

## Sunstone Education Foundation presents its annual symposium

**4-7 August 2010 at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, 150 West 500 South**

Symposium theme:

### REFLECTIONS ON MATURING FAITH

This year SUNSTONE magazine celebrates thirty-five years of publishing. Reaching this milestone inspired this year's symposium theme, *Reflections on Maturing Faith*, and we encouraged presenters to reflect on and ponder what a maturing faith means in belief and practice.

Since 1979, the annual Salt Lake Sunstone Symposium has been the place for scholars, theologians, and Mormon watchers to share their research and ideas. Under the motto "Faith Seeking Understanding," the Sunstone Symposium hosts presentations, panels, and discussions examining the Mormon experience.

#### **Wednesday 4 August 2010 FREE Opening Lecture**

Sunstone is pleased to announce this year's Smith-Pettit lecture, "**The Fate of New Religious Movements When They Are No Longer New.**" Our speakers, **Dr. Jan Shipps**, professor emerita of history and religious studies in the School of Liberal Arts at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, and **Dr. Jon Butler**, the Howard R. Lamar professor of American History at Yale University, will engage in a spirited dialogue about New Religious Movements in the U.S. and what forces cause them to grow, thrive, or die. Dr. Philip Barlow, Arrington Chair of Mormon History and Culture at Utah State University, will moderate the discussion. This event is FREE and open to the public, Wednesday 4 August 2010 at 8:00 pm in the Canyons Ballroom at the Sheraton.

#### **Workshop Sessions, Wednesday 4 August 2010**

##### Morning workshop sessions 9:00 am – 12:30 p.m.

- W1. Navigating an LDS faith crisis, with John Dehlin
- W2. Just what is a personal essay? with Phyllis Barber
- W3. Yoga Asana, with Brent Corcoran + Using Essential Oils, with Amy Clark

##### Afternoon workshops, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

- W4. Navigating marriage when one of you loses an LDS testimony, with John Dehlin
- W5. The Enduring Principles: The Personality of the Community of Christ, with Susan Skoor
- W6. Meditation for Mormons, with John Kesler

Workshops require separate registration: \$25 for one workshop; \$40 for two workshops or the full-day session. See the SUNSTONE website for registration details: [www.sunstonemagazine.com](http://www.sunstonemagazine.com)

## Evening Plenary Sessions—all begin at 8:00 pm in the Sheraton Canyons Ballroom

**Thursday 5 August 2010** *Double Feature: Performances by Sister Dottie S. Dixon and Mr. Deity.* Salt Lake City's own **Sister Dottie S. Dixon** performs excerpts from her award-winning one-woman show, *The Passion of Sister Dottie S. Dixon*. Afterward, we'll be graced by the presence of **Mr. Deity**, of the Internet webshow/podcast <http://www.mrdeity.com>, which offers a humorous (and slightly irreverent) look at the day-to-day operations of the universe and the "Big Man" in charge.

**Friday 6 August 2010** "Pillars of My Faith." Hear playwright **Eric Samuelson** and blogger **Tracy McKay** share the events and concepts that animate their spiritual lives.

**Saturday 7 August 2010** Banquet session. Following a delicious meal, we will enjoy a presentation on *LDS Women in the Twentieth Century: Witnesses to a Changing Church*, featuring Claudia Bushman, Mormon Studies students Lisa T. Clayton, Lauren Kennard, Bethany Saunders, and Caroline Kline, and their findings from the Claremont Oral History Project documenting the lives of Mormon women. (The banquet requires separate registration of \$40.00. There is no "lecture only" admission to the banquet.)

Concurrent sessions begin Thursday 5 August and run through Saturday 7 August 2010. Selected session titles and topics this year include:

- Glenn Beck: Likely Mormon or Unlikely Mormon?
- The Cost of Discipleship: Thoughts on What It Means to Be a Mature Believer
- *Trouble in Zion*, A Documentary
- Gay and Mormon on the Stage and Screen
- Responses to the Documentary 8: *The Mormon Proposition*
- The Descent of Dissent: Or, On the Origin of Speciousness
- Are We Moving Toward Wholeness? Women and the Feminine in Mormonism
- Changes in the Gospel Principles Manual from 1979 to 2009
- Line Upon Line: How the New Personal Progress/Duty to God Programs Are Defining Tomorrow's Leaders
- Is the Afghanistan War Just?: A Book of Mormon Approach
- Bella's Body: Physicality, Mortality Spirituality and Desire
- Eugene England's Calculated Risk: The Struggle for Academic Freedom and Religious Dialogue
- Relief Society and the Invisible Hand of Patriarchy
- From "Systems of Beliefs" to "Way of Life": Fifty Years of Transformation in the Community of Christ
- Studies of Twentieth-Century Utah Mormon Sects
- Toward a Mormon Theological Justification for Environmental Activism
- Mormonism and Radical Politics
- Same-Gender Marriage & Religious Freedom: A Call to Quiet Conversations and Public Debates
- "Those Members of the Body Which Seem to be More Feeble...are Necessary": Placing Disability at the Heart of Zion
- Joseph Smith's Personal Polygamy
- Men and the Priesthood: Taking on the Feminine
- *Peculiar Portrayals: Mormons on the Page, Stage and Screen*
- Toward an LDS Account of Physician-Assisted Suicide
- From Seer Stone to Trifocals: A Church's Journey with Scripture
- Mormon Stay-at-home Dads
- Eternal Perdition? Bureaucratic Limbo? The Theological Ramifications of Excommunication
- In Memoriam: Linda Sillitoe and other SUNSTONE friends who have passed away
- *Persistence of Polygamy: A Mormon Anthology*
- Sacred Secrecy in the Teachings of President Boyd K. Packer
- *and much, much more!*

Visit our website for information, updates, or to see a copy of the preliminary program:

<https://www.sunstonemagazine.com/symposium.html>

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