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### **Guest Bios**

## Program Agenda











Dr. Baldomero Lago, CIO for UVU Global Engagement Organizing UVU's global and intercultural academic initiatives, Dr. Lago works with many international organizations. He serves as the Honorary Consul of Spain for Utah. Dr. Lago was awarded the title of Knight Commander of the Royal Order of Civil Merit by King Phillip VI of Spain.

**Dr. Geoffrey Cockerham, Associate Professor of Political Science, UVU** Dr. Cockerham received his
Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Arizona with a
specialization in international relations. He also received a J.D. degree
from Louisiana State University. His research and teaching interests
include global health, international cooperation, international
institutions, international law and global governance.

Professor Ryan J. Vogel, Director, UVU NSS
Ryan Vogel is the founding Director of the Center for National
Security Studies at UVU. He has served at the Pentagon as a senior
policy advisor in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He holds an
LLM in public international law, with a certificate in national security
law, from the Georgetown University Law Center. He earned a J.D.
and an M.A. in international affairs from American University.

#### Clark Merkley, Executive Director of BootUp

**PD** is the Executive Director of BootUp Professional Development, a nonprofit devoted to bringing coding and computer science to ALL elementary students by empowering their teachers. Clark currently serves as President of the Orem Rotary Club, the local branch of Rotary International. Clark has been a teacher, as well as business and human resources executive for several organizations. Clark received his law degree and MBA from the University of Chicago and his undergraduate degree in Zoology from Brigham Young University.

Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev, Political Science Lecturer, UVU Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev has been a lecturer of History and Political Science at UVU since 2005. He teaches courses on International Relations, Comparative Politics, Sustainability and Mountain Development. He is a focal point at UVU for the Mountain Partnership under the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations since 2016. He served as the Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to USA and Canada during 1997-2005. Dr. Abdrisaev was a Member of the Kyrgyz Parliament from 1995 to 2000.

#### **Greetings**

By Kyle Warren, UVU Rotaract President

Remarks by Dr. Baldomero Lago, CIO for Global Engagement, UVU "UVU's Role in Working with the United Nations"

Remarks by Dr. Cockerham, Associate Professor of Political Science, UVU "History of the United Nations and its Origins"

Remarks by Prof. Ryan Vogel, Director of UVU NSS "Role of the United Nations Security Council"

Remarks by Clark Merkley, Executive Director of BootUp PD "Role of Civil Society in the United Nations"

Remarks by Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev, Political Science Lecturer, UVU "Utah's Model of Sustainable Development at the United Nations"

**Closing Remarks**By Kyle Warren, UVU Rotaract President

