

Curriculum Vitae: Allan C. Carlson

Born 1949 in Des Moines, Iowa, Carlson received his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Augustana College (1971) and his Ph.D. in Modern European History from The Ohio University (1978). He also received an Honorary Doctorate from the Russian State Social University (2011). He is married to Elizabeth and they have four grown children and eight grandchildren.

From 1975-78, Carlson served as Assistant Director, Governmental Affairs Office, Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. In 1977, he was a Visiting Scholar at the Labor Movement Archive in Stockholm, Sweden and, in 1979, an NEH Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (Washington, DC). Later that year, he became Assistant to the President and Lecturer in History at Gettysburg College (Pennsylvania). In 1981, Carlson became Executive Vice President of The Rockford Institute (Illinois) and editor of *Persuasion at Work*. In 1986, he became Institute President and Publisher of *Chronicles*, *The Family in America*, and *The Religion & Society Report*. In 1988, President Reagan appointed him to the National Commission on Children ("The Rockefeller Commission"), where he played a key role in crafting its 1991 "Final Report," *Beyond Rhetoric*. Carlson served as General Secretary of The World Congress of Families (WCF), held March, 1997, in Prague, The Czech Republic. In October, 1997, he created and became President of The Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society. He served as General Secretary of WCF II, held November, 1999, in Geneva, Switzerland, with 1600 delegates.

During 2001-03, he was a History Team Member of The Pew Foundation/Woodrow Wilson Center project on "the nature of the human person." In 2002-05, Carlson held the additional post of Distinguished Fellow for Family Policy Studies at the Family Research Council (Washington, DC). In 2003 he served on the Intercollegiate Studies Institute Honors Faculty at Oriel College, Oxford University. He was International Secretary for: WCF III, held 2004 in Mexico City, with 3300 delegates; WCF IV, held 2007 in Warsaw, Poland, with 3900 participants; WCF V, held 2009 in Amsterdam, with 1000 delegates; WCF VI, held 2012 in Madrid, Spain, with 2900 in attendance; and WCF VII, held 2013 in Sydney, Australia. Carlson retired as Howard Center President in the Summer of 2015.

He has received research grants from Ohio University, The American Scandinavian Foundation, The National Endowment for the Humanities, The Institute for Educational Affairs, Earhart Foundation, Chiarascuro Foundation, and Fieldstead and Company. During the 2008/13 academic years, Carlson also served as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Politics and History at Hillsdale College in Michigan and as a Visiting Professor at The John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. In 2016 he became The John Howard Distinguished Fellow for Religion, Family & Society of The International Organization for the Family.

Carlson is the author of fourteen books. *Family Questions: Reflections on the American Social Crisis*, was published in 1988 by Transaction Press (Rutgers University). *The University Bookman* calls it "genuinely profound." *The Swedish Experiment in Family Politics: The Myrdals and the Interwar Population Crisis*, came from Transaction in 1990. *Reason* magazine declares it "the social policy book of the year"; IDESIS Press published a Russian translation in 2009. *From Cottage to Work Station: The Family's Search for Social Harmony in the Industrial Age*, appeared from Ignatius Press in 1993. Critic Bill Kauffman labels it "a brave and powerful book: a gimlet-eyed analysis with the force of a jeremiad" (a New Edition entitled *The Family in America* came from Transaction in 2003). *The New Agrarian Mind: The Movement Toward Decentralist Thought in 20th Century America*, appeared from Transaction in 2000. Barry Alan Shain of Colgate University calls it "an important book...deeply learned and finely researched...an excellent piece of intellectual history." A collection of Carlson's essays appeared in Russian translation in 2003, entitled *Society, Family, & Person* and published at Moscow Lomonosov State University. A translation of the same volume into

the Georgian language appeared in 2017. *The 'American Way': Family and Community in the Shaping of the American Identity* came from ISI Books in 2003. James Schall of Georgetown University deems it "the most countercultural book of the year." *Fractured Generations: Crafting a Family Policy for 21st Century America*, appeared from Transaction in 2005; "insightful and provocative...required reading for academics, journalists and policymakers," concludes W. Bradford Wilcox of the University of Virginia. *Conjugal America: On the Public Purposes of Marriage* came from Transaction in 2006. *The Midwest Book Review* labels it "an absolute 'must read'...Highly recommended."

Spence published *The Natural Family: A Manifesto* (co-authored by Paul Mero) in 2007. *Booklist* calls it "perhaps the most succinct, thorough, and impressive pro-family argument yet made" (a paperback edition came from Transaction in 2008). *Third Ways: How Bulgarian Greens, Swedish Housewives, and Beer-Swilling Englishmen Created Family-Centered Economies... And Why They Disappeared* appeared from ISI Books in October 2007. "Remarkable and important.... Friends of liberty everywhere should read this book," says Patrick Deneen of Georgetown University. *Godly Seed: American Evangelicals Confront Birth Control, 1873-1973* was published by Transaction in 2011. "The arguments are hard-hitting and unrelenting," reports Russell Moore of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In early 2014, Transaction also published *The Family Where It Belongs: New Agrarian Essays*. "Carlson's work is simply indispensable," says J.R. Edwards in *Choice* (the book was also named an "Outstanding Academic Title" for 2014 by the American Library Association). His latest book, *Family Cycles: Strength, Decline & Renewal in American Domestic Life, 1630-2000* came from Transaction in May 2016.

Carlson is currently Editor of *The Natural Family: An International Journal of Research and Policy*, Series Editor on "Marriage and Family Studies" for Transaction Publishers-Routledge, and a Senior Editor of *Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity*. His longer essays have appeared as chapters in over 50 anthologies and in *The Washington Post (Outlook Section)*, *Modern Age*, *Journal of Social Issues*, *Society*, *Journal of Law, Ethics, and Public Policy*, *New Oxford Review*, *The San Diego Law Review*, *The Public Interest*, *Regulation*, *The American Enterprise*, *The Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, *The Cresset*, *Family Policy Review*, *The Human Life Review*, *Policy Review*, *The University Bookman*, *Continuity: A Journal of History*, *Dialogue: A Journal of Theology*, *Small Farmers' Journal*, *Marknads Ekonomisk Tidskrift* (Sweden), *The Family in Russia*, *Communio*, *The Chesterton Review*, *Caelum Et Terra*, and other periodicals. He has also written for the *Wall Street Journal*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *USA Today*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Los Angeles Times*, *International Herald-Tribune*, *Detroit News*, *Atlanta Journal*, and *Chicago Tribune*.

Carlson has appeared on the PBS News Hour, NPR ("*Morning Edition*," "*All Things Considered*," "*Talk of the Nation*"), Voice of America, ABC, CBS, and NBC News, MSNBC, CNN, C-SPAN ("Booknotes" and "Book TV"), CBC, BBC television and radio World Service, Korean, Russian, Australian, Czech, Dutch, Turkish, Serbian, and Polish TV, eight PBS productions on family issues, and over 1000 regional radio and television outlets. He is profiled in *Contemporary Authors (2002/07)* and *American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia (2006)*.

Carlson has testified as an expert witness before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Family and Human Services, the U.S. Attorney General's Taskforce on Family Violence, The Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Armed Forces, the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, Swedish, Polish, and Mexican Parliamentarians, United Nations Delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women, and in state and federal courts. He has lectured for The University of Washington-Vancouver, Colgate University, Moscow Lomonosov University, the Family Policy Ministers of the European Union, St. Benet's Hall-Oxford University, City-University (Sweden), Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, Grove City College, University of Wisconsin, The North American College (the Vatican), Wabash College, Hastings College, Brigham Young University, Georgetown University, The Swedish Employers

Federation, The Children's Defense Fund, The Kellogg Foundation, the North American Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, The Australian Family Association, The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, and The Civic Institute (Czech Republic). He has prepared commissioned research papers for the Institute of Medicine--National Academy of Sciences and the U.S. Department of Education, and has consulted for the U.S. Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services.

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