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The Protective Power of Parental Rights in Securing Justice for Young Girls

THURSDAY
MARCH 12
12:45 PM

Lebanese-American University
211 East 46th Street

OVERVIEW

This event will focus on the vital role of parents as the first and most enduring advocates for their daughters. Aligned with this year's CSW theme, presenters will explore how strong family relationships and parental rights provide a foundation for girls' safety, development, and well-being. Research-based insights will highlight the unique and complementary contributions of mothers and fathers, the importance of stable family environments, and ways communities and institutions can support girls when family relationships are disrupted. This session will feature expert and student presentations, followed by an interactive Q&A.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Spencer James
Professor, Brigham Young University, Sociologist and Demographer, Global family wellbeing researcher. Featured in the New York Times, Atlantic, NPR, Time Magazine, and Oxford University Press.

Dr. Tim Rarick
Professor and Program Director of Marriage & Family Studies at BYU–Idaho. For over a decade, he has consulted with UN diplomats and presented on family policy, fatherhood, child well0being, and sexual exploitation prevention.

Student Presenters
Students from BYU–Idaho and BYU will also be presenting at this event.

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