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The Hutchins School
of Liberal Studies
Sonoma State University

40th

Anniversary
Celebration

October 16-18, 2009

Program of Events



October 16, 2009
Friday Events

Place: Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park

6:30-9:30 P.M. - No Host Bar Social Gathering-Off Main Lobby

October 17, 2009
Saturday Events

Place: Sonoma State University Campus
University Commons and Rachel Carson
Hall

9:30 - 10:00 A.M. - CHECK IN - UNIVERSITY COMMONS
Light Continental Breakfast - Seminar Sign-up

10:00-12:00 P.M. - ONGOING SEMINAR SESSIONS ON
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES - Carson Hall 44
and adjacent seminar rooms.

12:00-1:30 P.M. - LUNCH: Commons
Welcome and MC: Eric McGuckin,
Dr. Ruben Armiñana, SSU President
Cynthia H. Stringer, SSU Alumni President
Keynote: Dr. Anthony Mountain

1:30 - 3:30 P.M. - OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY: Commons
ALUMNI INTEREST GROUPS: NEW
DIRECTIONS
Welcome: Debora Hammond, Brenda Zander

3:30- 5:30 P.M. - HUTCHINS COMMUNITY RECEPTION: Commons
Welcome and MC: Eric McGuckin
F.H. Vázquez (HIPP), M. Anderson (Dialogue
Center), B. Frymer (Media Citizenship/ Project
Censored), Open Mic, Faces of Alumni -
Electronic Presentation
The Crux - Live Music Coffee/Cake/Dancing

* Seminars with low registration numbers may be cancelled.

Seminar Topics

Rachel Carson Hall

Sign up for seminars during check in.

 Victoria Allen - Interplay: Body and Dialogue
Warm-up

 Margaret Anderson - Dialogue

 Ben Frymer - Media Citizenship:
An Introduction to Project Censored

  Debora Hammond - Food


  Shirley Johnson - BioFuels

 Heidi LaMoreaux - LifeCore Workshop

  Alexis Martin - Education for Social Change

  Wendy Ostroff - Humor/What Makes Us Laugh

 Matthew Piper - Complex Systems

 Readings @ http://www.sonoma.edu/Hutchins/pages/home/hutchins_40th_event.htm

Open Space Technology

facilitated by Abbe Altman

What is Open Space Technology?

Open Space Technology was created in the mid-1980s by organizational consultant Harrison Owen when he discovered that people attending his conferences loved the coffee breaks better than the formal presentations and plenary sessions. Combining that insight with his experience of life in an African village, Owen created a totally new form of conferencing.

Open Space conferences have no keynote speakers, no pre-announced schedules of workshops, no panel discussions, no organizational booths.

Instead, sitting in a large circle, participants learn in the first hour [or less] how they are going to create their own conference. Almost before they realize it, they become each other's teachers and leaders.

Any [of the participants] who wants to initiate a discussion or activity writes it down on a large sheet of paper in big letters and then stands up and announces it to the group.

After selecting one of the many pre-established times and places, they post their proposed workshop on a wall.

When everyone who wants to has announced and posted their initial offerings, it is time for what Owen calls "the village marketplace":

Participants mill around the wall, putting together their personal schedules for the remainder of the conference.

The first meetings begin immediately. [There may be time for two or three sets of 20-minute discussions.]

www.openspaceworld.org

6:30-9:30 -Dinner - *for those with previous reservations*

Double Tree Hotel, Rohnert Park

Sonoma Mixed Greens Salad
and

~ Herb Roasted Chicken Breast
In a Rosemary Lemon Cream Sauce

Or

~ Herb Grilled Tri-Tip
with 5 Chili Demi

Or

~ Roasted Vegetable Ravioli
and for dessert

New York Cheese Cake Topped with Berry Sauce

Or

Chocolate Layer Cake

Presentation by Professor Les Adler:
"The Heart of the Matter:
Hutchins, the First Forty Years."



Doubletree Hotel Sonoma Wine Country

One Doubletree Drive, Rohnert Park, California, United States 94928
Tel: 1-707-584-5466

Driving Directions:
Head West on east Cotati Ave.
Right at Snyder Lane
Left at Golf Course Drive
Right at Double tree Drive



IN MEMORIUM

Warren Olson (1925-2009)

Founder of the Hutchins School of Liberal Studies

“In its twenty-three years of existence [as of 1992] the Hutchins School has become accepted and valued part of Sonoma State University. The road has been rocky, but always negotiable. Our school has institutional rigidities of its own which deserve scrutiny, yet the inclination to innovate remains alive and well.”

The Origin and Birth of the Hutchins School of Liberal Studies (1992)

“My memories of my years at Hutchins get fonder every year. Some fine colleagues, many wonderful students, exciting books and the ghosts of faculty meetings and politics fading. My secret to a successful retirement; do it early and enjoy it in Hawaii. I grow flowers to make lei for the local grocery store, and rarely wear a sweater. I love it. Aloha from *Susan* at Kukii Herbs & Lei.”
Susan Barnes

“Hutchins tries hard to help students learn *how* to become educated; once they learn to do so they can go on educating themselves for the rest of their lives.”
Tony Mountain

“Coming to teach in the Hutchins School in 1997 was the best career move I ever made. Where else could I teach courses on food, health, and money - and work together with colleagues in planning such an innovative general education program? I am forever grateful to the visionary leadership of the founding faculty, especially Warren Olson, and to those who have continued to carry the torch.”
Debora Hammond

“To the founders of the Hutchins School, to those who came later, to the new generation that carries on the tradition of a liberal education, and to our life-long fellow learners (students), I offer my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to work with all of you.”
Francisco H. Vázquez

October 18, 2009
SUNDAY

9:30 - 11:30 A.M. - No Host Brunch at North Light Bookstore



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Next to Oliver's Market.

Ways to stay connected



<http://www.sonoma.edu/Hutchins/>



MySpace Group: Hutchins Alumni

<http://groups.myspace.com/hutchinsalum>



Facebook

Search groups: Hutchins School of Liberal Studies

SSU CAFÉ: Hutchins Discussion Board

<https://www.sonoma.edu/phpbb/viewforum.php?f=6>



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