

2011 NYSCU / PUC Registration Form

Name _____

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Congregation _____

Check all applicable items

(Childcare reservations must be made by September 25, 2011):

_____ I need childcare for Friday evening, October 7th

_____ I need childcare for Saturday, October 8th

Child's Name(s) _____

_____ I am a Delegate from my congregation

(Delegates are eligible for mileage and housing allowance. Please have delegate credentials properly signed.)

_____ I'd like a display table

_____ I have special needs (food, access, etc.) _____

Indicate your Workshop Choices

Morning (A-D) First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

Morning (E-G) First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

Afternoon (H-J) First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

PLEASE REMIT FEES AS FOLLOWS:

Registration:

Adult \$30/person in advance, \$35 on site) \$ _____

Teens \$5 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please send registrations to: Margaret Maguire at NYSCU, P.O. 428, Oneonta, NY 13820 or register online at <https://www.formdesk.com/uiforms/NYSCU-PUC>.

183RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW YORK CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

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See inside for detailed workshop and registration information on this weekend of exciting and enriching UU activities

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Keynote Speaker

Dan McKanan



Dan McKanan joined the Harvard Divinity School faculty in July 2008 as Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist Association Senior Lecturer in Divinity. Before coming to Harvard, he served as department chair and associate professor of theology at the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, where he began teaching in 1998. He studies religious movements for social transformation in the United States from the abolitionist era to the present. His

first book, *Identifying the Image of God: Radical Christians and Nonviolent Power in the Antebellum United States* (2002), explores theological understandings of violence and nonviolence among abolitionists, pacifists, and temperance activists. *Touching the World: Christian Communities Transforming Society* (2007) and *The Catholic Worker After Dorothy: Practicing the Works of Mercy in a New Generation* (2008) deal with the Camphill and Catholic Worker networks of intentional communities. Professor McKanan's newest book, *Prophetic Encounters: Religion and the American Radical Tradition*, is a general history of religion and the Left in the United States.

Directions

Coming from North of Binghamton

Take 81 S. Take the RT-7 S exit, EXIT 4S, toward Binghamton. Merge onto Brandywine Hwy. Brandywine Hwy becomes RT-363 W. Stay straight to go onto Riverside Drive.

Coming from East of Binghamton

Take I-88 W. Merge onto RT-7 S via EXIT 1 toward Binghamton. Stay straight to go onto RT-363 W/Brandywine Hwy. Continue to follow RT-363 W. Stay straight to go onto Riverside Drive.

Coming from South of Binghamton

Take I-380 N. Merge onto I-81 N toward US-6 W/Binghamton (Crossing into New York). Take the RT-7 exit, EXIT 4N-S, toward Hillcrest/Binghamton. Merge onto RT-7 S via EXIT 4S on the left toward Binghamton. Stay straight to go onto RT-363 W/Brandywine Hwy. Continue to follow RT-363 W. Stay straight to go onto Riverside Drive.

Coming from West of Binghamton

Take I-390 S. I-390 S becomes RT-17 E (Passing through Pennsylvania, then crossing into New York). Merge onto RT-201 S via EXIT 70S toward Johnson City. Take the Riverside Dr/Floral Ave ramp. Enter next roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto Riverside Drive.

Lodging



Best Western Plus of Johnson City

569 Harry L. Drive
Johnson City, New York 13790

For reservations, call (607) 729-9194 and mention NYSCU/PUC Conference for the \$75 room price

(Conference rate in effect until September 19th)

Afternoon Workshops

H. Golden Rule: Imbedding It into Politics – Pat Evans

What if our elected officials used the Golden Rule to guide their actions? How might this simple moral principle be embedded into the political process? This workshop presents a positive alternative to the politics of today - an antidote to anger and despair.

I. Responses to Diversity in Church and Community – Lynn Jackson

Lynn Jackson, a life long UU, has worked extensively with Muslims in the Albany area. Project SLAM - Support and Legal Advocacy for Muslims, has made great strides in healing the wrongs done to the Muslim community in the Albany area.

J. Cyber Bullying – Zoe Harter-Saunders

What is it? How widespread is this problem? Are there safeguards? Zoe Harter-Saunders, a teen member of May Memorial UU Society, will provide tips for parents on how to combat cyber bullying.

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 7th

- 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm A light supper will be available at the church for modest cost
- 6:00 pm Registration and pick up packets
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Natural Gas Development** - Mike Lovegreen, District Manager of the Bradford County Conservation District and Chair of the Bradford County Natural Gas Advisory Committee, will present an overview and lead a discussion of the community impacts seen after three years of the gas play development in the county.
- 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm Reception

Saturday, October 8th

- 8:00 am Registration with simple food (bagels, coffee, tea, etc.)
- 9:00 am Worship and welcome with Rev. Douglas Taylor
- 9:15 am **Keynote address** (Dan McKanan) Emerson UUA Chair, Harvard Divinity School - *"Before Clarence Skinner: Rediscovering Early Universalist Radicals"*
- 10:15 am - 11:00 am - **Workshop Session #1**
- A. Keynoter's Roundtable
 - B. Community Impacts of Natural Gas Development
 - C. Informing Our Future: Archiving Church History
 - D. Social Media
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm - **Workshop Session #2**
- E. Wind and Other Green Power Approaches
 - F. Wellspring Spiritual Direction
 - G. Marriage Equality
- 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
Lunch
- 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm
Business Meetings
PUC's Membership Meeting
- 1:45 pm - 2:30 pm - **Workshop Session #3**
- H. Golden Rule
 - I. Diversity
 - J. Cyber Bullying

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Saturday, October 8th Schedule (con't.)

2:45 pm Closing Worship - Rev. Ralph Christiansen

3:15 pm Cake and Coffee Celebration - PUC Trustees will meet afterward

Morning Workshops #1

A. Keynoter's Roundtable

The roundtable workshop will provide time for questions and discussion with Dan. Here is an opportunity to go deeper into issues of the keynote or bring up concerns or questions not addressed in his morning talk.

B. Community Impacts of Natural Gas Exploration – Mike Lovegreen

The development of “shale gas” has evoked strong emotional responses from all sides of the issue, making the practice of critical thinking and evaluation of information essential. The Northern Tier of Pennsylvania is “Ground Zero” for the first wave of development of the Marcellus Shale gas play. Mike Lovegreen, District Manager of the Bradford County Conservation District and Chair of the Bradford County Natural Gas Advisory Committee, will present an overview and lead a discussion of the community impacts seen after three years of the gas play development in the county.

C. Informing Our Future: Archiving Church History – Roger Hiemstra*

Why is church archiving important? Not only do you preserve vital documents and media to inform future congregants, you also excite current members, entice visitors, and create/support useful web pages. This workshop demonstrates what can be done by exploring web material, providing resources on paper and media preservation, outlining techniques for creating oral histories, and showing how to portray church history. Meet with Roger Hiemstra, your resource presenter, who has served as May Memorial's archivist and History Committee Chair for several years. He writes a monthly history column for the church newsletter, has conducted archiving workshops, coordinated the preservation of several church artifacts, and directed the creation of a “History Wall” at May Memorial. Roger, a retired Syracuse University professor, headed a several year project on preserving, portraying, and utilizing the world's largest collection of adult learning resources.

* - *Speaker has received a grant from NYSCU*

Morning Workshops #2

D. Social Media 101 - Mason Otero

Increase your network literacy with Mason Otero, a teen member of May Memorial UU Society. Mason will discuss and explore Facebook, Twitter, Slam Walls, Google Plus, Chat Roulette, and Video Chatting. What's out there and what is it good for? Find out!

E. Wind and Other Green Power Approaches - Marion Trieste

Marion Trieste, of Trieste Associates, Inc., is a consultant to energy companies and communities throughout New York State. She will compare wind power to other traditional and alternative sources of energy in terms of its potential and its impacts on humans and wildlife.

F. Is Spiritual Direction for You? – Rev. Linda Hoddy*

Rev. Linda Hoddy will offer a description and answer questions about Spiritual Direction, also known as Spiritual Companionship. Usually, it consists of a once-a-month meeting with a trained Spiritual Director for one hour. The director and directee listen together for where God or Life (or choose your own word) is calling the directee at this point in life. The focus is always on the relationship of the directee, rather than on relationships with other people. Rev. Hoddy and Dave Munro, President of the St. Lawrence District, will offer a “real-play” experience of Spiritual Direction. Rev. Hoddy is currently enrolled in the Long-Term Spiritual Guidance Program of The Shalem Institute, where she is being trained to be a spiritual director.

G. Marriage in Religion and Law – Robb Smith, David Christopher, and Katie Replogle

Join a panel discussion with Robb Smith of Interfaith Impact, David Christopher, marriage equality activist, and Katie Replogle. Learn what has been accomplished in the struggle for marriage equality and where the movement is heading.

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