

## This upcoming weekend!!! UTS Graduation and the Alumni Conference

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The links for the UTS Graduation and the UTS Alumni Conference

PLUS your guide to the sessions and the stuff you may want to read/take a look at.

**IMPORTANT !!**

UTS graduation will begin at 3 pm on Saturday May 23rd at Barrytown

The UTS Alumni Conference will begin on Sunday 24th afternoon at 2:15 pm

In the following sections:

The 1st section covers the schedule

The 2nd section covers the costs: the conference and the meals

The 3rd section covers REGISTRATION

The 4th section covers hospitality if you are planning to stay at Barrytown

The 5th section covers outlines of the conference sessions also some reading material suggested for the different sessions.

If you have not already done so, you need you to SIGN UP online if you are planning to have the Sunday evening meal at Barrytown or the Monday meals.

Use the registration page it has the meal prices and the registration fee for the conference.

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**Section 1**  
**Memorial Weekend Program**  
**Saturday May 23rd – Monday May 25th**

### UTS GRADUATION

**Saturday 23rd May**

3:00-4:30 PM

**39th Commencement at UTS, Barrytown**

Alumni are invited to walk with the graduating class

4:30- 5:30 PM

Reception in *UTS Dining Commons*

Come say hello at the UTS Alumni table

### ALUMNI CONFERENCE

**Sunday 24th May**

1:30 PM onwards

Registration (the table will be in the UTS Dining Commons)

2:15-2:30 PM

## **Welcome**

### **Introduction to Sessions - *UTS Dining Commons***

2:30-4:00 PM

#### Session 3

### **Gender Balance and DP – Alison Wakelin, Jeanne Carroll and Kathleen Burton**

4:00-4:30 PM

#### Break

4:30-6:00 PM

#### Session 4

### **The future of UTS and the Barrytown property – Hugh Spurgin**

6:00-7:30 PM

### **Dinner - *UTS Dining Commons***

7:30-9:00 PM

#### Session 5

### **Save America- Donna Ferrantello**

## **Monday 25th**

7:30 onwards

Registration (the table will be in the UTS Dining Commons)

7:00- 7:45 AM

### **Memorial Service for ascended alumni, faculty and staff - UTS Chapel**

7:45- 9:00 AM

Breakfast – *UTS Dining Commons*

9:00-10:30 AM

#### Session

### **Virtues and Character Education for Leadership and Personal Development- Alan Saunders, Robin Graham**

10:30-11:00 AM

#### Break

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

#### Session

### **A. Governance- Non-profits and faith communities – Jim Dougherty, Gregg Noll, Mike Mickler, Mark Isaacs, Noah Ross**

### **B. Remembering Father; a poetic tribute – Lloyd Howell**

12:30-1:30 PM

Lunch outside on picnic tables or in *UTS Dining Commons* (in case of inclement weather).

1:30- 3:00 PM

#### Session 1

### **What does Principled education look like? – Robert Beebe**

3:00- 3:30 PM

#### Break

3:30- 5:00 PM

#### Session 2

### **Interreligious and Interfaith peace-building – Abdou Gaye, Essi Zahedi**

## **Section 2**

## **COSTS**

## **Graduation Saturday May 23rd**

Everyone is invited, no charge. The reception is also free; hosted by UTS for graduates, relatives, guests, friends, and alumni.

**Please indicate on the registration page if you will**

- 1. Attend the graduation on Saturday May 23rd at 3:00 PM**
- 2. Join other alumni and “walk” with (behind) the graduating class of 2015**

## **Alumni Conference**

**Registration for the Alumni Conference is \$35**

## **Sunday May 24, Meal Plan**

There will be **Option C**

**Sunday evening dinner costs \$16**

**Coffee and teas will be served throughout the afternoon and are included in the price**

**Sign up to guarantee yourself a meal.... there will not be any "walk-ins" for mealtimes.**

## **Monday May 25th Meal Plans**

Option D is 2 meals: **breakfast and lunch** and is **\$16**

Option E is 1 meal: **lunch** and is **\$11**

To have these prices and reserve meals, you **MUST pay in advance on the registration page.**

**These prices for Monday's meals will be available online through Thursday May 21st**

**If not pre-ordered then please plan to have Monday's breakfast and lunch off campus.**

**Coffee and teas are included in the price and will be served during the day.**

**THESE CHOICES ARE ON THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM**

## **Section 3**

### **REGISTRATION**

### **for the Conference and Meals**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uts-graduation-and-the-uts-alumni-conference-memorial-day-weekend-tickets-16911218911>

## **Section 4.**

### **HOSPITALITY**

To reserve rooms and/or dormitory accommodation then please contact Kate Korda (UTS'10), Director of Hospitality at UTS.

## **Section 5**

### **ALUMNI CONFERENCE**

### **SESSION OUTLINES**

#### **Session 1 (now on Monday afternoon)**

#### **What does Principled education look like? – Dr. Robert Beebe (UTS'84)**

“Education can be described as the process of raising children to attain resemblance to God... In its most

fundamental form, education is the guidance that parents give to their children so that the children may fulfill the Three Blessings.” (Unification Theory of Education)

In the 1980s and 1990s various UC-based schools were established to provide BCs with a Principled-based perspective on education. Since then these schools have grown to serve many families in their surrounding communities not otherwise connected to the Unification Church. In the process they have continued to grapple with the question of what Principled education looks like in practice.

This session will explore this question. It will begin some relevant ice-breakers followed by a short PowerPoint providing a background perspective. From there we will break into a general discussion on the topic. A related issue that will be considered is whether it is better for Unificationist educators to work within the existing education system or to continue to develop our own schools as model Principled-based learning environments.

### **Recommended reading:**

**UT Theory of Education**

**Sun Myung Moon's Philosophy of Education**

### **Session 2 (now on Monday afternoon)**

**Interreligious dialogue and Interfaith peace-building – Abdou Gaye (UTS'97), Essi Zahedi (UTS'91)**

Gaye and Zahedi will be giving a short summary about the vision of the UC they fell in love with: to bring peace on earth through ideal families and transcending the barriers of race, nationality and creed. The obvious question to follow is "where are we now"? Uniting or divided? Is the Unification of all religions rooted in our doctrine (DP)? If so, does Islam have a presence within the Unification doctrine and practices?

In the mind of Rev. Moon is "Movement" (as in Unification Movement) synonymous with multi-religionism?

### **Session 3**

**Gender Balance and DP – Alison Wakelin (UTS'89), Jeanne Carroll (UTS'87) and Dr. Kathleen Burton (UTS'90)**

In our post Foundation Day reality, following True Mother's declaration of Heavenly Parents, our tripartite discussion topics will focus on the gender balanced nature of the Godhead of Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother.

Beginning with The Ontology Conference at UTS in November 2013, we, as women graduates of UTS, affirm a cosmic paradigm shift in our relationship with Our Heavenly Parent and will each be presenting our area of interest in the breakout session : The nature of Heavenly Mother, Eve's original nature, and Returning Resurrection post Foundation Day, from this perspective of the uniqueness of God expressed through divine femininity.

### **Session 4**

**The future of UTS and the Barrytown property – Dr. Hugh Spurgin (UTS'77)**

An open discussion with questions and answers. Dr. Spurgin welcomes the opportunity to interact with alumni and friends of UTS.

### **Session 5**

**Save America- Dr. Donna Ferrantello (UTS'82)**

Saving America involves education for the next generation. What do we know about Common Core? Are our children served best as free and creative "clients" in the schools? Or-- Are our children becoming "products" to be manipulated by the state in an increasingly controlled and politically correct/corrupt environment? Come discuss what you know, and your questions. As a key issue for the 2016 Presidential elections, see a short film excerpt of one educator's well-researched analysis of agendas behind Common Core. Discuss grass-roots leadership in our communities and what we can do now. Facilitated by Dr. Donna who also went inside the schools and interviewed teachers, students, administrators and parents.

## **Session 6**

### **Character Education as Leadership and Personal Development- Alan Saunders (UTS'96), Robin Graham (UTS'80)**

The interactive session will highlight how virtues, character education and interpersonal communication skills can be used in leadership and personal development for youth leaders aged 18 to 30 years of age. We will briefly discuss how the programs can be used by parents, teachers and coaches..

The facilitators will draw on the experience of using their models in the field.

## **Session 7**

### **1. Governance- Non-profits and faith communities` (Jim Dougherty (UTS'82-'84), Gregg Noll (UTS'92), Dr. Michael Mickler (UTS'77), Dr. Mark Isaacs, Noah Ross**

The rationale for good governance begins at the individual and organizational level, but has implications for the wider society.

One of the main issues that the Unification Movement speaks to is the global need for good governance e.g. through the Universal Peace Federation

This session will provide a positive, introductory discussion on governance at the non-profit level and the faith community level, looking at models of (good) governance which can help usher in healthier political, social and economic environments at the local level with implication for the national and international levels.

This may include such topics as: regulatory, tax and legal compliance; donor confidence and financial accountability; member confidence, morale and empowerment; preservation and protection of organizational assets; protection against abuse, fraud, waste or other misuse of funds; evaluation of effectiveness and efficiency of programs, campaigns or other efforts; organizational unity, credibility, influence and impact within the larger society; models for peaceful coexistence, harmony, justice and freedom; institutionalization of best practices, learned from the achievements of human civilization and from experience.

A long range vision could be an Institute of Governance Studies, possibly at UTS. An institute which would be able to support the work of affiliated Unificationist organizations, but also governments, corporations etc. seeking to move the world toward better governance.

#### **Recommended reading:**

Click on uc-gov.org and username is **guest** and password **PerspectIve** (capital P, 1 for i).

### **2. Remembering Father; a poetic tribute – Lloyd Howell (UTS'79)**

Lloyd Howell invites you to join him in an intimate sharing of the love and life of the Founder through the vehicle of his recently published book: Remembering Father; a poetic tribute.

#### **One of the mealtimes**

### **Upgrade your UTS diploma – Ute Delaney (UTS'10) - UTS registrar**

This will be a short informational session about upgrading a diploma to an accredited Master's degree. Topics addressed: Who is eligible for upgrades? What is the process? What to expect? Bring your questions.

[http://www.utsalumni.org/news/upgrade-diploma-to-masters-degree-ute-delaney-uts10-14754/?utm\\_source=UTS+Alumni+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=46da3392ea-RSS\\_EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a0282aafb8-46da3392ea-390704030](http://www.utsalumni.org/news/upgrade-diploma-to-masters-degree-ute-delaney-uts10-14754/?utm_source=UTS+Alumni+Newsletter&utm_campaign=46da3392ea-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a0282aafb8-46da3392ea-390704030)

**SEE YOU AT BARRYTOWN !**