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PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME

We invited you to Calgary to explore “new interpretation and understanding” with us. Now that we’re here, welcome. I trust that you will be richly rewarded for your participation in the 47th annual meeting of the Mormon History Association. The world of Mormon studies is dynamic, benefiting by new approaches and new ways of communicating. We seek to incorporate the best of these and invite all to join in the adventure.

We provide a big tent in the marketplace of Mormon studies. If you are new to MHA and to our conferences, you will find that we encourage candid, original scholarship, respectfully pitched to an audience of scholars and enthusiasts from backgrounds sufficiently varied that there is no “us” or “them.” We avoid both jargon and church-speak, proselytizing and ax-grinding. Most presentations are relatively concise. Our plenary sessions highlight issues of general interest. I invite particular attention to Friday’s opening plenary session in which historical geographer Lynn Rosenvall will address “The Transfer of Mormon Culture to Southern Alberta,” and to our annual Tanner lecture, in which historian David B. Marshall will focus on “The Latter-day Saints, the ‘Doughnut,’ and Post-Christian Canada.” This year most papers will be presented in blocks of seven concurrent sessions.

We hope you will find this printed program helpful as you choose among the many offerings that compete for your attention. Beyond the basic listings of sessions, abstracts of the individual papers, which you will find in a separate document in your conference materials, will give you a sense of the contributions each will make. While you may find it impossible to attend all the sessions you would like, keep in mind that we plan to post audio recordings of most of the presentations on the MHA website at a later date.

Hearty thanks to those who have made this conference possible and successful. Many of them are listed elsewhere in this program. They include the program committee, co-chaired by Richard Bennett and Rachel Cope; the local arrangements committee, co-chaired by Bruce and Jean Blumell, and their many local volunteers; Sherri DiVincentis, director of Conference and Visitor Services at Tourism Calgary, and her staff; the staff of the MacEwan Conference and Event Centre; and MHA’s board of directors, particularly our indefatigable executive directors Ron and Marilyn Barney and awards chair Polly Aird.

Richard L. Jensen
MHA President
We are very delighted to welcome you to this year’s MHA Conference, for the first time to be held in Calgary, Alberta. There is a rich Mormon heritage in Alberta dating back to the first settlement of Cardston in 1887. For approximately the next twenty years, especially during the late 1890s and early part of the twentieth century, many Latter-day Saints left their homes in Utah and southeastern Idaho, some in response to Church calls, and moved to the open prairies of southern Alberta. This was the last major Church-directed settlement process. Among other things, these settlers built in 1898-99 the first large-scale irrigation system in Canada. During the 1890s, but to a much greater degree after the turn of the century up to World War I, numerous settlers, many from the United States, moved into the last North American homestead frontier of the Canadian prairies.

We will start off Thursday evening June 28, 2012, with an official welcome from Sherri DiVincentis representing Tourism Calgary and the city of Calgary. Then the fun begins with a musical program followed by a mix and mingle with light refreshments.

The following days, Friday and Saturday, will be the heart of our conference with forty concurrent sessions, and a number of plenary sessions, banquets and luncheons, all outlined in this conference program. As in the past we expect that the quality will be superb and intellectually stimulating.

And finally the devotional Sunday morning will include not only a talk by LDS Church Historian and Recorder Elder Marlin K. Jensen, but also musical selections from local LDS professional musicians.

The settlement of Calgary dates back to 1875 with the arrival of the North West Mounted Police, but in terms of growth it is mostly a post World War II city with now over a million people. The city with the unusually impressive skyline is also the oil and natural gas capital of Canada. We want MHA conference visitors to take time to see some of the sites in Calgary. To assist in this opportunity there will be a pre-conference bus tour to various places in the city. You may also wish to see the progress on the new LDS Temple that will be almost completed by conference time. There is also a one-day pre-conference bus tour to Banff National Park and Lake Louise in the spectacular Canadian Rockies. If you can extend your vacation, the Calgary Stampede (100th anniversary) starts July 6.

In addition, there will also be a post-conference bus tour to southern Alberta commencing Sunday morning, July 1, shortly after the devotional. There will be historical commentary at various stops and a night’s rest in Lethbridge (with a historical presentation) before returning to Calgary on Monday evening. This will be very interesting to all, and will provide a special opportunity for those unfamiliar with the original Mormon settlement area.

Finally we will have many volunteer guides to help you navigate the MacEwan Conference and Event Centre and University of Calgary Campus. We want your Conference attendance to be a very positive and memorable experience.

Local Arrangements Committee

Donald Evans and Mayne Root
Welcome to the 2012 Mormon History Association Conference here in Calgary, Alberta. We are happy that you have come to Canada and promise you an enjoyable and richly rewarding and educational experience. We have worked long and hard to make this year’s conference one of the very best with over 40 sessions and in excess of 100 presenters from the United States, Canada, and overseas. We thank all of you who will take part as speakers, commentators, chairs, entertainers and observers. We invite all to participate, to ask respectful and responsible questions, to mingle, and to get to know each other.

In keeping with the theme of this year’s conference -- “Mormonism in Its Expanding Global Context: Invitations to New Interpretations and Understanding” -- the sessions will unfold along two distinct thematic tracks. First, several papers will be devoted to the international story of Mormon Restoration movements in all parts of the world including Asia, Africa, the South Pacific and Europe with a special emphasis on contrasting missionary perspectives and opportunities. The Mormon experience in Canada since Charles O. Card’s pioneering arrival in Alberta in 1887 will be significantly featured. Second, many sessions will highlight “new interpretations” of Mormon history. These will include Mormonism and the Media in an exciting year which many are calling “the Mormon Moment,” “New Historical Understandings from Mormon Documents” including the Joseph Smith Papers, a thorough reconsideration of early Mormon marriage practices, and 19th- and 20th-century Mormon temple building including the soon-to-be dedicated Calgary Alberta Temple. Of special interest will be the several authors of recently published, award-winning books who will be called upon to answer your questions and inquiries.

Presenting this year’s Obert C. and Grace A. Tanner Lecture will be Professor David B. Marshall of the University of Calgary who will attempt to place the growing, counter-trend Mormon religious experience within Canada in the context of an increasingly secular age. Other guest plenary speakers will include Frederick Larsen, President of the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Stephen Shields of the Community of Christ, and Ronald Esplin, Managing Editor of the Joseph Smith Papers Project. Giving this year’s presidential address on Saturday night will be Richard L. Jensen.

We trust that you will all have a wonderful time remembering our treasured past while celebrating Canada’s 145th birthday on Sunday, July 1st. It’s a great time to be in Calgary!”

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Mormons in Alberta:
Beginnings in the Nineteenth Century

By Gary L. Boatright Jr.
Historic Sites Curator, Church History Department

The Mormon History Association has a rich history of holding its annual conference in areas with roots deep in Mormon History. Independence, St. George, and Kirtland are a recent sampling of places we’ve gathered to discuss the context and background associated with the Restoration movement. This tradition continues as we meet in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in 2012.

Despite Alberta’s assignment by some to the periphery of Mormon history, the venture into the southern sector of the Canadian province by Mormon settlers in the nineteenth century has proven to be substantial and enduring. Emerging from settlement initiatives contemporary with other expansive movement outside the Mormon corridor of the Intermountain West, the vast plain and prairie of Alberta proved over time to be a boon to the faith and its people.

In the fall of 1886, Charles O. Card left his home in Logan, Utah, to find a place for a new settlement. He, like many other leaders of the Utah Church, faced prosecution for practicing polygamy. Card hoped to travel to the colonies of northern Mexico to live in peace, but church president John Taylor suggested he look north, to Canada, as a place to flee persecution. Card’s travels took him north into British Columbia, then east to Alberta, arriving in Calgary on October 15. After purchasing a team and wagon, he headed south. On October 22, Card found “a fine district of country . . . and an excellent place to form a settlement or settlements.”2 Two days later Card dedicated the site and then returned to Utah.

Throughout the winter Card recruited other families to join him in building up a new settlement in southern Alberta. The group, consisting of eight families, crossed the border into Canada on June 1, 1887. Two days later, they reached the designated site. Quickly the settlers went to work building a new community that would be named Cardston, in honor of Card. Other immigrants moved into the area, leading to the creation of other settlements across the Canadian prairie.
A decade following the founding of Cardston, southern Alberta saw another influx of Utah Mormons. In 1898, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Alberta Irrigation Company entered into an agreement to construct a canal and build two settlements on the Canadian landscape between Cardston and Lethbridge. The next year hundreds from Utah migrated north and settled in the communities of Magrath and Stirling. With the completion of the Galt Canal in 1900, thousands of acres of prairie became productive farmland. This caught the attention of wealthy Salt Lake City businessman Jesse Knight. Knight saw southern Alberta as a viable place to raise sugar beets. He purchased property, constructed a sugar factory, and established the community of Raymond, “the Sugar City of the Great North West.”

Today, three sites associated with Mormon history in southern Alberta are celebrated as Canadian National Historic Sites. In the J.A. Spencer Memorial Irrigation Park in Magrath is a marker celebrating the Galt Canal. In 1992, the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada designated the Cardston Alberta Temple as a National Historic Site for being “an architectural and historical monument of national significance.” The entire Village of Stirling received National Historic Site status in 1989 for being “the best-preserved Canadian example of the distinctive settlement pattern known as a Mormon Agricultural Village or the Plat of Zion.”

The story of the settlement of southern Alberta by Latter-day Saints is more than a Mormon story. It is a story embraced by Canadians across the country. While you are in Calgary it is hoped you will gain a greater understanding and appreciation of this often overlooked chapter in Mormon history.

2. “Raymond, the Sugar City of the Great North West” *Deseret News*, December 14, 1907.
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**Leonard J. Arrington Award**
Awarded for a lifetime of distinguished scholarly and other contributions to Mormon history.

*Named and given in honor of one of the Mormon History Association’s founders who was also known as one of Mormon history’s premier mentors and advocates.*

**Best Book Award – $2,000**
Awarded for the best published book on Mormon history.

*Funded by Curtis T. Atkisson Jr., in memory of his wife, Mary Ann Atkisson, a lover of history, an accomplished artist, and MHA member; and by Michael and Heidi Blackham.*

**Smith-Pettit Best First Book Award – $1,200**
Awarded for the best first published book on Mormon history.

*Funded by the Smith-Pettit Foundation, a private non-profit foundation, established to encourage scholarly Mormon studies.*

**Ella Turner–Ella Bergera Best Biography Award – $1,000**
Awarded for the best scholarly Mormon biography.

*Funded by the families of Ella Larsen Turner and her daughter Ella Ruth Turner Bergera, genealogists, family historians, and published authors.*

**Steven F. Christensen Best Documentary Award – $1,000**
Awarded for the best published documentary or bibliography on Mormon history.

*Steven F. Christensen’s interest in Mormon history and documents was cut short in 1985 by his tragic death. Funded by Michael and Heidi Blackham.*

**Geraldine McBride Woodward Award – $1,000**
Awarded for the best book about international Mormon history.

*Named to honor an outstanding woman who has promoted her great love of Mormon history, this award is funded by her family to recognize Geraldine’s enduring service and interest in advancing and perpetuating the remarkable heritage of Mormonism.*

**Winchester Family and Community History Award – $500**
Awarded to the best commercially or privately published family or community history relating to the Mormon experience prior to 1980.

*The Winchesters were early converts whose history reflects Mormonism’s tumultuous first century and a half. Funded by the Scott family in memory of their mother, Marjorie June Winchester Scott, a local historian, museum curator, and MHA member.*

**T. Edgar Lyon Award for the Best Article of the Year – $500**
Awarded for the best published article on Mormon history.

*An Institute of Religion teacher at the University of Utah, Lyon was well known as an expert on Nauvoo. He worked for years with Nauvoo Restoration, Inc., and was MHA’s third president in 1968-69. Created and initially funded by members of his family.*
J. Talmage Jones Awards of Excellence – $350 each
Awarded to two authors of outstanding published articles on Mormon history.

_Funded by the Jones family trust as a tribute to their father,
who embodied many Christian values._

Andrew Jenson International Article Award - $350
Awarded for the best article on international Mormon history (in print or online journals).

_This award was established and funded by Joseph and Julia Todd to honor
the outstanding contribution of the LDS Assistant Church Historian
who documented nearly every LDS congregation around the world._

Silver Award for Mormon Women’s History - $350
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 (NWHIT), an independent group
of scholars from around the United States who encourage research, writing, and publications on
Mormon women’s history. Funding comes from the Silver Foundation._

Gerald E. Jones Best Dissertation Award – $800
Awarded for the outstanding doctoral dissertation written on a Mormon historical topic.

_Gerald E. Jones served for many years as an administrator and instructor for the
LDS Church Educational System. Funded in his honor
and in memory of the many students he influenced._

Lester E. Bush Best Thesis Award – $500
Awarded for the outstanding Masters thesis written on a Mormon historical theme.

_Lester E. Bush served for five years as Associate Editor of Dialogue and wrote many articles and one book.
His most noteworthy achievement was a Dialogue article, published in 1973, on blacks and the priesthood.
He spent his career as a physician working for the federal government. The award is funded by Gregory A. Prince._

Juanita Brooks Award for the Best Graduate Paper – $400
Awarded to a university or college graduate student for the best paper on Mormon history.

Juanita Brooks Award for the Best Undergraduate Paper – $300
Awarded to a university or college undergraduate student for the best paper on Mormon history.

_Both student awards are funded by Lola Van Wagenen 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._

Certificate of Merit – $200
Awarded to a Brigham Young University student at the
Annual BYU Religious Education Student Symposium
for an outstanding research paper on LDS Church history.

_Presented and funded by MHA._

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Presented to individuals or institutions who have made a significant
contribution to the advancement of Mormon history.
“The Transfer of Mormon Culture to Southern Alberta”

Lynn A. Rosenvall, Professor Emeritus of Geography at the University of Calgary, will describe the exportation of Mormon culture from the Great Basin into southern Alberta’s grassy upper-plains in the last half of the nineteenth century. It is a story of faith, devotion, economic determination, resourcefulness, and stick-to-itiveness that also augmented the early settlement of Canada’s “wild rose” province.

“Decentralizing Church History: A Shift in Collecting, Preserving, and Sharing the Mormon Past in a Global Setting”

Richard E. Turley Jr., Reid L. Neilson and Wayne Crosby
THE TANNER LECTURE

Dr. David B. Marshall
Saturday, June 30, 2012
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

“The Latter Day Saints, the ‘Doughnut,’ and Post-Christian Canada”

David B. Marshall, Associate Professor of History at the University of Calgary, employs in his Tanner Lecture Jan Shipps’s pastry metaphor for the relative inattention to Mormon history within the historiography of the West. Dr. Marshall, who has served as Head of the Department of History at the University of Calgary, received a B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto, and an M.A. from Queen’s University. His specialties are Canadian social and intellectual history, particularly as it relates to religion, secularization, and the history of popular culture in Canada. His publications include Secularizing the Faith: Canadian Protestant Clergy and the Crisis of Belief, 1850-1940 (University of Toronto Press, 1992).

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

Saturday, June 30, 2012
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Steven L. Shields
“Community of Christ’s Evolving Approach to Mission”

and President Frederick N. Larsen
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PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. MHA Board Meeting Hotel Alma Senate Room
3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Registration Hotel Alma Lobby

Thursday, June 28, 2012

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration Hotel Alma Lobby
1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Registration MacEwan Hall Foyer

Pre-Conference Tours:

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tour 1: Banff National Park and Lake Louise
Bus departs from Hotel Alma.

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tour 2: Calgary City Tour, Glenbow Museum and Heritage Park
Bus departs from Hotel Alma.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Opening Session and Reception MacEwan Hall A

7:00 p.m. Conducting: Richard L. Jensen, president of MHA
Welcome: Tourism Calgary
Program:
Western Singing: Glenn Sherwood
Barber Shop Quintet: Doug Sherwood and group
Violin Duet: Bruce Nysetvold & daughter Madeleine
Laycock & Paiha Family Singers

8:00 p.m. Reception MacEwan Hall Foyer

The reception is sponsored by the LDS Church History Department;
the L. Tom Perry Special Collections at the Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University;
and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University.
Dessert will be served.
Friday, June 29, 2012

6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Newcomers Breakfast MacEwan Centre Ballroom
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration MacEwan Hall Foyer
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Exhibits MacEwan Hall B

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Opening Plenary Session MacEwan Hall A

Conducting: Richard L. Jensen, President

“The Transfer of Mormon Culture to Southern Alberta”
Lynn A. Rosenvall, Professor Emeritus, University of Calgary

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

Session 1A. Mormonism and the Media
Room: THAT EMPTY SPACE
Chair and Comments: William G. Hartley, BYU-Provo, retired

1. “Marching Off Relief: Mormons and the Media During the Great Depression”
   J.B. Haws, BYU-Provo

2. “The Mormon Jesus in Mexico: Cultural/Virtual Border Crossing in Latter-day Saint Art”
   Thomas G. Evans, Claremont Graduate University

   Matthew B. Bowman, Hampden-Sydney College

Session 1B. From Curse to Vampire: Women and Juvenile Literature in LDS Female Writings
Room: COUNCIL CHAMBER
Chair: TBA

1. “The Mormon ‘Crossing the Plains’ Experience as Portrayed in Juvenile Literature”
   Mary Anne Prater, BYU-Provo

2. “Redeemed from the Curse Placed Upon Her”: Dialogic Discourse on Eve in the
   Woman’s Exponent, 1872-1900”
   Boyd J. Petersen, Utah Valley University

3. “From Lu Dalton to Stephanie Meyer: Dream Inspiration Among LDS Women Writers”
   Susanna Morrill, Lewis & Clark College

Comments: TBA
Session 1C.  Mormonism and Native American Peoples  
Room: BIANCA  
Chair: Farina King, Utah Valley University  

1. “Mormon Navajoes at the Intermountain Indian Boarding School, 1949-1984”  
   Farina King, Utah Valley University  

2. “‘Integrating Them into Our Lives’: Progressivism, Paternalism, and the ‘Indian Placement Program’ in Western Canada”  
   Barbara Jones Brown, University of Utah  

Comments: Strater Crowfoot, Former Head Chief, Siksika Nation  

Session 1D.  New Historical Understandings from Interpreting Mormon Documents  
Room: MACEWAN HALL A  
Chair: Brian D. Reeves, LDS Church History Department  

1. “Examining the Documents: The Letters of Addison Everett”  
   Michael H. MacKay, LDS Church History Department  

2. “Contextualizing the Revelations: An Analysis of Early Latter-day Saints’ Views on Revelation”  
   Robin S. Jensen, LDS Church History Department  

3. “Searching for ‘Happiness’: Joseph Smith’s Alleged Authorship of the 1842 Letter to Nancy Rigdon”  
   Gerrit J. Dirkmaat, LDS Church History Department  

Comments: D. Michael Quinn, Rancho Cucamonga, CA  

Session 1E.  “Truth Restored”: Whose Line is That Anyway? Mormonism and Rival Restorationism in America and China  
Room: ESCALUS  
Chair and Comments: Grant Underwood, BYU-Provo  

1. “Sidney Rigdon: A Frustrated Restorationist in Pursuit of ‘The True Church’”  
   Lloyd Knowles, Great Lakes Christian College  

2. “A Restorationist Paradox: The Stone-Campbell Movement and the USA”  
   Richard T. Hughes, Messiah College  

3. “Truth Made in China: The True Jesus Church and the Cultural Context for Restoration”  
   Melissa Wei-Tsing Inouye, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong  

Session 1F.  “In the Land Northward”: Growth Patterns of the Restoration in Canada  
Room: CASSIO B  
Chair and Comments: Richard E. Bennett, BYU-Provo  

1. “Mapping the Growth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) and the Community of Christ (RLDS) in Canada: A Brief Historical Geography, 1830-2010”  
   Klaus Gurgel, Weber State University  

2. “On Identifying the Earliest Canadian Converts: An Experiment”  
   Allen LeBaron, Logan, UT
11:30 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.  Lunch/Plenary Session  MacEwan Centre Ballroom

Conducting: Richard L. Jensen, President

"Decentralizing Church History:
A Shift in Collecting, Preserving, and Sharing the Mormon Past in a Global Setting"

Richard E. Turley Jr., Reid L. Neilson, and Wayne Crosby, LDS Church History Department

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  Concurrent Session II

Session 2A.  Reconsidering Joseph Smith’s Marital Practices
Room: MacEwan HALL A
Chair: J. Spencer Fluman, BYU-Provo

1. “Why Polyandry Isn’t the Right Term to Describe Joseph Smith’s Marriages to Women Who Remained Legally Married to Other Men: Reflections on a Difficult and Challenging Issue”
   Lawrence Foster, Georgia Institute of Technology

2. “Joseph Smith’s Sexual Polyandry and the Emperor’s New Clothes: On Closer Inspection, What Do We Find?”
   Brian C. Hales, Layton, UT

Comments: D. Michael Quinn, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Session 2B.  Bridging the 19th to the 20th Century Aesthetic Experience: The Salt Lake and Alberta Temples (1887-1923)
Room: THAT EMPTY SPACE
Chair and Comments: Jacob Olmstead, LDS Church History Department

   P. Bradford Westwood, LDS Church History Department

2. “Making a Modern Masterpiece: Influences and Innovations in the Design for the Cardston Temple”
   Paul L. Anderson, BYU-Provo

3. “LeConte Stewart, Temple Murals Artist for the Cardston Temple”
   Linda Hunter Adams, Joseph Smith Papers

Session 2C.  Contemporary Sacred Spaces
Room: CASSIO A
Chair and Comments: Chad M. Orton, LDS Church History Department

1. “Despite Our Differences: Cooperating and Contemporary Religious Diversity at the Kirtland Temple”
   David J. Howlett, Bowdoin College

2. “Handcart Trekking: From Commemorative Re-enactment to Modern Phenomenon”
   Melvin L. Bashore, LDS Church History Department

3. “The Bullion, Beck and Champion Mining Company and the Redemption of Zion (Jackson County, Missouri)”
   R. Jean Addams, Woodinville, WA

Elaine Jack, native of Alberta, General President of LDS Relief Society
Courtesy, LDS Church History Library
Session 2D. “Go Ye Therefore and Teach All Nations”: International Perspectives on Missionary Work
Room: ESCALUS
Chair and Comments: R. Lanier Britsch, BYU-Provo, retired

1. “Errand to the World: The 1852 Mormon Missionary Conference”
   Reid L. Neilson, LDS Church History Department

2. “Mormon-Jewish Missionary Efforts in the 1970s”
   Kahlile Bliss Mehr, LDS Church Family History Department

   James B. Allen, BYU-Provo, retired

Session 2E. Conversion in 19th-Century Mormonism:
   Identities and Associations in the Atlantic World
Room: COUNCIL CHAMBER
Chair: Rachel Cope, BYU-Provo

   Benjamin E. Park, University of Cambridge

2. “‘To Forsake Thy Father and Mother’: The Familial Politics of Conversion in the Fielding Family”
   Amanda L. Hendrix-Komoto, University of Michigan

   Christopher C. Jones, College of William and Mary

Comments: Richard L. Bushman, New York, NY

Session 2F. Revelation, Relief Society, and Conversion: Global Perspectives from Modern LDS Women
Room: MACEWAN HALL A
Chair: Claudia L. Bushman, New York, NY

1. “Conversations with God: Personal Revelation and Agency in LDS Women’s Oral Histories”
   Lisa T. Clayton, Claremont Graduate University

2. “Relief Society: Perspectives on Daughters in My Kingdom”
   Taunaly Rutherford, Claremont Graduate University

Comments: Staci Ford, University of Hong Kong
Session 2G. For Their Learning: Ancient to Modern
Room: CASSIO B
Chair and Comments: Paul Y. Hoskisson, BYU-Provo

1. “The Source of Joseph Smith’s Description of Paul from a Text-Critical Viewpoint”
   Thomas A. Wayment, BYU-Provo

2. “Closing the Church University in 1894: Embracing or Accommodating Secular Religion”
   Legrand Richards, BYU-Provo
   and
   Brian W. Ricks, LDS Seminaries and Institutes

3. “Joseph Smith and the Writings of Josephus”
   Lincoln Blumell, BYU-Provo

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

Session 3A. Mormonism and the Politics of the Progressive Era, 1893-1920
Room: COUNCIL CHAMBER
Chair: Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Boston University

1. “‘Sympathy of Religion’: The Scientific Study of ‘Comparative Religion’ and the Entrance of Mormonism at the 1893 World’s Fair”
   Konden R. Smith, Arizona State University

2. “Justice is Never Permanently Defeated Anywhere’: Reed Smoot’s Confirmation Vote in the United States Senate”
   Michael H. Paulos, San Antonio, TX

   Kenneth L. Cannon II, Salt Lake City, UT

Comments: Gary James Bergera, Smith-Pettit Foundation

Session 3B. Canals, Sugar Beets, and Pioneering Families in the New Candian Land
Room: ESCALUS
Chair and Comments: Bruce D. Blumell, Calgary, AB

1. “A First Hand Look at Life in Alberta, 1899-1917”
   Claudia L. Bushman, New York, NY

   Gary L. Boatright Jr., LDS Church History Department

   Richard S. McFarlane, Orange, CA

Knight Academy students, Raymond, Alberta, Canada
Courtesy, LDS Church History Library
Session 3C. Insights into the Origin of Early Mormon Leadership, 1831-1832  
Room: CASSIO A  
Chair: William G. Hartley, BYU-Provo, retired

1. “‘Zion Nationalism and the Ecclesiological Status of Bishop-Judge Edward Partridge, 1831-1832’”  
Mark Ashurst-McGee, LDS Church History Department

2. “‘Seeking After Monarchal Power and Authority’: Joseph Smith and Leadership, 1831-1832”  
Matthew C. Godfrey, LDS Church History Department

3. “Shedding Light on the Bishop: X-Ray Spectroscopy and the Nuanced Meanings of the Edward Partridge Bishop’s Recommend/License, 1831-1832”  
Jeffrey S. Tucker, LDS Church History Department

Comments: Gregory A. Prince, Potomac, MD

Session 3D. Not Just Mormons: Arguments over Polygamy, 1780-1900  
Room: MACEWAN HALL A  
Chair: Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University

1. “‘Monstrous Notions’: Polygamy Controversies of the 1780s”  
Sarah Pearsall, Oxford-Brookes University

2. “Polygamy and Divorce: Another Look at Udney Hay Jacob, The Peacemaker”  
Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Harvard University

3. “The Blackfoot, the Department of Indian Affairs and the Confrontation over Polygamy in Southern Alberta in the 1890s”  
Sarah Carter, University of Alberta

Comments: Audience Participation

Session 3E. Walls Can Talk: Architecture in the Latter-day Saint Experience  
Room: BIANCA  
Chair and Comments: Paul L. Anderson, BYU-Provo

1. “Understanding the Beehive and Lion Houses”  
Elwin C. Robison, Kent State University

2. “Understanding the Stand: Evolution in LDS Meetinghouse Design”  
Emily Utt, LDS Church History Department

3. “Landmark LDS Buildings and the Expansion and Redefinition of Zion (1900-1950)”  
W. Ray Luce, LDS Church History Department

Room: THAT EMPTY SPACE
Chair: W. Paul Reeve, University of Utah

Critics: TBA
- Susanna Morrill, Lewis & Clark College

Response by Author: Samuel Morris Brown, University of Utah, School of Medicine

Comments: Audience Participation

Session 3G. Changing Identities
Room: CASSIO B
Chair and Comments: Patrick Q. Mason, Claremont Graduate University

1. “Wandering Significance: The Figure of Hagoth and the Many Migrations of Latter-day Lamanite/Nephite Identity”
   Stanley J. Thayne, University of North Carolina

   Barbara E. Morgan, BYU-Provo

3. “Race, Marriage, and ‘Negro Blood in My Veins’: Scipio A. Kenner and the Mormon Struggle for Whiteness”
   W. Paul Reeve, University of Utah

5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Plenary Session MacEwan Hall A

“The Joseph Smith Papers Project -- Where Does It Now Stand? From Here Where?”
Conducting: TBA
- Ronald K. Esplin, Managing Editor, Joseph Smith Papers
- Richard L. Bushman, General Editor, Joseph Smith Papers

7:15 - 9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet MacEwan Centre Ballroom
Conducting: Polly Aird
MHA Board Member and Awards Committee Chair

9:15 - 10:30 p.m. Student Reception Council Chamber
Hosted by Christopher C. Jones
MHA Board Member and Student Relations Committee Chair
Sponsored by the LDS Church History Department, and the Church History and Doctrine Department, Brigham Young University
Saturday, June 30, 2012

Mormon Women’s History Initiative Breakfast
MacEwan Centre Ballroom

6:30 – 7:45 a.m.

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**8:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Concurrent Session IV**

**Session 4A. Ministering in Europe**
Room: COUNCIL CHAMBER
Chair and Comments: Connie Lamb, BYU-Provo

1. “The United States and the European Mormon Church”
   Walter E. A. van Beek, Utrecht University
   David Hall, California State University, Fullerton
3. “Ordained Spellbinders: Joseph Smith, Martin Stephan, and German-American Cultural Exchange”
   Sarah C. Reed, University of Wisconsin, Madison

**Session 4B. Early Mormon Marital Practices**
Room: THAT EMPTY SPACE
Chair and Comments: Kathryn M. Daynes, BYU-Provo

1. “A Nucleus of Heaven’: A New View of Joseph Smith’s Marital Practices”
   Stephen J. Fleming, University of California, Santa Barbara
2. “Another Nauvoo Wife of Brigham Young”
   George D. Smith, Signature Books

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Agnes Macphail, ca. 1920, an RLDS member, the first woman to serve in Canada’s parliament, 1921-1940
Courtesy, Grey Roots Archival Collection
Session 4C. The Missouri Difficulties Revisited
Room: CASSIO A
Chair and Comments: R. Jean Addams, Woodinville, WA

1. “The Legality of Joseph Smith’s 1838 Far West Court-Martial”
   Kenneth L. Alford, BYU-Provo

2. “Purchasing Zion: Mormon Land Acquisition in Jackson County, Missouri, 1831-1833”
   Alexander L. Baugh, BYU-Provo

3. “Canadian Participants in the 1838 Mormon-Missouri War”
   Allen LeBaron, Logan, UT

Session 4D. From Kirtland to Calgary: Temples Along the Way
Room: MacEwAN HALL A
Chair and Comments: Gregory K. Melchin, Calgary, AB

1. “Hyrum Smith’s Contribution to Building the Kirtland Temple”
   Craig K. Manscill, BYU-Provo

2. “Temples and the Gathering”
   Richard O. Cowan, BYU-Provo

   Richard K. Melchin, LDS Quorums of the Seventy

Session 4E. Straddling the Border
Room: CASSIO B
Chair and Comments: Thomas G. Alexander, BYU-Provo, retired

1. “The U.S. Presidential Campaign of 1856: Prelude to the Utah War”
   Ronald W. Walker, BYU-Provo, retired

   Brent Rogers, LDS Church History Department

Session 4F. Peace, Parties and Pieces: Memory and Activism in Mormon Women’s Circles
Room: BIANCA
Chair and Comments: Mary Murphy, Montana State University

1. “‘Assembled in the Interests of Peace’: The LDS Peace Meeting Movement, 1901-1910”
   J. David Pulsipher, BYU-Idaho

2. “‘It’s Birthday Time for You’: Commemorating and Reinforcing Communal Identity in 19th Century Mormon Celebrations”
   Andrea G. Radke-Moss, BYU-Idaho

3. “‘Clasped in the Hand of Fellowship’: The 1870 Salt Lake City Twentieth Ward Quilt as Memory of the Nauvoo Relief Society”
   Jennifer Reeder, George Mason University
Session 4G. Plural Marriage in Great Britain and Canada: A Continuing Debate
Room: ESCALUS
Chair and Comments: Kenneth D. Driggs, Atlanta, GA

   Susan W. Howard, San Jose, CA

2. “Mormons and the Mounties: Mormon Migration and the Canadian Mounties in the Late Nineteenth Century”
   Fred E. Woods, BYU-Provo

3. “Playing Lawyer with the Case of Plural Marriage [in Canada]: Rethinking Past Papers and Arguments in Favour of Decriminalization”
   Brooke K. Brassard, University of Victoria

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Obert C. and Grace A. Tanner Lecture
Plenary Session MacEwan Hall A

Conducted by Richard L. Jensen, MHA President

“The Latter Day Saints, the ‘Doughnut,’ and Post-Christian Canada”

David B. Marshall
Associate Professor of History, University of Calgary

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Annual Membership Luncheon MacEwan Centre Ballroom

Conducting: Richard L. Jensen, MHA President

“Community of Christ’s Evolving Approach to Mission”

Steven L. Shields
Community of Christ, Independence, MO

“Foreign Missions: A Challenge for the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints”

Frederick N. Larsen
President, The Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

LDS Raymond 2nd Ward
Raymond, Alberta Canada
Courtesy, LDS Church History Library
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  Concurrent Session V

Session 5A. Sugar, Basketball, and the Gift of Tongues in Southern Alberta
CASSIO B
Chair and Comments: Matthew C. Godfrey, LDS Church History Department

   Charles Schmalz, North Ogden, UT

2. “Bringing Mormonism and America to Canada: Alberta Basketball”
   Jessie L. Embry, BYU-Provo

   Mary Jane Woodger, BYU-Provo

Session 5B. Mormonism in Africa
MACEWAN HALL A
Chair and Comments: Newell G. Bringhurst, Visalia, CA

1. “Into Africa: Perspectives on Mormonism in Africa from the 1960s to the Present”
   Margaret Blair Young, BYU-Provo
   and
   Darius A. Gray, Midvale, UT

2. “‘There are Certainly No People in the Whole World Who are so Truly God-fearing as the Afrikaner’: Afrikaner Religion and the Mormon Experience in the Cape Colony, 1853-1865”
   Jeffrey G. Cannon, LDS Church History Department

Session 5C. Author Meets Critics: Terryl L. Givens and Matthew J. Grow, Parley P. Pratt: The Apostle Paul of Mormonism (Oxford University Press)
THAT EMPTY SPACE
Chair: TBA

Critics: Alexander L. Baugh, BYU-Provo
Polly Aird, Seattle, WA

Response by Author: Matthew J. Grow, LDS Church History Department

Comments: Audience Participation

Canadian
Richard Charles (R. C.) Evans,
RLDS First Presidency, 1902-1909
Autobiography of Bishop R.C. Evans of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (1907)
Session 5D. In Old Nauvoo
Room: BIANCA
Chair and Comments: Glen M. Leonard, President-Elect, MHA

1. “King Follett: The Nauvoo Period: His Death, Funeral, and Burial”
   Joann F. Mortensen, Safford, AZ

2. “The Law...Could Not Be Kept Here’: Consecration in Nauvoo, 1840-1842”
   Mitchell K. Schaefer, BYU-Provo

3. “Assessment of Archeological Resources in Old Nauvoo Using Ground-Penetrating Radar”
   John H. McBride, et al, BYU-Provo

Session 5E. Mormonism in the Pacific
Room: CASSIO A
Chair: TBA

1. “Those Dusky Sisters’: Susa Young Gates in Hawaii”
   Lisa Olsen Tait, BYU-Provo

   Chad M. Orton, LDS Church History Department

   J. Sherman Feher, Greenwood Village, CO

Comments: R. Lanier Britsch, BYU-Provo, retired

Session 5F. From Mountain Meadows to Modern Sympathies
Room: COUNCIL CHAMBER
Chair: Robert H. Briggs, Fullerton, CA

1. “Healing Bitterness: The Mountain Meadows Massacre”
   Lawrence G. Coates, BYU-Idaho

   Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Boston University

Comments: Richard E. Turley Jr., LDS Church History Department

LDS First Presidency: David O. McKay with counselors from Alberta, Hugh B. Brown and N. Eldon Tanner.
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Session 5G. Material Encounters with Spiritual Legacy: Cooking, Trekking, and Crafting Mormonism
Room: ESCALUS
Chair: Cherry Silver, Silver Foundation

1. “‘Be Pure, Be Wise, Be Prudent and True’: Mormon Girlhood and the End of Polygamy, 1869-1910”
   Natalie Rose, Michigan State University

2. “Learning to Play with Fire: 100 Years of Cooking at Girls’ Camp”
   Kate Holbrook, LDS Church History Department

3. “‘We Baked a Lot of Bread’: Re-conceptualizing Mormon Women and Ritual Objects”
   Kristine Wright, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

4. “Crafting While My Toddler Sleeps”
   Aimee Evans Hickman, Baltimore, MD

Comments: Kristine Haglund, Dialogue

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.   Concurrent Session VI

Session 6A. The Prophets and Polygamy
Room: MACEWAN HALL A
Chair and Comments: George D. Smith, Signature Books

1. “The Plural Wives of the Prophets: From Brigham Young to Heber J. Grant”
   Craig L. Foster, LDS Church Family History Department

2. “Where Have All of Brigham Young’s Wives Gone?”
   Newell G. Bringhurst, Visalia, CA

3. “Children of the Harem: A Look Inside Brigham Young’s Family”
   Jeffrey O. Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT

Session 6B. Mormonism, Magic, and the Supernatural
Room: ESCALUS
Chair: Kristine Haglund, Dialogue

1. “The Treasure Quest: Recapturing the Supernatural in Early America”
   Joseph T. Antley, BYU-Provo

2. “Pouring in Oil: Magic and Mormon Healing”
   Jonathan A. Stapley, Bellevue, WA

3. “John Dee and Joseph Smith: A North Atlantic Perspective on the Catoptromantic Arts”
   Rachael Gostenhoffer, Brown University

Comments: Samuel M. Brown, University of Utah, School of Medicine
Session 6C. An Introduction to the Journal of Mormon History
Room: CASSIO A
Chair: Gary James Bergera, Smith-Pettit Foundation

Panelists: Martha Taysom, Editor
Lavina Fielding Anderson, Copy Editor
Boyd J. Petersen, Book Reviews

Comments: Audience Participation

Session 6D. Using and Being Used: Restoration Traditions, Identity, and the Construction of History
Room: THAT EMPTY SPACE
Chair and Comments: Brian Q. Cannon, BYU-Provo

1. “Roger Williams in the Historical Imagination of Restoration Churches”
   Grant Underwood, BYU-Provo

   J. Spencer Fluhman, BYU-Provo

3. “The Image of John Calvin within Mormonism”
   Stephen S. Francis, Weber State University

Session 6E. Cosmology, Corporeality, and Election: The Theologies of Brigham Young and Joseph Smith
Room: COUNCIL CHAMBER
Chair: TBA

1. “Choose to Be Chosen--Joseph Smith on Election”
   Lynne H. Wilson, LDS Stanford Institute of Religion

2. “The Doctrine of Baptisms for the Dead in Nauvoo, 1841-1846”
   Susan Easton Black, BYU-Provo

3. “World’s Without End: The Cosmological Theodicy of Brigham Young”
   J. Chase Kirkham, Utah State University

Comments: TBA

Session 6F. Mormonism in Asia
Room: CASSIO B
Chair: TBA

1. “The Expanding Presence of the LDS Church in China Where Christianity is Fast Growing”
   Jiro Numano, Takatsuki, Osaka, Japan

   Dennis Phillips, LDS Church History Department

Comments: TBA
Saturday, Sunday  

5:15 - 6:30 p.m.  Book Exhibitors and Book Signings  MacEwan Hall B

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  Presidential Banquet  MacEwan Centre Ballroom

Conducting: Glen M. Leonard, MHA President-Elect
Richard L. Jensen, 2011-12 MHA President

“Mr. Samuelsen Goes to Copenhagen: The First Mormon Member of a National Parliament”

9:00 - 10:00 p.m.  Closing Reception  MacEwan Hall Foyer

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Sunday, July 1, 2012  

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  Devotional  MacEwan Centre Ballroom

Conducting: Glen M. Leonard
Music: Violin Solo, Cenek Vrba

“Reflections of a Church Historian and Recorder”

Elder Marlin K. Jensen
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Elder Marlin K. Jensen,  
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Post-Conference Tour

Sunday and Monday  
July 1-2, 2012

“Legends of the South–Mormon Historic Sites”

The tour departs from the parking lot of Hotel Alma after the Sunday Devotional at 10:00 a.m.  
The bus will return to Hotel Alma on Monday evening, July 2, about 6:00 p.m.
Announcement of Layton, Utah Conference
and Call for Papers

2013 Mormon History Association Conference
“The Crowded Landscape of the Mormon West(s):
Agency and Action from the Wasatch Front to the Pacific Rim”

The 48th annual conference of the Mormon History Association will be held in Layton, Davis County, Utah, on June 6-9, 2013. Our theme emphasizes the particular history of Davis County and other early Wasatch Front Mormon settlements, but also invites broad investigation of what “Wests” of all types, times, and places have meant to various branches of the Restoration movement. Further, the idea of multiple Mormon frontiers challenges us to consider Mormonism’s encounters with other groups, cultures, and institutions.

Davis County is home to some of the oldest Mormon settlements in Utah, and we hope to attract proposals that explore aspects of this settlement—as an agricultural borderland essential to the Salt Lake Valley and as a transportation conduit to settlements northward, including an extension of polygamous society. But we also invite proposals that conceive of the West in broader ways.

Geographically, we welcome studies of the ways organized Mormonism and individual Saints have exercised initiative in their interactions with other religions, governments, cultures, and capital in new “Wests,” including those around and within the Pacific Rim. Chronologically, along with traditional nineteenth-century western themes, we seek sessions that explore more recent transformations of Mormon and Restoration diasporas—economic, political, military, gendered, and cultural. Thematically, we invite examinations of how these churches dealt with tensions in their own “crowded west(s),” including the sometimes tense interactions with religious, political, economic, and cultural neighbors.

MHA invites proposals for complete panel sessions and other presentations. The Program Committee will give preference to complete two- or three-paper session proposals. Individual paper proposals will also be considered, as well as innovative formats like round-table discussions, readers’ theaters, and film documentaries. Please send an abstract of the paper (no more than 300 words) that outlines your argument and the sources that will be used plus a short CV (no longer than two pages) for each speaker. Panel proposals should include a brief abstract describing the panel’s theme and giving it a title, with suggestions for chair and commentator. Previously published papers will not be considered. Young scholars are especially invited. Students who submit proposals for papers and who wish to apply for financial assistance are invited to include estimated travel expenses with their proposals.

The deadline for all proposals is October 1, 2012. Proposals should be sent by email to: mhameeting2013@gmail.com, or one copy each to Matthew B. Bowman, Graham Hall 853, Hampden-Sydney, VA 23943 and Andrea G. Radke-Moss, Department of History, 262 RKS, BYU-Idaho, Rexburg, ID 83460. Notifications of acceptance or rejection will be made by January 1, 2013. For more information see the MHA website at http://www.mormonhistoryassociation.org/.

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