

Call for Papers—Salt Lake Sunstone Symposium 4-7 August 2010

The Salt Lake Sunstone symposium is an annual gathering of Latter-day Saints, scholars, and others interested in the diversity and richness of Mormon thought and experience and who enjoy pondering the past, present, and future of Mormon Studies.

The Sunstone Symposium is based upon the principles of an open forum and the trust that the cause of truth and the community of Saints are best served by free and frank exploration and discussion. Sunstone welcomes proposals for this year's event, expecting that all participants will approach every issue—no matter how difficult—with intelligence and good will.

FORMATS: Sessions may be scholarly papers, panel discussions, interviews, personal essays, sermons, dramatic performances, literary readings, debates, comedy routines, short films, art displays, or musical presentations.

TOPICS. Sunstone celebrates its 35th birthday in 2010!

We plan to celebrate this milestone by inviting session proposals on Sunstone's history, Sunstone's role in people's lives, and its contributions to the growing field of Mormon Studies.

The theme of this year's Salt Lake Symposium is: *Reflections on Maturing Faith.* Given Sunstone's 35th birthday, it seems fitting to take stock of our growth and progress as an organization and incorporate reflections from Sunstone participants as well—whether you've been along for the whole ride or joined us more recently.

We especially encourage proposals that focus on Sunstone's history and this year's theme, *Reflections on Maturing Faith*. What distinguishes a youthful faith from a maturing faith? How do we become spiritually and religiously mature? What characterizes a maturing faith? How do our focus and priorities change as we mature? How does Church participation fit in? How can Church auxiliaries and programs help (or hinder?) our striving for a maturing faith? How does a mature faith find expression—outward acts, inner observance, and in the larger community? As our faith matures, how do we live in alignment with our new or deeper understanding?

We also welcome reflections on other topics and their intersection with Mormonism—as well as studies of historical and contemporary events and figures, news in the Mormon world, online communities, theological explorations, and Mormon cultural studies.

SUBMITTING PROPOSALS: To receive first-round consideration, proposals should be received by **1 May 2010**.

Incomplete proposals or proposals submitted after the deadline will be considered on a time/space-available basis. Sessions will be reviewed by committee and accepted according to standards of excellence in scholarship, thought, and expression.

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ALL PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE:

- Session title
- One-hundred word abstract/description
- Name, brief bio or vita, and contact information for all proposed presenters
- A list of any audio/visual equipment needs (or indicate no AV needed)
- A brief summary of the topic's relevance and importance to Mormon Studies
- If possible, please include a preliminary draft

SUBMIT PROPOSALS BY **1 MAY 2010** TO: Symposium Director Mary Ellen Robertson mary.ellen@sunstonemagazine.com

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Enjoy the convenience of staying at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, the site of this year's symposium.

NOTE: This year's Salt Lake Symposium is scheduled against the Outdoor Retailer's convention. Sleeping rooms fill up quickly all over Salt Lake City, so be sure to book early.

Call (801) 401-2000 and ask for IN-HOUSE reservations to book your room at the Sheraton Salt Lake City and receive the discounted room rate. Rates are \$110 (single), \$120 (double), \$137 (triple), \$147 (quad) per night plus tax. To guarantee these prices, ask for the SUNSTONE FOUNDATION 2010 group rate.

Sheraton reservations must be made by **5 July 2010**. You may also call the national reservations line toll-free (888) 627-8152 to book your Sheraton room. Hotel parking is complimentary. Sheraton Salt Lake City is located at 150 West 500 South.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Sunstone needs volunteer office help in June and July—especially during the weeks leading up to the symposium. If you can lend us just an hour or two to help with symposium tasks, it would make a big difference!

During the symposium, we also need help staffing registration and sales tables, taking tickets, and assisting with our audio recordings. Volunteer hours may be redeemed for free session tickets and recordings, back issues of the magazine, or lengthened subscriptions. If you can help, please call the Sunstone office (801) 355-5926.