**SUNSTONE Lecture Series Presents:**

**Saturday March 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the University of Utah**

**Matthew Bowman, Ph.D.**



**“Eternal Progression: Mormonism and American Progressivism”**

**How did Mormons enter the twentieth century?  How did the frontier church of Brigham Young become the polished, all-American faith of contemporary America?  This presentation will explore the transformation of Mormonism in the early twentieth century, arguing that the Mormons found a place for themselves in American life by recognizing it itself the ideals of the classic American progressive movement: optimism about humanity's future, confidence in human potential, and faith in the power of organization to accomplish the fullest possibilities of what human society might become.**

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