



## Advisory Council Members Biographies

### **Tim Belton**

Founder of ZeoGas LLC and serves as its Chief Executive Officer and President. Mr. Belton serves as Director of Diversified Services at Texas Dow Employees Credit Union (TDECU). He serves as the Chief Executive Officer of TDECU Insurance Agency LLC. He held a variety of senior management positions in private equity-backed companies, including line management, acquisition analysis and capital formation from 1997 to 2004. Mr. Belton earned a B.B.A. in 1988 through the Engineering Route to Business program from the University of Texas, and an MBA from Harvard University in 1994.

### **Ryan Brown**

Managing Director for Measurement at the Doerr Institute for New Leaders at Rice University. Prior to coming to the Doerr Institute, Ryan was the L. J. Semrod Presidential Professor of Psychology at The University of Oklahoma, where he taught and conducted research as a social psychologist for over 16 years and helped establish the Institute for the Study of Human Flourishing. Ryan graduated cum laude from Rice University (Will Rice College, 1993) with a B.A. in psychology and received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.

### **Liz Lara-Carreño**

Serves as the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program Director of Outreach. As part of the program launch in January 2011, she also holds additional roles as a faculty member of the National Program at Babson College and the local Program at HCC. Liz uses her diverse and expansive leadership and management experience in corporate, small business, and the non-profit community. Armed with a degree, numerous certifications, global leadership experience and owner of LLC-Strategies, she brings a fresh perspective and candid facilitative style to address the challenges of business owners in growth mode.

### **Christopher Evans**

In June 2016 Chris Evans was appointed Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. Previously, Dr. Evans served as chair of the Theology Department (2011–2016) and associate dean of Arts and Sciences (2014–2016). He joined UST in 2007 as a faculty member in the Theology Department where he taught a core course in Catholic theology and a number of upper-division courses in historical and systematic theology. Dean Evans holds an M.A. from the University of Dallas, Theology and Ph.D. from Saint Louis University.

### **Sean Fitzpatrick**

Executive Director of the Jung Center. Dr. Fitzpatrick has master's degrees in religious studies (Rice University) and clinical psychology (UH-Clear Lake), and he completed his doctorate in psychology, with a concentration in Jungian studies from Saybrook University. His research interests include depth psychological models of ethics and the intersection of psychology and spirituality. He is also a psychotherapist in private practice.

**Beena George**

Fourth Dean of the Cameron School of Business. Dr. George previously served as the associate dean of the Cameron School and contributed to the school's elite accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. A graduate of the Indian Institute of Management in Kolkata, India, Dean George has been teaching at UST since 2003. She received her doctorate in Management Information Systems from the business school at the University of Houston.

**Ronnie Hagerty**

Assistant Vice President, Community Relations, for the United Way of Greater Houston. Serves on the board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals/Houston Chapter, the Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries/ACAM, and ESCAPE Family Resource Center. Board member for the OneStar National Service Commission. Prior to her transition to the nonprofit sector, Hagerty was a consultant with New York and Houston advertising and marketing firms. She holds a B.A. in Journalism from St. Mary's College/Notre Dame; an M.B.A from the University Of Houston; a doctorate from Antioch University; and is credentialed as a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE).

**Margery (Margie) M. Harris**

HR executive who has specialized in leading Human Resource change initiatives. Recently she held the position of Executive Vice President of Human Resources of Apache Corporation. Ms. Harris served as an Executive Vice President, at Texas Genco; and held senior HR positions at Integrated Electrical Services, Santa Fe Snyder, and Hewitt Associates. She serves on the alumni board of the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University and was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the University of St. Thomas. Ms. Harris holds a bachelor's degree with honors in finance from The Ohio State University and an MBA with concentrations in finance and marketing from the University of St. Thomas.

**Kazimir Karwowski**

Executive Director, Rice Center for Engineering Leadership (RCEL). Four years prior service as Bernard M. Gordon-MIT Engineering Leadership Program (GEL) and three years with MIT's Army ROTC Program. Prior to joining GEL, Kaz served in the U.S. Army Infantry Branch for 20 years and retired in 2009. He served as Platoon Sergeant in Iraq and a leader with the 10th Mountain Division in Mogadishu, Somalia, Haiti, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Kaz also served in the First Armored Division in the Persian Gulf War.

**Sam Kinslow**

Executive Director, Tax Services Property Tax at Ernst & Young LLP. Past president of the Houston Institute for Professionals in Taxation. He joined EY from Grant Thornton where he worked since 2011. He began his career as a real estate appraiser, and was a real estate tax manager for Wal-Mart Stores from 2002 – 2006. Sam is a graduate of the University of Arkansas.

**Phyllis Kritek**

Professor of Nursing at the University of St. Thomas. Dr. Kritek is a former dean of nursing at Marquette University. Her book "Negotiating at an Uneven Table" was chosen "Conflict Resolution Book of the Year" by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Association of American Law Schools. She is a former faculty member in the Program for Health Care Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Kritek is a past recipient of a Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship. She currently is the President of the Board of Trustees of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools. She holds a PhD in Nursing from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**James McDeavitt**

Professor & Chairman: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Baylor College of Medicine Houston. SVP & Dean of Clinical Affairs, Baylor College of Medicine. Chief Clinical Integration Officer St Luke's Health System. Dr. McDeavitt received his MD from Wake Forest University School of Medicine; and served his Residency at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

**Paul Paese**

Dean of the School of Education and Human Services. Former Dean at Indiana University Kokomo. Served for 28 years at Texas State University as Associate Dean of Education and Professor in the Dept. of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Past President of the Association of Teacher Educators. Presently board member of the World Federation of Teacher Education. BS and MS degree from Bowling Green State University (Ohio) and Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

**Poldi Tschirch**

Poldi Tschirch serves as the Dean of the Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing at University of St. Thomas. Dr. Tschirch came to the University of St. Thomas from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Dean Tschirch earned a B.S.N. from Salve Regina College in Newport, Rhode Island in 1974, a M.S.N. from the University of Texas School of Nursing in Galveston in 1983, and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in 1992.

**Sherron Watkins**

Known internationally as the Enron whistleblower, Sherron speaks around the globe to a broad range of audiences about ethics and leadership, and the lessons to be learned from the collapse of Enron, where she served in a variety of executive positions for over eight years. Sherron was employed for two decades as an executive for three large global companies, the accounting firm Arthur Andersen, Metallgesellschaft AG, the German metals giant, and Enron Corp. Sherron has a Masters in Professional Accounting and a Bachelors in Accounting and Business Honors from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a Certified Public Accountant.

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**University President: Robert Ivany**

In 2004, Dr. Robert Ivany became the eighth president of the University of St. Thomas. Prior to his retirement from the Army with the rank of Major General, Ivany presided over one of the nation's most respected institutions for the education of strategic leaders: the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA serving as the Commandant of the War College capped Ivany's 34 year career in the Army. During his various commands as an armored cavalry officer, he led soldiers in the United States, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the Federal Republic of Germany and Vietnam where he was wounded in action and decorated for valor. Ivany also served in a number of unique positions including the Army Aide to President Ronald Reagan from 1984 to 1986. Ivany will complete his tenure as president in July 2017. While at St. Thomas he established a new intercollegiate athletics program, re-opened the Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing, doubled the University endowment and raised \$133 million for the University's *Faith in Our Future: The Campaign for the University of St. Thomas*. Ivany serves on the Board of Directors for the International Council of the Universities of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Red River Athletic Conference and is the past chairman of the Board for the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas. In addition to earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy, he received a Ph.D. in History from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

**Center for Ethical Leadership Director: Joe Cerami**

Dr. Joseph Cerami joined the University of St. Thomas in January 2016, as the Burnett Family Distinguished Chair in Leadership and Director of the new University Center for Ethical Leadership. From 2001 to 2015, he was on the faculty at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. During a 30-year military career, Colonel Cerami (U.S. Army, Retired) served in Germany and the Republic of Korea. His last military assignment was as the head of the Department of National Security and Strategy at the U.S. Army War College. Dr. Cerami holds an M.A. in Government from the University of Texas at Austin. He completed his doctoral studies at Penn State University's School of Public Affairs and earned a Certificate for Senior Officials in National Security from the Harvard Kennedy School.