2015 FPA NexGen Gathering – Continuing Education Pre-Conference Speakers

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Eric continues his private practice he started in 2010, in addition to teaching other courses in the PFP Department and serving as Chairman of the FPA of West Texas.

Prior to his financial planning career, Eric had a brief career in politics, employed at various times on national political campaigns, the staff of then U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, and as an elected city councilman.

Eric (Texas Aggie Class of ’98) and his lovely wife Lisa enjoy living in Lubbock with their twin children and Sadie, their miniature poodle.

Kate Holmes, CFP® is the Founder of Belmore Financial, LLC, a location-independent practice she started on her quest towards living her happiest life. After nearly eight years at an investment advisory firm, where she was a shareholder, she left to launch Belmore as a financial coaching practice that doesn’t manage assets or sell financial products. Kate works with professionals in their 20s-40s, encouraging them to be honest with themselves and what they truly want before diving into the financial side of things. Kate is a writer and speaker and has been featured in media including Forbes, Financial Times, DailyFinance, Investment News and The Seattle Times.

John Salter, CFP®, Ph.D., AIFA® is an Associate Professor of Personal Financial Planning at Texas Tech University. He primarily teaches in the areas of retirement planning and portfolio management. His research interest is in the area of retirement planning and income management, with a recent emphasis in the use of reverse mortgages as a risk management tool. John is also a Partner and Wealth Manager at Evensky & Katz/Foldes Financial Wealth Management in Coral Gables, Florida and Lubbock, Texas.