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2014 Speaker Bios



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Michael founded Financial Life Focus to put client success and life balance in the forefront of his practice. He studied with life planning pioneers Carol Anderson and George Kinder. Inspired by what he learned, he explored and tested new methodologies, adopted those he considered to be the best and created a paradigm shift in his own practice.

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Maureen brings personal focus to the complex and sensitive estate planning process. With over thirty years of experience and education, she provides peace of mind for her clients as they navigate the complex rules that govern wills and trusts.

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Nancy Ross, LCSW

Over the years, I've been trained in a number of therapeutic approaches but whether it's cognitive-behavioral, interpersonal, communication skills/problem-solving, family systems/work systems, hypnosis or mindfulness, I believe that the most important part of coaching and counseling is making sure that whatever approach is used, it fits the needs of the individual, couple or family.

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Dave earned a doctorate in finance at Golden Gate University and an M.A. in Economics from the University of San Francisco. He co-authored with Elissa Buie, CFP, "Policy-Based Financial Planning Provides Touchstone in a Turbulent World", which was published in *The Journal of Financial Planning*. Buie and Yeske's most recent paper, "Evidence-Based Financial Planning: To Learn . . . Like a CFP" appeared in the November 2011 issue of the Journal.

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Roberta has helped hundreds of people get a grip on their finances, explaining skills and routines that clients can use to cut expenses, pay off debt and increase retirement savings. "For me this whole financial- planning thing is teaching skills," said Lee-Driscoll. "My favorite line is 'I'm not your mother, I'm not your fairy godmother. I am a financial planner.' "

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