

Good afternoon,

Would your institution or any of your Student Groups have an interest in hosting a professional public speaker for the very contemporary "hot topic" around the country regarding the marriage debate and . . . ***polygamy?***

On June 26, 2015, the US Supreme Court's *Obergefell v. Hodges*¹ Decision legalized same sex marriage in a way that could ultimately impact polygamy too.² My own repeated soundbite³ from 2006 in Newsweek⁴ shows how significant the issue has now become:

"If Heather can have 2 Mommies, why can't she have 2 Mommies and a Daddy?"⁵

For more relevance, 4 years ago in December, 2013, a federal court de-criminalized *de facto* polygamy in Utah⁶ and awarded damages to the polygamous family in August, 2014.⁷ That decision was reversed by the US Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals on April 11, 2016⁸ (yet not reversed on any *merits*⁹). When the case was appealed¹⁰ up to the Supreme Court,¹¹ it was declined¹² to even be heard. A year later by the Spring of 2018, three different reality-TV shows about polygamy were on the air: "Sister Wives¹³," Seeking Sister Wives¹⁴, and "Three Wives One Husband¹⁵."

Previously, in December, 2012, TIME magazine listed polygamy activism in its Top Ten of current issues regarding marriage.¹⁶ Over the recent few years, a number of reality-TV series about polygamists have been aired - including "My Five Wives"¹⁷ (2014), "Polygamy USA"¹⁸ (2013), and "Sister Wives"¹⁹ (2010). Before this decade started, only HBO aired a TV -series on polygamy, called, "Big Love,"²⁰ (2006) – and that was only fiction.

Preceding all of these, it has been my national leadership for activism since 1994²¹ that has been paving the way by which such recent shows could now be possible.²² Truly, *now*, polygamy has become a contemporary "hot topic" around the country.

Please permit me to introduce myself to you. My name is Mark Henkel - *and I am not from Utah*. Indeed, I am genuinely unlike anyone else who might speak on this issue. As a Maine resident from Old Orchard Beach, I am the established²³ National Polygamy Advocate²⁴ for the National Polygamy Rights Movement for Consenting Adults.²⁵

As the nation and college campuses around the country discuss the issues of marriage equality, marriage protection, and marriage control,²⁶ you will find that I bring an interesting,²⁷ intellectual,²⁸ thought-provoking,²⁹ win-win,³⁰ non-Mormon,³¹ and non-stereotypical viewpoint to the debate.³² Publicly presenting and working for polygamy rights since 1994,³³ I have even been involved in the same sex marriage debate in Maine.³⁴ A number of Maine-local media³⁵ have reported about me, including the Portland Press Herald.³⁶ Nationally, I have been interviewed/reported by hostile,³⁷ non-hostile,³⁸ conservative,³⁹ Christian,⁴⁰ liberal,⁴¹ and libertarian⁴² media outlets, including numerous major media too,⁴³ such as FOX Business,⁴⁴ ABC's 20/20,⁴⁵ Newsweek,⁴⁶ The Washington Times,⁴⁷ USA Today,⁴⁸ and many more. Regarding Academia, I have persuasively refuted the public anti-polygamy biases of American⁴⁹ and Canadian⁵⁰ Professors,⁵¹ while also having my own political arguments vindicated by a renowned Constitutional Law Professor⁵² and other lawyers⁵³ too. Whether other authors were writing a Masters' thesis,⁵⁴ a Doctorate dissertation,⁵⁵ or simply non-fiction, I have also been cited by name in a number of publications and published books.⁵⁶

My public speaker's "one sheet" has been attached for your review.⁵⁷ As a professional speaker on this unique topic, I was asked⁵⁸ to present an important⁵⁹ keynote speech at Yale University,⁶⁰ showing "*WHY You WILL Vote YES to Repeal Anti-Polygamy Laws for Consenting Adults*."⁶¹ The structure I intentionally designed for this persuasive message enables me to uniquely individualize and redirect it toward different audiences.⁶²

Perhaps the students at your institution could equally benefit from such a public speaking event? I am currently filling my calendar to present such speeches for this coming year and would be glad to arrange to add your institution to the schedule. If that would be too soon for you, however, I will be glad to explore later options as well. Would this be of interest for your institution or any of your Student Groups to consider? If you have any questions about honoraria, logistics, or anything else regarding this matter, please feel free to ask.

As my calendar will be filling up quickly, please do email back your thoughts/questions, at your soonest convenience, so that we may determine how to best proceed to bring this very "hot topic" to your institution.

Thank you for your time in considering this request. Sincerely,

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¹ Supreme Court of the US – 2015. “Obergefell v. Hodges” (http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/14-556_3204.pdf)

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“Obergefell – Half-Right & Half-Wrong (Still Against Polygamy)”

(<http://www.pro-polygamy.com/articles.php?news=0095>)

Also see: LinkedIn.com - Mark Henkel 2015.

“Will SCOTUS Legalize Polygamy in 2015?” [8000-word comprehensive analysis & links]

(<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/scotus-legalize-polygamy-2015-mark-henkel-dtm-1>)

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“Why can't Heather have 2 Mommies AND a Daddy?”

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⁴ Pinterest.com – MHenkelPolygamy 2015. [Screen cap of print edition of March 20, 2006 issue of Newsweek magazine]

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⁹ Mark Henkel appears on FOX 10 Phoenix on 5-24-2016, explains Tenth Circuit's reversal of *Brown v. Buhman*:

(<https://youtu.be/qwzsSIHcpz8?list=UUSTmQkSVQMbgIFcBb1OJGhA>) Quote at 2:50-2:56.

QUOTE: "It was not reversed on the merits of any arguments whatsoever. They refused to hear any arguments at all."

Reversal detailed at: (<http://nationalpolygamyadvocate.com/blog/10th-circuit-refuses-to-re-hear-sister-wives-case/>)

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²¹ Pro-Polygamy.com – 2013. "July 4, 2014 - Christian Polygamy Movement is 20 Years Old"

(<http://www.pro-polygamy.com/articles.php?news=0091>)

²² TruthBearer.org organization, founded by Mark Henkel. (<http://www.TruthBearer.org>). For further clarity, also see:

Mark Henkel speech explains timeline since 1994, from Christian Polygamy to all forms of consenting adult polygamy.

March 22, 2012. "History & Importance of Love-not-Force"

(<http://youtu.be/gqhbafkc0fs>) Presented June 23, 2011.

The only spokesman nationally giving repeated media responses in frenzied news cycles to clarify that unrelated consenting adult polygamists also oppose real criminals - from Tom Green to Warren Jeffs, etc.

(<http://www.TruthBearer.org/media/>)

²³ Mark Henkel speech details the timeline of his successful efforts, showing how he became the National Polygamy Advocate™.

October 20, 2011. "One Plus One Does NOT Equal Eleven"

(<http://youtu.be/PdehHhygFVM>) Presented October 17, 2011. Copyright of original presentation, Sept. 9, 2010.

Also see: TV-picture of Mark Henkel on ABC's 20/20, identified as "National Polygamy Advocate," July 18, 2008.

(<http://www.nationalpolygamyadvocate.com/images/NPA-pic-500.jpg>)

²⁴ National Polygamy Advocate™ (<http://www.NationalPolygamyAdvocate.com>)

²⁵ Archive of articles sent through Pro-Polygamy.com media-distribution. (<http://www.pro-polygamy.com/articles.php>) Also see:

YouTube channel of speeches as sharable-tools for online activists. (<http://www.youtube.com/MarkHenkelPolygamy>)

2011 "Season One" Playlist (<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL990C5DE849F3037D>) of 1 speech/week for 10 weeks

2012 "Season Two" Playlist (<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC37E80B92E7B000C>) of 1 speech/week for 10 weeks

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²⁶ PRWeb 2007. "'Marriage Control' - New Political Label Recommended by National Polygamy Rights Leader"

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March 29, 2012. "Gotta Make Them Happy (Polygamy is NOT Easy for the Guy!)"

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October 13, 2011. "The 3 Supreme Court Decisions for Polygamy"

(http://youtu.be/Ck_rqXlaWBw) Presented October 28, 2010

²⁹ Mark Henkel speech details how modern polygamy is about woman's choice:

January 26, 2012, "The Power of Attracting Woman's Choice"

(<http://youtu.be/yysYQigmCmw>) Presented April 28, 2011.

³⁰ Mark Henkel speech details the Polygamy Rights Win-Win Solution to End the Marriage Debate:

March 15, 2012. "Irresistible Force & Immovable Object (Solving the Marriage Control Conundrum)"

(<http://youtu.be/FDfW96pj-lc>) Presented February 20, 2012. Copyright of original presentation, September 23, 2010.

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(<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2007/02/prweb508420.htm>)

Also see: TruthBearer.org 2006. "Mark Henkel Interview Example - Important Questions & Media Credibility"

(<http://www.truthbearer.org/media/mark-henkel-interview-example/>)

³² Mark Henkel speech details his primary motivations for advocating for unrelated consenting adult polygamy:

September 15, 2011. "Peeling the Onion (of Why I Do What I Do)"

(<http://youtu.be/KK9CxpFCCE>) Presented September 8, 2011. Copyright of original presentation, August 16, 2010.

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(<http://www.pro-polygamy.com/articles.php?news=0069>)

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April 22, 2012. "Mark Henkel Polygamy Testimony at Hearing for Same Sex Marriage 4-22-09 Maine"

(<http://youtu.be/4dSBQu3X4GE>) Presented April 22, 2009.

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Article: Mark Henkel 2008. "Kick Government Out of Marriage, Not Churches"

(<http://www.pro-polygamy.com/articles.php?news=0057>) Also see special Footnote at this link.

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(<http://portland.the phoenix.com/News/81725-Play-by-play/?page=3>)

Example 2b: Jeff Inglis 2009. "After the battle."

(<http://portland.the phoenix.com/News/83031-After-the-battle/?page=2>)

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(<http://www.truthbearer.org/media/portland-press-herald/>)

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(<http://youtu.be/jmXMxUQOcF8?list=PLCE8223E3FA3756D8>)

³⁸ AJ America 2013. "Mark Henkel on Al Jazeera America Dec 14 2013." (<http://youtu.be/ZxY-2ey5IRk?list=PLCE8223E3FA3756D8>)

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Also see: (<http://www.truthbearer.org/media/cnsnews/2006-03-16-report-polygamy-rights-is-the-next-civil-rights-battle/>)

⁴⁰ 700 Club (Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network) - Kim Bonney 2005. "Polygamy: The Next 'Right' to be Legalized?"

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⁴² REASON - Jacob Sullum 2007. "Marriage Without Benefits" (<http://reason.com/blog/2007/03/01/marriage-without-benefits>)

Also see: (<http://www.truthbearer.org/media/reason/jacob-sullum-senior-editor/>)

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Video: (<http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/4074052/should-government-control-marriage-/>)

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"Another Anti-Polygamist Scholar is Discredited" (<http://www.pro-polygamy.com/articles.php?news=0086>)

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NYU Press, Pp. 144, 226, 266 (<http://goo.gl/HZnRRL>)

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