



Interfaith Season 2015

Events: January through March

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FREE PUBLIC INTERFAITH SEASON EVENT, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2: Third Annual Neale Nelson Memorial Lecture at University of Utah

Recognizing the contributions of the Rev. Neale Nelson, a Salt Lake Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church pastor, University of Utah teacher and student, and professor at Regis University, Denver

EVENT CONTACT: Eric Hinderacker, eric.hinderacker@utah.edu

TIME: Noon

LOCATION: University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library, Gould Auditorium, level 1

LECTURE TOPIC: "Heretics and Infidels, the Changing Landscape of Religious Diversity"

SPEAKER: Brian D. Birch, Ph.D., director of Religious Studies at Utah Valley University

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ABOUT BRIAN BIRCH:

- Director of Utah Valley University's Religious Studies program and school's Center for the Study of Ethics
- Member of the board of the Parliament of the World's Religions; valued member of the Interfaith Roundtable
- Earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Utah
- Interests in religious diversity and comparative studies led to completion of Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion and Theology program, Claremont Graduate University, California
- Has worked for several years with the Foundation for Religious Diplomacy; recently signed on to serve as Senior Research Fellow
- Has written and collaborated on a number of papers and articles in the area of religious studies

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