



Patricia Quijano-Dark

Patricia Quijano Dark is the Executive Director of the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She is also one of the proud founders of Dual Immersion Academy (DIA)—Salt Lake City’s first dual immersion elementary school. Patricia is a journalist by trade, and prior to joining the Hispanic chamber of commerce, she lived in Buenos Aires for 12 years where she was new project editor for *Clarín*, the world’s largest Spanish language newspaper. She also lived in England for many years, where she worked on publications like *Marie Claire* and *Homes & Gardens*.

She actively serves on numerous boards and organizations, including South Valley Sanctuary, Sealants for Smiles, LUNA (Latinas of Utah Network Association), Utah Hispanic Business Leadership Foundation, SOMOS, (Development of scholarship for Latino students), V-ME (The Spanish language programming of the US Public Broadcast System) Advisory board member, Utah Immigration Policy Coalition and the Wells Fargo Bank community advisory board.

A native New Yorker, graduate of Columbia University and daughter of an Argentine diplomat, Patricia loves to travel and spend time with her British husband, journalist Stephen Dark, and her two young Argentine daughters, Elizabeth and Kathryn, who attend DIA.

What made you pursue the career that you have chosen?

“I chose to go into journalism because it was a way to satisfy my natural curiosity—what better than to get paid for asking questions. My move into the non-profit world was a natural one born out of my desire to encourage members of the Latino community to strive for excellence.”