

ROB EATON



Rob Eaton was grew up in Auburn, Washington, and served a mission in Germany. He received his bachelor's degree from BYU in international relations, where he worked as a teaching or research assistant to Stan Taylor, David Magleby, Noel Reynolds, Gary Bryner, and John Welch. After graduating in 1987 he taught Political Science 200 for a year before heading to Stanford Law School, where he was named to the Order of the Coif and the Outstanding Speaker in Stanford's Moot Court Competition. He was a litigator at a large Seattle firm for a year and half before becoming associate general counsel at Regence Blue Shield, the largest health insurer in Washington, where he was heavily involved in regulatory matters. He was promoted to the position of vice president of systems consolidation for The Regence Group, which has Blue Cross or Blue Shield companies in Washington, Oregon, Utah, and Idaho, where he faked being an executive for three years.

In 2001, he left the legal and corporate world to teach institute and seminary full-time. He joined the Religious Education faculty at BYU-Idaho in June of 2004. At BYU-Idaho he served on the Foundations Oversight Committee that overhauled General Education. For two years he led a team that created one of the new General Education courses, *Global Hotspot: Pakistan at the Crossroads of Conflict*. Since October 2009, he has served as Associate Academic Vice President for Academic Development, overseeing online learning programs.

Rob and his wife, Dianne, have four children. He's the author of the four books for the LDS audience. Politically, he's been a disappointing failure, relying primarily on watching *The West Wing* to scratch his political itch.