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Speaker Biographies

Brian Somers

Brian Somers joined the Utah Mining Association (UMA) as its president in 2019. Mr. Somers has over 20 years of extensive experience in legislative affairs, strategic communications, and executive leadership.

Prior to UMA, he led the Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative (USTAR) as its managing director. He also served as the deputy director of the Utah Department of Heritage & Arts, on the communications staff of Governor Gary R. Herbert, and in various strategic communications roles in the private sector.

Luke Gromen

Luke Gromen has over 25 years of experience in equity research, equity research sales, and as a macro/thematic analyst. He is the founder and president of macro/thematic research firm FFTT, LLC, which he founded in early 2014 to address and leverage the opportunity he saw created by applying what clients and former colleagues consistently described as a “unique ability to connect the dots” during a time when he saw an increasing “silo-ing” of perspectives occurring on Wall Street and in corporate America. FFTT caters to institutions and sophisticated individuals by aggregating a wide variety of macroeconomic, thematic and sector trends in an unconventional manner to identify investable developing economic bottlenecks for his clients.

Prior to founding FFTT, Luke was a founding partner of Cleveland Research Company, where he worked from 2006-14. At CRC, Luke worked in sales and edited CRC’s flagship weekly thematic research summary piece (“Straight from the Source”) for the firm’s clients.

Prior to that, Luke was a partner at Midwest Research, where he worked in equity research and sales from 1996-2006. While in sales, Luke was a founding editor of Midwest’s widely-read weekly thematic summary (“Heard in the Midwest”) for the firm’s clients, in which he aggregated and combined proprietary research from Midwest with inputs from other sources.

Luke Gromen holds a BBA in Finance and Accounting from the University of Cincinnati and received his MBA from Case Western Reserve University. He earned the CFA designation in 2003.

Kevin Freeman

Kevin D. Freeman, CFA, is the host of a weekly television program, Economic War Room with Kevin Freeman. This program exposes and explains how economic events are delicately intertwined with our nation's security, all from a Judeo-Christian worldview. The program airs on BlazeTV. It's purpose is to help Americans weaponize their money to defend Liberty, Security, and Values.

Kevin is considered one of the world's leading experts on the issues of Economic Warfare and Financial Terrorism, serving as a Pentagon consultant following the 2008 stock market crash. As such, he has consulted for and briefed members of both the U.S. House and Senate, the HASC, present and past DIA, CIA FBI, SEC, Homeland Security, DARPA, IARPA, ONA, the Naval War College, the Naval Postgraduate School, the Justice Department, as well as local and state law enforcement. His research has been presented in critical DoD studies presented to the Secretary of Defense.

Kevin wrote a business plan for Sir John Templeton in 1990 and helped build the Templeton Private Client Group from inception, ultimately leading the firm as Senior Managing Director. Under his leadership, the firm raised and managed nearly \$2.5 billion of global investments. He left Templeton in 2000 and started his own investment management and consulting firm which operates under Freeman Global Holdings.

Kevin's latest book, Pirate Money: Discovering the Founders' Hidden Plan for Economic Justice and Defeating the Great Reset is released August 2023. His previous bestselling books include According to Plan: The Elites' Secret Plan to Sabotage America (Amazon bestseller); Secret Weapon: How Economic Terrorism took Down the U.S. Stock Market and Why It Could Happen Again (NY Times bestseller) and Game Plan: How to Protect Yourself From the Coming Cyber-Economic Attack (Amazon bestseller). Kevin currently authors the Global Economic Warfare Blog.

Kevin is also Vice Chairman of Galectin Therapeutics (NASDAQ: GALT), a biotechnology company focused on discovery and development of novel therapeutics for Galectin-related diseases. Other directors include Chairman Richard Uihlein (co-founder of Uline, Inc.) and Gil Amelio (former Chairman and CEO of Apple Computer and former Lead Director for AT&T). The company is currently in an adaptively designed Phase 2b/3 clinical trial for NASH Cirrhosis.

Kevin is Founder of the NSIC Institute; a Care Pastor at Gateway Church in Southlake, Texas (along with his wife Marnie); Speaker of the Cherokee Community of North Texas; a Senior Fellow at the Center for Security Policy; former Contributing Editor to Tactics and Preparedness magazine; Trustee at Oklahoma Wesleyan University; and a member of the Advisory Board of First Liberty Institute.