

**Mormonism and American Politics**  
**Princeton University**  
**November 9-10, 2007**

**222 Bowen Hall**

**Friday, November 9, 2007**

**8:00-10:00 p.m.**

**Early Encounters: Mormonism and American Politics in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century**

Chair: Melissa Proctor

Richard Bushman, "Joseph Smith's Politics"

Sarah Barringer Gordon, "Polygamy in the Territories: The Politics of Marriage and Slavery in Nineteenth Century"

Kathleen Flake, "Senator Reed Smoot: America's 'Pontifex Babbitt' and Mormonism's Political Prototype"

Philip Barlow, "How Mormons Became Republican"

**Saturday, November 10, 2007**

**9:00-10:00 a.m.**

**Keynote Address**

**Noah Feldman**, "Persecution and the Art of Secrecy: An Interpretation of the Mormon Encounter with American Politics"

Introduction: Stanley Katz

**10:15-12:00 noon**

**Church and State: Mormonism as a Case Study**

Chair: Chris Karpowitz

John Green, "Public Opinion and Mormons: Sources and Consequences"

Stephen Macedo, "Religious Pluralism and the Public Sphere"

Marci Hamilton, "The Facts about Belief -- Fair Game?"

David Campbell, "Dry Kindling: Mormon Mobilization In Politics"

**1:30-3:15 p.m.**

**Mitt, Mormonism, and the Media**

Chair: Robin Rogers-Dillon

Helen Whitney, "When the Mormons are Front Lined"

Russell Arben Fox, "New Religion, New Media: How Romney and Mormonism Are, and Aren't, Suited to the Internet Age"

Amy Sullivan, "Mormonism and the Presidential Election: Why 2008 is not 1960 and Mitt Romney is not John F. Kennedy"

Mark Silk, "Mitt's Mormon Problem: What's the Story?"

**3:30-5:15 p.m.**

**Politics and Religious Identity**

Chair: Robert George

Francis Beckwith, "Mormonism, Natural Law, and Constitutional Democracy: Responding to the Critics of the Romney Candidacy."

Alan Wolfe, "Who's Afraid of Mormonism?"

Richard Land, "Politics and Religious Identity: Does Faith Matter?--Yes and No"

Thomas Griffith, "Religious Faith and the Article III Judge"

**5:15-6:00 p.m.**

**Reception**