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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

QUICK! ...Papers on Mormon topics are needed for the Spring conference of the Pacific Sociological Association, which will meet April 13-16 at the Nugget Hotel in Reno (Sparks), Nevada. As usual in recent years, one of the sessions will be co-sponsored by SSSML. That session is being organized by our president, Don Lindsey (Department of Criminal Justice, California State University, San Bernardino, CA 92407). Don needs a few good papers to constitute our session, but here is the rub: Proposals for papers are supposed to be submitted by DECEMBER 15, 1988, according to the PSA schedule, which is more or less immediately. Note, though, that only PROPOSALS have to be done by then, and Don may have a little leeway in enforcing the schedule. If you have something in the works on a Mormon topic, from the perspective of ANY of the social sciences, let Don know right away, and he can negotiate with you the timing and arrangements for the final paper. Contact him at the above address, or PHONE him at 714/887-7253 (or leave a message

Sunstone West is scheduled to meet with (as) the San Francisco Bay Area Symposium in early March, 1989. We don't have the exact dates. Inquiries and proposals for papers can be submitted to Lorie Winder Stromberg, 9028 Hargis Street, Los Angeles, CA 90034.

The Western Regional Meeting of the *Conference on Christianity and Literature* will take place on May 5-6, 1989, at Santa Clara University in the Bay Area. Papers proposed for the program should be submitted by January 1st to John C. Hawley, S.J., Department of English, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053 (to whom other inquiries about the meeting should also be directed). Papers on the relationship between literature (all genres) and the Judaeo-Christian tradition are welcome.

The *Mormon History Association* will meet next Spring (May 11-14, 1989) in Quincy, Illinois (near Nauvoo and Carthage). Information about the program and other arrangements can be obtained from the Program Chair, Roger D. Launius, 1001 East Cedar St., New Baden, IL 62265.

The *Association for the Sociology of Religion* will meet next summer with the American Sociological Association, as usual. The dates are

August 7-9, 1989, and the place is San Francisco. Proposals and/or abstracts for papers must be submitted by February 1st to the ASR Program Chair, Professor Roger Finke, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Loyola University, 6525 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626. Completed papers are not due until July. Contact Professor Finke for more information on the arrangements. He may be able to put together a special session on Mormon topics.

The Eleventh Annual Sunstone Symposium will be held as usual in Salt Lake City also during August, 1989, but we don't have any more details at the moment. Contact Sunstone at 331 South Rio Grande, Suite 30, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1136, for more information. As usual, *SSSML* will probably co-sponsor one of the Sunstone panels, and we may also have our official annual business meeting for *SSSML* at that time.

The truly big event for 1989, however, will be the joint meetings of the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* and the *Religious Research Association*, October 27-29, 1989, at the Marriott Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah! This unprecedented gathering of the nation's principal social scientists of religion in the heartland of the Saints is a once-in-a-lifetime event. Several of the sessions will be devoted to Mormon topics, and by authors of not only Mormon background. This is a great opportunity for scholars from any of the social science disciplines to get a large and attentive audience for their work on Mormons. It is an unusual opportunity also for Mormon studies "buffs" of all kinds (whether scholars or not), especially if they live in the Mountain West, to have easy access to such a gathering.

Proposals for papers should be submitted by January 15th, abstracts by March 15th, and completed papers by September 15th. Submissions for SSSR sessions should go to Arthur L. Greil, Division of Social Sciences, Alfred University, Box 545, Alfred, New York 14802. Submissions for RRA sessions should go to Marjorie Royle, United Church Board for

Homeland Ministries, 132 West 31st Street, New York, NY 10001. (It doesn't matter to which organization papers are submitted; the two program chairpersons work together). Information about registration for the conference can be obtained by writing to Lorraine D'Antonio, Business Manager, SSSR/RRA, Marist Hall Room 108, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064. More information about this important forthcoming conference will appear in subsequent issues of this Newsletter. Stay tuned. And don't miss this outstanding conference.

RECENT CONFERENCES

Since the last issue of this Newsletter, the only conference of likely interest to our readers was the 1988 joint conference of the SSSR and RRA, the same organizations which are meeting next year in Salt Lake City. This year they met in Chicago. As indicated in the previous Newsletter, there were not many papers presented this year on Mormon-related topics, but there were a few :

1. "Images of God and Images of Family among Feminist Mormons," by Marie Cornwall and Carmel Parker White (Sociology, BYU, Provo 84602).
2. "Routine Revivals: The Mythical Burned-Over District" by Rodney Stark (Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle 98195).
3. "Abuse and Religion: When Praying Isn't Enough," by Ann Horton (Social Work, BYU, Provo 84602).

Copies of these papers can be obtained from their respective authors at the addresses indicated.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual SSSML Lectureship, co-sponsored by BYU, will be awarded again next Spring. (See the previous issue of this Newsletter). If you have a nomination for this lectureship (yourself included!), please notify Tim Heaton

IMMEDIATELY (Sociology, BYU, Provo 84602).

Attached at the end of this Newsletter is a tear-off sheet that we hope everyone will return. It has two main purposes: (1) Renewal of your SSSML membership, to be accompanied by your 1989 dues (\$3.00), and 1988 dues, too, if they have not been paid; and (2) encouragement of news items about yourself and/or your colleagues who may be involved in Mormon studies. We would like to give appropriate publicity in this Newsletter to noteworthy events in the lives of our members: recent publications, lectures, or presentations on Mormon studies; recent appointments or honors; career moves and address changes; etc., etc. don't be bashful. If you don't tell us about yourself, we will probably never find out. In any case, please return the tear-off sheet with your dues and your current address, so that at least our membership roster can remain current.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- Marvin S. Hill, *Quest for Refuge: The Mormon Flight from American Pluralism*. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1989.
- Rick Grunder, *Mormon Parallels: A Preliminary Annotated Bibliography*. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1989.
- Larry M. Logue, *A Sermon in the Desert: Belief and Behavior in Early St. George*. University of Illinois Press, 1988.
- Eugenie England, *The Best of Lowell Bennion*. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1988.
- Lowell L. Bennion, *Do Justly and Love Mercy: Moral Issues for Mormons*. Salt Lake City: Canon (through Signature Books), 1988.
- Richard D. Poll, *History and Faith: Reflections of a Mormon Historian*. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1989.

ARTICLES

There were no articles on Mormon topics in the most recent issues available of the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, the *Review of Religious Research*, or *Sociological Analysis*. However, the final issues of those three journals for 1988 are not out yet, as we go to press. We'll get relevant articles from them cited (if any) in the next issue of this Newsletter. The same is true for *Dialogue*, the final 1988 issue of which (Winter) is due out momentarily. There has been one issue of *Sunstone* since our last Newsletter (Issue #65, ostensibly May, 1988). From its contents, we recommend:

- Eugene England, "On Saving the Constitution, Or Why Some Utah Mormons Should Become Democrats" (an intriguing recommendation, well argued).
- Richard D. Poll, "Dealing with Dissonance: Myths, Documents, and Faith."
- Ronald G. Kershaw, "AIDS, Leprosy, and Disease: The Christian Response."
- Dorice Williams Elliott, "Cultural Dogmas vs. Universal Truths."

From *BYU Studies* 27:4 (Fall, 1987):

- Edward L. Kimball, "The Artist and the Forger: Hans van Meegeren and Mark Hofmann."
- Genevieve DeHoyos and Arturo DeHoyos, "The Search for Virtus et Veritas through an Inspired Scientific Method."
- Several reviews, mostly quite critical, of D. Michael Quinn's *Early Mormonism and the Magic World View*.
- Scott H. Duvall, "Mormon Bibliography, 1986," a very thorough collection, which appears annually in *BYU Studies*.

(The latest, issue out of *BYU Studies*, 28:1, Winter, 1988, does not seem to have anything of likely relevance to the SSSML focus).

MISCELLANEOUS

Thanks to the extensive bibliography by Duvall in *BYU Studies*, mentioned just above, we are informed about some fairly recent social science publications on Mormon studies that we have not previously noticed:

- Bahr, Howard M. and Renata Tonks Forste, "Toward a Social Science of Contemporary Mormondom." *BYU Studies* 26 (Winter, 1986), with comment and assessment by Jon P. Alston and reply by Bahr and Forste.
- J. Kenneth Davies, "Mormonism and the Socio-Economic Order." *International Journal of Social Economics* 13 (April, 1986).
- Dyer, William G. and Phillip R. Kunz, "Successful Mormon Families." *AMCAP Journal* 12 (1986): 73-87.
- Goodman, Kristen L. and Tim B. Heaton, "LDS Church Members in the US and Canada: A Demographic Profile." *AMCAP Journal* 12 (1986): 88-107.

(NOTE: "AMCAP" = Association of Mormon Counselors and Psychotherapists).

Jorde, L.B. and P. Durbize, "Opportunity for Natural Selection in the Utah Mormons." *Human Biology* 58 (Feb. 1986).

Kearl, J.R. and Clayne Pope, "Wealth Mobility: The Missing Element." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 13 (1983): 461-88.

Presley, Sharon, Joanne Weaver, and Bradford Weaver, "Traditional and Non-Traditional Mormon Women : Political Attitudes and Socialization." *Women and Politics* 5 (Winter, 1985-86).

"Supreme Court Accepts Mormon Jobs Cases." *Church and State* 39 (December, 1986).

Anderton, Douglas L. "Urbanization, Secularization, and Birth Spacing: A Case Study of an Historical Fertility Transition." *Sociological Quarterly* 27 (March, 1986).

Davis, Bitton, "The Mormon Past: The Search for Understanding." *Religious Studies Review* 11 (April, 1985).

Dunfey, Julie, "'Living the Principle' of Plural Marriage: Mormon Women, Utopia, and Female Sexuality in the Nineteenth Century." *Feminist Studies* 10 (1984): 523-36.

Logue, Larry, "Tabernacles for Waiting Spirits: Monogamous and Polygamous Fertility in a Mormon Town." *Journal of Family History* 10 (Spring, 1985).

Softer, Arnon, "The Settlement Process of the Mormons in Utah and the Jews in Israel." *Comparative Social Research* 9 (1986):197-229.

White, O.Kendall, Jr., "Ideology of the Family in Nineteenth Century Mormonism." *Sociological Spectrum* 6 (1986): 289-306.

That's it for this issue. Don't forget to fill out the attached sheet and return it with your dues and news.