Gathering

Continue your symposium-inspired conversations at the after party hosted by Wendy and Scott Reynolds. Make your way to 15125 78th Ave NE in Kenmore, WA 98028. If you need directions, call (425) 485 2977 or email wendysmail@comcast.net.

We’ll provide pizza and drinks. Bring goodies to share if you can. Please RSVP to Wendy or Mary Ellen so we’ll know how much food to order.

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER, PORTLAND, OR 5:30-8:30 PM

Event

Our Portland event begins at 5:30 pm Sunday 23 October 2011 at the home of Merrill and Shauna Watts, 538 SE 62nd Ave, PORTLAND, OR 97215.

Overflow parking will be available at the United Methodist Church located at 6161 SE Stark Street.

Please RSVP to the Sunstone office if you plan to attend: 801.355-5926 or SunstoneME@gmail.com.

We are not charging admission but would appreciate a $5 donation per person to help cover travel expenses for the speakers. You can make this donation at the door or via the pre-registration link on Sunstone’s website.

Speakers

6:00-7:00 pm DR. MICHAEL J. STEVENS will discuss his research findings in “Passive Aggression Among the Latter-day Saints: Evidence from the Wasatch Front.”

7:00-7:30 pm Live music including jazzed up versions of favorite Primary songs.

7:30-8:30 pm DR. RICHARD V. FRANCAVIGLIA will discuss “Orientalism and the Mormon Experience,” exploring how and why Latter-day Saints were “Orientalized” to become a distinctive and exotic people in America.

Chair MARY ELLEN ROBERTSON

WARMEST THANKS: We’re grateful to volunteers who have helped with the program, enlisted session chairs, lent us a great venue in Bellevue, opened their homes, provided delicious treats, and spread the word about the symposium.

Special thanks to: JON ANDERTON, SKYE ENGSTROM, JON HASTINGS, KEVIN KELLY and MULVANNY G2 ARCHITECTURE, JANEANNE PETERSON, WENDY & SCOTT REYNOLDS, and MERRILL and SHAUNA WATTS.

Thank you to this year’s presenters for having interesting and thoughtful things to say. Last, thank you to our great group of attendees in the Pacific Northwest! We appreciate your support of Sunstone Northwest every year, and we look forward to seeing you in the years ahead!

PleasE VISIT THE MERCHANDISE TABLE
TO BROWSE AND PURCHASE THE LATEST BOOKS
AND SUNSTONE MAGAZINES!
1. Title DOING JUSTLY, LOVING MERCY, AND WALKING HUMBLY WITH GOD: LIVING IN THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY AS A BELIEVING LATTER-DAY SAINT

Panelists JENNE ALDERKS, M.Ed, converted from Unitarian Universalist, women’s service mission director for LDS WAVE (Women Advocating Voice and Equality), blogger at Mother Wheel: LDS Families Celebrating the Seasons, and panelist on Daughters of Mormonism.

SARA K.S. HANKS lives in Renton, WA and grew up in southwest Utah. She works with secondhand clothes for a living, teaches Relief Society in her ward, and is the happy co-caretaker of a cat named Walter.

NATALIE HAMILTON KELLY is married with two feline children and a low-wage job. She graduated with a BA from the University of Pennsylvania. She currently writes for FEMINISTMORMONHOUSEWIVES.ORG.

Chair TO BE ANNOUNCED

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2. Title PASSIVE AGGRESSION AMONG THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS: EVIDENCE FROM THE WASATCH FRONT

Abstract Passive aggression is one of at least five possible responses to conflict. Research shows it’s generally a poor strategy, and it is also less common among the US population at large. However, for Latter-day Saints born and raised along the Wasatch Front, the passive aggressive response appears to occur at a rate two to three times higher than the national average. This paper will present data on this phenomenon and discuss the most likely causal forces at work.

Panelists MAXINE HANKS, feminist theologian, guest lecturer on women's studies in religion (UoU, UVU, SLCC), interfaith chaplain at Holy Cross Chapel in Salt Lake City.

Chair DUWARD BROWN

3. Title PANEL: LIVING OUR RELIGION—FEMINIST THEOLOGY IN PRACTICE

Abstract While explorations in feminist theology are a growing area of interest in Mormon studies, some women wonder how best to incorporate feminist theology and theory into daily practice. Panelists will discuss and share some ways LDS women are applying feminist theology in their spiritual lives, in their families, in their wards and stakes, and in their larger communities.

Panelists MARY ELLEN ROBERTSON has an MA in women’s studies in religion from Claremont Graduate University and wrote a short essay about Chieko for SUNSTONE.

Chair TO BE ANNOUNCED

4. Title PSYCHOBIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH SMITH: TWO SECULAR VIEWS UNITED

Abstract More than a decade ago, each of us independently published a psychobiographical study of Joseph Smith, using contemporary models of behavioral science to provide alternative explanations to the mystical narrative that is the foundation of Mormonism. In this session, we update our findings and further clarify our understandings of Smith’s psychological profile as expressed in his writings and behavior.

Panelists DR. ROBERT D. ANDERSON is a semi-retired psychiatrist and the author of Inside the Mind of Joseph Smith: Psychobiography and the Book of Mormon.

DR. WILLIAM MORAIN is a retired professor of plastic surgery and author of The Sword of Laban: Joseph Smith Jr. and the Dissociated Mind.

Chair TO BE ANNOUNCED

5. Title THE LIFE AND WORK OF CHIEKO OKAZAKI

Abstract Many LDS women mourned the August 2011 passing of former General Relief Society president, Chieko Okazaki. Chieko’s visual arts, lively writing, authoritative speaking style, and fearless approach to tackling difficult issues such as abuse made her a well-known and much-beloved leader during her tenure from 1990 to 1997. Join us as we celebrate her life, her wisdom, and the impact of her work on LDS women. After listed speakers share short prepared remarks, the audience is welcome to share their experiences.

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6. Title PANEL: THE ROLE OF DISSERTANT IN THE LDS COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Abstract Edited by Philip Lindholm, Latter-day Dissent: At the Crossroads of Intellectual Inquiry and Ecclesiastical Authority collects stories from high-profile LDS dissenters, including the “September Six,” a group of intellectuals excommunicated or disfellowshipped from the LDS Church in 1993. The interviews illustrate the tension that often exists between the Church and its intellectual critics and highlights the difficulty of accommodating congregational diversity while maintaining doctrinal unity—a difficulty that hearkens back to early Christianity.

Panelists will discuss Latter-day Dissent and expand the conversation to include the history, the role, and the impact of dissent in the LDS community and beyond.

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"The Open Road" was co-edited by Philip Lindholm, a former overseas Moroni volunteer, and former U of U political science professor Philip E. Peckham. The Open Road is the follow-up to the best-selling book, The Trouble on the Open Road: A 1980s Journey Across America. The book contains 18 new stories by LDS dissenters, including four new stories from Philip Lindholm, and the 1989-91 original story, written while he was a traveling missionary. The book also contains a foreword by David McKay Smith, who was president of the University of Utah from 1969 to 1986, and served on the U of U Board of Trustees from 1977 to 1995. Smith is a former president of the Mormon History Association, and former executive editor of Mormontics, the LDS church history journal.