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**THE PLURALISM PROJECT AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES  
ROUNDTABLE SECRETARY ELAINE EMMI FOR HER WORK ON  
“AMERICA’S INTERFAITH INFRASTRUCTURE: AN EMERGING LANDSCAPE”**

**Salt Lake City** – In conjunction with the announcement of the launch of its website, “America’s Interfaith Infrastructure: An Emerging Landscape” ([www.pluralism.org/interfaith](http://www.pluralism.org/interfaith)), the Harvard University Pluralism Project (HPP) has recognized Roundtable Secretary Elaine Emmi for the time and energy she has spent working with the HPP on this project.

In her letter to Ms. Emmi, Whitney Barth of the Pluralism Project staff stated that “We greatly appreciate your willingness to share with us about your work and your local context....we wanted you to be among the first to know about the website launch since without you this resource would not have been possible....best wishes as you continue to build a culture of religious pluralism in your community.”

The HPP noted especially two features of the website: the “share your story” ([www.pluralism.org/interfaith/share](http://www.pluralism.org/interfaith/share)) portal and the “add an interfaith organization” ([www.pluralism.org/interfaith/add](http://www.pluralism.org/interfaith/add)) function. Each is a way for those active in the interfaith movement to continue the dialogue, and also to keep their finger on the pulse of the interfaith movement.

Ms. Emmi was a founding member of the Salt Lake Winter Olympics Interfaith Roundtable in 1999. In 2002, the group reorganized as the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable. She is a past Board Chair.

According to the HPP website, the Pluralism Project has followed the development of America’s fast-changing religious landscape for twenty years, including studying new forms of civic and interfaith relationships. “The events of 9/11 demonstrated the importance of interfaith groups

already formed; in the ensuing decade we have witnessed the growth of hundreds of new interfaith initiatives.” In 2011, the HPP embarked on a pilot study, funded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, to look closely at interfaith efforts in twenty cities across the United States, including Salt Lake City ([www.pluralism.org/interfaith/salt\\_lake\\_city](http://www.pluralism.org/interfaith/salt_lake_city)). Although it is a selective portrait, it is the HPP’s first step towards a larger goal of documenting and resourcing America’s interfaith movement.

The Harvard Pluralism Project: [www.pluralism.org](http://www.pluralism.org)