

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

DAY AT A GLANCE

Preconference Tours

7:00 a.m.

Before the Neon Signs: Mormon Beginnings in Las Vegas

Meet at Tuscany Lobby

7:15 a.m.

Mountain Meadows Massacre Guided Driving Tour

Meet in Downtown Salt Lake City

Registration

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Registration Open

Rotunda

Reception & Exhibit

6:15 – 7:45 p.m.

The Mormon Giant: A Live Documentary About Religion and Wrestling

Florentine

8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Mormon Horror and the Religious Imagination: Screening & Roundtable

G

8:30 – 9:15 p.m.

Post-Reception Registration

Rotunda

TUSCANY
SUITES & CASINO

All events are held in the Tuscany Suites & Casino,
unless otherwise noted in the program.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

DAY AT A GLANCE

Early Events

**Global Mormon Studies Breakfast:
Women's Agency within
The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints in Brazil**
Clara Varjao Schettini

7:15 – 8:15 a.m.
Florentine

**Journal of Mormon History
Editorial Board Breakfast**

7:15 – 8:15 a.m.
Rotunda

Newcomers Breakfast
(Pre-registration required)

7:15 – 8:15 a.m.
Tuscany

Registration Desk Open

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Rotunda

**Opening Plenary:
Unoriginal Sins: Slavery, Captivity,
and Kinship in Western Places**

Susan Lee Johnson
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Florentine

Session One

10:30 a.m. – Noon

The Mother of Paradox
Siena

**Settler Colonial Spectres
Roundtable**
Tuscany

**Proselytizing and Institutional
Developments in the
LDS Church**
Firenze

**Lived Religion in Nauvoo and
Winter Quarters: Women,
Children, and Theologies
of Sacrifice**
B

**Untold Stories and Lingering
Legacies of Polygamy**
E

**Revelation and Authority in
19th-Century Mormonism**
F

**Celebrating the Publication of
Latter-day Eloquence:
Two Centuries of Mormon
Oratory: A Panel Showcase**
G

**Queering Mormonism 1:
Activism and Advocacy**
Pisa

**“Lord, is it I?”: Violence,
True Crime, and Mormon
Exceptionalism**
Florentine

Lunch Break

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Membership Luncheon & Plenary
Tuscany

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Session Two

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

<p>Holiness to the Lord Author-Meets-Critics Siena</p> <p>Shoshone Saints: Insights from the Washakie Ward Database Tuscany</p> <p>The Many Meanings and Lives of the Book of Mormon Firenze</p> <p>Elusive Visibility: Reinterpreting Nineteenth-Century Mormon Women's Archival Subtext B</p> <p>Sanctioned Latter-day Saint Expression: Piercings, Tattoos, Oaths, and Song E</p>	<p>The Mirage of Mormon Settlement and Industry in Utah and Nevada F</p> <p>Game Changers: AJ Dybantsa, BYU, and the Struggle for the Soul of Basketball Author-Meets-Critics G</p> <p>Queering Mormonism 2: Trans* Studies and Identities Pisa</p> <p>Glimpses Through the Mirage of History: The Enduring Legacy of Juanita Brooks Florentine</p>
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Session Three

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

<p>Law and Mormon History Author-Meets-Critics Siena</p> <p>Navigating and Performing Las Vegas Tuscany</p> <p>Scripture in Motion: Translators, Editors, and the Making of Latter-day Saint Canon Firenze</p> <p>Relief, Prayer, and Religious Discourse: Latter-day Saint Women and Worship B</p>	<p>Women's Voices at the Beginning of the 20th Century E</p> <p>From Margin to Center: Decolonial Interventions in Mormon Studies F</p> <p>Spectres of Exclusion: New Perspectives on the Priesthood Ban G</p> <p>Intimate Subjects: Gender, Sex, and the Pursuit of Historical Belonging Pisa</p> <p>Between Zion and Washington: Latter-day Saints, the New Deal, and the Politics of Conscience Florentine</p>
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Evening Events

<p>6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Face-to-Face Mentoring Tuscany</p>	<p>7:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Awards Banquet Florentine</p>	<p>8:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Student Reception Tuscany</p>
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SATURDAY, JUNE 6

DAY AT A GLANCE

Early Events

7:15 – 8:15 a.m.
Mormon Women’s History Breakfast:
‘There is nothing melancholy
about burial robes’: Latter-day
Saint Women and a century
of Burying the Dead
Jessica Nelson
 Florentine

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Registration Desk Open
 Rotunda

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Smith-Pettit Lecture:
The Death of Purgatory and the
Birth of Proxy Baptism:
Thinking with the Ancestors
in American History
 Florentine

Session Four

10:30 a.m. – Noon

70s Saints 1:
Of Politics and Protest
 Siena

LGBTQ Histories:
Attractions, Affirmations,
Affections, and Admonitions
 F

Performance and Influence
among Latter-day Saint Women
 Tuscany

Global Feminist Currents:
Mormon Women’s Adaptation,
Activism, and Archival Memory
 G

The Creation and Reconfiguration
of the Mormon Canon
 Firenze

Mormon “Mythic Realities”
vs. Nature’s Realities
 Pisa

The Hidden Influence of
Early Lady Missionaries
 B

Enumerating Zion:
Utah and the Mormon
People in 19th-Century
Census Records
 Florentine

Political and Social Conflict in
Nineteenth-Century Mormonism
 E

Lunch Break

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

No Programming

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

DAY AT A GLANCE

Session Five

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**70s Saints II:
Culture, Memory, and Celebrity**
Siena

**Appraising Latter-day Eloquence:
Two Centuries of Mormon
Oratory Author Meets Critic**
Tuscany

**The Oak Prophecy Fulfilled:
One Hundred Years of LDS
Presence and Dialogue with the
Governments of South America
(1925-2025)**
Firenze

**The Seen and the Unseen:
Experimentation, Economy, and
Erasure in Early Mormon Polygamy**
B

**Building a Global Zion:
The Life and Vision of David O.
McKay Author-Meets-Critics**

E

**Five Latter-day Saint
Colonies in Nevada**
F

**If You Know, You Know:
Sacred Subtext in Contemporary
Latter-Day Saint Art**
G

Authority and Spectre
Pisa

**Probing the Meanings of
Membership: Rethinking
Religion and Identity in the
Mormon Experience**
Florentine

Session Six

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Bridge-Builders in Mormon
History: Recent Titles in
the Introductions to
Mormon Thought Series**
Siena

**Forgotten Trajectories in
Global LDS History**
Firenze

20th-Century Figures
B

The Work of Creative Works
E

**Spectral Saints: Haunting, Desire,
and Disillusionment in Mormon
Letters**
F

**Words, Travels, and Material
Culture of ERS**
G

**Recognizing Women's
Contributions**
Pisa

Prophetic Voices and their Critics
Florentine

Evening Events

6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
Speed Networking Event
Firenze

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Presidential Banquet
The Five Thousand Years of Cleon Skousen
Benjamin E. Park
Florentine

8:30 – 10:00 p.m.
Closing Reception
Florentine Promenade

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

DAY AT A GLANCE

Postconference Tour

8:00 a.m.

On the Ragged Edge of the Mormon Frontier

Meet at Tuscany Lobby

Devotional

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Las Vegas LDS Chapel

Mahonri MacKay Stewart

509 S 9th St. Las Vegas, NV

10:30 A.M. – NOON	10:30 A.M. – NOON	10:30 A.M. – NOON	10:30 A.M. – NOON	10:30 A.M. – NOON
<p>The Mother of Paradox</p> <p>SESSION 1A</p> <p>Chair/Moderator: Kathleen Flake <i>University of Virginia</i></p> <p>Margaret Toscano <i>University of Utah</i></p> <p>J Celene Anderson <i>Independent Historian</i></p> <p>Jacob Taylor <i>Independent Historian</i></p>	<p>Settler Colonial Spectres Roundtable</p> <p>SESSION 1B</p> <p>Chair/Moderator: P. Jane Hafen <i>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</i></p> <p>Thomas Murphy <i>Edmonds College</i></p> <p>Elise Boxer <i>University of South Dakota</i></p> <p>Sujej Vega <i>Arizona State University</i></p> <p>Alyssa Calder Hume <i>University of Chicago</i></p> <p>Angelo Baca <i>Rhode Island School of Design</i></p>	<p>Proselytizing and Institutional Developments in the LDS Church</p> <p>SESSION 1C</p> <p>Chair/Moderator: Greer Bates Cordner <i>Boston University</i></p> <p>Michael Nielsen <i>Independent researcher, St. George, Utah</i></p> <p>Nathan Cordner <i>Utah Valley University</i></p> <p>Eric Paul Rogers and James Izatt <i>Independent Historian</i></p> <p>Jared Bennett <i>Independent Historian, Medford, NJ</i></p>	<p>Lived Religion in Nauvoo and Winter Quarters: Women, Children, and Theologies of Sacrifice</p> <p>SESSION 1D</p> <p>Chair/Moderator: Steve Harper <i>Brigham Young University</i></p> <p>Elizabeth Kuehn Mahas <i>Church History Department</i></p> <p>Beverley Vermeulen <i>Church History Department</i></p> <p>Emelia Manwaring Jensen <i>Brigham Young University</i></p>	<p>Untold Stories and Lingerings Legacies of Polygamy</p> <p>SESSION 1E</p> <p>Chair/Moderator: John Turner <i>George Mason University</i></p> <p>Julia Preston <i>University of Maryland, College Park</i></p> <p>Linda Hamilton <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Bryan D. Eisenbise <i>California State University, Fullerton</i></p> <p>Nathan Kitchen <i>Independent Historian</i></p>
Siena	Tuscany	Firenze	Room B	Room E

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

10:30 A.M. – NOON

**Revelation and
Authority in
19th-Century
Mormonism**

SESSION

1F

Chair/Moderator:
Clair Barrus
Independent Scholar

Richard E. Bennett
*Brigham Young
University (Emeritus)*

**Neal E. Davis and
Ryan Shosted**
*Illinois Deseret
Consortium/University
of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign*

Stephen Fleming
Independent Historian

Room F

10:30 A.M. – NOON

**Celebrating the
Publication of
Latter-day Eloquence:
Two Centuries of
Mormon Oratory
A Panel Showcase**

SESSION

1G

Chair/Moderator:
**Richard Benjamin
Crosby**
*Brigham Young
University*

Taylor Petrey
Kalamazoo College

Kristine Haglund
St. Louis University

William Victor Smith
*Brigham Young
University (Emeritus)*

William Perez
Florida State University

Patrick Mason
Utah State University

Room G

10:30 A.M. – NOON

**Queering
Mormonism 1:
Activism and
Advocacy**

SESSION

1H

Chair/Moderator:
Beth Reeve
Independent Historian

Maddison Tenney
*Claremont Graduate
University*

Gracee Purcell
Independent Historian

Taylor Kerby
Pima Medical Institute

Megan Geilman
*Claremont Graduate
University*

Pisa

10:30 A.M. – NOON

**“Lord, is it I?”:
Violence, True
Crime, and Mormon
Exceptionalism**

SESSION

1I

Chair/Moderator:
Barbara Jones Brown
Signature Books

Greg Seppi
*Brigham Young
University*

Janika Isakson Dillon
Northeastern University

Meagan Evans
University of Oklahoma

Florentine

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Holiness to the Lord Author–Meets–Critics	Shoshone Saints: Insights from the Washakie Ward Database	The Many Meanings and Lives of the Book of Mormon	Elusive Visibility: Reinterpreting Nineteenth-Century Mormon Women’s Archival Subtext	Sanctioned Latter-day Saint Expression: Piercings, Tattoos, Oaths, and Song
SESSION 2A	SESSION 2B	SESSION 2C	SESSION 2D	SESSION 2E
Chair/Moderator: Laurie Maffly-Kipp <i>University of Virginia</i>	Chair/Moderator: Jenny Pulsipher <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Chair/Moderator: Eric Paul Rogers <i>Independent Historian</i>	Chair/Moderator: Kif Augustine <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Chair/Moderator: Nancy Ross <i>(chair)</i> <i>Utah Tech University</i>
Jonathan Stapley <i>(author)</i> <i>Independent Historian</i>	David W. Grua <i>Church History Library</i>	Margaret Olsen Hemming <i>Dialogue</i>	Rachel Birch <i>George Mason University</i>	Becky Roesler <i>Brigham Young University-Idaho</i>
John Turner <i>George Mason University</i>	Christopher Rich <i>Church History Department</i>	Jason R. Smith <i>Chicago Theological Seminary</i>	Jennifer Black <i>Boise State University</i>	Cody Whiting <i>Independent Historian</i>
Andrea Radke-Moss <i>Brigham Young University-Idaho</i>	Joshua Rust <i>Church History Department</i>	Brian Hales <i>Independent Historian</i>	Holly Jones <i>Boise State University</i>	Roger Pimentel <i>Independent Historian</i>
			Jill Thorley Warnick <i>Independent Historian</i>	Dalton Bennett <i>University of Utah</i>
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FRIDAY, JUNE 5

2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

The Mirage of Mormon Settlement and Industry in Utah and Nevada

SESSION
2F

Chair/Moderator:
Robin Jensen
Church History Library

Bradley Armstrong
Independent Historian

Sarah Stocks
University of Utah

Glen Larson
Independent Historian

Kahlile Bliss Mehr
Independent Historian

Room F

2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Game Changers: AJ Dybantsa, BYU, and the Struggle for the Soul of Basketball
Author-Meets-Critics

SESSION
2G

Chair/Moderator:
Ben Park
Sam Houston State University

Matt Bowman
(author)
Claremont Graduate School

Wayne LeCheminant
(author)
Claremont, CA

Jessica Nelson
Church History Department

Christopher C. Jones
Brigham Young University

Alan Morrell
Senior Curator at Church History Museum

Room G

2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Queering Mormonism 2: Trans* Studies and Identities

SESSION
2H

Chair/Moderator:
Brittany Romanello
University of Arkansas

Kate Mower
University of Utah

Kayla Buckness
Baylor University

Hannah Bryan
University of Kentucky

Pisa

2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Glimpses Through the Mirage of History: The Enduring Legacy of Juanita Brooks

SESSION
2I

Chair/Moderator:
Teresa Bell
Brigham Young University

Ryan Combs
Museum Director and Archivist for the Juanita Brooks Historical Preservation Society

Cristina Cardon-Sessions
Librarian at Bunkerville, NV

Sharla Brooks Moody
Director of the Juanita Brooks Historical Preservation Society

Florentine

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Law and Mormon History Author–Meets–Critics	Navigating and Performing Las Vegas	Scripture in Motion: Translators, Editors, and the Making of Latter-day Saint Canon	Relief, Prayer, and Religious Discourse: Latter-day Saint Women and Worship	Women’s Voices at the Beginning of the 20th Century
SESSION 3A	SESSION 3B	SESSION 3C	SESSION 3D	SESSION 3E
Chair/Moderator: Nate Oman (author) <i>William and Mary Law School</i>	Chair/Moderator: Erik J. Freeman	Chair/Moderator: Christopher J. Blythe <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Chair/Moderator: Holly Jones <i>University of Colorado Boulder</i>	Chair/Moderator: Bruce Young
Sam Brunson <i>Loyola University Chicago School of Law</i>	Martha Bradley Evans <i>Managing Director, Smith–Pettit Foundation</i>	Steve Harper <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Jonathan Stapley <i>Independent Historian</i>	Phoebe England Baker <i>Brigham Young University</i>
Mark Ashurst–McGee <i>Church History Department</i>	Thomas Reed Grover <i>Independent Historian</i>	Richard Saunders <i>Southern Utah University</i>	Jessica Nelson <i>Church History Department</i>	Margaret Blair Young <i>Brigham Young University (Emeritus)</i> <i>Congo Rising Corporation</i>
Kathleen Flake <i>University of Virginia</i>	Anya Allsup <i>Church History Library</i>	Matt Christensen <i>BYU Studies</i>	Martha Bown <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Reid L. Neilson <i>Brigham Young University</i>
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FRIDAY, JUNE 5

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

From Margin to Center: Decolonial Interventions in Mormon Studies

SESSION

3F

Chair/Moderator:
Caroline Kline
Claremont Graduate University

David J. Howlett
Smith College

Todd Compton
Independent Historian

Char Josier
Independent Historian

Garrett R. Elkins
Brigham Young Center Foundation

Room F

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Spectres of Exclusion: New Perspectives on the Priesthood and Temple Bans

SESSION

3G

Chair/Moderator:
Alice Faulkner Burch
Sema Hadithi African American Heritage & Culture Foundation

Paul Reeve
University of Utah

Tarik D. LaCour
University of Texas at Austin

Tonya S. Reiter
Independent Historian

Spencer Wells and Isaac Barnes May
Southern Utah University/Yale Law School

Room G

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Intimate Subjects: Gender, Sex, and the Pursuit of Historical Belonging

SESSION

3H

Chair/Moderator:
Susan Johnson
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Cathy Gilmore
University of Utah

Makoto Hunter
University of California, Santa Barbara

Megan Weiss
University of California, Santa Barbara

Pisa

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Between Zion and Washington: Latter-day Saints, the New Deal, and the Politics of Conscience

SESSION

3I

Chair/Moderator:
Jennifer Lund
Independent Historian

Brian Q. Cannon
Brigham Young University

Matthew Harris
Colorado State University-Pueblo

R. Devan Jensen
BYU Religious Studies Center

Florentine

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

10:30 A.M. – NOON	10:30 A.M. – NOON	10:30 A.M. – NOON	10:30 A.M. – NOON	10:30 A.M. – NOON
70s Saints 1: Of Politics and Protest	Performance and Influence among Latter-day Saint Women	The Creation and Reconfiguration of the Mormon Canon	The Hidden Influence of Early Lady Missionaries	Political and Social Conflict in Nineteenth-Century Mormonism
SESSION 4A	SESSION 4B	SESSION 4C	SESSION 4D	SESSION 4E
Chair/Moderator: Christopher Jones Brigham Young University	Chair/Moderator: Barbara Jones Brown <i>Signature Books/University of Utah</i>	Chair/Moderator: Christopher J. Blythe <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Chair/Moderator: Brittany Chapman Nash <i>Church History Department</i>	Chair/Moderator: Sherman Fleek <i>US Military Academy</i>
Spencer Wells <i>(respondent)</i> <i>Southern Utah University</i>	Michael Scott Van Wagenen <i>Georgia Southern University</i>	Joseph M. Spencer <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Kelly Lelegren <i>Independent Historian</i>	Jeffrey Mahas <i>Church History Department</i>
Joshua Smith	Lori Motzkus Wilkinson <i>Salt Lake Community College</i>	Charles William Johnson <i>Utah State University</i>	Rachael Burchfield <i>Brigham Young University - Idaho</i>	Ben Slighting <i>Brigham Young University</i>
Elizabeth Mawlam <i>Claremont Graduate University</i>	Adille Rigoni <i>ESPM, Brazil</i>	Mike LeCheminant <i>Independent Historian</i>	Marian Rees <i>Independent Historian</i>	Devin Devore <i>University of Tennessee</i>
Taylor Petrey <i>Kalamazoo College</i>	Elizabeth Brocious <i>University of Chicago</i>			
Amanda Hendrix-Komoto <i>Montana State University</i>				
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SATURDAY, JUNE 6

10:30 A.M. – NOON

LGBTQ in the Latter Days: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

SESSION

4F

Chair/Moderator:
Makoto Hunter
University of California Santa Barbara

Gregory Prince
Independent Historian

Stephenie Larsen
Encircle Founder and Former Executive Director

Brittany Romanello
University of Arkansas

Kyle David Belanger
Independent Historian

Room F

10:30 A.M. – NOON

Global Feminist Currents: Mormon Women's Adaptation, Activism, and Archival Memory

SESSION

4G

Chair/Moderator:
Heather Sundahl
Independent Historian

Nancy Ross and Caroline Kline
Utah Tech University, Claremont Graduate University

Katie Ludlow Rich
Independent Historian

Lindsay Denton
Exponent II

Room G

10:30 A.M. – NOON

Mormon "Mythic Realities" vs. Nature's Realities

SESSION

4H

Chair/Moderator:
Jordan T. Watkins

Breck England
Independent Historian

Brigitte Brown
Independent Historian

Jonathan England
Independent Historian

Pisa

10:30 A.M. – NOON

Enumerating Zion: Utah and the Mormon People in 19th-Century Census Records

SESSION

4I

Chair/Moderator:
Jennifer Champoux
Independent Historian/ Director of the Book of Mormon Art Catalog






Amy Tanner Thiriot
Independent Historian

Kif Augustine
BYU Law School

Michael Austin
Snow College

Florentine

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<p>70s Saints II: Culture, Memory, and Celebrity</p> <p>SESSION 5A</p> <p>Chair/Moderator: Spencer Wells <i>Southern Utah University</i></p> <p>Isaac Barnes May <i>(respondent)</i> <i>Yale Law School</i></p> <p>Christopher Jones <i>Brigham Young University</i></p> <p>Kristine Haglund <i>St. Louis University</i></p> <p>Nicholas Shrum <i>University of Virginia</i></p> <p>Sherrie Gavin and Caroline Kline <i>University of New England, Claremont Graduate University</i></p> <p>Siena</p>	<p>Appraising Latter-day Eloquence: Two Centuries of Mormon Oratory A Panel Showcase</p> <p>SESSION 5B</p> <p>Chair/Moderator: Alison Syring <i>University of Illinois Press</i></p> <p>Richard Benjamin Crosby <i>Brigham Young University</i></p> <p>Jennifer Reeder <i>Historic Sites, Church History Department</i></p> <p>John Turner <i>George Mason University</i></p> <p>Philip Barlow <i>Neal A. Maxwell Institute, BYU</i></p> <p>Tuscany</p>	<p>The Oak Prophecy Fulfilled: One Hundred Years of LDS Presence and Dialogue with the Governments of South America (1925-2025)</p> <p>SESSION 5C</p> <p>Chair/Moderator: Amber Taylor <i>Church History Department</i></p> <p>David Bolingbroke <i>Church History Department</i></p> <p>Clara Varjão Schettini <i>UNICAP, Recife/PE, Brazil</i></p> <p>Daniel Olortegui <i>University of Idaho</i></p> <p>Firenze</p>	<p>Seen and the Unseen: Early Mormon Polygamy</p> <p>SESSION 5D</p> <p>Chair/Moderator: Amanda Hendrix-Komoto <i>Montana State University</i></p> <p>Clair Barrus <i>Independent Historian</i></p> <p>Mary Ann Clements <i>Independent Historian</i></p> <p>Cheryl Bruno <i>Independent Historian</i></p> <p>Room B</p>	<p>Building a Global Zion: The Life and Vision of David O. McKay <i>Author-Meets-Critics</i></p> <p>SESSION 5E</p> <p>Chair/Moderator: Martha Bradley-Evans <i>Managing Director, Smith-Pettit Foundation</i></p> <p>Brian Q. Cannon <i>(author)</i> <i>Brigham Young University</i></p> <p>Matthew Harris <i>Colorado State University-Pueblo</i></p> <p>Mary Jane Searle <i>Brigham Young University</i></p> <p>Gregory A. Prince <i>Independent Historian</i></p> <p>Room E</p>

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**Five Latter-day
Saint Colonies in
Nevada**

SESSION

5F

Chair/Moderator:
Paul Reeve
University of Utah

Jennifer Lund
Independent Historian

Ardis E. Parshall
(in memoriam)
Independent Historian

Paula Kelly Harline
Independent Historian

Room F

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**If You Know, You
Know: Sacred
Subtext in
Contemporary
Latter-Day Saint Art**

SESSION

5G

Chair/Moderator:
**Megan Knobloch
Geilman**
*Claremont Graduate
University*

Camilla Stark
The ARCH-HIVE

Rusden Scott
*The ARCH-HIVE/
New Zion Games*

Zach Collier
Deseret Noise Co.

Barrett Burgin
*The Glass Lookers/
Burgindie Pictures*

Room G

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**Authority and
Spectre**

SESSION

5H

Chair/Moderator:
Nathan Cordner
Utah Valley University

Greer Bates Cordner
Boston University

Kyle Perry
*George W. Truett
Theological Seminary,
Baylor University*

Heather Stone
Independent Historian
and

Alecia Hart
Independent Historian

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2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**Probing the
Meanings of
Membership:
Rethinking Religion
and Identity in the
Mormon Experience**

SESSION

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Chair/Moderator:
Ignacio Garcia
*Brigham Young
University*

Cindy Prescott
*University of North
Dakota*

Erik J. Freeman
Idaho State University

**Eduardo Obregón
Pagán**
Arizona State University

**Alex Baugh and Logan
Freeman**
*Brigham Young
University (Emeritus)/
Utah Valley Institute
of Religion*

Florentine

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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Chair/Moderator: Matthew Bowman <i>Claremont Graduate University</i>	Chair/Moderator: Hannah Jung <i>University of Alabama</i>	Chair/Moderator: Hovan Lawton <i>Baylor University</i>	Chair/Moderator: Patrick Mason <i>Utah State University</i>	Chair/Moderator: Michael Austin <i>Snow College</i>
Joseph Spencer <i>(moderator)</i> <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Robin Scott Jensen <i>Church History Library</i>	Ryan A. Davis <i>Illinois State University</i>	Madison Harris <i>Utah State University</i>	Alexandra Mackenzie Johns <i>Brigham Young University</i>
J. B. Haws <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Cecily Jensen <i>Independent Historian</i>	Joe Parry <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Alan J. Clark <i>Independent Historian</i>	Rachel Meibos Helps <i>Brigham Young University</i>
Jennifer Champoux <i>Independent Historian</i>	Joseph R. Stuart <i>Brigham Young University</i>	Kent F. Schull <i>Binghamton University, State University of New York</i>	Trace Rogers <i>Independent Historian</i>	Kent Larsen <i>Hunter College, New York</i>
Steven Peck <i>Neal A. Maxwell Institute, BYU</i>	Michelle Graabeck-Wallace <i>Church History Department</i>			Valerie Atkisson <i>Artist, Utah Valley University</i>
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**Spectral Saints:
Haunting, Desire,
and Disillusionment
in Mormon Letters**

SESSION

6F

Chair/Moderator:
Taylor Petrey
Kalamazoo College

Brooke LeFevre
Baylor University

Adam McLain
University of Connecticut

Emma Tueller Stone
University of Cambridge

Kristin Perkins
Columbia University

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4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

**Words, Travels,
and Material
Culture of
Eliza R. Snow**

SESSION

6G

Chair/Moderator:
Jessica Nelson
*Church History
Department*

Elizabeth Keuhn Mahas
*Church History
Department*

Jennifer Reeder
*Church History
Department*

Josh Probert
Independent Historian

Room G

4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

**Recognizing
Women's
Contributions**

SESSION

6H

Chair/Moderator:
Jessie Christensen
BYU Library

Judy Shell Busk
Independent Historian

Mary Jane Searle
*Brigham Young
University*

**Katie Yeo, Sharolyn
Swenson, and Brian
Wages**
*Brigham Young
University*

Christopher J. Blythe
*Brigham Young
University*

Pisa

4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

**Prophetic Voices
and their Critics**

SESSION

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Chair/Moderator:
Joshua Rust
*Church History
Department*

Susan Staker
Independent Historian

Chase Kirkham
*Church History
Department*

Kyle Beshears
Independent Historian

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