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Scott Bradford, Descendant of the Governor, to Speak at Spring Banquet



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30 pm, for the annual spring banquet in the Empire Room of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. The evening will feature Scott Bradford, professor of economics and a teacher of BYU's American Heritage course.

The topic of the evening will be "How You Can Uphold the Pilgrims' Liberty Legacy."

"Like most people," said Bradford, a bit tongue-in-cheek, "you've probably been wondering what connects Daniel Chapter 2, 17th-Century Holland, the Mayflower Pilgrims, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, Mormons, Barney Fife, Monty Python, Bono, and you all together? Well, those who come to the banquet will find out!"

Bradford has a bachelor's in physics from BYU, an MPA from Princeton University, and a PhD in political economy from Harvard. His latest research estimates the global poverty effects of rich-nation immigration barriers, and he has also written papers on the political economy of trade barriers, and the Japanese and Korean economies. His work has appeared in the *American Economic Review*, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, the *Journal of International Economics*, and *Economic Inquiry*, and he has coauthored the book, *Has Globalization Gone Far Enough?*

Besides his economics classes, he enjoys teaching American heritage at BYU, striving to help students

become model citizens who live virtuously, strive to uphold liberty, and serve others. As part of that process, they study how the Pilgrims helped lay a foundation for freedom in the American colonies by leaving a legacy of making covenants, with each other and with God.

Welcome our New Members!

Kyle Smith, Maryland (Alden)
Cody Smith Roy (Alden)
Chyanne Smith, Layton (Alden)
Jarin Murray, Logan (Cooke)
Lorrie Crandall, Lehi (Bradford)
Tanya Bird, Kaysville (Howland)
Darlene Goulding (transfer), Provo (Cooke)
Jeanene Flake, Lehi (Alden)
Diane Tarbox, Taylorsville (Hopkins)
Tad Starr, Draper (Brewster)
Toni Smith, Monroe (Bradford)
Mark Smedley, Heber City (Alden)
Nancy Raffetto, Wisconsin (Hopkins)

Has your status changed?

Have you moved, changed your name, or your email or received a new phone number? Please go to utahmayflower.org and under the drop down of "Membership," go to "update your info."

Also, just think—someday, you may be an ancestor on a descendants Mayflower application. Do you remember how much "fun" it was trying to reconstruct the progression of your grandmother's name so that the name on her death certificate could be traced back to her birth record?

Do your descendants a favor: if you experience one of life- (or name-) changing events, please send us the documentation. It would also be helpful if, after your passing, your executors also had instructions to send us a copy of your death certificate. A few generations from now, your descendants will be glad you did.

Youth and Family History: Developing A Self-Vision



This February an unprecedented 20,000 family history enthusiasts descended on Salt Lake City to participate in the 2015 Rootstech Conference. As Sherlock would say in the venerable series by Conan Doyle, “The game is afoot.”

Now, with the combination of technology and family history, each household with a computer and an Internet connection can become a well-tooled family history center.

But to me the greatest delight (and surprise) of this digital trend is that our youth are joining the movement in droves. They, too, have become anxious to learn where they come from. They want to hear the stories of ancestors, information that not only helps establish who they are and what they want to become, but, as the studies show, it helps them to be more resilient.

I’ve seen the effect on my own family. For example, there was only one thing on my son Caleb’s Christmas list last year. He wanted a DNA test to chart his ethnic and geographic origins. That lab test has now initiated a whole new world for him of possible connections and facts and stories, motivated by the fact that 81 percent of his DNA is from the British Isles—remarkable since even those that live in the British Isles tend to be only 60 percent!

Psychologists have found that each family has a narrative that binds them together. These narratives often take one of three shapes. The first narrative is an ascending one. It’s the story of a family that has come from little or nothing to achieve stability and success. The second narrative is descending—the story of a family that once had it all, but then suffered serious setbacks. The healthiest narrative is one termed oscillating. It’s about families who have both ups and downs. But in spite of all the twists and turns, they maintain strong ties together. The youth who have identified themselves as coming from a family with an oscillating narrative are shown to be the most self-confident. They are the ones that have a strong intergenerational self-vision. They know they belong to something bigger than themselves. I believe that one of the most important things we can do for our families is to develop a strong family narrative.

The research that took me back to my Mayflower ancestors took me through 14 generations—14 generations that are also filled with stories of challenges with solutions and failures with triumphs. As I teach my children and grandchildren of Priscilla and John Alden, I’m also now more determined to teach them of other valiant ancestors, for they too are an important part of this chain that links us together—which helps build a strong intergenerational self-vision.

Elaine Holbrook and Fern Nichols Receive National Commendations

Two of our Utah members received commendations from the National Mayflower Society. Service pins were awarded to Fern Nichols and Elaine Holbrook. Fern served as secretary for 12 years. Elaine served as junior committee chairman for 13 years pre-



vious to her term as governor when she served for another ten years. Both women continue to serve as emeritus board members. In addition to their Mayflower service, other organizations have also been the recipient of their generosity.

Elaine, a long-time resident of Bountiful has been a member of the Bountiful Historical Preservation Foundation and was instrumental in establishing the “Bountiful Historic Museum and Learning Center.” After working to find a permanent home for the museum, the city recently purchased the historic Smedley Manor. This was especially good news to Elaine whose grandfather was born there and where she played as a child.



Fern was also recently highlighted in the Deseret News for her 11 years of service as hostess at the LDS Church Office Building. (See <http://bit.ly/1E70YLN>) At 99 years old and 4 feet 8 inches, she is one of the oldest—and shortest—service missionaries at Temple Square. That’s not her only claim to fame. Anyone watching “The Price Is Right” on March 26th would have seen her win a camcorder—and almost a car!

Plymouth Granite Monument Provides Foundation for Film

The Forefathers Monument in Plymouth, Massachusetts, is the largest, free-standing granite monument in the world. Dedicated on August 1, 1889, it commemorates the Mayflower Pilgrims and honors their ideals.

On the main pedestal stands the heroic figure of “Faith” with her right hand pointing toward heaven and her left hand clutching the Bible. The four seated statues surrounding her representing Education, Law, Morality and Freedom. It is interpreted by some that the Pilgrims believed that the four concepts of Education, Law, Morality, and Freedom were bastions of support for Faith itself. Each of the four were carved from a solid block of granite, posed in the sitting position upon chairs.

The forefathers believed that those willing to support and encourage these four concepts by legislation and dicta, in its townships, regions, states, and its national government as a whole, could become a source and preserver of Faith. Faith seems to be able to permeate and affect the individual, but expand out to the collective masses



as well, with the same virtuous truth and power. It is the moving and powerful force behind all that is proactive.

The front panel is inscribed: “National Monument to the Forefathers. Erected by a grateful people in remembrance of their labors, sacrifices and sufferings for the cause of civil and religious liberty.” The right and left panels contain the names of those who came

over in the Mayflower. The rear panel, which was not engraved until recently, contains a quote from Governor William Bradford’s famous history, *Of Plymouth Plantation*:

Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing and gives being to all things that are; and as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation; let the glorious name of Jehovah have all praise.

In 2012 Kirk Cameron released the movie *Monumental* featuring the beautiful Forefather’s Monument. The movie is the story of America’s beginnings. Presented, produced, and starring Kirk Cameron, the 90-minute true story follows this father of six across Europe and the U.S. as he seeks to discover America’s true “national treasure”—the people, places, and principles that made America the free, prosperous and generous nation it is today. For any interested *Monumental* is available on Netflix.

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Spring Banquet

The Society of Mayflower Descendants Reservation Form

Wednesday, May 13, 2015
The Empire Room, Joseph Smith Memorial Building
6:30 pm
Cost: \$27.50 per person

Checks, **due by May 5**, should be made out to *Society of Mayflower Descendants*.

My enclosed check in the amount of \$_____ covers _____ reservation(s).

Mail reservation form and check to:

Richard "Andy" Anderson (olbear@mac.com)
390 East 1500 South
Kaysville, Utah 84037

Member's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____