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ANNUAL SSSML LECTURE

Laurence R. Iannaccone will deliver the up-coming Annual SSSML Lecture on Thursday, February 20, 1992 at Brigham Young University. Iannaccone, who is an Associate Professor of Economics at Santa Clara University and a frequent contributor to journals and meetings focusing on the social scientific study of religion, will address the topic, "Risk, Rationality and Religious Portfolios with an Application to Mormons." The lecture is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. in Room 1170 of the Talmage Building (TMCB).

The lecture is being co-sponsored by the following departments and centers at Brigham Young University: Department of Economics; Department of Sociology; Center for the Study of the Family; and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies.

CALL FOR PAPERS

SSSML will hold it's 1992 Annual Meeting November 6-8, 1992 in Washington D.C. in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. The theme of the SSSR Meeting is "Religion and Power". The SSSML sessions will consist of two paper sessions, a business meeting and the newly established Glenn M. Vernon Memorial Lecture. One of the SSSML paper sessions is entitled "Mormonism and Power"—following the general theme of the SSSR Meeting. The other SSSML paper session is currently listed as the "Sociology of Mormonism" but will be reformulated after papers are organized into some coherent theme.

Ken White is serving as SSSML Program Chair. Send abstracts for papers to Ken by March 15, 1992. After the March 15 deadline, Ken will get in touch with Nancy Nason-Clark, who is program chair for the SSSR Meeting. They will collectively assess what papers on Mormonism may have been submitted, and then work out the sessions. If there is a paper dealing with a problem that is central to another session and the Mormon case would be particularly instructive for others, then they may shift the paper to such a session.


SSSML Program Chair
NOMINATIONS FOR
Glenn M Vernon Memorial Lecture

Membership voted to sponsor a Glenn M. Vernon Memorial Lecture next November during the 1992 SSSML Meeting in Washington D.C. The lecture, which will be listed as a scheduled session in the program of the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, will provide the presenter with an extended period of time to discuss a topic dealing with Mormon life. A stipend of approximately $500 will be provided. Nominations for the lecture should be sent to:
Tim B. Heaton
Department of Sociology
Brigham Young University
Provo, UT 84602
(Phone: 801-378-3280)

MINUTES OF THE 1991 SSSML BUSINESS MEETING
[Editor's Note: SSSML sponsored two paper sessions and a business meeting during the 1991 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, held November 8-10, 1991 at the Vista International Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. Approximately 30 individuals participated in some portion of the SSSML sponsored sessions. For a complete listing of the seven formal papers presented in the SSSML sessions, see the October 1991 issue of the SSSML Newsletter (Vol. 13, No. 4). The Minutes from the business meeting follows.]

Recorded by Tim B. Heaton,
President of SSSML

The business meeting was held 9 November 1991 at Pittsburgh, PA in conjunction with the annual SSSML convention.

The following were nominated for the upcoming election: Vice President/President Elect, Perry Cunningham; Lynn Payne, Secretary/Treasurer; Board Members, Merlin Brinkerhoff, Marie Cornwall, John Jarvis.

It was agreed that our annual lecture would be held in conjunction with the SSSR meetings next year. We want to make the topic general enough to attract a large group. We may also wish to name the lecture after someone such as Glenn Vernon.

We discussed a possible response to the First Presidency statement on "Symposia." Although a letter of protest may not be very productive, there was some sentiment that some type of response might be appropriate. It is also possible that the statement was directed to other organizations in addition to Sunstone. Tim Heaton will contact MHA, AMCAP, and Dialogue to see if they have considered making any type of response.

BYU is planning to invite Larry Iannaccone to give a lecture.

Ken White agreed to organize our sessions for the SSSR meetings next year.

Jim Davidson asked how we felt about the joint SSSR arrangement with We expressed satisfaction. He said that we would continue for another year and then the SSSR Board would take a formal vote on making the arrangement permanent.

Marie Cornwall gave a progress report on the Sociology of Mormonism book.

CONFERENCES IN THE NEAR FUTURE

- 1992 SSSML Lecture will be given by Laurence R. Iannaccone on Thursday, February 20, 1992, at 11 a.m. in Room 1170 Talmage Building (TMCB) at Brigham Young University.
- "The Family, Religion, and Education Interface: Assessing Adolescent/Young Adult Development." 19th Annual Conference of Center for Studies of the Family will be held March 11-12, 1992 at Brigham Young University.
• Five invited guests will present plenary discussions:
  • Sanford M. Dornbusch, Reed-Hodgson Professor of Sociology and Education, Director, Center for Studies of Families, Children, & Youth, Stanford University
    • "Morality from the Outside: Adolescence, Their Peers, and Their Families."
  • Margaret Eisenhart, School of Education, University of Colorado. Author of the most significant analysis of college culture, Educated in Romance.
    • "Understanding the Links Between Family, Adolescent Peer Groups, and Women's Higher Educational Experiences and Outcomes."
  • Debra R. Kaufman, Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Northeastern University. Author of widely-acclaimed Rachael's Daughters.
    • "My Mother's Daughter, My Daughter's Mother: Decision making and Inter-generational Conflict in Newly Orthodox Jewish Families."
  • Charles R. Kniker, Professor, Assistant Dean, College of Education, Editor in Chief, Religion and Public Education, Iowa State University. Chair of the Iowa Department of Education's task force on educational outcomes and assessment.
    • "Religion in the Secondary Schools: Another Fact of Life."
  • James Youniss, Director, Life Cycle Institute, The Catholic University of America.
    • "Religion and the Discipline of Developmental Psychology."
  • For further information, contact Norene Petersen, 922 SWKT, BYU, Provo, UT 84602 (801) 378-4452.

• 1992 Sunstone Symposium West will be held on 6-7 March at Burbank Hilton. Contact: Steve Eccles, 1482 Winston Court, Upland, CA (714/982-4763).
• 1992 Washington D.C. Sunstone Symposium will be held on April 10-11, 1992, on the American University campus. Contact: Don and Lucinda Gustavson, 413 Clearview Ave, Torrington, CT 06790 (203/496-7090).
• The Mormon History Association's 27th Annual Meeting will be held in St. George, UT, 14-17 May 1992. Contact: Mormon History Association, PO Box 7010, University Station, Provo, UT 84602
• 1992 Salt Lake Sunstone Symposium will be held during at the Hilton Hotel on 5-8 August. One-page proposals of papers or panels are due by 1 April 1992. Contact Cindy Dahle, Sunstone, 331 Rio Grande Street, Suite 30, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1136 (801/355-5926).
• The Association for the Sociology of Religion's Annual Meeting will be held August 18-20 in Pittsburgh, PA.
• The American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting will be held August 20-24, 1992 at the David L. Lawrence Convention/Exposition Center in Pittsburgh, PA. The sociology of religion sessions are being organized by James Beckford. For further information, contact: James Beckford, Dept of Sociology, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, England (telephone 0203-523156).
• 1992 Chicago Sunstone Symposium will be held sometime in October 1992. Contact: Becky Linford, 461 Elm Court, Naperville, IL. 60540-0348 (708/778-9551).
RECENT PUBLICATIONS

[Editor's Note: Once again, we thank Armand Mauss for compiling the following information on recent publications.]

Following are the publications on Mormon topics, from a social science perspective, which have been compiled by Armand Mauss mainly from the 1991 issues of the American Journal of Sociology, The American Sociological Review, Social Forces, the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Sociological Analysis, the Review of Religious Research, BYU Studies, Dialogue, and Sunstone.

Books

Articles
In the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 30 (4), December, 1991:
Brinkerhoff, M.B., E. Grandin, I. Hexham, and C. Pue, "The Perceptions of Mormons by Rural Canadian Youth."

In the Review of Religious Research 33 (2) December, 1991:
Jacobson, Cardell J., "Black Mormons in the 1980s: Pioneers in a White Church."

In Sociological Analysis 52 (4) Winter, 1991:
Mauss, Armand L. and Philip L. Barlow, "Church, Sect, and Scripture: The Protestant Bible and Mormon Sectarian Retrenchment."

In Brigham Young University Studies
30 (4) Fall, 1990:
• Harris, Claudia W., "Mormons on the Warfront The Protestant Mormons and the Catholic Mormons of Northern Ireland"
31 (1) Winter, 1991:
• Jensen, Richard L., "Transplanted to Zion: The Impact of British LDS Immigration Upon Nauvoo."
31 (2) Spring, 1991:
• Snow, Edwina Jo, "British Travelers View the Saints, 1847-1877."
• Homer, Michael W., "The Church's Image in Italy from the 1840s to 1946: A Bibliographic Essay."

In Dialogue:
24 (1) Spring, 1991:
• Copeland, Lee, "Speaking in Tongues in the Restoration Churches."
• Cracroft, Richard H., "A Profound Sense of Community': Mormon Values in Wallace Stegner's Recapitulation."
24 (2) Summer, 1991:
• Prager, Dennis, "How Can a Religious Person Tolerate Other Religions?"
24 (3) Fall, 1991:
• Newton, Marjorie, "Almost Like Us': The American Socialization of Australian Converts."
• Lyman, E. Leo, "The Political Background of the Woodruff Manifesto."
• Hardy, B. Carmon, "Self-Blame and the Manifesto."
24 (4) Winter, 1991:
• Van Wagenen, Lola, "In Their Own Behalf: The Politicization of Mormon Women and the 1870 Franchise."
• Driggs, Ken, "Twentieth Century Polygamy and Fundamentalist Mormons in Southern Utah."
• DePillis, Mario S., "Viewing Mormonism
as Mainline."
- Cornwall, Marie, "Mormonism and the Challenge of the Mainline."
- Newton, Marjori, "An Australian Viewpoint."
- Howard, Richard P., "A Reorganized Church Perspective."
- Papanikolas, Helen, "Ethnicity, Diversity, and Conflict"
- Rees, Robert A., "Bearing our Crosses Gracefully: Sex and the Single Mormon."
- Siporin, Steve, "A Jew among Mormons."
- Vandagriff, David P., "The Thoughtful Patriot—1991."
- Tolk, Jeffrey S., "The Moral Failures of Operation Desert Storm."
- Schindler, Marc A., "Is There Such a Thing as a 'Moral War'?"

In Sunstone:
14 (5) October, 1990, Issue #79
- Woodworth, Warner, "Third World Strategies toward Zion."
- Allen, James B., "Course Corrections—Some Personal Reflections."
- England, J. Lynn, "The Importance of Programs in our Religious Community."
- Cornwall, Marie, "The Paradox of Organizations."

14 (6) December, 1990, Issue #80
- Sillitoe, Linda, "Off the Record: Telling the Rest of the Truth."
- Harrington, Mary B., "Not Every Family Rejoices to Have a Child Go on a Mission."

15 (1) April, 1991, Issue #81
- Knowlton, David, "Belief, Metaphor, and Rhetoric: The Mormon Practice of Bearing Testimonies."
- Anderson, David, "Men's Issues: Truths, Myths, and Pain Avoidance."
- Austin, Richard C., "Biblical Roots for Environmental Ethics."

15 (2) June, 1991, Issue #82
- Graves, Sheldon, "Joseph's Amazing Technicolor Dream-Church: Interpreting Scripture in the Video Age."
- Davaney, Sheila G., "Trends in Feminist Theology."
- Allred, Janice, "Do You Preach the Orthodox Religion? A Place for Theology in Mormon Community."
- Compton, Todd, "Counter-Hierarchical Revelation."

15 (3) September, 1991, Issue #83
- Shirts, Kathryn, "Priesthood and Salvation: Is D & C 84 a Revelation for Women Too?"

- Knowlton, David C., "Of Things in the Heavens, on the Earth, and in the Church."
- DePillis, Mario S., "The Persistence of Mormon Community into the 1990s."

Additional Articles
Thanks to the thorough compilations of Scott H. Duvall in the annual "Mormon Bibliography" sections of BYU Studies (30 (4) and 31 (3), we can include here some articles of social science significance that might have been overlooked in our earlier SSSML Newsletters:
- Bowden, Henry W., "From the Age of Science to an Age of Uncertainty: History and Mormon Studies in the Twentieth


Mayfield, James B., and Kristen Rogers, "Youth Attitude Survey Results." This People 10 (Spring, 1989):49-51.


White, O. Kendall, Jr., "Mormonism and the Equal Rights Amendment." Journal of
Church and State 31 (Spring, 1989):249-267.


Book Reviews


Cooper, Rex E., Promises Made to the Fathers: Mormon Covenant Organization, reviewed by Marianne Perciaccante in Dialogue 24:3 (Fall, 1991).


Millet, Robert L. (ed.), "To Be Learned is Good If..": A Response by Mormon Educators to Controversial Religious Questions, reviewed by Gary Bergera in Sunstone, Issue No. 82 (June, 1991).


COMING UP IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

Among items to be included in the next newsletter are the following: Research notes; coverage of the 1992 Annual SSSML Lecture by Larry Iannaccone, further information on the 1992 Annual Meeting of SSSML, and a list of recent publications that should be of interest to SSSML members. In addition, SSSML members are urged to consider submitting short articles, interesting data or news items. Materials should be sent to:

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Provo, UT 84602

RESEARCH NOTES

[Editor's Note: Bron Ingoldsby is currently a member of the SSSML Board and the Family Development Department at Ricks College. The following research note is reprinted from New Perspectives (April, 1987):13.]

Who Do LDS Youth Look Up To?

by Bron Ingoldsby

In 1982 I published a study (Balswick, J. and Ingoldsby, B., "Heros and Heroines Among American Adolescents," Sex Roles 8:243-249 (1982) on the heros and heroines of American adolescents. Over 1000 high school students listed the six people that they looked up to the most and their responses were divided by sex and put into nine different categories (see Table on next page). It was found that young people of both sexes tend to idolize males over females 78% to 22% and to choose a public figure over a personal friend or relative by a ratio of seven to one. Actors, sports figures and popular musicians were mentioned the
most, and scholars, government figures and religious leaders were mentioned the least.

This is an attempt to replicate that study with young people who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. If LDS values are having an impact on their youth then we would expect higher ratings for family members and church leaders and other "positive" models than is found in the general population.

The middle columns in the table show the results of 86 high school girls and 66 high school boys surveyed at seminary classes in an LDS community. For the girls, family members top the list, followed by female friends and male religious leaders. They chose more people they knew. (44%) and had more female models (52.5%) than did their nonLDS counterparts. Enough teachers were selected that an additional category was created to cover them.

The striking thing about the teenaged LDS boys' results is that it is almost exactly the same as the national sample. Male sports stars, actors and musicians dominate the list and they look up to even fewer females than the nonLDS boys did (12% to 21%). The personal vs. public figure split was the same for both groups—31% to 69%.

A smaller sample of LDS college freshmen (35 females and 39 males) was surveyed to assess hero changes with age. The college aged females listed family members, friends, and religious leaders most frequently; split evenly between public and personal choices, and listed females 48% of the time. The college males also had positive models at the top of their lists, but only mentioned females 15% of the time and made more public figure choices (60% of the time).

It appears that with the exception of high school aged boys, young Latter-day Saints reflect the values of their religion in this area. Parents seem to be universally looked up to and friends and teachers seem to be very influential. Local church leaders were often mentioned, but when it came to the General Authorities it was usually the Church President who was listed. The high school youth tended to include President Kimball while the college sample put down President Benson, who had become the prophet shortly before the college group was surveyed. This indicates that the church president was selected simply because of his office and not because of individual traits that the young people want to emulate.

Many of the public figures mentioned were LDS members, such as BYU football players. Two other results are worth noting: government leaders were actually mentioned less often by this sample than in the national one, in spite of the patriotic nature that Mormons are known for; and there is still a relative dearth of female role models in the church hierarchy for its youth to look up to.

In summary, it appears that with the exception of the younger boys who seem unaffected by church values in this area, young Mormons have more positive and personal role models than does the general population.
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ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

All members and aspiring members of SSSML: Please fill out this sheet as fully as possible, enclose one or two years' dues, and return to Kristen Goodman, Secretary/ Treasurer, 18th Floor, LDS Church Office Building, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

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Disciplinary identification (sociology, anthropology, psychology, history, etc.) ________________________________________________

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1992 $3.00__

News items for SSSML newsletter:

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Ballot for SSSML officers
Please vote for either the proposed candidate(s) or a write-in candidate.

President-Elect:
Perry Cunningham, Research Information Division, LDS Church
_____________________________(write-in candidate)

Secretary/Treasurer:
Lynn Payne, Research Information Division, LDS Church
_____________________________(write-in candidate)

Please vote for three Board members:
Merlin Brinkerhoff, University of Calgary
Marie Cornwall, Brigham Young University
John Jarvis, University of Pittsburgh
_____________________________(write-in candidate)