

## **Parker Cultural & Scientific Commission Biographical Sketches**



**MICHAEL EDWARDS, Ph.D.**  
**Co-Chair, Adult Lecture Series Committee**

Dr. Edwards is an assistant professor in the division of Pulmonary Sciences and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Colorado Denver (UCD), specializing in bioinformatics. A native of Colorado, he received his bachelor's degree in Biology from Colorado State University, his master's degree in Human Biochemistry and Genetics from the University of Texas Medical Branch, and his doctorate in Genetics from the University of Wisconsin. He has been an author on 29 peer-reviewed research publications; spanning fields such as lung cancer, COPD, pulmonary fibrosis, tuberculosis, bladder cancer, and response to hepatitis C viral infection. He is also active in teaching science and math at all levels, from instructing high school students in 'big data' analysis to holding workshops for clinical oncologists interested in using bioinformatics in their cancer research. As a member of the Parker Cultural and Scientific Commission, Dr. Edwards will work to bring more opportunities for the Parker community to learn about all the great science and cultural work being done in Colorado.



**CHARLES GAUGHAN**  
**Member, Finance Committee**

Charles Gaughan is a jazz musician and co-owner of Studio 306 abstract oils. He studied Music Composition at North Texas State and the University of Colorado, where he served the CU Program Council in events contracting and concert production. Charles has over 20 years' experience leading market development, growth strategy, and partnerships/acquisitions for healthcare and technology companies and investor groups. He holds an MBA from the University of Denver and a BS in Business Administration from the University of Colorado. A Colorado native and longtime Parker resident, Charles is inspired by the Town's commitment to building a thriving cultural environment, rich in arts, entertainment, creative industry and opportunities for life-long learning.

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**KELLY GIBSON**  
**Co-Chair, Programming Committee**

Kelly Gibson has spent over 20-years working with Silicon Valley-based firms responsible for partnerships & market penetration for early-stage software firms in big data, commerce & analytics. Today, she is the Director of Global Alliances for CrossView, specializing in commerce technology solutions with SAP, IBM & Oracle. Kelly received her bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University in 1995. As a local Parker volunteer, Kelly spends her time across multiple organizations. Her roles include Board Member of the Parker Innovation Pavilion, Chair of Parker Arts Family Circle Membership Program, Greater Parker Foundation Board, Founding Member & Chair of the PACE Guild, Chair of Parker Arts New Year's Eve Celebration. Personally, Kelly cherishes her time spent with her husband, John Gibson – President of Swingle Lawn, Tree & Landscape Care, and her two teenage stepdaughters. They enjoy the beach, traveling, friends, hunting, wine and opening their home for events and guests year round.



**ANDREW C. HAWKINS**  
**Vice Chair**

Andrew C. Hawkins, Ph.D., has 18 years of experience in the fields of microbiology, bioprocessing, and biotechnology. He nurtured his passion for the arts early in his life, attending the Pleasant View School for the Arts (Ohio) in middle school, where he studied visual and performing arts, including drama, ballet, and show choir. He went on to major in visual arts at high school, with an emphasis on graphic design and communication. From there, Andrew turned to study science, and earned a B.S. in Biology (Dayton, OH) and a Ph.D. in microbiology (Iowa City, IA). He is currently a Director in Gevo's technology area, with focus on fermentation development and yeast physiology. Andrew has also held positions as Postdoctoral Scholar at the California Institute of Technology and the University of Iowa. Andrew hopes to bring both a creative and logical perspective to the Parker Scientific and Cultural Commission, wants to engage Parker community members, and help others enjoy and appreciate the numerous expressions of human creativity in the Parker community.

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**KATHERINE KENDRICK**  
**Co-Chair, Adult Lecture Series Committee**

Katherine Kendrick is a Colorado licensed attorney who lives in the Town of Parker with her family. She previously worked for a law firm in Minnesota in the fields of securities and anti-trust law. Her passion for the arts started young, and she was active in theatre in high school and college. She has taught technical theatre classes for school aged children, as well as developing shows for that age. Katherine enjoys being involved in city development, and served on city commissions in the past. She received her BA in International Relations at Carleton College in Minnesota, and her JD from Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, OR. While working on her law degree, she clerked for the Oregon Public Utility Commission. She views the arts as essential to the life of the community and is excited to be able to help create opportunities for citizens of Parker to be engaged with the arts and sciences.



**ELIZABETH LAMONIA**  
**Secretary and Chair, Public Art Committee**

Elizabeth Lamonia has worked for Douglas County Libraries since 2007. Currently she is Head of the Youth Services Department at the Parker Library. She is an avid consumer of cultural and arts content of all types, and enjoys visiting arts exhibitions and events throughout the state and while traveling on vacation.

**LANCE MARTIN**  
**Chair, Finance Committee and Co-Chair, Programming Committee**

Lance Martin has worked for Wells Fargo Bank since 2000. He currently serves as Senior Vice President, Regional CFO. Lance lives in Parker with his son Julien.

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**DIANE ROTH**  
**Chair**

As a college intern for the Denver Symphony Orchestra, Diane was planning a career in the business side of the arts. But after being recruited for AT&T's Management Development Program upon graduation from Colorado Women's College (B.A. Liberal Arts Magna Cum Laude), she headed into the telecommunications industry. Diane retired as the Director of Government Affairs for AT&T in Colorado and then worked for six years as a lobbyist at the statehouse before retiring a second time. Her passion for the arts is fueled by her many years of studying piano and dabbling in musical theatre in college. A native Coloradoan and Parker resident for the last 23 years, Diane is excited to be part of the growth of Parker Arts and envisions programming to continue to grow to meet the community's needs and desires. She is also an advocate for life-long learning and sees Parker Arts as having a vital role in that opportunity for citizens of all ages. She is also involved in Parker's Old Town Creative District and is a board member and volunteer at the Parker Task Force.