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TED^xSMU 2012

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EVENT SCHEDULE

**THERE'S A LOT TO
DO AND SEE
AROUND THE
CITY PERFORMANCE HALL.**

9:00am | Good Morning

Check in, grab a cup of coffee and a muffin. Start exploring the social spaces.

10:00am | Session I: Looking Out

Barrington // Bingham // Gallo // Genco // Harper // Leshan // Prabhu // Schwartzberg

11:45am | Refuel

Time to eat! Grab either a box lunch or head outside to one of the food trucks. Your ticket is good for either. You can also take your lunch across the street to Booker T. Washington High School where we've got tables and chairs set up.

1:15pm | Session II: Looking In

Ferrell // Fisher // Giroir // Gregg // Johnson // Power // K. Stewart

3:00pm | Recharge

Grab a snack and a cup of coffee, and dig into the exhibits.

4:00pm | Session III: Moving On

Baronet // Krouse Rosenthal // Oliver // Rotenberg // Sanders // T. Stewart // Suri // Warren

6:00pm | Reception

Head over to the lobby at One Arts Plaza for a chance to continue the conversation. The reception ends at 7:30 to give you a chance to grab dinner on your own before the after-after party. 1722 Routh Street (1/2 block).

8:30pm | Regroup

After you've found some dinner, come join the After-After Party at Mason Bar. Come as you are. It's just across Woodall Rogers in State Thomas. 2701 Guillot Street; valet parking \$5 (or leave your car and walk); cash bar.

IN THE KNOW ABOUT TEDxSMU:

- Hang out! Come prepared to stay. You won't want to miss a thing. It's easy to get distracted being so close to home and to the day-to-day, but we promise it's worth it to give yourself over to the experience entirely. It's just one day!
- Don't worry about taking pictures or recording the sessions. We're doing it for you. In fact, filming or recording of any sessions is prohibited.
- Give your phones and computers a rest. If you really can't resist, please only use devices in the social spaces or in the back two rows of the balcony.
- No saving seats. Please take all your belongings with you during the breaks. It's also a great way to meet someone new at the start of each session!
- Smile for the camera...we are recording all TEDxSMU sessions.
- If you have questions, ask us! We are here to help you. The Concierge is located in the lobby.
- You'll have a chance to give feedback. Please fill out the survey when it is emailed to you next week.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of two animal skins, possibly from a deer or similar animal, hanging on a wall. The skins are arranged vertically, one above the other, with their heads pointing towards the top of the frame. The wall behind them is a mix of dark brown and reddish-brown tones, suggesting a rustic or natural setting. The lighting is somewhat dramatic, with the skins appearing lighter against the darker background.

2012 PRESENTERS

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WILLIE BARONET

Willie is an artist, professor and life/business coach living in Dallas. For 15 years he owned and managed an advertising design firm, which he sold in 2006. In 2011, he graduated with an MFA in Arts & Technology from UTD, and currently teaches in the Temerlin Advertising Institute at SMU.

Willie has been buying and collecting signs from the homeless since 1993, stemming from his discomfort over dealing with people on street corners asking for money. What transpired was a personal journey that changed the way he felt about the homeless, as he began to get to know them as people. While getting his MFA, he began creating art utilizing these signs (video, installation, interventionist performances and other mixed media), and has now participated in several group and solo exhibitions. The process of collecting the signs and of making art with them continues to transform him.

LINES FROM SOME OF THE HOMELESS SIGNS WILLIE HAS COLLECTED: “If-U-Can, a taco would help.” // “This sucks. Every little bit helps – even a smile.” // “Have you ever felt invisible before?” // “Obama wants change. I could use some too.” // “Wife & dog kidnapped by ninjas. Need \$\$ for Kung Fu lessons. I’d really like that dog back!” // “In need of a blessing.”



LUKE BARRINGTON

Luke invents the hybrid between machine intelligence and human computation. The crowdsourcing technologies Luke builds engage tens of thousands of people to work together to understand music; discover lost mysteries and maybe even save the world.

FUN FACTS: Found the tomb of Genghis Khan with the help of 10,000 people online. // Can hack code while carrying on a conversation. // Grew up in Ireland. // Was on Jerry Springer. Twice. // Still love video games.



MOLLY BINGHAM

Molly Bingham is the founder and executive director of ORBmedia, a data-fueled journalism organization that delivers a single daily multimedia story to a diverse audience on topics that touch each of us individually but challenge us collectively. ORBmedia's allegiance is to humanity as a whole, rather than any national, religious, cultural or ideological community. Based in Washington, DC, Molly has spent most of her career as a photojournalist covering conflict in Central Africa and the Middle East. She worked as Official White House Photographer to the Vice President from 1998–2001. In addition to her photojournalism, Bingham has written articles and co-directed an award winning documentary film, *Meeting Resistance*. In March 2003, Bingham was arrested by Saddam Hussein's security services with four other Westerners during the invasion of Iraq, held for eight days in solitary confinement and interrogated at Abu Ghraib Prison.



COURTNEY FERRELL

An experienced and passionate innovation catalyst, Courtney is a sought-after international speaker and creativity consultant. For the past 15 years she and her teammates have worked hard to inspire corporations and the people who run them to embrace change and fuel passion to generate new ideas. Courtney designs and leads high-energy, interactive, story based programs that push participants to discover what's new. She's been a visiting professor of Innovation in Business at the University of Richmond, the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business and The Kaos Pilots University in Aarhus, Denmark. Courtney has been the thinking partner of such clients as NBC Universal, Capital One, General Mills, JP Morgan Chase, Hanes Brands Inc., GE, Mattel, Nike, United Health Group, Discovery and American Airlines.

Courtney spent the past seven years living on a high school dorm with her husband, their two daughters and 45 freshman boys. In her free time she coaches cross-country and writes children's books. She has recently moved to Dallas where she is writing a book for young women on the secrets of being extraordinary.

FUN FACTS: Courtney was "house mom" for a freshman dorm with 45 15-year-old boys // Her favorite poet is Billy Collins. If you think you don't like poetry pick up a copy of *Horoscopes for the Dead* and you will fall in love. // If Courtney could create her dream TED talk, it would be Roald Dahl simply sitting on stage writing. She bets an imagination bubble would appear over his head. // Her favorite race is the 1967 Boston Marathon run by Katherine Switzer four years before women were allowed to run. // Courtney admires people who are doing something cool in the world like: Clay McLeod Chapman's Pumpkin Pie Show, Nourish Schools website (nourishschools.com/blog/), and Josh Weinstein's Cross Examination and Music for one apartment and six drummers video on line.



HELEN FISHER

Helen Fisher, PhD, Biological Anthropologist Rutgers University, distinguishes four broad styles of thinking and behaving, based on the brain systems for dopamine, serotonin, testosterone and estrogen/oxytocin. These data are derived from her Fisher Chemistry Test, taken by over 12 million people in 40 countries via the Internet dating sites Match.com and Chemistry.com, as well as from genetics and neurochemistry. Using this biology, Fisher explores why we fall in love with one person rather than another and how these “styles of mind” can be used to hire, build teams, advertise and influence. She has written five internationally selling books on the brain science of human romantic and social behavior. Her lectures include speeches at: The World Economic Forum (Davos), G-20, The Economist, TED, Harvard Medical School, The United Nations, Deloitte, Visa and General Electric. She is seen regularly on television and in the print media.

FUN FACTS: Helen is the Chief Scientific Advisor to the Internet dating site, Chemistry.com, a division of Match.com. // Helen's motto is: “We're here. We're alive. Let's play.” // Helen has looked at marriage and divorce in 58 societies // Follow Helen at helenfisher.com // Books include: *Anatomy of Love*, *Why We Love*, and *Why Him? Why Her?: How to Find and Keep Lasting Love*.



DAVID GALLO

David Gallo is an American oceanographer and Director of Special Projects at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution—a preeminent, globally recognized scientific laboratory. For more than 25 years, Dave has been at the forefront of ocean exploration, participating in and being witness to the development of new technologies and scientific discoveries that shape our view of planet earth. He has been described by TED Conferences as “an enthusiastic ambassador between the sea and those of us on dry land.”

David has participated in expeditions to all of the world’s oceans and was one of the first scientists to use a combination of robots and submarines to explore the deep seafloor. Most recently he co-led an expedition to create the first detailed and comprehensive map of the RMS Titanic and he co-led the successful international effort to locate the remains of Air France flight 447.

FUN FACTS: With more than 8 million views his TED presentation “Underwater Astonishments” is among the top 5 TED Talks viewed to date. // Dave is a member of James Cameron’s Deep Ocean Task Force. // Dave says, “Today we’ve only explored about 3 percent of what’s out there in the ocean. Already we’ve found the world’s highest mountains, the world’s deepest valleys, underwater lakes, underwater waterfalls. There’s still 97 percent, and either that 97 percent is empty or just full of surprises.”



CHRISTIAN GENCO

Christian is an SMU President's Scholar majoring in Computer Science with a premedical specialization. He has an affinity for tech startups, a knack for Web development, and a fascination with the rapid progress of technology and its implications on the future of human society. Christian is on a mission to inspire the world to learn to program.

FUN FACTS: Watch Christian play "The Star Spangled Banner" using food as his instrument: [youtube.com/watch?v=Uiq0DTCJvy0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uiq0DTCJvy0)



BRETT GIROIR

Dr. Brett Giroir is Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives for the Texas A&M University System and Principal Investigator for the Texas A&M Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing, a public-private partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designed to enhance the nation's emergency preparedness against emerging infectious diseases, including pandemic influenza, and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats.

Giroir is a former director of the Defense Sciences Office at DARPA and chair of the Chemical and Biological Defense Panel for the Threat Reduction Advisory Committee (TRAC) for the U.S. Department of Defense. Giroir received his undergraduate education at Harvard University and his medical training at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He is a frequently published basic science and clinical investigator and currently holds professor appointments at the Texas A&M Colleges of Medicine and Engineering and adjunct professor appointments at the Texas A&M University Bush School of Government and Public Service and the Baylor College of Medicine. He is the recipient of the Texas A&M System Award for Innovation and the U.S. Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service.

FUN FACTS: Brett previously worked with DARPA. // His advice? Love your local mathematician. // He is serious about cooking, especially gumbo. // Brett would rather be fishing. // Gig'em Aggies!



JEREMY GREGG

Jeremy Gregg is the chief development officer for the Prison Entrepreneurship Program, a pioneering nonprofit that delivers the nation's best results in terms of recidivism, employment and small business creation among ex-offenders. Before joining the staff, Jeremy served as a volunteer member of PEP's Dallas Advisory Board from 2007 until 2012.

Prior to PEP, Jeremy served as executive director of The PLAN Fund and Executives in Action, a nonprofit that places out-of-work executives on pro bono consulting projects at other nonprofit organizations. He received his Executive MBA from the University of Texas at Dallas, and earned degrees in both creative advertising and English from SMU. His wife Natalie is an entrepreneur who now leads her own law firm (and also blogs for *Huffington Post*), and together they are raising two future small business owners named Madeleine and Harper. Jeremy blogs about prison, poetry and philanthropy at JeremyGregg.com.

FUN FACTS: Jeremy was a White House intern for Al Gore (yes, during the Lewinsky trial). // In his greatest act of salesmanship ever, Jeremy convinced his wife to name his first daughter after a character from J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings." // Jeremy became a vegetarian in high school to impress a girl. It worked – they are now married. // The U.S. incarcerates more people (2.3 million) than China and Russia... combined. // The U.S. imprisons twice the rate of its own citizens (1 in 100 Americans) as Iran. // The annual cost of the prison system has grown from around \$20B in 1980 to over \$80B today. In Texas, we will spend over \$3.3B on prisons this year.



GREG HARPER

Greg Harper is CEO of Harpervision Associates, a firm dedicated to the development and implementation of cutting edge technology for businesses purposes and co founder of Gadgetoff. He is a long time strategic technology advisor to private equity firms and leading Wall Street investment banks as well as major public corporations. As the designer of systems ranging from telepresence and distance learning to digital media production, Greg has been awarded sixteen U.S. patents and has 8 pending. Greg is a frequent speaker at major conferences worldwide on next generation media and technology trends. His many TV appearances and conference presentations can be seen at www.harpervision.com.

FUN FACTS: Greg grew up in Paris, France. // He has 16 issued patents—eight pending // Greg and his wife just finished renovations on his 13th century Irish castle. // He created the worlds first and only 4k-based video conferencing system.



CHARLEY JOHNSON

A former corporate executive in manufacturing, Charley has been a longtime supporter of the Pay it Forward mission. In fact, Charley is so passionate about Pay it Forward that he left his company and career behind in 2011 to help advance its mission and bring back simplicity in a complex world. As the president of the Pay it Forward Foundation and head of the worldwide Pay it Forward Movement, he is the creator of the Pay it Forward bracelet, a physical reminder to do good that has been sent to over 1.3 million people in 117 countries. He founded the PIF Experience, the official website of the Pay it Forward Movement, responsible for keeping the world up to date on all things Pay it Forward. Charley also founded the Pay it Forward Hall of Fame in 2011.

FUN FACTS: Over 1.5 million PIF bracelets have now been sent to 122 countries. // Take the PIF Birthday Pledge! Simply execute one Kind Act per year you've been alive on your birthday. The acts must be done on your birthday and the more people you get involved the better. Enlist your friends, family, neighbors...even strangers or people at work! Anyone can help you reach your goal.



AMY KROUSE ROSENTHAL

Amy is a person who likes to make things.

Some things she likes to make: Children's books. // Grown-up books. // Short videos. // Salads. // Connections with the universe. // Something out of nothing. // Wishes.

According to *The New York Times*, Amy's children's books "radiate fun the way tulips radiate spring: they are elegant and spirit-lifting." Her 20+ books for children include *Little Pea*, *Spoon*, *Duck! Rabbit!*, *Plant a Kiss*, *Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons*, and *Wumbers*.

As for her adult work, Amazon named *Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life* one of the top 10 memoirs of the decade.

Her YouTube videos include *The Beckoning of Lovely*, *The Money Tree*, *Life is a Marathon* and *The Kindness Thought Bubble*.

She has been a longtime contributor to Chicago's NPR affiliate WBEZ.

She has spoken at TEDxWaterloo (*7 Notes on Life*), TEDxSanDiego (*The Cavities of Life*), and on the TEDYou stage at TEDActive (*Wandering*).

Amy lives with her family in Chicago and online at whoisamy.com.

FUN FACTS: Amy has written 29 books. // Amy tossed a bottle of wishes into the sea on behalf of hundreds of strangers who sent her their messages. // Damon Lindelof compared Amy's book *Duck!Rabbit!* to an episode of *Lost*. // She is a tiny filmmaker, a statement that is accurate both in terms of length of films and length of self. // She once hung 100 one-dollar bills in a tree in Chicago to see what would happen. // Her favorite book is Thornton Wilder's play, *Our Town*. // Her website, whoisamy.com, was named one of seven best author web sites (along with Roald Dahl, Stephen Fry, and Agatha Christie).



KATRINA LESHAN

Originally from Las Vegas, Katrina is in her fourth year at the Meadows School of the Arts at SMU, pursuing a Bachelor of Music Degree in Classical Guitar Performance and participating in the University's Honors Program. She studies with world-renowned guitarist Robert Guthrie and gives recitals at SMU each semester. In April 2011, Katrina and her partner took first place in the Brownsville Guitar Competition in the Duo Category. Katrina traveled to Blonay, Switzerland in June 2011 to participate in the Music11 Festival, where she premiered new chamber works with the Grammy Award-winning ensemble Eighth Blackbird. In July 2012 she traveled to Maccagno, Italy to premiere new chamber works in the soundSCAPE festival's eighth season. She hopes to pursue a Masters of Music degree in fall 2013 and seeks the opportunity to travel and be involved in innovative chamber music.

FUN FACTS: Katrina's favorite musicians are: Manuel Barrueco, Imogen Heap, Dream Theater, Sufjan Stevens, and John Williams (the guitarist, not composer). // She also sings! // Her top three songs are (embarrassingly, she says): Between the Lines - Sara Bareilles, Where I Stood - Missy Higgins, and See You Soon (live) - Coldplay



KLAUDIA OLIVER

Klaudia Oliver is a force of nature. Whether organizing world-class events; roaming the globe as a self-styled ambassador of Mexican culture; working as a publisher, producer or cultural alchemist; or serving as an artists' muse, Klaudia is a whirlwind personality passionate about bridging cultures and building creative communities. Born in Monterrey, Mexico and raised in Texas, her nomadic nature led her to studying and promoting art, music and culture in Europe for 15 years. In 2007, Klaudia moved from the UK to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico to rediscover her cultural heritage. Presently, Klaudia is Director at Grupo KAO, LLC, a multimedia enterprise dedicated to promoting San Miguel de Allende. In 2012, she founded Vision Portal A.C. a nonprofit dedicated to producing culturally nourishing events and socially minded digital content. Since 2009, Klaudia has been a TEDx organizer licensed to produce events in San Miguel, Valle de Bravo and Black Rock City. She just finished producing La Calaca (The Skeleton), a citywide arts festival that included 400 nude art installation by photographer Spencer Tunick. To Klaudia, the message behind La Calaca is one of unity, creativity, art and transformation through celebration.

FUN FACTS: Klaudia is a Euro-Tex-Mex. // She worked at Outside PR in London working for David Bowie's management company in London // Klaudia organized a TEDx at Burning Man: TEDxBlackRockCity // She has DJ'd in NYC, London, and Mexico and believes that disco balls and tutu's can help humanity. // She recently got 175 members of the community to stand naked as a peace statement in Mexico (with Spencer Tunick).



WILL POWER

Will Power is an award-winning playwright and performer. Power's adaptation of the Greek tragedy *Seven Against Thebes*, re-titled "The Seven," enjoyed a successful Off-Broadway run at the New York Theater Workshop and the La Jolla Playhouse. His solo show *FLOW* was featured in the Hip Hop Theater Festival before touring nationally and internationally to critical acclaim. Power's numerous awards include a United States Artist Prudential Fellowship, a Lucille Lortel Award for Best Musical, the TCG Peter Zeisler Memorial Award, a Jury Award for Best Theatre Performance at the HBO US Comedy Arts Festival, a Drama Desk Award nomination, and the Trailblazer Award from The National Black Theater Network. Presently, Power is in the process of developing new works for The Dallas Theatre Center, The Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles, The Royal Shakespeare Company, and Hartford Stage, and is currently on the faculty at the Meadows School of the Arts at SMU.

FUN FACTS: Said about Will: "The best verse playwright in America"—*New York Magazine* // Performed on *The Colbert Report*, *Last Call with Carson Daly*, Russell Simmons' *Def Poetry Jam* on HBO and *Bill Moyers on Faith and Reason*



KRISH PRABHU

As President of AT&T Labs and Chief Technology Officer for AT&T, Krish Prabhu oversees the company's global technology direction; which includes network planning and innovation road map including product development, AT&T Labs, and also the security and intellectual property organizations.

Before stepping into his current expanded role, Krish served as president and CEO of AT&T Labs, where he oversaw the technical and operational activities in the labs as well as all research and development.

Krish has extensive background in innovation and industry experience from his time at AT&T Bell Laboratories and executive roles at Tellabs, Alcatel USA and Tekelec. Krish earned a B.S. in physics from Bangalore University, an M.S. in physics from the Indian Institute of Technology and an M.S. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, where he is a member of the Board of Visitors at the School of Engineering.



LESLI ROTENBERG

As Senior Vice President of Children's Media at PBS, Lesli Rotenberg is responsible for the strategic direction of a contemporary, dynamic children's media service that meets the needs of a new generation of children, their parents and teachers. Lesli leads a cross disciplinary team charged with content production, internet and mobile development, multi-platform asset distribution, education resources, marketing and communications, and educational product development for PBS KIDS. Under Lesli's leadership, PBS has aggressively transformed itself from a broadcast company to a multi-platform leader that reaches children through educational television, mobile, the Web, interactive whiteboards, an award-winning line of toys, and streaming video to open up worlds of possibilities for all children.



BYRON SANDERS

Byron is the executive director of the Dallas Education Foundation, a nonprofit charitable and educational organization that benefits Dallas Independent School District. Founded in 2006, the Foundation has been a channel for the philanthropic, foundation and corporate communities to support initiatives and programs benefitting the students of the second largest public school district in Texas. Previously, Byron served as vice president of Group Excellence, a mentoring and tutoring organization that engages the energy and passion of college students and young professionals to help youth from at-risk environments unlock their academic potential. With the help of Byron's leadership, Group Excellence grew to serve more than 50,000 students throughout the state of Texas and was recently named the country's #5 fastest growing education company in *Inc. Magazine's* "Inc. 500" list. Byron is the current chairman for the Young Leaders in Education, an education service and advocacy organization with the SMU Simmons School of Education. As a partner with Dallas Social Venture Partners and a member of Leadership Dallas, Leadership DISD, the Mayor's Star Council and Greenhill Alumni Board, Byron is a relentless advocate for a students-first approach to education. Recently, Byron was recognized in the Dallas Business Journal's 2012 Forty Under 40 list. Byron has BS/BA in marketing from the University of Tulsa and his greatest joy is his family: a wife and two young children.

FUN FACTS: Byron's two children are two of the best teachers he's ever had. // His worst fear is wasted potential. // Byron lives by the "platinum rule:" Your rights are my responsibility. // He still likes dinosaurs.... No, you don't understand.... He REALLY likes dinosaurs.



LOUIE SCHWARTZBERG

Louie Schwartzberg is an award-winning cinematographer, director and producer who captures breathtaking images and stories that celebrate life – revealing connections, universal rhythms, patterns and beauty. His notable career spans feature films, television shows, commercials and documentaries. He won two Clio Awards for TV advertising, including best environmental broadcast spot, an EMMY® nomination for best cinematography and the Heartland Film Festival's Truly Moving Picture Award for the feature film "America's Heart & Soul." His new film, *Wings of Life* for DisneyNature, won Best Theatrical Program at the Jackson Hole Science Media Awards 2012, and also won a Best Cinematography Roscar Award. He is currently directing *Mysteries of the Unseen World*, a 3D large format film for National Geographic. Louie is active in the TED community, having spoken at the TED 2011 conference in Long Beach, CA, TEDxSan Francisco and TEDxJackson Hole. His YouTube videos have collected over 25 million views. He is also launching Moving Art™ on Panasonic Smart TV's this fall, an IPTV channel that will inspire, entertain and transform the home viewing screen into an emotional immersive user preference experience.



KYLE STEWART

An endlessly curious person who grew up in a small Iowa town, Kyle received degrees in music from Iowa State University, Northwestern University and Tanglewood. After stints teaching music, arts and humanities at Alverno College, technical writing, and managing International Sales and Marketing for BancTec, Kyle bought a coffee shop. He added tea to the product line and renamed the business The Cultured Cup. His fascination with world culture and social rituals led him to tea, the world's second most consumed beverage after water. Seventeen years later, The Cultured Cup is considered one of the best places to buy and learn about tea in the US. As the first Texan to achieve the title of Certified Tea Specialist (CTS), Kyle serves as an advisory board member for the Specialty Tea Institute (STI), a division of the US Tea Association, and teaches for the STI Tea Certification Program.

FUN FACTS: Kyle received a scholarship to study opera at Northwestern University. // Kyle has traveled extensively throughout Southeast Asia: Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, China and Singapore. // While studying vocal music at Tanglewood, Kyle sang in choirs with Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copeland as conductors. // Kyle helped with a project to repopulate bluebirds in a rural area.



TERRY STEWART

Terry has been the president & CEO since 1999 of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, a nonprofit organization. Terry earned two undergraduate degrees, a B.S. in engineering and a B.A. in education from Rutgers University in New Jersey. He then received his MBA in finance and J.D. in law from Cornell University. Terry spent the next 15 years building a traditional business background.

Terry switched gears in 1989 when he became president and COO of Marvel Entertainment Group, a leader in the fields of publishing, merchandising and media. Marvel went public in 1991 and Terry was named CNBC Marketing Executive of the year.

Terry is on numerous local and national boards. He has also received a number of distinguished awards including being elected into the Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2010 and an honorary degree from Ohio State University in 2011.



JEREMI SURI

Jeremi is the Mack Brown Distinguished Professor for Global Leadership, History, and Public Policy at the University of Texas at Austin. He is the author of five books on contemporary politics and foreign policy. In September 2011 he published a new book on the past and future of nation building: *Liberty's Surest Guardian: American Nation-Building from the Founders to Obama*. Jeremi's research and teaching have received numerous prizes. In 2007 *Smithsonian Magazine* named him one of America's "Top Young Innovators" in the Arts and Sciences. His writings appear widely in blogs and print media. Jeremi is also a frequent public lecturer and guest on radio and television programs.

FUN FACTS: Jeremi is a "HinJew" – half Hindu, half Jewish. // He loves biking, especially with his small children. // Jeremi still wishes he could be a professional basketball player. // He and his family love foreign travel.



LEWIS WARREN, JR.

Lewis, 15, is an award-winning pianist and an accomplished composer, arranger, and improviser.

His special ability to connect with people through music was evident at an early age. He started composing many of his own songs when he was five years old, and he has been a frequent top prizewinner in local, state and international piano competitions since he was eight. Most recently, he was a top prizewinner in the 2011 Dallas Symphony Orchestra Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition.

In 2012, he was named a grand prizewinner in the both the Dallas Symphonic Festival and McKinney Young Artist Competitions, and Lewis was the first place winner in the TMTA 9–10 Concerto Performance Contest. He was the featured performer at the Van Cliburn Foundation's 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration and is currently an artist with their Musical Awakenings Program. Lewis studies with Dr. Carol Leone at SMU Meadows School of the Arts.



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RIVES

Rives is a poet and multimedia artist from New York City. He favors romance, wordplay and live performances. He has five talks on TED.com and he is co-host with Kelly Stoetzel of the annual TEDActive and TEDYouth conferences. Rives and Kelly are dedicated to their global message of “camp counselorosity,” the main tenets of which are: 1) Have fun and 2) Popsicles are awesome.



KELLY STOETZEL

As Content Director at TED, Kelly spends much of the year assembling TED’s Long Beach speaker program -- inviting the speakers and then working with them on the content and delivery of their presentations. She also curates and produces TEDYouth, a one-day event for 14-18 year-olds in New York City, now in its second year. Additionally, she produces TEDActive, a participatory and immersive live event in Palm Springs featuring a live simulcast of the Long Beach program. She recently returned from a 14-country tour for the TED Talent Search, holding events in each location to find undiscovered speakers for the TED 2013 speaker program, opening it up to the world. Kelly and Rives are the co-hosts of TEDActive and TEDYouth, and also love the chance to co-host TEDx events that are especially meaningful to them.