



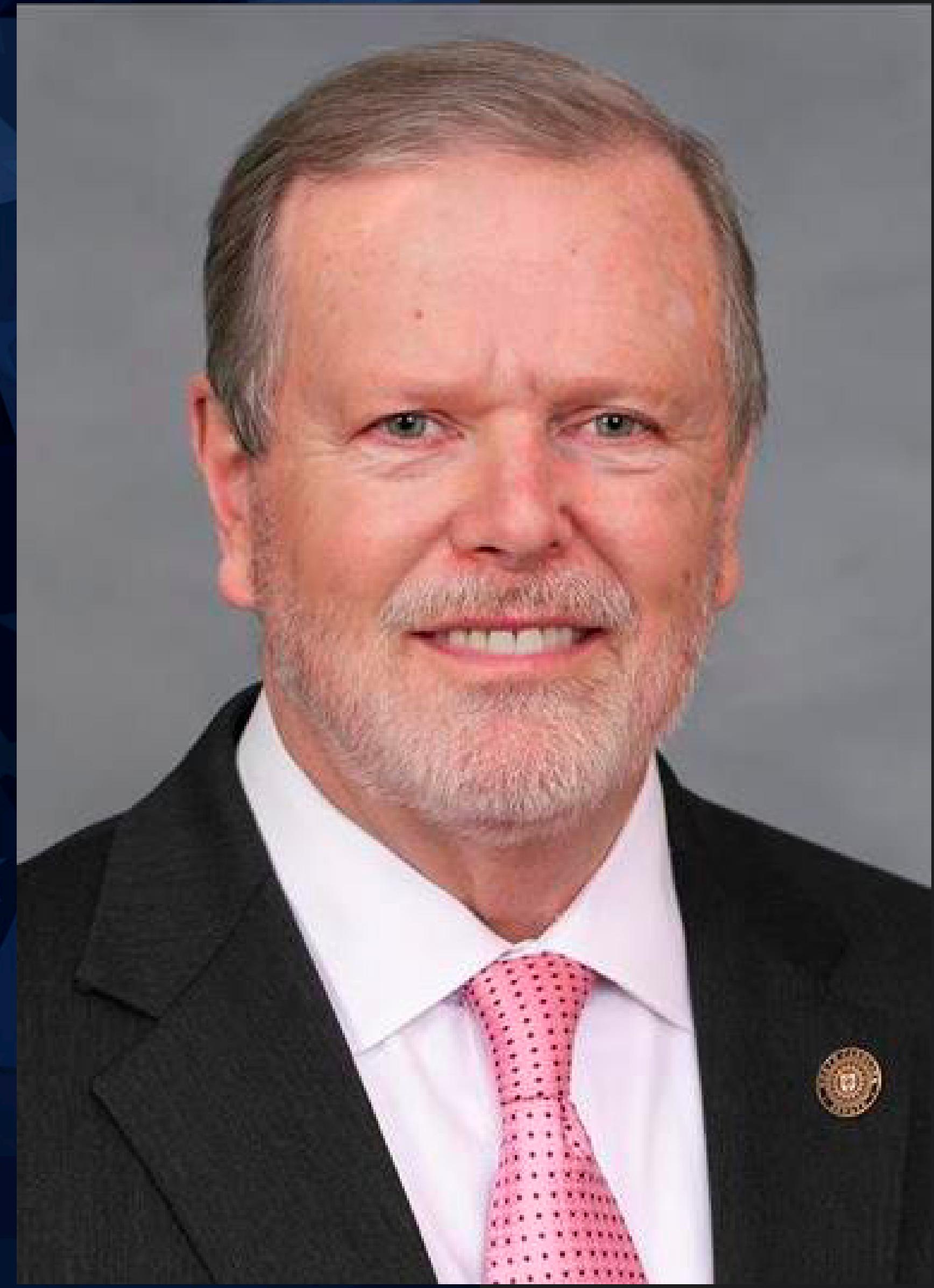
JAY ADAMS

**Representative
North Carolina General Assembly**



Rep. Adams is a graduate of The Citadel with a B.S in Education. He is a native of North Carolina and grew up in Concord. As an adult, he has made Catawba County in Hickory his home since 1975. He worked in the furniture industry, the fiber optics industry but primarily his career has been in the commercial real estate brokerage business since 1987. He is a member of the Charlotte Region Commercial Board of Realtors, Catawba County Chamber of Commerce, The Elks Club and The Catawba Valley Wildlife Club (past President & Board of Director Member), and First Baptist Church in Hickory and a past member of the Hickory Rotary Club. Rep. Adams was elected to serve in the North Carolina House in 2015 and represents the 96th District which serves a portion of Catawba County.

Along with his passion for 2nd Amendment Rights, he has been recognized as an avid supporter of NC Wildlife and is willing to speak out on difficult issues that need to be addressed. Jay is also passionate about good economic development in NC which he believes effects many decisions and various issues addressed in NC government.

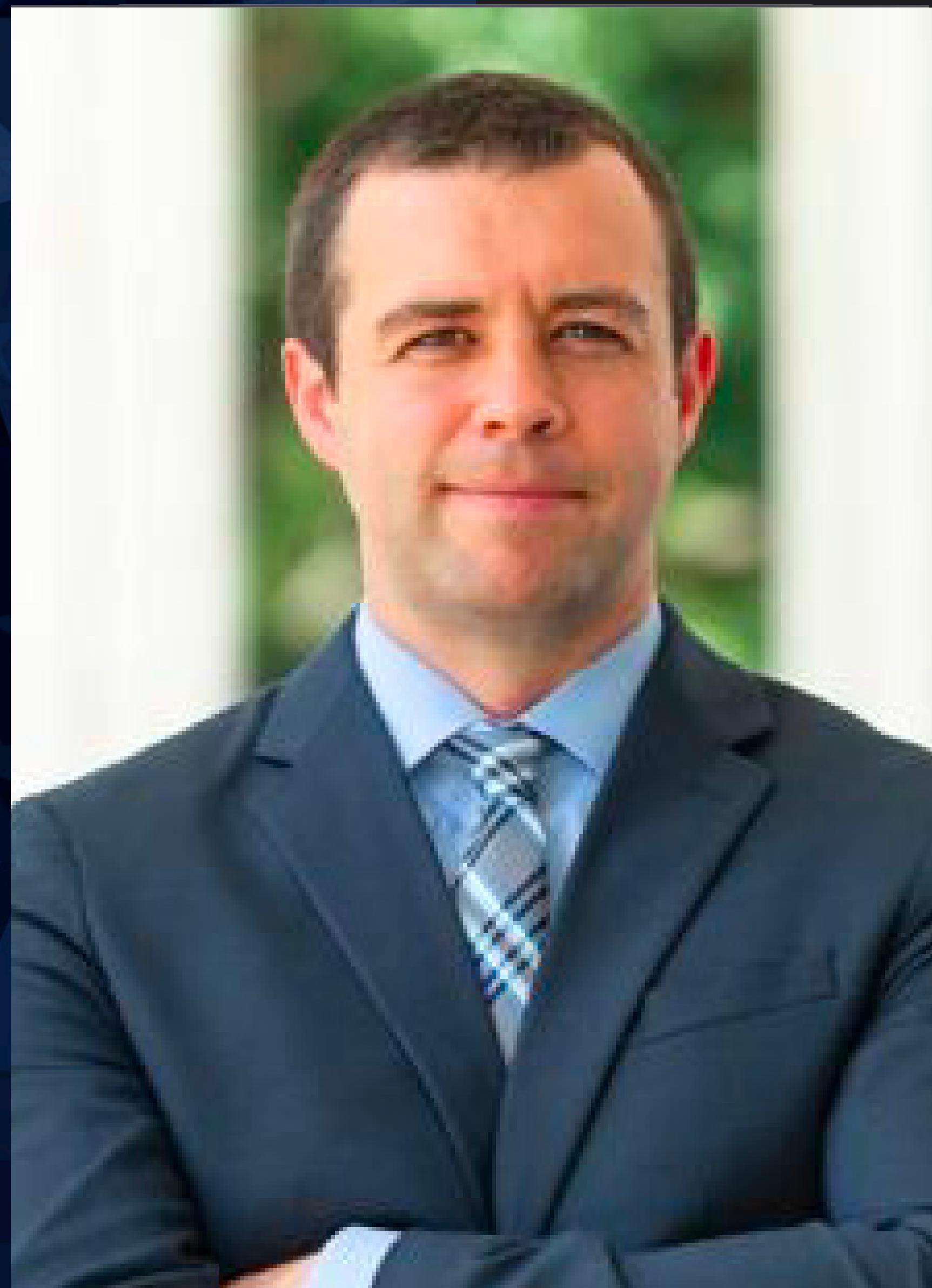


PHIL BERGER

**Senate President
Pro Tempore in the North Carolina General Assembly**

Phil Berger grew up in Danville, Virginia in a working-class family that taught him the value of hard work. After school, Phil married his high school sweetheart, Pat, and worked in a local factory and then as a produce manager of a grocery store while raising two young kids and attending college. He became the first in his family to graduate from what is now Averett University. Still raising a young family and working long hours to make ends meet, Phil attended law school at Wake Forest and graduated early. He practiced law briefly in Charlotte and Raleigh before settling in Eden, where he still lives with Pat and runs the Berger Law Firm. Phil and Pat have three kids – Phil Jr., Kevin and Ashley – and four grandkids.

Phil Berger was first elected to the State Senate in 2000. His colleagues elected him minority leader in 2004, and President Pro Tempore in 2010 after Republicans won a Senate majority for the first time since the 19th Century. The first Republican leader of the North Carolina Senate in more than 100 years, Senator Berger has delivered common sense, conservative reforms to State government.



DONALD BRYSON

**President and Chief Strategy Officer
John Locke Foundation**

Previously, Bryson was the president and CEO of Civitas Institute and state director of Americans for Prosperity-North Carolina (AFP-NC). While at the helm of AFP-NC from 2014-2018, he led the chapter through several successful campaigns to expand conservative policies in the state —including three major state income tax cuts and the expansion of the Opportunity Scholarship program. Bryson started with AFP-NC in 2011 as a field coordinator in charge of grassroots activities in the Raleigh-Durham area.

Bryson is a member of the American Enterprise Institute's Leadership Network –an exclusive policy education and professional development program for state-based executives in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

He has authored and co-authored op-eds that have appeared in state and national publications including the News & Observer, Fox News, and The Wall Street Journal.



JONATHAN BUTCHER

**Will Skillman Fellow in Education
The Heritage Foundation**



Jonathan Butcher is the Will Skillman Fellow in Education at The Heritage Foundation. He is the author of *Splintered: Critical Race Theory and the Progressive War on Truth* (Bombardier Books, February 2022). In 2021, South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster nominated Jonathan to serve on the board of the South Carolina Public Charter School District, a statewide charter school authorizer. He has researched and testified on education policy around the U.S.

Jonathan co-edited and wrote chapters in the book *The Not-So-Great Society*, which provides conservative solutions to the problems created by the ever-expanding federal footprint in pre-school, K-12, and higher education.

In 2018 the Federal Commission on School Safety cited comments from his testimony in the commission's final report. He has appeared on local and national TV outlets, including C-SPAN, Fox News, and HBO's *Vice News Tonight*, and he has been a guest on many radio programs. His commentary has appeared nationally in places such as the Wall Street Journal, Education Week, National Review Online, Newsweek.com, and Forbes.com, along with newspapers around the country.



DEAN F. CLANCY

**Senior Health Policy Fellow
Americans for Prosperity**

Dean F. Clancy is senior health policy fellow at Americans for Prosperity and a nationally known health care freedom advocate with more than twenty years' high-level policy experience in Congress, the White House, and the U.S. health care industry. From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Clancy served as the top White House budget official on health care and entitlements, with a portfolio encompassing half the federal budget in dollar terms.

A frequent guest on TV and radio news shows including BBC News, CBS Evening News, CNBC Closing Bell, and C-SPAN, Mr. Clancy's writings have appeared in numerous publications, including Newsweek, The Hill, Daily Caller, the Washington Times, RealClearHealth, and U.S. News and World Report.

Mr. Clancy's main areas of expertise are U.S. health care, tax, budget, and entitlement policy. He is a strong advocate for a health care "personal option" – sensible, nonpartisan reforms that empower patients to shop for value and remove needless barriers between patients and the medical professionals they trust.



AMY O. COOKE

**Chief Executive Officer of the John Locke Foundation
Publisher of Carolina Journal**

For more than 16 years Amy has been a champion of free markets and limited, constitutional government. Amy's responsibility as CEO is to lead the talented staff into the organization's fourth decade of promoting public policy that ensures all North Carolinians have the freedom and opportunity to thrive.

Amy comes to JLF from Colorado and is proud to bring her name back to North Carolina where her great, great, great grandmother —for whom she is named —was born (1786) and raised.

Prior to joining JLF, Amy served as Executive Vice President of the Independence Institute (II), Colorado's free-market think tank. She was also Director of the Energy and Environmental Policy Center at II, the John Locke Foundation's sister think tank. She joined II in 2004. Amy's area of expertise is energy policy, which she began working on in 2010. She is proud to be one of the original state-level, free-market energy policy advocates and is famous for her provocative messages like "Mothers In Love with Fracking" and "I'm an energy feminist because I'm pro-choice in energy sources," which the eco-left called "hands down the worst kind of feminism."

A portrait photograph of James Czerniawski, a man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

JAMES CZERNIAWSKI

**Senior Policy Analyst,
Technology & Innovation**

James Czerniawski is a senior policy analyst in Technology and Innovation at Americans for Prosperity. His previous experience includes working as a technology and innovation policy analyst at the Libertas Institute and a Program Coordinator with the American Institute for Economic Research. His work has been featured in Real Clear Future, The Morning Consult, U.S. News and World Report, and more.





A.P. DILLON

**Reporter
North State Journal**

A.P. Dillon is a reporter currently covering politics and education for the North State Journal. Prior to joining North State Journal in 2019, she was the North Carolina Bureau Chief for The Tennessee Star.



Mrs. Dillon was also co-founder and managing editor for American Lens News and is the founder of the popular North Carolina conservative and education-themed blog, LadyLiberty1885.com. She also writes at her new Substack blog, called More To The Story.

Over the years, A.P. has been a contributor at Civitas Institute, IJ Review, and The Heartland Institute. Her reporting has been cited by The Daily Caller, PJ Media, The Blaze, Michelle Malkin, Twitchy, and FOX News.

A.P has been a leading voice and advocate for both Student School Choice in North Carolina for almost a decade. She was also a leading voice of opposition to Common Core in North Carolina since 2013 and in 2014 was a panelist in Glenn Beck's national live-broadcast event about Common Core, called "We Will Not Conform".



SETH DILLON

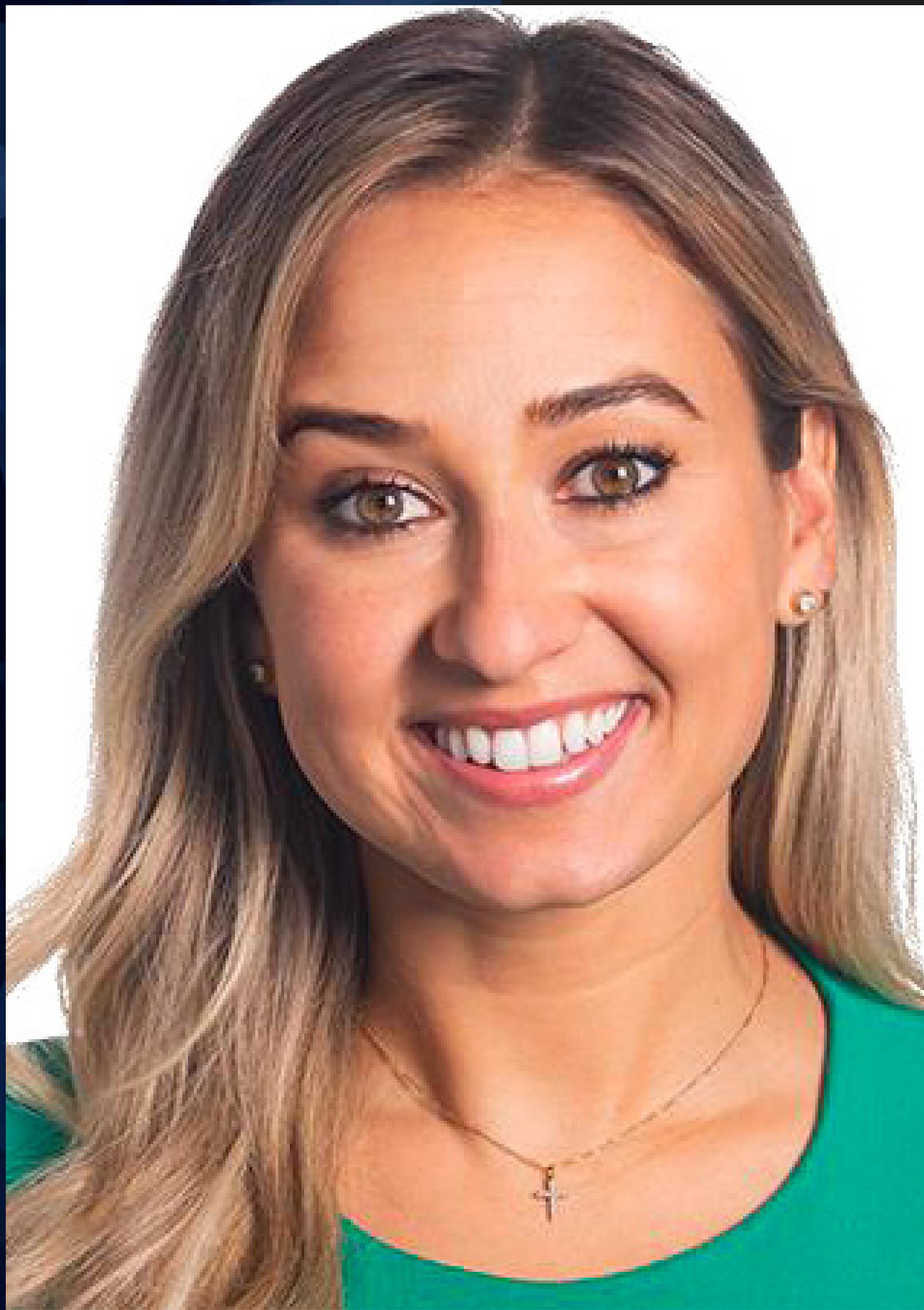
CEO
The Babylon Bee

Seth Dillon is an entrepreneur, venture investor, speaker, and satirist. He is currently CEO of The Babylon Bee, a fast-growing news satire site that has overtaken The Onion in traffic and engagement. Taking on the tone of a traditional news media publication, The Bee satirizes real-world events and public figures.



Recently, Dillon and his brother Dan co-founded Not the Bee, a humor-based entertainment site, with The Babylon Bee's original founder, Adam Ford.

Dillon sits on the board of Parler, a popular free speech alternative to Twitter and Facebook. He also plays an active advisory or investor role in a number of other companies, including Dwell, Evie Magazine, Thinkr, and The Flip Side. He is a graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic University and lives with his wife and two sons in Juno Beach, Florida.



KARA FREDERICK

**Research Fellow in the Center for Technology Policy
The Heritage Foundation**

Kara Frederick is a Research Fellow in the Center for Technology Policy at The Heritage Foundation. Her research focuses on "Big Tech" and emerging technology policy.



Prior to joining Heritage, she was a Fellow for the Technology & National Security Program at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), where she concentrated on high-tech illiberalism, data privacy, and digital surveillance.

Before CNAS, Kara helped create and lead Facebook's Global Security Counterterrorism Analysis Program. She was also the team lead for Facebook Headquarters' Regional Intelligence Team in Menlo Park, California. Prior to Facebook, she was a Senior Intelligence Analyst for a U.S. Naval Special Warfare Command and spent six years as a counterterrorism analyst at the Department of Defense. While at the Department of Defense, she deployed three times to Afghanistan in support of special operations forces, served as a briefer to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict, and was a liaison to the National Security Agency.



JON GUZE

**Senior Fellow in Legal Studies
John Locke Foundation**



Jon Guze is Senior Fellow in Legal Studies at the John Locke Foundation. Before joining the John Locke Foundation, Jon practiced law in Durham, North Carolina for over 20 years. He received a J.D., with honors, from Duke Law School in 1994 and an A.B. in history from Harvard College in 1972. In between, he studied architecture and, as a Vice President at HOK, Inc., he managed numerous large architectural and engineering projects across the U.S. and in the UK. Jon lives in Durham, North Carolina with his wife of more than 40 years. He has four children and six grandchildren.



DR. ANDY JACKSON

**Director of the Civitas Center for Public Integrity
John Locke Foundation**

As Director of the Civitas Center for Public Integrity at the John Locke Foundation, Andy focuses on government compliance with the law and best practices, particularly regarding election policy and law. He researches and writes on public and election integrity, conducts election analysis, and presents election-related data.

Dr. Jackson holds a PhD in political science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. While at UNL, he earned the Thomas W. Smith Fellowship and the Michael and Andrea Leven Family Foundation Fellowship through the Institute of Humane Studies. He also earned an MA in political management from the George Washington University and a BS in political science from Appalachian State University. He has taught political science at several institutions in North Carolina and internationally.

Andy has worked professionally for several political campaigns and organizations, including as the Iowa political coordinator for the Alan Keyes presidential campaign in 1996 and campaign manager for John Tedesco for Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2012. He has also worked as a columnist. His articles have appeared in several North Carolina, national and international publications, including the Korea Times, the Wall Street Journal, and Campaigns & Elections magazine.



NED JONES

**Deputy Director
Election Integrity Network**

Ned Jones is the Deputy Director of the Election Integrity Network, a project of the Conservative Partnership Institute. Prior to joining EIN, Ned spent most of the last year as the Election Integrity Director at the Virginia Project. He has done extensive research into the irregularities and abnormalities in the 2020 election. His research has exposed the deep infiltration into our local, state and federal election system by left-wing non-profit organizations. Ned used the results of his research to develop new strategies for conservative voters in the recent election in Virginia. He has made dozens of presentations sharing his findings with election integrity groups in several states.

Ned was a City Councilman in Roseland, NJ during the Reagan years, and had a forty-year career in management in the private sector. Twelve years ago, he started his own sales and marketing company in Richmond, Virginia.



PETE KALINER

**Radio host
NewsTalk WBT**

Pete Kaliner hosts a daily radio show and podcast on NewsTalk WBT (1110-AM & 99.3-FM) in Charlotte. Pete has worked in North Carolina radio and TV for more than two decades. He began as a reporter at WBT covering city, county, state, and education beats. He then worked at News 14 Carolina (now Spectrum News), before moving to Asheville to host an afternoon drive radio show on NewsRadio WWNC (570-AM). In 2020, Pete launched a daily podcast, which is still available every day on WBT.com and all podcasting platforms. Pete is married to Christy, who is one of the few Charlotte-area natives.



JONAH KAPLAN

**Political and Investigative Reporter
ABC11**

Jonah Kaplan is ABC11's Political and Investigative Reporter and has built a strong reputation for his balanced and in-depth coverage of politics and the military. He has conducted exclusive interviews with President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, Dr. Anthony Fauci, and governors of several states, among other officials.

Jonah's investigative work, meanwhile, digs into high-impact issues such as government corruption, use of taxpayer funds, law enforcement activities, and legal precedents. He's also an integral part of ABC11's severe weather and breaking news coverage.

Jonah actually started his career in sports working behind the scenes with TV crews at YES Network and ESPN, but later made the switch to news in part to watch the games instead of work them! His work on-air has since appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN and MSNBC.

Jonah's professional journey includes stops at WTMJ-TV in Milwaukee, WI; KSPR-TV in Springfield, MO; KAUZ-TV in Wichita Falls, TX; Gray Television's Washington D.C. Bureau; and the NHL's Boston Bruins. He graduated with honors from Boston University's College of Communication.



STEPHEN KENT

**Director of Operations
Echelon Insights**



Stephen Kent is the Director of Operations at Echelon Insights, where he works on all the behind the scenes action that allows Echelon to be one of the most energetic and impactful polling & research firms in the business. Stephen is an experienced communications professional with a background in media relations, nonprofit management, political organizing and messaging.

Stephen formerly hosted a weekly interview program, "Right Now with Stephen Kent" for Al Jazeera International. He is the author of *How The Force Can Fix The World: Lessons on Life, Liberty & Happiness from a Galaxy, Far Far Away* (Center Street Publishing) and spent close to five years as spokesperson and PR Director for Young Voices, a media nonprofit in the Washington, D.C. area. He resides in the D.C. Metro area with his wife, daughter and perfect dog.



DONNA KING

**Editor-in-Chief
Carolina Journal**

Donna serves as Editor-in-Chief for Carolina Journal. Donna has more than 20 years of experience delivering accurate, clear information in an engaging story.



In addition to print journalism, she has anchored news and political talk programming on television and radio and delivered live coverage of historic world events that define our times. Her goal is to build a body of work that prompts a larger conversation about the importance of personal liberty, the role of government, and setting a course to ensure freedom for future generations.

"I am honored to be a part of the Carolina Journal team and join the long history of quality journalism here," she said. "As more North Carolinians try to decipher news and fact from angle and opinion, CJ remains committed to delivering clear information readers can count on. I am looking forward to working with these talented journalists to grow our footprint in the state's media landscape."



DUANE LESTER

Duane joined Americans for Prosperity Foundation with years of experience as an independent blogger and former Navy journalist. Duane started AllAmericanBlogger.com in 2007 and earned the Breitbart Blogger Award from the Heritage Foundation and the Franklin Center for Public Integrity in 2012. Additionally, he founded The Missouri Torch, focusing strictly on state-level politics which quickly grew to be the most read and influential center-right blog in the state of Missouri.

Duane now focuses on growing and improving the capabilities of liberty-focused activists across the country and creating a society of mutual benefit through the Grassroots Leadership Academy.



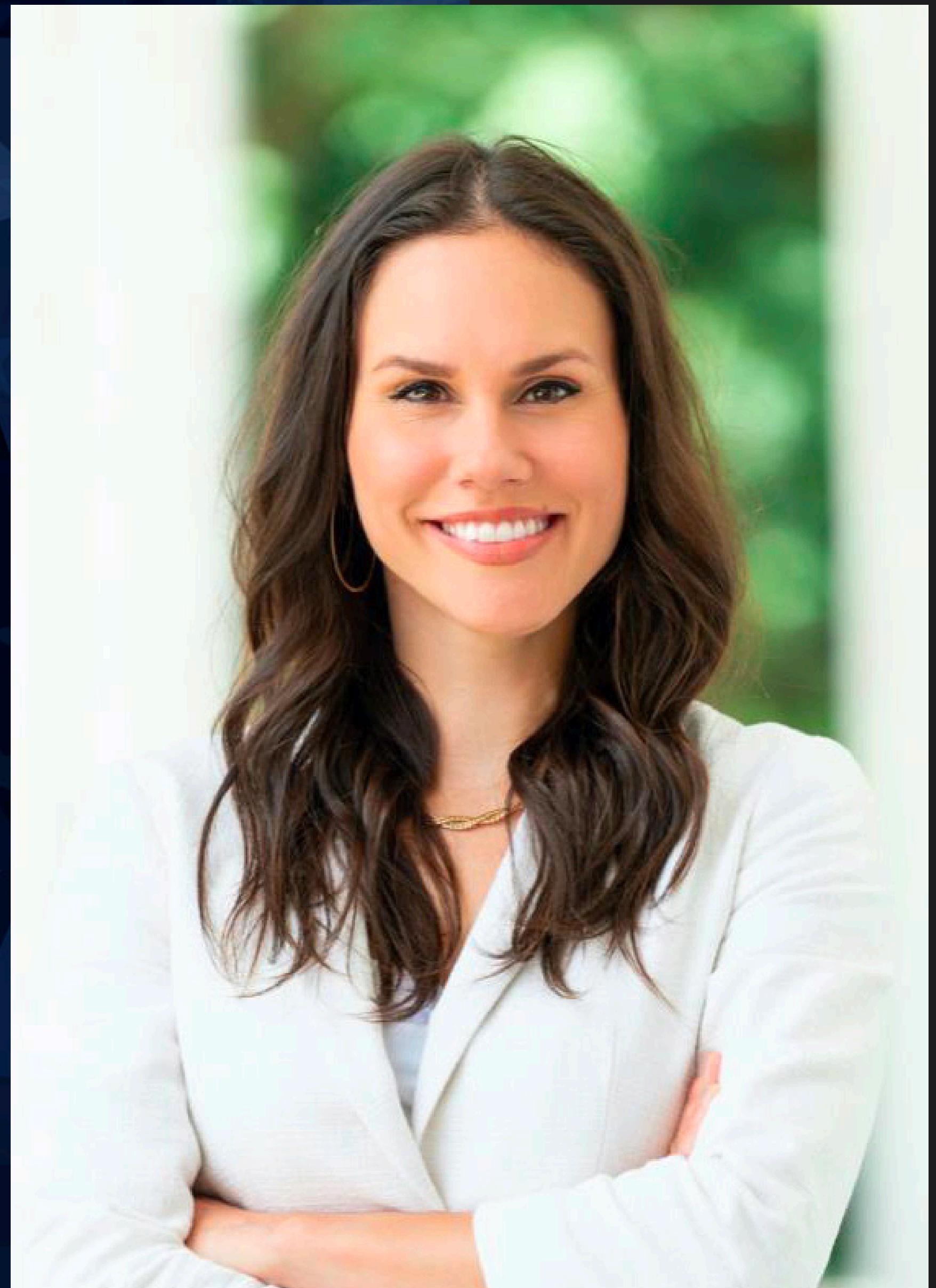
DR. ROBERT LUEBKE

**Senior Fellow, Center for Effective Education
John Locke Foundation**

For the better part of the last three decades, Dr. Luebke has been involved in improving education and expanding educational opportunity. Prior to joining the Locke Foundation, he wrote about education policy and served as the Director of Policy with the Civitas Institute. He has held positions with the state and federal government as well as private research firms.

He is a frequent guest on TV and radio programs throughout North Carolina. His writing has appeared on web sites and in newspapers including the Daily Caller, Washington Examiner, Raleigh News & Observer, Charlotte Observer and others.

Dr. Luebke holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin and is the proud father of four children.



BROOKE MEDINA

**Vice President of Communications
John Locke Foundation**

Brooke Medina serves as Vice President of Communications for the John Locke Foundation. Brooke oversees a team of talented communications and design professionals that ensure Locke's messaging, design, digital, and marketing strategies are effectively reaching new and existing audiences.

Brooke is a graduate of Regent University, holding a B.A. in Government and a minor in English. She has also completed several programs with the Charles Koch Institute, including the Koch Leaders Program and Koch Communications Fellowship, focusing on the philosophical underpinnings of market-based management and classical liberalism. She also sits on the board of directors for ReCity Network, a Durham-based non-profit committed to empowering civil society in combating poverty-related problems.

Brooke's writing has been published in outlets such as The Hill, Entrepreneur, Washington Examiner, Daily Signal, FEE, and Intellectual Takeout.



CLETA MITCHELL

**Senior Legal Fellow
Conservative Partnership Institute**

Cleta Mitchell is the Senior Legal Fellow at CPI and chairs CPI's Election Integrity Network. Cleta is an attorney, licensed in Oklahoma and the District of Columbia, who has practiced election, campaign finance, and political law for decades. Cleta graduated from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma College of Law. She is one of the founders and is Chairman of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, the only conservative public interest law firm devoted solely to election integrity. Cleta was one of the key attorneys who fought back against the Obama IRS during the targeting of tea party groups. She was a volunteer attorney for the 2020 Trump legal team in Georgia. Cleta is admitted to practice before many federal district courts and the US Supreme Court.

Cleta's weekly podcast "Who's Counting?" explores all topics related to election integrity. It can be accessed at the Election Integrity Network's website: www.whoscounting.us



RAY NOTHSTINE

**Opinion Editor at Carolina Journal
Research Fellow at the John Locke Foundation**

Ray Nothstine is opinion editor at Carolina Journal and a research fellow on Second Amendment issues at the John Locke Foundation. He previously served for over seven years as managing editor of Religion & Liberty, a publication of the Acton Institute, an internationally top-ranked think tank in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

His writings have appeared in The Christian Science Monitor, Detroit News, Charlotte Observer, The Birmingham News, and numerous state policy think-tanks. He has extensive experience in radio and lecturing on public policy and cultural issues, including over a decade of writing and research work on the Second Amendment. He has worked in Christian ministry, journalism, and on the staff of former U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor (D-Miss).

Nothstine is a graduate with a Master of Divinity (M.Div) degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. He also holds a B.A. in political science from The University of Mississippi in Oxford. He currently lives in Garner with his wife and two sons.



ANDREW PUZDER

**Opinion Editor at Carolina Journal
Research Fellow at the John Locke Foundation**

Andrew Puzder is the former chief executive of CKE Restaurants, where he helped turn Hardee's and Carl's Jr. into the fast food powerhouses that they are today. Starting as founder Carl Karcher's personal attorney in 1986, Puzder became CEO in 2000 and led the company out of serious financial difficulties. Under his leadership, CKE expanded to over 3,800 restaurants globally.



Puzder is a frequent lecturer on economics and politics for various groups and associations as well as at colleges and universities. He is Senior Fellow at the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy, a Visiting Fellow, Business and Economic Freedom at the Heritage Foundation, a Senior Fellow at the America First Policy Institute, a member of the Reagan Institute's National Leadership Council, and a director at The Job Creators Network.

In 2021 he was named Chairman of the Board at 2ndVote Advisers, an investment firm formed in response to the stakeholder capitalism and ESG movements

In 2010, he co-authored the book titled *Job Creation: How It Really Works and Why Government Doesn't Understand It*. His second book, *The Capitalist Comeback: The Trump Boom and the Left's Plot to Stop It*, came out in April 2018.



JAY RICHARDS

**William E. Simon Senior Research Fellow
The Heritage Foundation**

Jay W. Richards, Ph.D., is the William E. Simon Senior Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation, where he researches, writes, and speaks on policy that protects life, marriage, religious liberty and civil society.



Jay comes to Heritage from The Catholic University of America, where he served as a research assistant professor in the Busch School of Business and the academic content lead for the Tucson Project at Catholic University. He also is a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute and Executive Editor of The Stream.

Jay is author or editor of more than a dozen books, including the New York Times bestsellers *Infiltrated* (2013) and *Indivisible* (2012); *The Human Advantage; Money, Greed, and God*, winner of a 2010 Templeton Enterprise Award; *The Hobbit Party* with Jonathan Witt; and *Eat, Fast, Feast*.

He is also creator and executive producer of several documentaries, including three that have appeared widely on PBS.

A professional headshot of a young man with dark hair, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a white dress shirt, and a pink patterned tie. The background is a bright, slightly blurred indoor setting.

JORDAN ROBERTS

**Director of Government Affairs
John Locke Foundation**

Jordan serves as the Director of Government Affairs at John Locke Foundation. Jordan began his work at Locke as a health care policy analyst. Jordan now works with state decision-makers in the public and private sector to advance the foundation's free-market public policy goals.



Jordan is a Charlotte native. He holds two Political Science degrees from Appalachian State University: a B.S. in American Government and an M.A. in American Politics.

Jordan was a legislative intern for U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis and a research intern for the John Locke Foundation.



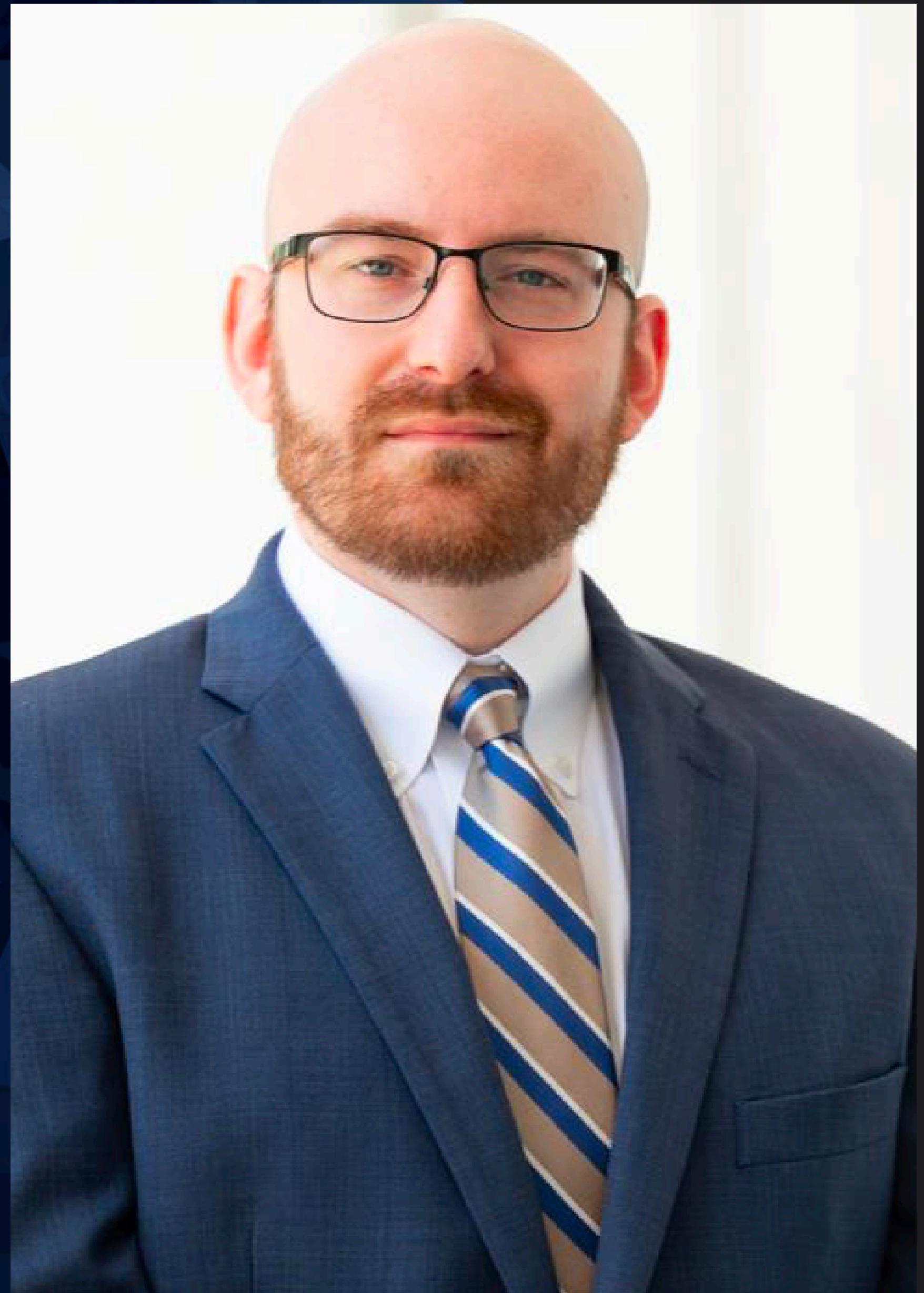
MISTY RUFFING

Director of Coalitions for Americans

Misty D Ruffing is the Director of Coalitions for Americans for Prosperity North Carolina. She builds broad based support around federal and state policies priorities. She represents the organization by speaking at events and educating social entrepreneurs and lawmakers about issues affecting the community of NC.

Misty supports her community by serving as the Board Chair of The League of Minority Voters NC and The Listen First Project as an advisory board member. Misty passionately supports the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation and has helped organize the local 5K for 9 years. In the past she has served as a Gubernatorial appointee to the NC Humanities Council, a Commissioner on the City of Durham Human Relations Commission, a board member of Holt Athletic Association, Port Warwick Art Foundation, past president of Port Warwick Merchants Association, and a Trustee on the Hampton Roads Country Day School.

She has a B.S. in chemistry and her graduate work in organic chemistry from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg. She is a William C Friday Fellow and E.A. Morris Fellowship of Emerging Leaders graduate. She currently resides in Durham, NC with her husband and children.



JIM STIRLING

**Research Fellow, Civitas Center for Public Integrity
John Locke Foundation**

As a Research Fellow at Locke's Civitas Center for Public Integrity, Jim focuses on government compliance with the law and best practices, particularly as it pertains to election policy. Jim's primary focus for the Center for Public Integrity is conducting research on election integrity, analysis of election data, and good governance practices on the state and local level.



Before joining Locke, Jim worked with several members of the North Carolina General Assembly; assisting with Boards and Commissions, researching, and drafting of policy at the state Legislature.

Stirling earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from William Peace University in Raleigh North Carolina.



DR. LYALL SWIM

**Chief Operating Officer
Atlas Network**

Dr. Lyall Swim is chief operating officer at Atlas Network, where he oversees the day-to-day operations of the organization, serves as a practice leader for Atlas Network's organizational consulting solutions and acts as the director for Center Strategy, which oversees the organization's four regional centers (Center for African Prosperity, Center for Latin America, Center for North America and the Center for Asia & Oceania).



Since 2009, Lyall has served as the managing partner at Junto Strategy, an organizational consulting and executive coaching company, where he has led engagements with a wide range of organizations, including nonprofits, governments and corporations. His primary focus with Junto Strategy has been to increase leadership and operational capacity and enable organizations to navigate various forms of change.

Dr. Swim is a former education policy fellow at the United States Senate. Earlier in his career, Lyall was the director of operations for Sutherland Institute in Utah. In this role, he helped lead a redesign that enabled the organization to leverage the strengths of each staff member and increase its profile and influence.

A portrait photograph of Lynn Taylor, a woman with long brown hair and glasses, smiling. A yellow arrow points from the right side of the page towards her portrait.

LYNN TAYLOR

President
Virginia Institute for Public Policy

Lynn Taylor is president and co-founder of the Virginia Institute for Public Policy, an independent, nonpartisan, education and research organization that develops and promotes public policy consistent with the Virginia tradition of individual liberty, dynamic entrepreneurial capitalism, private property, the rule of law, and constitutionally limited government. She also serves as president of Tertium Quids, a 501(c)4 issue advocacy organization that hosts Virginia's Tuesday Morning Group, a statewide coalition comprising more than 1,000 activists who represent more than 250 organizations. Lynn is also the executive producer of Freedom & Prosperity Radio, a syndicated talk radio program with a focus on politics and public policy. Additionally, Lynn is chairman of the Virginia Fair Elections coalition comprised of over 70 organizations working to bring transparency and trust back to Virginia's elections.

Since 1996, Lynn has been a member of The Philadelphia Society, an organization "dedicated to the goal of deepening the intellectual foundations of a free and ordered society and to broadening the general understanding of its basic principles among the public at large."



JOHN TRUMP

**Managing Editor
Carolina Journal**

John Trump is managing editor of Carolina Journal. For more than 30 years, John worked as a reporter and editor for newspapers –in Pittsburgh, Las Vegas, Alabama and North Carolina. A long-time fan of whiskey, beer and wine, John’s interest in distilled spirits was piqued in 2015 when he and his wife and embarked on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. His interest in whiskey dovetailed into a blog, and then “Still & Barrel.” A Pittsburgh area native, he holds a bachelor of arts in journalism and communications from Point Park University in Pittsburgh and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction from Goucher College in Baltimore.



PAUL VALONE

Radio Host

"Guns, Politics and Freedom Radio Show"

After earning a B.A. in Psychobiology from Hamilton College, Valone pursued a career in aviation, recently retiring as a Boeing 777 captain from American Airlines. After becoming politically active in the early 1990s, he founded and continues to direct two non-profit political organizations and served as president of a third. In addition to legislative activities, he continues freelance writing and hosts the "Guns, Politics and Freedom Radio Show."

A professional headshot of Scott Walter, a man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a blue patterned tie. He is looking slightly to his left with a faint smile.

SCOTT WALTER

**President
Capital Research Center**

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Scott Walter is president of Capital Research Center. He served in the George W. Bush Administration as Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and was vice president at the Philanthropy Roundtable, editing Philanthropy magazine and producing donor guidebooks on assistance to the poor, school reform, public policy research, and other topics. Walter has written for and been quoted in such outlets as the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and Chronicle of Philanthropy. A Georgetown graduate, he served as a senior fellow at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and as senior editor of AEI's flagship publication. He lives in Virginia with his wife and four children.



CHRIS WEST

Americas Future- Raleigh Chapter



Chris West is a graduate student at Duke Divinity School where his studies focus on the intersection of ethics, environment, and religion. Chris currently serves as the chapter leader for AF-Raleigh. He is a graduate of Campbell University and holds a graduate certificate in Faith-Based Nonprofit Leadership from Wake Forest University and another in Negotiation from the University of Reading, UK. Chris previously served as a Policy Fellow with the James G Martin Center and as a Generation Liberty Fellow with the State Policy Network.



DALLAS WOODHOUSE

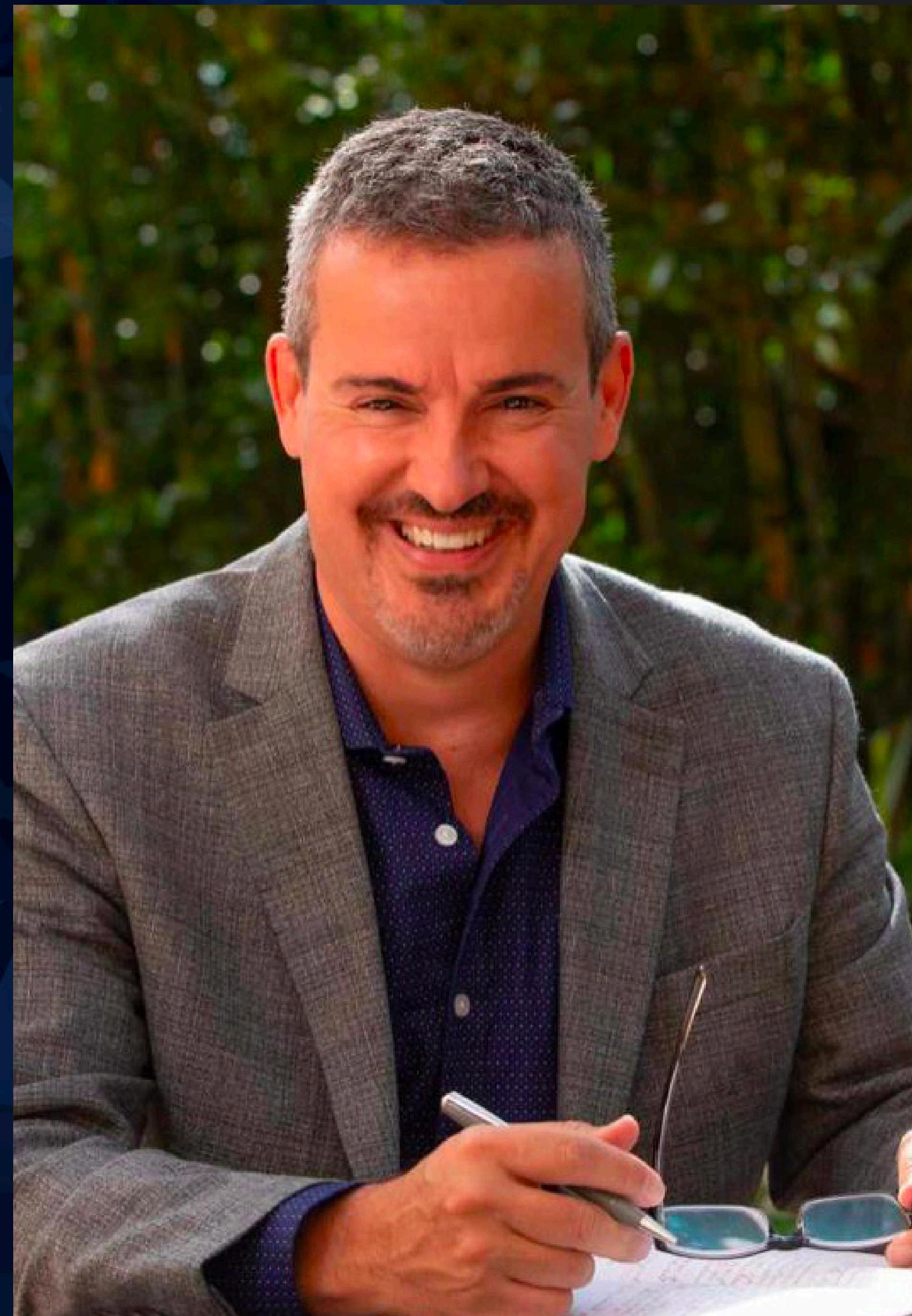
**Investigative Political Analyst
Carolina Journal**

He has spent two decades examining and managing political and policy operations as a political news reporter, advocate, and leader of three non-profit organizations.



From 2019-2020 Woodhouse served as the Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Civitas Institute, a Raleigh-based non-profit policy organization. Woodhouse was charged with developing, overseeing, and implementing grassroots and advocacy programs for the Institute as well as managing and overseeing public opinion research and storytelling projects highlighting critical issues key to North Carolina that support the company's vision and short-and long-term plans.

While the Executive Director of the North Carolina Republican Party (NCGOP), Woodhouse oversaw one of the most successful NCGOP elections ever in 2016. During 2015 and 2016, Woodhouse revived the State Party, retired their substantial debt, hired a successful team, and recruited top candidates.



TONY WOODLIEF

**Executive Vice President
State Policy Network**

Tony Woodlief is Executive Vice President at State Policy Network, which catalyzes thriving, durable freedom movements in the states, anchored with high-performing, independent think tanks. Previously he has led the Bill of Rights Institute, the Market-Based Management Institute, and the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Prior to those positions he was on the Market-Based Management Team of Koch Industries.

Tony's essays on politics, faith, parenting, and culture have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Post*, *Governing*, and numerous other publications, and he has appeared on Fox News, CSPAN, and radio programs across the U.S. An alumnus of the University of North Carolina, Tony holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Michigan, and an MFA in creative writing from Wichita State University. He is the author of *I, Citizen*, a book about reclaiming American self-governance.