

The conference began with a welcome from the moderator, Mrs. Angela Blair. She shared about her decision to wait until marriage and the journey that followed. Driven by her adventurous spirit and a calling to be open to ways that she may meet her life partner, Blair signed up for a reality T.V. show called "Ready for Love" where she expressed and remained true to her stance on abstinence. Despite her countercultural stance, she ended up winning the series. Blair kept her commitment and eventually married a former MLB player who also waited until marriage.

After her introduction, Blair welcomed up the first presentation given by advocate and author Katy Faust. Her talk highlighted how people's decision to get married or divorced is contingent upon their personal happiness rather than the happiness and livelihood of their children. She asserted that the children's rights should be considered first. Faust emphasized that the potential for safety and feeling loved as a child is maximized when there is a biological father and a mother present in raising them.

*"I loved how Faust outlined how we've come to our current standards of parenting through a cultural, technological, and legal standpoint. She pointed out that what has not changed are the children, as well as the unique roles which both father and mother provide as parents. She spoke clearly on how if the burden is not placed on parents improving themselves, it will automatically be put on the children." - Junta Naito, UC Berkeley graduate*

*"What I understood from her research is that children who grew up without the love and care of their direct, biological parents had their rights violated. In relation to CARP's perspective, I believe that children need both biological parents in the same household in order to grow to become a child who can discover their true identity as a child of God." - Keisetsu Nakamura, senior at the New Jersey Institute of Technology*

*"The first presentation by Katy Faust was the most impactful presentation in my opinion. In her presentation, she approached the issue of sexual immorality from a children's rights perspective. As someone in the education field, it really resonated with me and the work I do." - Luc Jean, sophomore at UMass Boston*

The evening session closed with a Q&A and announcements for the following day.

The next day was packed with more rich content. After a plentiful breakfast, the participants got back into learning. The first speaker was Brigham Young University professor Dr. Alan Hawkins. He talked about how there is a tendency now for people to see marriage as a "capstone," an end goal to accomplish, rather than as a "cornerstone," as the foundation for what's to come in our lives. His research focused on comparing findings between earlier and later married couples; it did not reveal significant differences but showed more favorable results for the earlier marriages such as how early-marriage couples experience more marital and sexual satisfaction.



Dr. Hawkins shares his research.

The second speaker was Dr. Catherine Palaluk from the Catholic University of America. Palaluk shared her findings of interviewing families across America who had more than five children. She asked about their motivations for having many children, how happy they are with their decisions, and more surrounding the topic. Many of the anecdotal testimonies she shared revealed how despite the difficulties raising more children can bring, the families, especially the mothers, experienced greater happiness.



Following the two morning presentations, the participants went to lunch and had more opportunities to connect.

After lunch, the students received special remarks from Dr. Robert George of Princeton



University. He shared his upbringing living through the Cold War believing that communism will always exist, but to his shock, the Soviet Union fell in his lifetime. His experience resembled how it may seem

unimaginable or impossible for the college campus culture to change in our own life, but it is actually possible. Dr. George said that things can change over time, but leaders must stand up to bear the sacrifice. He encouraged the students to "be determined truth-seekers and courageous truth-speakers."

*"Dr. Robert George's talk felt like an inaugural address, or a speech given by a colonel to his army of men; I felt it instilled hope and courage in me." - Lisa Regidor, sophomore at the College of Southern Nevada*



CARP Princeton president Yujin Angolio asks a question to Dr. George.

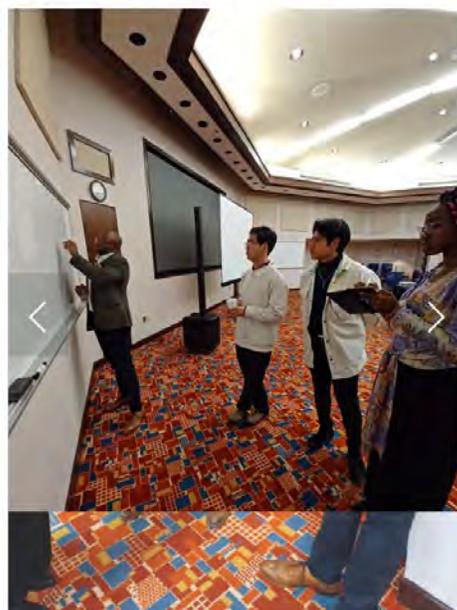
Dr. George's talk was well-positioned before the third talk given by Dr. Carl R. Trueman, professor at Grove City College. He spoke on having a long-term mentality especially in the mission that the students are standing for. Trueman shared to them that their mission is to remain faithful to their mission, and acknowledged that their mission may take more than a lifetime.

*"... what stood out from his [talk] was when he said that he's probably not going to see his fight won in his lifetime, or the next generation's but still has faith and will continue to fight for the future. And honestly I think that brought me a lot of hope in what we're doing as CARP... things cannot change so quickly, it's just not possible, but it will take time, hard work, faith and perseverance. And I think that is what I will take with me the most from this conference." - Lisa Regidor, sophomore at the College of Southern Nevada*

The last presentation was given by Dr. Anthony Bradley of The King's College. "Fathers are the most important men in any community," Dr. Bradley said to begin his talk. He shared that any male who will be a father one day is destined for goodness. He evidenced that by showing how the absence of fathers is the cause of many pathological issues in our society. Bradley concluded by saying that good fathers are the solution to these social ills.

*"In my opinion, the necessity of fatherhood and what healthy fathering looks like is not talked about enough. Especially as I aspire to be a father myself, it helped me to understand deeper the best practices of fathering, and how in effect, I am helping to resolve various social issues." - Junta Naito, UC Berkeley graduate*

*"Dr. Bradley mentioned that even just having lunch with a younger brother once a month or simply giving a hug to guys who need it the most can change their life. Dr. Bradley reminded me to practice being down to earth when it comes to building relationships with others and to dig deeper into building*



...and to big accept the meaning

a closer relationship with my own

father." - Keisetsu Nakamura, senior at the New Jersey Institute of Technology

All speakers received some questions from the students right after their talk which created a space for engagement between them.



A few CARP members at Princeton University.

The day concluded with bonding amongst all the students. During dinner, many CARP members sat with some of the presenters and built more personal connections with them. Many participants mingled and networked with one another afterwards with several visiting the Princeton University campus.

To wrap up the experience, the CARP members gathered together on Sunday over breakfast to debrief about their experiences together. Many expressed that they felt revitalized in their mission from the content and meeting many like-minded students. Some said they already plan to come back to LFN's conference next year and some wanted to encourage other CARP members to come as well. A desire for collaboration was also expressed, and some already planned to implement the content they

learned in their CARP talks or invite the speakers to their campus impact events.

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Overall, our students learned so much and made meaningful connections. During meals, breaks, and downtime, they reconnected with some friends from previous SIU conferences and former speakers at some of CARP's campus events. Thank you so much to Alain Oliver, the Love & Fidelity Network team, and to all those who made this possible for our students!



Support more students to have these kinds of opportunities by donating to CARP's End-of-Year Giving Campaign for Giving Tuesday on November 29th via [carplife.org/donate](http://carplife.org/donate)

Living Campaign for Living Fidelity on November 20th, via carpinc.org/donate.



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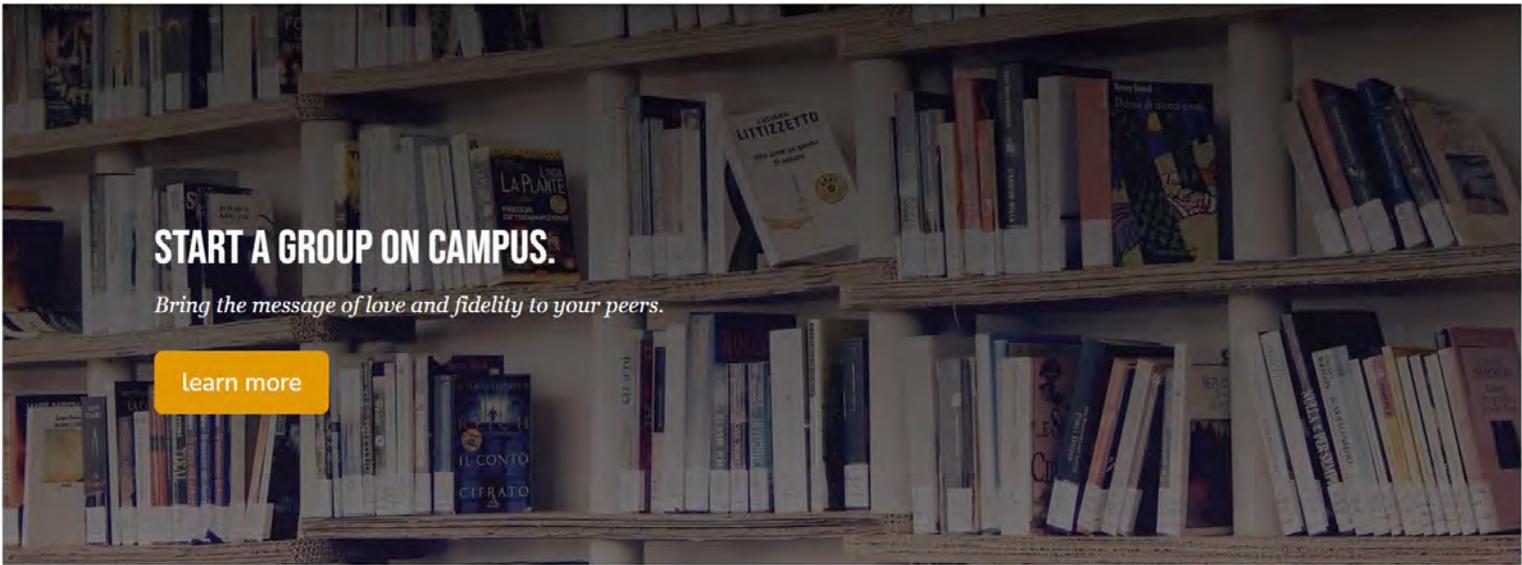
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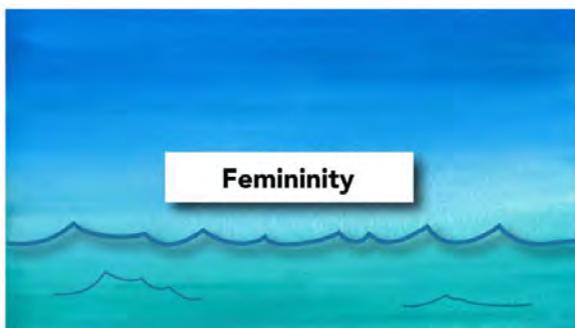
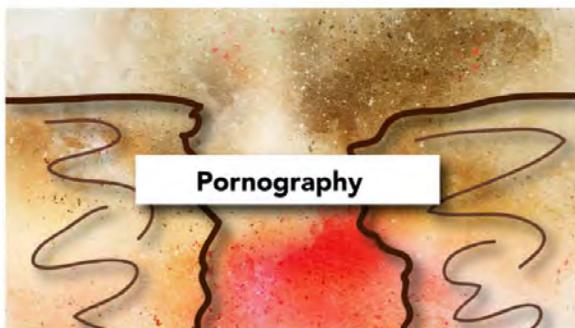
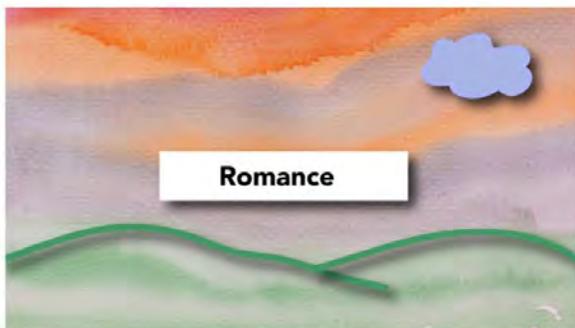
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The *Sexuality, Integrity, and the University* (SIU) national conference convenes students, scholars, and experts from across the country to equip the college students with the best academic resources and arguments needed to bring the message of love and fidelity to college campuses.

Conference participants will find ample opportunity to network with and learn from each other and can attend sessions by experts who will present recent research and findings on the topics of marriage, family, and sexual integrity.

All conference meals are included in the cost of admission along with housing for undergraduates Friday and Saturday nights. Arrive on Friday and depart on Sunday for out-of-town students. Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, Princeton, NJ

### 2022 SPEAKER'S PROFILE

#### ANGELA BLAIR, MODERATOR

Graduate from the University of Texas at Austin, Blair began her reporting career doing sideline sports.

Blair appeared in Miss Texas USA and was the winner of an NBC docu-series 'Ready For Love'. After winning the series, Angela's stance on waiting for marriage began inspiring young women across the globe with a counter cultural view of love, dating, relationships, and their sexuality.

Today, Angela works closely with Taya Kyle, wife of American Sniper Chris Kyle. Together, they founded Warrior Collections, a faith + fashion lifestyle brand with products Made in the USA.

Blair is also the host of a new podcast series 'All Strings Attached', taking an irreverently reverent look at sex, marriage, relationships, and love. Joined by a rotating cast of experts, celebrities, psychologists, and scientists, Angela takes a deeper look at hot button issues redefining the ways we find and stay in love today. Being a newlywed to former MLB player Carson Blair who also waited, Blair shares her story of counterculture dating and lessons learned along the way.



#### ANTHONY BRADLEY

Anthony Bradley, PhD, is professor of religious studies and director of the Center for the Study of Human Flourishing at The King's College, Theologian-In-Residence at Redeemer Presbyterian Church—Lincoln Square, and serves as a research fellow at The Acton Institute.



He studies and writes on issues of the covenant theology, criminal justice reform, youth and family, poverty, education policy, social ethics, and race in America.

Dr. Bradley is the author of several books including: *Liberating Black Theology* (2010), *Black and Tired* (2011), *The Political Economy of Liberation* (2012), *Keep Your Head Up* (2012), *Aliens In The Promised Land* (2013), *John Rawls and Christian Social Engagement* (2014), *Black Scholars In White Space* (2015), *Something Seems Strange* (2016), *Ending Overcriminalization and Mass Incarceration* (2018), *Faith In Society* (2019), and *Why Black Lives Matter* (2020).

## KATY FAUST

Katy Faust is the founder and director of *Them Before Us*, the only organization solely devoted to advancing social policies that encourage adults to respect the rights of children to a stable home with their biological father and mother. Katy is also the Washington State leader for *Canavox* and appears in a video series called *Dear Katy*. She did her undergraduate degree in Political Science and Asian Studies at St. Olaf College and then received a Fulbright scholarship to Taiwan. Her fluency in Mandarin assisted her when she worked with the largest Chinese adoption agency in the world. She has filed three amicus briefs supporting children's rights and advocated for the rights of children with lawmakers in the US and abroad as well as at the United Nations.



## ALAN HAWKINS

Alan Hawkins, PhD, is a Professor at Brigham University in Provo, Utah. In 2012, he received the university's prestigious Karl G. Maeser Research Award. From 2014-2019 he held the Camilla E. Kimball Endowed Professorship of Home and Family Living. His scholarship and outreach focuses on educational and policy interventions to help couples form and sustain healthy relationships and enduring marriages. In 2003-2004, he was a visiting scholar with the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services), working on the federal healthy marriages initiative. He has served twice as the Chair of the Utah Marriage Commission.



## CARL TRUEMAN

Carl R. Trueman, PhD, is professor of Biblical and Religious Studies at Grove City College. He is a graduate



of the Universities of Cambridge and Aberdeen and has taught on the faculties of the Universities of Nottingham and Aberdeen and Westminster Theological Seminary. Most recently, he was the William E. Simon Visiting Fellow in Religion and Public Life in the James Madison Program at Princeton University. He writes regularly at First Things and Modern Reformation and co-hosts a weekly podcast, The Mortification of Spin, for the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals.

## CATHERINE PAKALUK

Catherine Pakaluk, PhD, joined the faculty at the Busch School in the Catholic University of America and is the founder of the Social Research academic area, where she is an Associate Professor of Social Research and Economic Thought. Formerly, she was Assistant Professor and Chair of the Economics Department at Ave Maria University. Her primary areas of research include economics of education and religion, family studies and demography, Catholic social thought and political economy. Dr. Pakaluk is the 2015 recipient of the Acton Institute's Novak Award, a prize given for "significant contributions to the study of the relationship between religion and economic liberty."



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