

Save the Dates!

2nd Annual

## Disability Studies Forum

Sponsored by the University of Utah

March 11-12, 2009

The Disability Studies Forum is the showcase event of Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Disability Studies offered through the University of Utah. The Forum is free and open to the public.

### Wednesday, March 11

Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center, 138 W. 300 S., Salt Lake City.

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - **Film Screening and Panel Discussion**

#### "Born Freak"

New at this year's Forum: A screening of an award winning documentary, "Born Freak." This provocative film (Paul Sapin/UK 2004) dares to ask, will audiences ever see disabled performers as anything other than freaks? Film includes a stunning visual score and was winner of the Best of the Festival at Superfest International Disability Film Festival in 2004. A panel discussion will follow.

### Thursday, March 12

University of Utah Olpin Union – Salt Air Room

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. - **Seminar**

#### "Discarding Disability Identity: Beyond Identity Politics to an Integrated Approach for Disability Studies."

Dr. Anita Silvers, professor and chair of Philosophy at San Francisco State University will be the Visiting Scholar for this year's Forum. She is the author of numerous books and articles on disability rights, law, and ethics.

Noon to 5:15 p.m. - **Poster Session & Reception**

#### Disability Studies Poster Session & Reception with Anita Silvers

The Poster Session will feature research from graduate students and faculty from the University of Utah, as well as other universities and public agencies. Light buffet.



**Dr. Anita Silvers**

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. - **Public Lecture**

#### "Life After War for Wounded Warriors and Everyone Else in a New Era for Civil Rights."

Dr. Silvers will describe the (d)evolution of the idea of disability rights and develop a new approach to rights that builds on American culture's achievements in regard to disability during the last half century.

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