



We Are Pleased to Announce the Next  
Los Angeles Chapter Luncheon of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society

**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 24, 2008; 12:00 Noon

**Place:** Musick Peeler & Garrett LLP  
One Wilshire Blvd. (at 624 S. Grand), 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

**Speaker:** Dr. Richard L. Bushman, Howard W. Hunter Visiting Professor of Mormon Studies at Claremont Graduate University

**Topic:** “*The Mind of Mormonism*”

**About the Topic:** Dr. Bushman will address the following statement by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on November 2, 2007: “Survey research shows that most Americans know little, and understand even less, about the doctrines and history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That condition should change as the Church increasingly becomes a topic of scholarly study. Demonstrating the legitimacy of Mormonism as a serious subject of academic investigation, two respected secular universities have adopted Mormon Studies programs at Claremont Graduate University and Utah State University. This is a welcome development for two reasons — the Church encourages a deeper and broader examination of its theology, history and culture on an intellectual level, and this is a wonderful opportunity to expand open dialogue and conversation between the Latter-day Saints and various scholarly and religious communities... Mormonism has a depth and breadth of substance that can hold up under academic scrutiny. Moreover, the Church not only values but espouses education. Church President Gordon B. Hinckley declared: ‘This Church came about as a result of intellectual curiosity. We believe in education... We expect [our people] to think. We expect them to investigate. We expect them to use their minds and dig deeply for knowledge in all fields. If we have a motto, it is this, The glory of God is intelligence.’ (*Teachings of Gordon B. Hinckley*, 127) Thus, the lifelong pursuit of knowledge and education by Latter-day Saints is both a spiritual mandate as well as a secular necessity.”

**About the Speaker:** Once the endowment has been funded, Dr. Bushman will be the Howard W. Hunter Chair of Mormon Studies at Claremont Graduate University. Most recently, Dr. Bushman was the Gouverneur Morris Professor of History at Columbia University. He has published 11 books, receiving a Bancroft and Phi Alpha Theta prize as well as the Evans biography award. In addition to Claremont and Columbia, Dr. Bushman has taught at Boston University, Harvard, Brown, University of Delaware and Brigham Young University. Dr. Bushman was the recipient of the Mormon History Association's annual 2006 Best Book award for his biography entitled Joseph Smith: Rough Stone Rolling.

**Cost of the Luncheon:** Dues-Paid JRCLS-LA Members – Free / Students – Free  
Dues-Paid BYU Management Society-LA Members – \$10 / Others – \$20

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between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and on 8<sup>th</sup> between Olive and Hope, for flat rates of between \$6 and \$8  
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