

Project Fusion at UTS Barrytown, April 17th -19th

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Boomers to Mentor Millennials

The Barrytown campus of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) will host a first-time ever conference this weekend aimed at helping 60 or more members of the next generation succeed at career and family, according to organizers. The event takes place April 17-19 at Barrytown, NY and will cost \$140 for those who registered, although it is possible to register on site. Participants may attend Saturday programs only for \$80 or Sunday only for \$60. There is still time to register for the conference here: [Details and](#)

[registration information HERE](#): <http://originspartnership.com/project-fusion-empowering-families-and-professionals/>



Launched under the banner of “**Project Fusion**,” the idea came out of a conversation between a group of elder Unificationists, including veterans of the American Freedom Coalition, and some young adult professionals looking to take initiative in their communities.

“A group of distinguished Unificationists from the group, Origins Partnership, a 501c3 educational nonprofit, were looking to contribute to their

communities, and some of my peers and I recognized the need to collaborate to provide support and mentoring for ourselves and younger generations,” says Mr. Jin Kwon Kim, 36, (UTS'10) who helped plan the conference at Barrytown.” He adds, “When we polled a group of younger Unificationists on what they were looking for, the top of the list of their priorities were: career development, family life and making a difference in the world. We asked ourselves how we could engage our community to be successful in these areas and from there **Project Fusion** emerged.”



Dr. Spurgin with his wife, Nora

Dr. Hugh Spurgin (UTS'77), president of UTS, welcomes the increased use of the Barrytown campus for networking events, career development and thought leadership. “In its 40th year of operation, the Unification Theological Seminary is proud to host **Project Fusion**, an exciting experiment in intergenerational nurture. The presenters and those who come to take notes are among the best and the brightest of each generation,” he says. “We urge all those coming to save the date of **Saturday, May 23rd**, for UTS graduation ceremonies at Barrytown for undergraduate and graduate students. More networking opportunities will be there.”

Former New Mexico State Senator Marc Boitano will mentor participants considering a career in real estate. “Origins is a multigenerational partnership. We have decided to work together to create a foundation for career development, attaining financial freedom, and empowering personal and family development,” Boitano explains in a video posted on the **Project Fusion** Face Book page:

Project Fusion video:

<https://www.facebook.com/henri.schauffler/videos/o.779854725437746/10153005136923673/?t>

Other fields to be mentored include public policy, health, education and the trades. Henri Schauffler, a graduate of the seminary in 1985, and a business management coach, and Judge Mark Anderson, formerly a state legislator in Arizona, will join Boitano as mentors on April 18th.

“The goal of **Project Fusion** is to provide an opportunity for our community and friends of our community to connect with like-minded people and offer real hands-on tools and mentoring in developing one's career and family life. In order to accomplish that goal, we are drawing not only on the wisdom, experience and values from our own community, but also bringing what we found to be the best applications of those values in the world and are fusing everything together in one place,” according to Kim.

“Day One will provide a unique mentoring and networking opportunity for young people starting their careers, established professionals, and everyone in-between. The programs on Day Two will empower participants in meaningful relationships, whether it be with a spouse, child, parent, sibling, or significant other,” according to the Project Fusion website.

Origins Partnership Conference Day 2, April 19, 2015			
	Singles	Couples	Parents
Morning Session 1	Lynn Walsh Love Smart. Or Else, Love Smarts	Bento Leal Couples Communication	Susan Dunn The Truth about Relationships
Morning Session 2	Bento Leal Keys to Effective Communication	Jim Stephens Emotional, Physical & Spiritual Intimacy	Susan Dunn Parenting with Real Love
Afternoon Session	Jim Stephens The Funny Side of Male/Female Differences	John Williams Improving Your Relationships All by Yourself	Lynn Walsh Tools for Raising Emotionally Responsible Children
			Susan Dunn Real Love (optional session)

Kim explains that the eight-month process of planning this gathering was for him a meaningful journey. “I initially got involved in this collaboration because I was really excited by the potential of connecting into what I considered a largely untapped pool of resources and people from a very diverse, unique and in many ways an unparalleled global network to which not many people have access. Broadening the focus to achieve a level of financial freedom for myself and others and support my growing family life seems to be a very natural progression of the values in our community.” He adds, “However, another reason for staying involved was that I believe **Project Fusion** could become the catalyst for the growth of a deeper, broader grass-roots community that empowers people to make real, lasting impact on the world.”



Jin Kwon Kim speaking at the 2012 Blessed Culture and Sports Festival