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We welcome you to San Antonio! As you peruse your Program for MHA’s 49th annual meeting, I trust that you will agree with me that this conference promises to be one of our finest. The conference theme -- The Immigration of Cosmopolitan Thought across borders and cultures, will be well represented with plenary and simultaneous sessions on the history of Mormonism and the Latter-day Saint Restoration Movement in Texas (of course), Mexico, Brazil, Ghana, Ethiopia, Samoa and the South Pacific, Great Britain and Europe, Asia, indeed all over the world. Professor Jehu Hanciles, our guest Tanner Lecturer, will speak on the theme “Would That All God’s People Were Prophets: Mormonism and the New Shape of Global Christianity”

The conference will not only discuss Mormonism across national boundaries. Several sessions will deal with evolving cultural, ethnic, gender, and even electronic boundaries (if such even exist). Professor Ignacio Garcia, born in San Antonio, will speak on “Finding a Mormon Identity through Religion and Activism: A Personal Note on Constructing a Latino Time and Place in the Mormon Narrative.” Other sessions will address similar contemporary issues including those on race and marriage, shifting female identities and leadership roles, education and architecture, tabernacles and the bloggernacle, Catholicism and Mormonism. It is particularly exciting to see such a mix of young scholars, established authorities, and interested amateurs rubbing shoulders together in an ongoing quest for knowledge and understanding. Not all will agree with each other, which makes for an exciting conference, but all promise to be responsible and respectful.

Nor will 19th-century Mormon history be forgotten. There will be presentations on the Joseph Smith Papers, Liberty Jail, the Mormon Missouri War, the Mormon Exodus, Mountain Meadows Massacre, plural marriage, and a special plenary session to discuss the recent release of the long-awaited, much-anticipated Nauvoo Council of Fifty Minutes, so long inaccessible. A panel for our post-conference tour, while visiting Lyndon Baines Johnson sites in Texas’s Hill Country will address the issues of LBJ, the LDS Church, and Civil Rights. And the President’s address promises to shed new light on the post-Nauvoo LDS temple traditions.

Finally, don’t forget the exciting, well-planned pre- and post-conference tours with their special emphasis on San Antonio’s Catholic Missions (including the Alamo), Lyman Wight’s Colony sites near Fredericksburg, and the Texas capital of Austin. They will be well worth your time.

Richard E. Bennett
MHA President
Welcome to the MHA conference in San Antonio! As your program committee we’re pleased to offer two full days of presentations in over 40 sessions devoted to Mormon History and to our theme: “The Immigration of Cosmopolitan Thought.” Our theme emphasizes the interplay between Mormonism and broad national and international currents and forces. San Antonio, a cosmopolitan, historically Catholic borderlands city with a vibrant but contested multicultural history and a relatively small but expanding Mormon presence, is a good place to explore, as several of our sessions do, the immigration and impact of cosmopolitan viewpoints and ideas and the interplay between Mormonism and other forces. Those forces include war, partisan politics, Progressivism, Catholicism, anti-Communism, slavery and the environment. Some of our presenters explore the Mormon experience in Texas and other southern states where Mormons have comprised small, sometimes maligned minorities. Ignacio Garcia, who opens Friday’s discussions with a plenary address, will reflect upon his formative experiences as a Spanish-speaking Latter-day Saint coming of age in San Antonio – what he calls the process of “becoming Mexican American while Mormon in the Alamo City.” The construction and politics of identity, a theme of great contemporary interest, is examined in several sessions that explore questions of race and majority-minority dynamics. Social networks, family relations and religious authority are investigated through the lens of gender in several sessions, including a plenary reader’s theater on polygamy organized by Paula Harline. Reflecting the impact of globalization, many of our presenters focus upon transnational themes and the Mormon experience in Asia, Latin America and the Pacific. Our Tanner Lecturer, Jehu J. Hanciles, will help us to place Mormon history in the context of the history of global Christian expansion. Other sessions explore Mormonism from the standpoint of cultural history as they treat a variety of topics including architecture, blogs, tourism, and ritual. Several enticing sessions highlight new sources from the Joseph Smith Papers or revisionist interpretations of Mormonism’s founding prophet.

With so much intellectual energy tightly packaged into two days, our San Antonio meetings promise to be extremely rewarding and invigorating. We hope you will actively join in the conversation. Thank you for attending.

Brian Q. Cannon
Program Chair

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Welcome to San Antonio! Best known as the “Alamo City,” San Antonio is located deep in the heart of Texas. More than 26 million people visit San Antonio each year and experience the city’s cultural diversity and rich history. San Antonio has long been an international crossroads. From Spanish colonial rule to Texas independence, and ultimately statehood, the city draws from its cultural history: once it had street signs in three languages—Spanish, English, and German.

While in downtown San Antonio attending the conference, please feel free to wander the streets of La Villita, one of the first Spanish settlements, and later home to German and French pioneers. Or visit the Alamo, which more than 2.5 million people visit each year, to see where the “Battle of the Alamo” took place as a small band of Texans (including Davy Crockett) held out for thirteen days against General Antonio López de Santa Anna of Mexico. Or head to the King William neighborhood, a national historic district lined with restored homes. Or take a casual stroll day or night on the idyllic Riverwalk, where it is difficult to find a bad meal. Or sit at the bar in the Menger Hotel where Teddy Roosevelt recruited his “Rough Riders.” Other places to see during your visit include the Spanish missions, the Tower of the Americas (space needle), and the SeaWorld and Six Flags Fiesta Texas theme parks.

Texas has a large and diverse population from the Restoration community. There is a large and growing LDS Church membership in Texas, or 278,492 according to the 2009 LDS Almanac (approx. 1.1% of the Texas population). This is the fifth largest Mormon population for any individual State—only Utah, California, Arizona, and Idaho being larger—with sixty Stakes, eight Missions, and four Temples (Dallas, Houston, Lubbock, and San Antonio). The Community of Christ has forty-eight congregations and five mission centers in Texas. The FLDS Church has the “Yearning for Zion Ranch (YFZ)” in Eldorado, Texas, where a temple has recently been built (Eldorado is approximately 3 hours west of both Austin and San Antonio).

There are many connections between Texas history and Mormon history. In recent years, three historians have published excellent books on the history of Mormonism in Texas including: Melvin C. Johnson—Polygamy on the Pedernales: Lyman Wight’s Mormon Villages in Antebellum Texas 1845-1858 (Utah State University Press); Michael Scott Van Wagenen—The Texas Republic and the Mormon Kingdom of God (Texas A&M University Press); and Ken Driggs—Evil Among Us: The Texas Mormon Missionary Murders (Signature Books). All three of these scholars have contributed to this conference.

Other interesting Mormon-Texas connections include the following: Seth Blair’s ill-fated wagon-train of Mormon converts in 1856, Preston Thomas’s six missions to Texas between 1848-1871, Ben McCulloch’s involvement with Utah Territory during the late 1850s while U.S. marshal for the eastern district of Texas, the Bandera story of the RLDS Church with the brush-arbor revival of 1865 and the congregation that lasted until the 1950s, the Mormons (LDS) in the East Texas sawmill culture (1880-1940), the large number of Utah War veterans who settled in El Paso during the 1880s, and Albert Sidney Johnston connections to Texas Revolution and Utah War.

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As the 7th largest city in America, San Antonio ranks as one of the largest cities to host an MHA conference, and this is the first time in 50 years that MHA has been held in Texas. “Everything is Bigger in Texas,” as the saying goes, and we hope you enjoy your time visiting the Lone Star State.

Michael H. Paulos
Local Arrangements Chair

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Many Thanks!

Our sincere thanks to the many who have contributed to the success of this conference. The Program Committee, listed on page 4, chaired by Brian Q. Cannon, has crafted a remarkable lineup. Much follow-up is always required and the committee has performed most ably. The Local Arrangements Committee, listed above, chaired by Michael H. Paulos, has tackled with zeal a very complicated, multi-facted plan. The result is a remarkable opportunity for MHA attendees to enjoy to their fullest the conference offerings and the city of San Antonio.

We have witnessed great generosity from contributors who have given money to fund the Opening, Student, and Closing receptions. Seventeen students who are delivering papers have had their travel augmented by the Student Travel Fund. There have been other conference expenses, including entertainment and our Devotional venue, costly in a city like San Antonio, for which several local San Antonians and others have stepped up, contributing to an enjoyable and entertaining conference.

Of course, there is no conference without the scores of presenters who have engaged in research, the assembly of their investigation, and the writing and delivery of their papers. The 2014 San Antonio conference must go down as one of the finest and most diverse presented in recent memory. MHA is so very appreciative to all those who have participated and added so much to fostering the study and presentation of Mormon history.

The many committees that serve the organization, all voluntarily, have added so much to the success of the conference. In the absence of such devotion and committment, MHA goes nowhere.

We also express thanks to the MHA Officers and Board for their work in helping to plan and then execute not only the conference but also the ongoing work of MHA.
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Note: Prior to 2012, awards given by MHA bore the name of the award’s donor/funder or one memorialized by the donor. With the exception of the Leonard J. Arrington Award, the awards are now simply named for the work they represent.

Leonard J. Arrington Award

In honor of Leonard J. Arrington

Awarded annually to a scholar whose contributions are truly outstanding for distinguished service to Mormon history. Awarded since 1999, this award is named and given in memory and recognition of a founding father of the Mormon History Association and premier mentor and promoter of Mormon history.

For Books:

Best Book Award - $2,000

Awarded for the best book published on Mormon history. Given to honor and encourage the sense of purpose, dedication, excellence of study, research and scholarship in the field of Mormon history. Primarily funded by Curtis T. Atkisson in memory of his wife, Mary Ann Atkisson, a lover of history, an accomplished artist, and MHA member.

Donors: Curtis T. Atkisson; Christian K. and Julianna B. Barney

Best Biography Award - $1,000

Awarded for the best published biography in the field of Mormon history. Funded in honor of Ella Larsen Turner, a published historian and genealogist, and daughter, Ella Ruth Turner Bergera, a published family historian, novelist, and poet.

Donor: The families of Ella Turner and Ella Ruth Bergera

Best Documentary History / Bibliography Award - $1,200

Awarded for the best published book of documentary editing or bibliography on Mormon history. Funded in remembrance of the Barneys’ Mormon ancestors.

Donors: Christian K. and Julianna B. Barney

Best International Book Award - $1,200

Awarded for the best book on international Mormon history. Funded in honor of Geraldine McBride Woodward for promoting her great love of Mormon history and its remarkable heritage to her family, friends, and students.

Donors: Geraldine and Clair Woodward; Christopher and April Newton; Nan Woodward Noble

Best First Book Award - $1,200

Awarded for an author’s best first book published on Mormon history during the year.

Donor: Smith-Pettit Foundation, a private operating foundation, in support of scholarly Mormon studies

Best Family / Community History Award - $500

Awarded to the best commercially or privately published and thoroughly researched family or community history relating to the Mormon experience prior to 1980. Funded in memory of Marjorie June Winchester Scott, a local historian, museum curator, and MHA member; and the Winchester family, whose history as early converts reflects Mormonism’s tumultuous first century and a half.

Donor: The Scott family

Best Personal History/Memoir Award - $1,200 (beginning in 2015)

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Best Article Award - $500
Funded by the Hartley Family Foundation in honor of William G. Hartley, former Research Historian with the Church Historian’s office and Professor at Brigham Young University, for his lifetime of scholarship and his commitment to weaving the tapestry of history from collective and individual life stories.

Donor: Hartley Family Foundation

Article Awards of Excellence (2) - $350 each
Awarded for two outstanding articles published on Mormon history in honor of Vera Jean and J. Talmage Jones, as a tribute from their family for their excellent example of Christian values.

Donor: Vera Jean and J. Talmage Jones Family

Best International Article Award - $350
Awarded for the best international Mormon history article (in print or online journals), in honor of Andrew Jenson, Assistant LDS Church Historian, for his outstanding contribution in documenting nearly every LDS congregation around the world.

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Awarded for an outstanding article on the experiences of Mormon women in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Sponsored by the Mormon Women’s History Initiative Team (MWHIT), an independent group of scholars from around the United States who encourage research, writing, and publications on Mormon women’s history.

Donor: Silver Foundation

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Best Dissertation Award - $800
Awarded for the best doctoral dissertation on a Mormon historical theme. Funded in honor and memory of the many students of Gerald R. Jones, who served for many years as an administrator and instructor for the LDS Church Education System.

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Award for the best master’s thesis on a Mormon historical theme. Funded in honor of Lester E. Bush, a retired physician, who served for five years as Associate Editor of Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought and wrote many articles and one book. His most noteworthy achievement was a 1973 Dialogue article on blacks and the priesthood.

Donor: Gregory A. Prince

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Both student paper awards are funded to honor Juanita Brooks for her life of dedication and scholarship and for the courage with which she led the way in an honest and professional approach to the study of the Mormon past.

Donor: Lola Van Wagenen

Student Research Paper, Award of Merit - $300
Awarded through competition to students producing outstanding research papers about Mormon history at the several universities with programs in Mormon history or Mormon Studies. Each university conducts its own competition. MHA provides the cash award to the winner. Funded in memory of Davis Bitton for his significant scholarship and contributions to Mormon history and his university students.

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For Special Contributions:

Special Citations
Presented to persons or an institution who have made a significant contribution to Mormon history.
Floor-plan of the MHA San Antonio, Texas, Conference: Second and Third Floor, Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk
Welcome Session

Thursday, June 5, 2014
7:00 p.m., Texas Ballroom B

Welcome: The Honorable Henry Cisneros

Musical Guests:
La Calma

“Mormon in Texas”
Michael Van Wagenen

Opening Reception

Thursday, June 5, 2014
8:00 p.m., Texas Ballroom A & B

Refreshments will be served

Newcomers’ Breakfast

Friday, June 6, 2014
7:00-7:45 a.m.
Texas Ballroom A

We welcome all first-time conference attendees and invite you to a special breakfast (continental) with MHA officers. There is no charge to newcomers.
Plenary Session

Ignacio M. Garcia
(Brigham Young University-Provo)

“Finding a Mormon Identity through Religion and Activism: A Personal Note on Constructing a Latino Time and Place in the Mormon Narrative”

Friday, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Texas Ballroom B

Membership Luncheon/Reader’s Theater

Paula Kelly Harline (compiler and narrator)
Kathryn M. Daynes  Hollie Fluhman
Kate Harline  Susan S. Rugh

“Running from the Law: Four Polygamous Wives on the 1880s Underground”

Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Texas Ballroom A-B
All conference attendees are invited: No charge for the lunch.

Awards Banquet

Friday, 6 June 2014
7:00 p.m., San Antonio Ballroom

Presentation of MHA Awards:
Polly Aird, Chair, Awards Committee
THE TANNER LECTURE
Jehu J. Hanciles
(Candler School of Theology, Emory University)

“‘Would That All God’s People Were Prophets’: Mormonism and the New Shape of Global Christianity”

Saturday, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
Texas Ballroom B

PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET
Richard E. Bennett
(MHA President, 2013-2014; Brigham Young University-Provo)

“The Upper Room’: Latter-day Saint Temple Work During the Exodus and in Early Salt Lake Valley, 1846-1854.”

Saturday, 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.
Texas Ballroom B

followed by the

CLOSING RECEPTION,
9:00-10:00 p.m., Texas Ballroom A & B
Refreshments will be served.
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PROGRAM

Reception Desk and all meetings in the
Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. MHA Board Meeting Boardroom
4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Registration Reception Desk, Second Floor

Thursday, June 5, 2014

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration Reception Desk, Second Floor

Pre-conference Tours

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Tour 1: Colonial Spanish Missions and LDS Temple of San Antonio
Buses depart from and return to the front of the Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk

At your leisure Tour 2: Self-guided Walking Tour of San Antonio

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Welcome Session Texas Ballroom B

Conducting: Richard E. Bennett (MHA President)
Welcome: The Honorable Henry Cisneros
Music: La Calma
Speaker: Michael Van Wagenen (Georgia Southern University)
“Mormons in Texas”

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Welcome Reception Texas Ballroom A

The Welcome Reception is sponsored by the LDS Church History Department; Charles Redd Center for Western History, BYU-Provo

Light refreshments will be served.
Friday, June 6, 2014

7:00 - 7:45 a.m.  Newcomers’ Breakfast  Texas Ballroom A

“For all who are new to MHA.”
Welcome: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (MHA President-elect)

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  Registration  Reception Desk, Second Floor
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  Exhibits  Preconvene, Second Floor

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  Opening Plenary Session  Texas Ballroom B

Chair: Richard E. Bennett (MHA President)
Speaker: “Finding a Mormon Identity through Religion and Activism: A Personal Note on Constructing a Latino Time and Place in the Mormon Narrative”
Ignacio M. Garcia (Brigham Young University-Provo)

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  Concurrent Session I

Session #1A  Toto, I Have a Feeling We’re Not (Just) in Utah Anymore: Mormons on the Internet in the Information Age
Room: Executive Salon 1
Chair: Barbara Jones Brown (MHA Board; South Jordan, Utah)

Cristine Hutchison-Jones: “Google It . . .”: What Can We Learn about Mormonism on the Internet
(Harvard Law School)

Kristine Haglund: The Bloggernacle: Boundaries, Branding, and Broadcasting
(Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought)

Saskia M. Tielens: Pinning Down Mormon Identity on the Internet: Latter-day Uses of Pinterest
(TU Dortmund University/University of Utah)

Comments: Jana Riess (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Session #1B  Across Gender, Across Generations: Conversations about Gender
Room: Executive Salon 2
Chair: Cherry Silver (Salt Lake City, Utah)

Lisa Olsen Tait: Facing the Situation Calmly: Susa Young Gates and Joseph F. Smith on Gender and Priesthood
(LDS Church History Department)

Kathryn H. Shirts: Priesthood and Womanhood: Complementary Gender Roles in the Writings of Leah Dunford Widtsoe
(Provo, Utah)

Christine Talbot: Mormons, Gender, and the New Commercial Entertainments, 1890-1920
(University of Northern Colorado)

Comments: Boyd J. Petersen (Utah Valley University)
Session #1C  Global Crossroads: Mormonism and Asia in the Twenty-First Century, Continuing the Conversation  
Room: Executive Salon 3  
Roundtable Discussion  
Brittany A. Chapman (LDS Church History Department)  
Elizabeth Heath (LDS Church History Department)  
A March 2014 Bay Area conference provoked a discussion about Mormonism in Asia and Asia in Mormonism—which continues  
Comments: Audience  

Session #1D  Latter-day Saints and the Civil War  
Room: Executive Salon 4  
Chair and and Comments:  
Devan Jensen: “Pray God That My Life Be Spared”: The Military Service of Henry Wells Jackson (BYU-Provo)  
Paul A. Hoffman: Henry Wells Jackson at the Battle of White Bridge (Santa Ana, California)  
Kenneth L. Alford: Diaries of the Lot Smith Utah Cavalry Company (BYU-Provo)  

Session #1E  Mormon Architecture: Shelter and Symbol  
Room: Executive Salon 5  
Chair and Comments:  
P. Bradford Westwood: Low Church Protestants, Nonconformists and Mormons: A Look at Mormon Meetinghouses Built and Used in circa 1840s-1880s in Great Britain (Utah State Historical Society)  
W. Ray Luce: “To Us This is Sacred Ground”: Small, Early Twentieth-Century Mormon Buildings in the Southern United States (Georgia State University)  
Paul L. Anderson: Traditionalists Versus Modernists in Twentieth-Century LDS Architecture (BYU-Provo, Museum of Art)  

Session #1F  Mormons in the Southwest  
Room: San Antonio Ballroom  
Chair and Comments:  
Richard O. Cowan: The Hispanic Saints of South Texas: A Case Study of Peoples and Cultures (BYU-Provo)  
George and Peggy Ryskamp: Serving Beyond Lincoln Avenue: The Uncommon Life of Betty Gibbs Ventura (BYU-Provo)  
Fernando R. Gomez: The Myth about Margarito Bautisto’s 1935 Book The Evolution of Mexico - Their True Progenitors and Their Origin - The Destiny of America and Europe (Museum of Mormon Mexican History)  
LaMond Tullis: Ammon Meshach Tenny (1844-1925): Friend of Southwestern Amerindians and Rescuer of Abandoned Mormons in Central Mexico (Spring City, Utah)
Session #1G  Mormon Connections to Other Religious and Philosophical Traditions
Room: Texas Ballroom C
Chair: Philip Barlow (Utah State University)
and Comments:

Terry L. Tomlinson: The Institute of Religion Movement and the Religious Education Foundations Movement: Divergent or Convergent Movements in Religious Education in American Higher Education
(Orange, California)

Adam S. Brasich: “Let in the Fresh Air”: Divergent American Catholic Theological Interactions with Mormonism Following the Second Vatican Council
(Florida State University)

A. LeGrand Richards: The Brigham Young Academy Summer Institute: Progressive Education Meets the Mormons
(BYU-Provo)

11:30 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m. Plenary/Membership Luncheon  (No charge)
Room: Texas Ballroom A & B
Chair: Richard E. Bennett (MHA President; BYU-Provo)

Annual Membership/Business Report
Reader’s Theater: “Running from the Law: Four Polygamous Wives on the 1880s Underground”
Compiler and narrator: Paula Kelly Harline (Provo, Utah)
Kathryn M. Daynes (BYU-Provo, retired)
Hollie Fluhman (Cedar Hills, Utah)
Kate Harline (Salt Lake City, Utah)
Susan S. Rugh (BYU-Provo)

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Session II
Session #2A  Indigeneity, Theology, and the Construction of Lamanite Identity in Latin America and the Pacific Islands
Room: Executive Salon 1
Chair: Ignacio M. Garcia (BYU-Provo)
and Comments:

Jared Tamez: Mormonism, Evangelism and the Search for Nephites in the 19th-Century Arizona-New Mexico Borderlands
(University of Texas, El Paso)

Evan R. Ward: “The Mixture of Thy Seed”: Mormon Cultural Identity and Ethnicity in South America’s Southern Cone
(BYU-Provo)

Grant Underwood: A Tale of Two Regions: A Comparative Look at Lamanite Identity Discourse in Latin America and the Pacific Islands
(BYU-Provo)

Session #2B  The City of Zion and Its Redemption: The New Jerusalem and the Construction of Nineteenth-Century Mormon Identity
Room: Executive Salon 2
Chair: Alexander L. Baugh (BYU-Provo)
and Comments:

Mark Ashurst-McGee: Zion and Its Redemption
(Joseph Smith Papers)
Matthew C. Godfrey: “The Redemption of Zion Must Needs Come by Power”: Insights into the Camp of Israel Expedition, 1834
Elizabeth Kuehn: Financing Zion and Building the Stakes of Zion: Understanding the Intended and Actual Roles of the Kirtland Safety Society

Session #2C  Missions and Trans-national Connections
Room: Executive Salon 3
Chair: Richard Neitzel Holzapfel (BYU-Provo)
and Comments:
John C. Thomas: Not So Obscure After All: The Book of Mormon in the Missions, 1898-1919
Barry Alan Joyce: The Temple and the Rock: James W. Lesueur and the Synchronization of Sacred Space in the American Southwest

Session #2D  Mormons in the Cold War
Room: Executive Salon 4
Chair: Gary James Bergera (MHA Board; Smith-Pettit Foundation)
and Comments:
Nancy S. Kader: The Anti-War Hugh Nibley and the Young Democrats at BYU
Reid L. Neilson: A Light in the Darkness: Apostle Ezra T. Benson’s 1959 Sermon at Moscow’s Central Baptist Church
Patrick Q. Mason: Ezra Taft Benson and Modern (Book of) Mormon Conservatism

Session #2E  The Rise and Demise of Post-Manifesto Polygamy in Canada and Mexico
Room: Executive Salon 5
Chair: J. Spencer Fluhman (BYU-Provo)
and Comments:
Brooke Brassard: Comparing Colonies: Mexican and Canadian Mormon Settlements in the Late Nineteenth Century
Glen Soren Larson Jr.: Colonizer and Apostle Abraham Owen Woodruff: Post-Manifesto Polygamy in Mexico and Leading to His Untimely Death in Texas
Session #2F  Gender
Room: San Antonio Ballroom
Chair: Rachel Cope (BYU-Provo)
and Comments:
Jennifer Brinkerhoff Platt: Merging Historical Pasts in Latter-day Saint Convension: An Exploration of Female Ethiopian Saints
S. Spencer Wells:  A Little Lower than Men: Iterations of Mormon Bachelorhood, 1830-1930
Sherilyn Farnes: Lydia Clisbee Partridge: A Case Study of Familial Representation in Mormon Historical Writing

Session #2G  Negotiating Mormon Identities from Texas to Turkey
Room: Texas Ballroom C
Chair: Kathryn M. Daynes (BYU-Provo)
and Comments:
Edward Hilton Jeter: Mormon Networks in Southeast and Central Texas, 1900-1940
Ardis E. Parshall: Sainthood, Genocide, and the Closing of the Turkish Mission, 1909

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  Concurrent Session III

Session #3A  New Directions in Indigenous Mormon and Mormon-Indigenous Studies
Room: Executive Salon 1
Chair: Brenden W. Rensink (Joseph Smith Papers)
Roundtable:  Elise Boxer (University of Utah)
Christopher C. Smith (Claremont Graduate University)
Playing Lamanite: Ecstatic Performance of a Re-imagined Indian Identity in Early Mormonism
Stanley J. Thayne (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Session #3B  The Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Texas
Room: Executive Salon 2
Chair: Ken Driggs (Atlanta, Georgia)
and Moderator:  Marianne T. Watson (Lehi, Utah)
Panel:  Exploring the Landscape of Contemporary Mormon Fundamentalism
Eric Nichols (Austin, Texas)
Brandon Todd Hudson (San Antonio, Texas)
### Session #3C  From Isolated to Cosmopolitan: Tourism in the Twentieth-Century Mormon West  
**Room:** Executive Salon 3  
**Chair:** Evan R. Ward (BYU-Provo)  
**and Comments:**  
- Lisa-Michele Church: When It Comes to the Wilderness: Tourism and Rural Utah  
- Susan S. Rugh: Mormon Motel Men: Empire Builders of the Modern West

### Session #3D  Mormon Women, Political Activism, and the Equal Rights Amendment  
**Room:** Executive Salon 4  
**Chair:** Andrea G. Radke-Moss (BYU-Idaho)  
**and Comments:**  
- Natalie K. Rose: Not a Popular Decision: Lenore Romney and the Equal Rights Amendment  
- Amanda Hendrix-Komoto: “You Don’t Represent Hawaii”: The Politics of the Equal Rights Amendment and Mormonism in Hawaii  
- J. B. Haws: When It Was “Do or Die for the ERA”: Mormon Power in Politics, Mormon Power in Public Perception

### Session #3E  Slavery  
**Room:** Executive Salon 5  
**Chair:** Christian Heimburger (Joseph Smith Papers)  
**and Comments:**  
- Jeffery O. Johnson: Texan Cattle, Slaves, Missionaries and Mormon Converts, 1856  
- Margaret Blair Young: Free in California, Slave in Texas: The Story of Biddy Smith Mason and Her Thirteen Fellow Slaves  
- Audience

### Session #3F  The Forms and the Power: Exploring Mormon Ritual  
**Room:** San Antonio Ballroom  
**Chair:** Kathleen Flake (University of Virginia)  
**and Comments:**  
- Ryan G. Tobler: The Only Way to Be Saved: Early Mormonism and the Sacrament of Baptism  
- Jonathan A. Stapley: Early Baby Blessings in Mormon Liturgy, Belief and Cosmology  
- Justin Bray: Mormon Women, Bread and Wine, and the Politics of Food
Friday — June 6, 2014

Session #3G  Sacred Architecture
Room: Texas Ballroom C
Chair: W. Ray Luce (Georgia State University)

and Comments:

William G. Hartley: Church Architect Edward O. Anderson’s Design, Construction, and Supervision Challenges to Build the Los Angeles, London, Switzerland, and New Zealand Temples during the 1950s

Elwin C. Robison: Masonic Architecture and Design Sources for Early Mormon Temples

Emily Utt: Defining a Form: Latter-day Saint Temple and Tabernacle Architecture

5:15 - 6:30 p.m.  Plenary Session

Session #3H  The Council of Fifty and Its Records: A First Glimpse
Room: Texas Ballroom B
Chair: Reid L. Neilson (LDS Church History Department)

Panel:
Richard E. Turley Jr. (LDS Church History Department)
Matthew J. Grow (LDS Church History Department)
Ronald K. Esplin (Joseph Smith Papers)

Comments: Audience

7:15 - 9:00 p.m.  Awards Banquet

Room: San Antonio Ballroom (limit 230)
Welcome: Richard E. Bennett (MHA President, BYU-Provo)
Presentation of MHA Awards: Polly Aird (MHA Board; Awards Committee Chair)

9:15 - 10:30 p.m.  Student Reception

Room: Texas Ballroom A

Hosted by Amanda Hendrix-Komoto
(MHA Board Member and Student Relations Committee Chair)

Sponsored by BYU Church History and Doctrine Department; Mormon Studies, Claremont Graduate University
Saturday, June 7, 2014

Mormon Women’s
History Initiative Breakfast

7:00 – 7:45 a.m.
Welcome: Lisa Olsen Tait (BYU-Provo)
Researcher’s Roundtable

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Registration
Reception Desk, Second Floor

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Exhibits
Preconvene, Second Floor

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Concurrent Session IV

Session #4A  Mormonism’s Educational Legacy in Latin America
Room: Executive Salon 1
Chair: Vance Randall (BYU-Provo)
Scott C. Esplin: The Juarez Academy as a Window to Global Mormonism (BYU-Provo)
Casey Paul Griffiths: LDS Church Schools in South America (LDS Church Seminaries and Institutes)
Barbara E. Morgan: Benemerito de las Americas: A Half-Century of LDS Education in Mexico City (BYU-Provo)
Comments: Mark L. Grover (BYU-Provo, Emeritus)

Session #4B  Thinking about Nature: Mormon Interaction with the Environment
Room: Executive Salon 2
Chair: Todd M. Kerstetter (Texas Christian University)

Brett D. Dowdle: “We Seldom Find Either Garden, Cow, or Pig”: The Changing Environment of Mormon Converts from Industrial England (Texas Christian University)
James Forbes: “The Desert Shall Blossom as the Rose”: Mormon Theology and Cultivation in the American West (Queen’s University)
Session #4C  Recovering Mormonism from Failed Healings
Room: Executive Salon 3
Chair: TBA

Panel: Brad Kramer (University of Michigan)
Unfulfilled: What Can Failed Sacramental Healings Tell Us about the Successful Ones?
Anne Leahy (Salt Lake City, Utah)
Kristine Wright (Guelph, Ontario)
“I have had seasons of being better but never well”: Ritual Efficacy and Mormon Identity

Comments: Panelists

Session #4D  Huddling Together: Ecclesiastical Authority Versus the Untapped Potential of Uppity Women
Room: Executive Salon 4
Chair: Erin Hill (Blinn College)

Mary Ellen Robertson: Female Religious Presence in Nauvoo
(Sunstone Education Foundation)

Cheryl L. Bruno: Revolutionary Sisterhood: The Struggle to Sustain a Prophetic Vision
(Redmond, Washington)

Heather Olson Beal: Negotiating Boundaries: The Ordain Women Movement
(Stephen F. Austin State University)

Comments: Maxine Hanks (Salt Lake City, Utah)

Session #4E  Transnationalism
Room: Executive Salon 5
Chair: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (MHA President-Elect; Harvard University)

and Comments:

Julie K. Allen: Danish but not Lutheran: Cultural Identity Negotiations Among Nineteenth-Century Danish and Danish-American Mormons
(University of Wisconsin, Madison)

Benjamin C. Pykles: Hawaiians in the Utah Desert: Material Culture and Identity at Iosepa
(LDS Church History Department)

Sarah Reed: The Cosmopolitan Saint: Nephi Anderson’s Scandinavian Mormon Identity
(University of Wisconsin, Madison)
## Lecture Day: June 7, 2014

### Session #4F

**Latter-day Saints in Texas and Arizona**

- **Room:** San Antonio Ballroom
- **Chair:** Robert Freeman (BYU-Provo)

- **David F. Boone:**
  (BYU-Provo)  
  Texas as a Springboard and Thoroughfare of Latter-day Saint Colonization in the West

- **Catherine Ellis:**
  (Oracle, Arizona)  
  Mormon Emigration Routes and Settlement of Arizona

- **Cameron Trejo:**
  (Mesa, Arizona) with Heidi J. Osselaer:
  (Scottsdale, Arizona)  

- **Moderator:** Michael N. Landon (LDS Church History Department)

### Session #4G

**Mormons in the American South**

- **Room:** Texas Ballroom A
- **Chair:** Bruce Allen Crow (Nashville, Tennessee)

- **Ruth Knight Bailey:**
  (East Tennessee State University)  
  Mormons in an Iron Cage: Appalachian Perspective on State v. Christensen and Its Aftermath

- **Jay Hansford C. Vest:**
  (University of North Carolina, Pembroke)  
  Mormons and Indians in Central Virginia: J. Golden Kimball and the Mason Family’s Native American Origins

- **Comments:** LeGrande Boyer (Kingsport, Tennessee)

### 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

**Obert C. and Grace A. Tanner Lecture**

- **Room:** Texas Ballroom B
- **Chair:** Richard E. Bennett (President MHA; BYU-Provo)
- **Speaker:** Jehu J. Hanciles (Candler School of Theology, Emory University)

  "Would That All God’s People Were Prophets": Mormonism and the New Shape of Global Christianity"

### 11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

**Lunch on Your Own (we recommend the River Walk)**
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  Concurrent Session V

Session #5A  Mormonism and Race in Expanding Contexts
Room: Executive Salon 1
Chair: Richard L. Jensen (Joseph Smith Papers)
and Comments:

Cory M. Nani: (Utah State University)  The Meaning of Words: Understanding Brigham Young’s Racist Rhetoric

Bradley Kime: (Utah State University)  “The Most Eugenical Religion in the World?”: Mormonism and Eugenics in the Early Twentieth Century

Session #5B  Women on the Edge: Meeting Crises, Taking Leadership
Room: Executive Salon 2
Chair: Brittany A. Chapman (LDS Church History Department)

Andrea G. Radke-Moss: (BYU-Idaho)  “I hid [the Prophet] in a corn patch…”: Mormon Women’s Experiences in the Missouri War of 1838

Janelle M. Higbee: (LDS Church History Department)  Sister Duncanson, President of the Teachers’ Quorum

Taunalyn Ford Rutherford: (Claremont Graduate University)  Indian Mormon Women Have Their Say

Comments: Jill Mulvay Derr (Alpine, Utah)

Session #5C  Mormons in the Pacific and Asia
Room: Executive Salon 3
Chair: Matthew Kester (BYU-Hawaii)
and Comments:

Craig K. Manscill: (BYU-Provo)  “No Purse, Scrip, or School Books”: The History of Mormon Missions in Samoa from 1892-1960

Joseph Soderberg: (Salt Lake City, Utah)  Robert Louis Stevenson: Mormons, Missionaries and Friends in Samoa

Audrey Bastian: (Silver Springs, Maryland)  No Purse or Scrip: Analysis of Three Accomodations in Asia for a Working Class Mormon Missionary in the 1850s

Session #5D  Mormons and the Military
Room: Executive Salon 4
Chair: and Comments: Jerry D. Thompson (Texas A&M International University)

Donald Q. Cannon: (BYU-Provo, retired)  Mormon Pioneer Forts

Robert H. Briggs: (Fullerton, California)  The Fate of the Mountain Meadows Militiamen: Those Who Moved to Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico
Session #5E  Slavery, Servitude, and Race: New Insights from the Utah Territorial Legislature
Room: Executive Salon 5
Chair: Elise Boxer (University of Utah)

LaJean Purcell Carruth: (LDS Church History Department) “To bind the African because he is different from us in color enough to cause the angels in heaven to blush”: Orson Pratt’s Opposition to Slavery in the 1852 Territorial Legislature

Christopher B. Rich Jr.: (Vicenza, Italy) Walks Like a Duck, Talks Like a Duck?: Defining Servitude and Slavery at Utah’s First Legislative Session

W. Paul Reeve: (University of Utah) “If there never was a prophet or Apostle of Jesus Christ spoke it before...”: Brigham Young, Race, and the 1852 Territorial Legislature

Comments: Newell G. Bringhurst (College of the Sequoias, Emeritus)

Session #5F  Mormon Biography
Room: San Antonio Ballroom
Chair: Gary James Bergera (MHA Board; Smith-Pettit Foundation) and Comments:


Mark Edwin Miller: (Southern Utah University) Cowboy Apostle, Indian Agent: Anthony W. Ivins and Mormon Influence on Federal Indian Affairs, 1875-1932

E. Gary Smith: (Springville, Utah) Unique Emeritus: Patriarch to the Church, Eldred Gee Smith

Session #5G  “A Defining Moment”: Integration at the Turn of the Century
Room: Texas Ballroom C
Chair: Thomas G. Alexander (BYU-Provo, Emeritus) and Comments:

Lance F. Sorenson: (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) The Progressive Path of Mormon Integration, 1890-1920

Brant W. Ellsworth: (Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg) (Re)structuring Mormon Pioneers as American Heroes: Nationalism, Imperialism, and Violence in the 1897 Pioneer Jubilee

Scott Marianno: (Utah State University) Passing as Citizens: Race and Marriage in Mormon Culture, 1890-1920
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Session VI

Session #6A  The Early Church in Brazil, 1913-1947
Room: Executive Salon 1
Chair: Michelle Hill (San Antonio, Texas)

Michael N. Landon: (LDS Church History Department) From South Carolina to Brazil: A Catawba Pioneering Odyssey

Mark L. Grover: (BYU-Provo, Emeritus) Sprechen Sie Portugiesisch? Nein: The German Beginnings of the LDS Church in Brazil

Garret Scott Shields: (LDS Church Seminaries and Institutes) “A Fine Field”: Initial Church Growth in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Comments: Clinton D. Christensen (LDS Church History Department)

Session #6B  Perspectives on Joseph Smith (2-Hour Session)
Room: Executive Salon 2
Chair: Richard L. Bushman (Columbia University, Emeritus)

Jared M. Halverson: (Vanderbilt University) The Scottish Enlightenment Confronts American Scripture: The Book of Mormon, Alexander Campbell, and the Rhetoric of Scottish Common Sense Realism

Lawrence Foster: (Georgia Institute of Technology) Why the Prophet Is a Puzzle: The Challenge of Using Psychological Perspectives to Understand the Character and Motivation of Joseph Smith Jr., the Mormon Prophet

Steven C. Harper: (LDS Church History Department) War of Words, Tumult of Opinions: The 1960s Contest over Joseph Smith’s First Vision


Comments: Audience

Session #6C  Nineteenth Century Markers of Mormonism/Mormon Identity
Room: Executive Salon 3
Chair: Joseph Stuart (University of Virginia)

Joel J. Campbell: (BYU-Provo) with Kris Boyle: (BYU-Provo) “Artemus Ward, the Father of American Humor,” and his Mormon Lecture’s Influence on Public Opinion in Britain and America

Brady G. Winslow: (Baylor University) “Anything But a Good and True Mason”: John C. Bennett and the Beginnings of Masonic Anti-Mormonism

Jeremy S. Leatham: (Baylor University) From Mormonites to Mormons: Newspaper Portrayals of a Restorationist Movement, 1830-1833

Robin Scott Jensen: (Joseph Smith Papers) “Gather Up and Preserve a History”: Scrapbooks and the LDS Church Historian’s Office

Comments: Audience
Session #6D  Mormonism’s Relationship to Kansas and Missouri
Room: Executive Salon 4
Chair: William P. MacKinnon (Santa Barbara, California)
and Comments:
R. Jean Addams: The LDS Church and the Redemption of Zion
(Woodinville, Washington)
Alexander L. Baugh: Old and New: The History of the Original and Reconstructed Liberty Jails
(BYU-Provo)
Glen Olson: Defending and Defining the Common Good: The Utah Expedition’s Role in Sectional Visions of Democratic Governance
(The Graduate Center, CUNY)

Session #6E  Author/Editors Meets Critic: Joseph Smith Papers, Documents Vol. 1
Room: Executive Salon 5
Chair: TBA
Authors/Editors: Michael H. MacKay (BYU-Provo)
Gerrit Dirkmaat (LDS Church History Department)
Critic: Jonathan A. Stapley (MHA Board; Bellevue, Washington)

Session #6F  Curious Worksmanship
Room: San Antonio Ballroom
Chair: Matthew Roper (BYU-Provo)
and Comments:
Kenneth L. Cannon II: Isaac Russell and the 1912-13 Spalding Controversy over the Egyptian Facsimiles and the Book of Abraham
(MHA Board; Salt Lake City, Utah)
Andrew J. Grose: The Deseret Alphabet: Child of Its Time
(Saratoga, California)

Session #6G  Women’s History
Room: Texas Ballroom C
Chair: David Hall (California State University, Fullerton)
and Comments:
Jeremy Sean Lofthouse: Feminist and Mormon: Shifting Female Identity with the Latter-day Saint Movement
(University of Utah)
Jennifer Reeder: 1880-81 Relief Society Jubilee Box: Time Capsules and Memories
(LDS Church History Department)
Susan Woodland Howard: The European Mission, International Suffrage and Peace Movements, and a Militant Mormon Suffragette
(San Jose, California)
SATURDAY  JUNE 7, 2014

5:15 - 6:30 p.m.  Book Exhibitors and Book Signings  Preconvene, Second Floor

7:00 - 8:45 p.m.  Presidential Banquet

Room: Texas Ballroom B
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Presidential Address: Richard E. Bennett (MHA President, 2013-14)

“The Upper Room': Latter-day Saint Temple Work During the Exodus and in Early Salt Lake Valley, 1846-1854.”

9:00 - 10:00 p.m.  Closing Reception

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Sunday, June 8, 2014

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  Devotional  Eclipse Expo B

Location: Coates Chapel and Gardens (at Ursuline Academy), Southwest School of Art (See map on page 36)
Conducting: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (MHA President)

Music: Ethan Wickman
Speakers:
  John Glaser, Community of Christ, Coordinator for Hispanic Leadership Development
  Marilyn S. and Ronald O. Barney “The Religion of Joseph Smith”

Post-conference Tour

“Mormonism in Texas”
Leaves: Sunday Morning, 10:15 a.m. from Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk

Monday, June 9, 2014

Post-conference Tour

Return: Early Monday Evening, bus returns to Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk
Pre-Conference Tours

Tour 1: Eighteenth-Century Spanish Missions and LDS San Antonio Temple

Thursday, June 5, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Bus departure from Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk

This rich historical tour includes a few of the 18th-century Spanish Missions established by the Catholic Church along the San Antonio River, including the famous San Antonio de Velero (later renamed the Alamo). The tour will also include a visit to the LDS Church San Antonio Temple.

Tour 2: Self-guided Tour of San Antonio, Texas

Thursday, June 5, 2014
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

While this self-guided tour is designed to be a pre-conference tour, using a printed guide produced by the San Antonio Conservation Society regarding important and interesting historical and cultural sites in downtown San Antonio, conference visitors may take advantage of many of these nearby sites at any time during the conference. The Texas Star Trail is a 2.6 miles walking adventure that can be abbreviated or walked in sections. The hotel’s location on the River Walk provides an inviting and optimally convenient point of departure to access much of what makes San Antonio one of the most interesting cities in the United States of America.

Post-Conference Tour

Tour 3: Mormonism in Texas

Sunday, June 8, 2014, 10:15 a.m. to the evening of Monday, June 9, 2014
Bus departure after the Sunday Devotional from the Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk

This bus tour includes narrative about and site visits to some of the earliest Mormon endeavors in Texas, located within an hour or so of San Antonio. The venture of Lyman Wight and his band of about 150 settlers arrived in the area in the mid-1840s. While their presence was short-lived, less than a score of years, their local influence and enduring connections to the Community of Christ (then the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) make this oft-neglected facet of the Mormon past a great opportunity for conference visitors. The tour will include stops at several of the Wightite locations in the region, including Zodiac and Bandara.

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2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Mormon History Association, whose annual conference will be held in Provo, Utah, on June 4-7, 2015, at the Utah Valley Convention Center. We invite papers and presentations that consider Mormon history in its broadest possible sense, as well as those which reflect retrospectively on the history of the MHA itself at its first half-century mark.

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As the conference returns to Provo and the Wasatch Front area—which has a long history as the heart of what is often termed the “Mormon culture region”—we especially encourage presentations that probe the importance of this geographic region from multiple perspectives across time, or which investigate the concept of a “Mormon culture region” itself. How have the city of Provo and surrounding communities shaped Mormon history and culture? And beyond the local, which other places, practices, traditions, and stories deserve consideration as part of our proceedings?

Finally, the occasion of the organization’s 50th meeting lends itself to papers or panels providing critical introspection on the state of the maturing field of Mormon history. Where have we been? Where is the field headed? And what are the emerging areas of study, methods, technologies, and possibilities for the future of Mormon history?

Although the Program Committee will consider individual papers, it will give preference to proposals for complete sessions. These might follow the traditional format of two or three papers with commentators, but we also encourage alternative or innovative formats, such as roundtables, performances, film screenings, or other experimental arrangements. Because audiences appreciate the opportunity to ask questions or offer comments, do not try to pack too much into a single session. Please send a title and 300-word abstract for each paper or presentation, and a brief 1-2 page CV for each presenter with email contact information. Full session proposals should also include the session title and brief abstract outlining the theme, along with a confirmed or suggested chair and commentator, if applicable. Previously published papers are not eligible for presentation at the MHA. Please note that only one proposal per individual may be submitted. Financial assistance is available to some student presenters; those who wish to apply should include estimated travel expenses with their proposals.

The deadline for all proposals is October 1, 2014. Proposals should be sent by email to the program co-chairs, Spencer Fluhman and Tona Hangen, at mha2015provo@gmail.com. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be made by January 1, 2015. Presenters are expected to be members of MHA and to register for the conference. For additional information on the conference, please consult http://mormonhistoryassociation.org

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Michael Hunter will chair the session, with comments from the Audience.

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