

UHC's Public Square Topics

Always Remember: Life Stories and Spiritual Wills



Everyone has a story to tell; the greatest gift is the preservation of that life story for future generations. This two-hour workshop provides the basics of how to interview and record life stories for family

and community.

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The Anatomy of Apology



Join a discussion led by Jay Jacobson, M.D., about the important but difficult art of apologizing. Learn about what is involved in an effective apology and what profound effects it can have, both for the offended and

the offender.

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The Basics of Immigration Law, How it Works and Why it Sometimes Doesn't



This discussion offers a basic overview of our immigration laws, including the ways to legalize, obtain a "green card," and gain citizenship, and the difficulties involved for the average person.

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Boys and Books: A Match Not Always Made in Heaven



Parents and educators alike will tell you that the love of reading doesn't always come naturally to boys. Ann Cannon will use her experiences as a teacher of children's literature, a bookseller, a writer, and a mother of five sons to discuss

strategies that have been successful with real live boys.

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The Challenge of Borders: Immigration in a Globalized World



What is "an immigrant"? What purposes do borders serve? How would a borderless world function? If you were designing an immigration policy from scratch, what would you include? This presentation offers the background of American

immigration to establish a framework for a discussion about immigration systems, laws, and experiences. U.S. and Utah immigration history and policy will inform the discussion, which will be open to varied lines of development and conclusions.

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The Changing Navajo



Learn how the Navajo's traditions and customs have responded to outside influences over the last five decades and what contemporary people might learn from this rich culture.

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Conversation on Immigration



This presentation will review the history of current immigration policy, its impact on undocumented workers and the U.S. economy and society, and will encourage discussion of the consequences of various legal measures.

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Democracy House



A discussion that explores the meaning and origin of democracy and how ordinary citizens can reclaim their legitimate power.

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Everyday Ethics – (Temporarily Unavailable)



A discussion of ethical theories as they relate to everyday life. How to solve thorny issues using ethical principles you can learn easily.

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From Dumb & Selfish to Smart & Caring: How to Use, Rather Than Be Used, by the Media



This short workshop provides the skills to use media experiences, from video to ipods, as a source of critical thinking, eventually reclaiming essential human values and authentic individual creativity.

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The Habit of Seeing: Using Writing to Cultivate the Active Mind



This presentation will review the history and creative use of commonplace books to get you (the participant) started with keeping a small portable notebook. Attend this presentation and acquire a tool that you can put to remarkable use for the rest of your life.

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Islam as a Lifestyle



This presentation will focus on a discussion of the daily practices that are fundamental to a practicing Muslim's life and the concepts and principles behind them.

Islam from the Shia Perspective

Overtly, there are many similarities between Sunni and Shia Muslims, but there are also historical divisions. This talk will present Islam from the Shia perspective, including the history, politics, concepts and principles of the faith.

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Keeping Our Eyes on the WHYs: Conflict, Clarification, and Consideration



This presentation will discuss how disagreement on difficult political, social, or interpersonal issue is normal. However, to move past conflict, we need to examine why we think and feel about the issue as we do.

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Lifeline of the West: Deciding the Future of the Colorado River



A discussion about the Colorado River's ecosystems.

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Is Lying Sometimes the Right Thing for an Honest Person to Do?



This discussion focuses on the practical application of the concepts of integrity, honesty, and ethics to actual day to day situations. In the process, it outlines 13 concepts or principles that must be reckoned with if someone wants to be regarded as an "honest person."

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Our Built Landscape: Treasures or Trash?



This presentation examines how our built environment—our houses, office buildings, churches, schools, museums, and historic sites—affects our "sense of place."

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The Past, Present and Future of the Middle East



Bonner Ritchie discusses the history, current issues, and future possibilities of this interesting and critical area of the world.

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Politics Without Partisanship--If It Were Possible, Would We Want It?



A discussion of partisanship in America and a history that reaches back to the nation's founding.

The Limits of Dissent: Lincoln and the Constitution

A discussion of Abraham Lincoln and how his beliefs tie into situations faced by twenty-first century citizens today.

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Polygamy Then and Now



This presentation begins with a quick overview of Utah's pioneer history and the practice of polygamy. It focuses on the late twentieth century and most recent experience of the FLDS (Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints).

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Religion and the Environment: Finding Common Ground in Utah



This conversation explores environmental stewardship and its relationship with a variety of religious beliefs, especially Mormonism.

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The Rule of Law and Citizenship: What happens when the law of the land clashes with our moral beliefs?



From the Fugitive Slave Act to Roe v. Wade, citizens have wrestled with the duty to obey laws they perceive as unjust. However, what constitutes a just law, and how does a law-abiding citizen

respond to injustice? Where do our priorities reside when our personal beliefs clash with the rule of law? Drawing upon the writings of Plato, Thoreau, Martin Luther King and others, Louise Excell leads this exploration of competing loyalties.

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The Sum of Our Past: Revisiting Pioneer Women



A presentation that explores the complex picture of our "pioneer Utah women."

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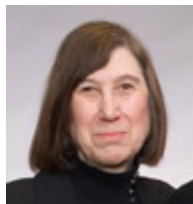
Understanding Utah's Lands Through Books



This talk explores how contemporary writing helps us better understand our complex relationship with the land.

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Utah Faces of Judaism



An interactive presentation that will help promote an understanding of the rich Jewish history in Utah, as well as the importance and value of diversity.

Preserving Family History: I remember Mama

More than glimpses of past events, oral history captures individual, family, community and world history in a very personal way. Learn the ins and outs of conducting oral history interviews. What works, what doesn't, and why. Become acquainted with interview and research processes. Learn how to integrate strategies to strengthen communication and elicit concrete messages. And explore the technical aspects of recording interviews. Most importantly, learn how to trust your instincts and become an effective listener to achieve the best results.

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Utah History through Native Eyes: Learning About the Noochev (Ute People)



This presentation invites the audience to learn about the Noochev (Ute People) and experience Utah history through native eyes. The audience will be asked to respond to and discuss the

three time periods below as if they were Noochev (Ute).

- Life Before Non-Indian Contact
- 1600s—The Spanish Influence
- 1850-1865—Contact with the Latter Day Saints

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Wallace Stegner's Utah



Wallace Stegner published five novels with western settings, two books about Utah history, and numerous articles about life in the Beehive state. This presentation by Robert C. Steensma deals with Stegner's views on the rich diversity of

Utah's history, its peoples and its environment, as well as the problems its people will face as the state population grows.

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What's In Your Attic? Decoding the Past through Cultural Artifacts



In this discussion, the Preservation Librarian at the University of Utah's Marriott Library will talk with audiences about why their Utah artifacts are significant and how to preserve them.

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What the Numbers Tell Us: Utah is Diverse and Becoming More So



This session examines how Utah's population has always been more diverse than commonly portrayed and is becoming ever more so. We will focus on Utah's immigration history and the implications of the current transformation we are experiencing.

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Whose land is your land, whose land is my land? (Unavailable 6/1/09-8/30/09)



Join writer and historian Dorothee Kocks for a lively discussion about homesteading and whether our common lands should be preserved or developed.

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