KCWC 2021 Agent, Editor, and Publisher Q & A Panel

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Michelle Medlock Adams is a best-selling author and an award-winning journalist, earning top honors from the Associated Press, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Hoosier State Press Association.

Author of over 100 books with more than 4 million books sold, Michelle is also a New York Times Bestselling ghostwriter and has won more than 70 industry awards for her journalistic endeavors, including the prestigious Golden Scroll for Best Children's Book in 2020, 2019 and 2018 for *How Much Does God Love You?*, *Dinosaur Devotions*, and *My First Day of School*. And, over the past three years, she has added several first place honors from the Christian Market Book Awards, the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards, and the Illumination Book Awards.

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After thirteen years working in professional project management and marketing, Misty uses her experience in the corporate world to develop best practices in her writing and book marketing efforts. It is her passion to help other authors on this journey.

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Gregg Bridgeman – Editor-in-Chief, Olivia Kimbrell Press



Gregg Bridgeman is the Editor-in-Chief at Olivia Kimbrell Press. He is husband to best-selling Christian author Hallee Bridgeman and parent to three. He continues to proudly serve in the US Armed Forces and has done so in either an active or reserve capacity for more than twenty years as an Airborne and Air Assault qualified paratrooper, earning a Bronze Star for his service. Most importantly, he was ordained in October of 2001 after surrendering his life to Christ decades earlier.

Dan Brownell - Editor, Today's Christian Living and Today's Pastor



Dan Brownell, editor of Today's Christian Living and Today's Pastor, is a graduate of Liberty University with a bachelor's degree in English. He taught junior high and high school English at an international Christian school in Uijongbu, South Korea, before entering the publishing field. Besides editing magazines, he has worked as an educational test writer and editor, copywriter, proposal writer, book editor, and book acquisitions editor. He is married to his sweetheart, Cathy, whom he met in college, and they have two adult children.

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Victoria Duerstock - Founder and Publisher, End Game Press



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Linda Glaz – Literary Agent, Hartline Literary Agency



Linda S. Glaz, married with three grown children and four grandchildren, is a complete triple-A personality. How else would she find time to write as well as be an agent for Hartline Literary Agency? She loves any and every thing about the written word and loves when families pass stories along through the generations as her mother did with her. She's a speaker, presenter, and searches her emails each day to find that one nugget of gold just "ready" for a publisher—writing so stellar and from a teachable spirit that no one would dare say no. What more could she ask for?

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