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Welcome to the 2010 Mormon History Association Conference in Independence, Missouri. Many of you have gathered to Missouri to participate in this conference because of your familiarity with the experiences of Church leaders and early saints that took place here. Foundational stories about the lives of such notable founders of the movement as the Partridges, Phelps,Gilberts, Whitmers, Cowderys, Pratts, and Rockwells are part of the very fabric of our understanding of the nature of the early Church founded by Joseph Smith Jr.

While you are here, you may discover locations associated with momentous events beneath your very footsteps. The streets of Independence are indeed the highways where giants of Mormon history walked. Seize the opportunity to explore the very same byways formerly occupied by these forebears. I also urge you to join in planned conference tours. I am certain you will find this time well spent. As you engage with Missouri Mormon history, you will also become part of this continuing story.

I hope your participation will also bring you into closer contact with today’s giants of Mormon History scholarship. Among the pages of our program, you will discover offerings from the very brightest and most eager students and professionals. In addition to these powerhouse papers, presentations, and panels, you will also find a variety of informative plenary sessions.

Community of Christ President Stephen M. Veazey will extend greetings to attendees during our Thursday evening conference opener. The plenary session immediately following, featuring Craig Campbell and Jon Taylor, will examine ways various Restoration traditions view Independence, Missouri. Friday morning’s plenary speaker, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, will address understandings of Mormon family and kinship as revealed through Wilford Woodruff’s diary.

The year of 2010 also marks the twentieth-fifth anniversary of women’s ordination in the Community of Christ. Community of Christ Counselor in the First Presidency, President Becky Savage, will reflect on the impact of this practice upon this community during Friday’s luncheon. On Saturday morning, drawing upon her well-known research on the role of women in American religious history, Tanner Lecturer Catherine Brekus will speak on women in early Mormonism. Following Saturday’s luncheon business meeting, Claudia Bushman and friends will offer a short preview of the LDS women reader’s theater, with the entire performance to be offered in a later separate conference session.

The conference will conclude with an exciting worship event prepared for us by Richard Clothier, Jan Kraybill, Nathan Smith, and Alice Beebe. Join us Sunday morning in the sanctuary of the Community of Christ Temple to explore the theme: “Songs for the Saints: The Hymns from Zion’s Homeland.”

Thank you for joining us for the 2010 MHA Conference. A wonderful conference has been planned for you. Many thanks and great appreciation are due to the conference program committee, local arrangements committee volunteers, and the MHA Board and staff, and scholarly participants acknowledged elsewhere in the program for their tireless efforts culminating in this special gathering of the Saints.

I also want to especially thank MHA members and conference attendees for joining in exploring and celebrating the richness of the Missouri Mormon experience. It is our sincere hope that this conference will provide you with many meaningful opportunities for scholarly fellowship and stimulating intellectual exchange.

With profound appreciation and anticipation for our time together.

Ron Romig
MHA President 2009-10
WELCOME TO INDEPENDENCE

The Local Arrangement Committee welcomes MHA to the homeland of our diverse Mormon traditions. It has been twenty-five years since the last MHA Conference was held here in Independence. It is a pleasure to have you back.

It is all here in a great hometown atmosphere. Independence is known as the Queen City of the trails where pioneers equipped their wagons before setting off on the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California trails. We are also proud to boast of a hometown boy becoming the thirty-third president of the United States, President Harry Truman. It’s a place of terrific shopping, wonderful restaurants (Kansas City is famous for its barbecue), major and minor league sports teams, and various fun attractions year-round.

Other notable Kansas City places you might consider visiting are Kaw Point with the Lewis & Clark Monument overlooking the Missouri and Kaw River basin, the World War I Museum located in the Liberty Monument near the historic Union Station, and the steamboat Arabia with its 200 tons of recovered 1856 cargo. Don’t forget to visit the nation’s famous Midwest Genealogy Center. It has a long history of providing outstanding genealogy resources for those searching for their family roots.

If you are unable to see it all on this visit, we would be happy to have you back.

Cathy Loving
2010 Local Arrangements Chair

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Welcome to the MHA conference!

Welcome to Independence and to the 2010 MHA conference! We are excited to present to you a program that showcases a wide variety of topics on the conference theme of “The Home and the Homeland.” You will hear the latest research on topics ranging from the history of childhood and children; kinship, family, and Mormon ritual; family tragedies in the 1838 Mormon war; the history of international missions; the history of twentieth-century Strangites; and much, much more.

We are pleased to host scholars from a variety of backgrounds. Presenters range from people who do history as a hobby to those who do history as a vocation, and from new graduate students presenting some of their very first conference papers to tenured professors from the nation’s best research universities. Participants have come from as far away as Finland to present and from homes as near as a few miles from the conference hotel. The program committee deems it a privilege to have facilitated this gathering of historians and history buffs. Enjoy the conference and please participate in the stimulating discussions!

Sincerely,

David Howlett
Susanna Morrill
MHA 2010 Program Chairs

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This 1890s image is the oldest known photograph of the Church of Christ’s (Temple Lot) first meetinghouse. It was the first building on the temple site Joseph Smith dedicated 3 August 1831. The Church of Christ approved the building in 1887 and dedicated it at its October 1889 conference. It measured 16 x 25 feet and cost a little more than $300. It was torched by an arsonist in 1898.

Courtesy Community of Christ Archives
The Mormon History Association presents annually the following awards to encourage and foster the highest ideals in scholarly research and publication.

**Leonard J. Arrington Award**
Awarded for distinguished and meritorious service to Mormon history.

*Named and given in memory and recognition of a founding father of the Mormon History Association and a premier mentor and promoter of Mormon history.*

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

*The award is funded by an anonymous donor and Curt Bench*

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

*The award is funded in support of scholarly Mormon studies by the Smith-Pettit Foundation, a private foundation.*

**Ella Turner–Ella Bergera Best Biography Award – $1,000**
Awarded for the outstanding published biography in the field of Mormon history.

*Ella Larsen Turner and her daughter Ella Ruth Turner Bergera were family historians and published authors. After their deaths, their families established the award in their memory to support and encourage scholarly Mormon biography.*

**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. Members of his beloved family created this award in his honor.*

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

*To honor an outstanding woman who promoted her great love of Mormon history among her family, friends, and students, her family funds this award to honor Geraldine’s interest in advancing and perpetuating this remarkable heritage and her enduring service.*

**Thomas Rice King Family History Award – $500**
Awarded for the best narrated and most thoroughly researched family or community history, published commercially or privately, which is deeply involved in the Mormon experience, including the impact of Mormonism on it or its impact on Mormonism.

*This award is funded by Larry and Alene King in honor of Larry’s second great-grandfather.*
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. This award was created and funded by members of his family.

J. Talmage Jones Awards of Excellence – $350 each
Awarded to two outstanding published articles on Mormon history.

Funded by the Jones Family Trust as a tribute to their father, who embodied many Christian values.

Gerald E. Jones Dissertation Award – $800
Gerald E. Jones served for many years as an administrator and instructor for the LDS Church Educational System. This award is presented in his honor and the memory of the many students he influenced.

Lester E. Bush Award for Two Best Theses – $400 each
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 and is now retired.

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 Religious Education Student Symposium for a selected research paper on LDS Church history.

It is presented and funded by MHA.

Thomas L. Kane Award
Presented to a person outside the Mormon community who has made a significant contribution to Mormon history.

In the grand tradition of Thomas L. Kane, the Pennsylvania native who in 1857, put his reputation on the line in behalf of compromise and peace.

Special Citations
Presented to persons or institutions who make a significant contribution to Mormon history.
THE TANNER LECTURE

Catherine A. Brekus
Saturday, May 29, 2010

Dr. Brekus teaches American religious history at the University of Chicago. She earned her Ph.D. from Yale University in American studies (1993) and her B.A. from Harvard University (1985). She is the author of Strangers and Pilgrims: Female Preaching in America, 1740–1845, and the editor of The Religious History of American Women: Reimagine the Past, a collection of essays that asks how women’s history changes our understanding of American religion. She is currently writing “Sarah Osborn’s World: The Rise of Evangelicalism in Early America,” a book about the early evangelical movement based on an eighteenth-century woman’s manuscript diaries.

Many American religious historians write books and teach courses with virtually no women in them, as if women have not been serious historical actors who made things happen. This exclusion has been particularly acute in the case of Mormon women, who are often portrayed (when they are mentioned at all) as the victims of a patriarchal church. Dr. Brekus will explore how historians’ definitions of agency have influenced their portrayal of Mormon women. She will also offer her thoughts about how to create a new model of agency that recognizes Mormon women’s crucial role in shaping American religious history.

PLENARY SESSION SPEAKER

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich
Friday, May 28, 2010

The diaries of Wilford Woodruff (over 5,000 pages in typescript) are not only a powerful source for the study of early Mormonism, but are also a rich resource for understanding ideas about faith and family in nineteenth-century America. This paper deals with an as yet unexplored aspect of Woodruff’s diary-keeping -- the creation of ornamented pages to set-off yearly summaries and important personal and spiritual events. Dr. Ulrich will take a particularly close look at calligraphic borders that he created in 1837-38, comparing those in his diaries with similar ornamentations created for a scrapbook he presented to his wife Phebe in July 1838. Woodruff’s ornaments are best understood in relation to hand-drawn family records created all over New England (and no doubt elsewhere) during the same period. But they adapt the family record form to a new purpose. Woodruff imagined himself adding to “the Archives of Heaven.” For that purpose, words were not enough. He yearned to engrave the memory of important events “with an iron pen” or lay them “in a rock forever upon the Earth.” But his calling as a preacher left him with no other medium than his diary. The interplay between his words and the borders he created suggests a still unresolved tension in his own life-and in early Mormonism-over the place of family in the latter-day order. Dr. Ulrich is a Pulitzer Prize winning historian, Harvard University Professor, and fifth generation Latter-day Saint.
Becky L. Savage  
Friday, May 28, 2010

President Savage was ordained a member of the Quorum of the First Presidency of Community of Christ in March 2007. Prior to this assignment she served as the Director of Leadership Development at the international headquarters in Independence, Missouri. She was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and graduated with a B.S. in nursing from Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa, an M.S. in nursing from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, and an M.A. in religion in May 2006 from Graceland University. She is a Development Dimensions International (DDI) Certified Facilitator. 2010 marks the twentieth-fifth anniversary of women’s ordination in Community of Christ. President Savage will reflect upon the Community of Christ’s collective experience with women’s ordination.

Claudia Lauper Bushman  
Saturday, May 29, 2010

Dr. Bushman is an adjunct professor in the School of Religion at Claremont Graduate University. She studied at Wellesley College before receiving her Ph.D. in New England and American studies at Boston University. She has taught at Brigham Young University, Boston University, the University of Delaware, and Columbia University. Among her published works are: *Mormon Sisters: Women in Early Utah*, and “A Good Poor Man’s Wife”: Being the Chronicle of Harriet Hanson Robinson and Her Family in Nineteenth-Century New England. She has recently edited the autobiography of a frontier Mormon woman in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Dr. Bushman’s presentation will preview her reader’s theater to be presented later in the afternoon. It is based on extensive interviews by her Claremont University students of Mormon women in Southern California about their personal history, views on women’s issues, and experiences in the LDS Church.
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**PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, May 26, 2010**
- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Board Meeting
  - Board Room
- 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.: Registration
  - Lobby East Foyer

**Thursday, May 27, 2010**
- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.: Registration
  - Lobby East Foyer

**Pre-conference Tours:**
- All buses depart from Entrance of the Holiday Inn

- 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Tour 1: “Pioneers and a President”
- 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Tour 2: “Divergent Paths in Zion”
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Tour 3: “Truman’s Neighborhood: A Walking Tour”

- 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Exhibitor Displays Setup
  - Grand Ballroom FG
- 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Exhibitor Display
  - Grand Ballroom FG

**6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Opening Reception**

**Harry S. Truman Library and Museum**

- Dedicated on 6 July 1957, the Truman Library became the first library created under the provisions of the 1955 Presidential Libraries Act to preserve the papers, books, and other historical materials relating to former U.S. President Harry S. Truman. More than 17,000 individuals and organizations contributed $1,750,000 for its construction.

- The event is sponsored by the Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; the L. Tom Perry Special Collections, and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University; and the Estate of Keith and Marjorie June Winchester Scott.

- Light refreshments will be served.

- Buses will shuttle attendees for the 20 minute drive from the Holiday Inn starting at 5 p.m. and return starting at 7:15 p.m.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY  

MAY 27, 28, 2010

8:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Opening Plenary Session Grand Ballroom DE

“Independence, Missouri as Contested Sacred Space”

Conducting: Ronald E. Romig, MHA President
Welcome: President Steven Veazey, Community of Christ
Speakers: Craig S. Campbell, Youngstown State University, Ohio
Jon Taylor, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg

President Stephen M. Veazey  
Courtesy Community of Christ

Friday, May 28, 2010
6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Newcomers Breakfast Grand Ballroom ABC
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration Lobby East Foyer
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Exhibits Grand Ballroom FG

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Opening Plenary Session Grand Ballroom DE

Conducting: Ronald E. Romig, MHA President

“‘Worthy to Be Recorded upon the Archives of Heaven’: Faith and Family in the Diaries of Wilford Woodruff, 1837-38”

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session I

Session 1A. Saving Kinship: The Significance of Early LDS Adoption Rituals
ROYAL BALLROOM 3 and 4
Chair: Rachel Cope, BYU Studies, Provo, Utah
1. “Early Mormon Adoption Theology and the Mechanics of Salvation”
   Samuel Brown, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT
2. “Ritual Adoption: Theology and Practice”
   Jonathan A. Stapley, Bellevue, WA
   Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Comments: Gregory A. Prince, Potomac, MD

Session 1B. Integrating Church and Culture: Views from Latter-day Saint Women in Three Countries
BOARD ROOM
Chair: Cherry B. Silver, Holladay, UT
1. “Ties That Bind: Mormonism and Family Relations among LDS Women in Taiwan”
   Melissa Wei-Tsing Inouye, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

1890 Conference at the Community of Christ’s Rock Church, Independence, MO
Courtesy Community of Christ Archives
2. “LDS Women in the Bahamas: Experiences with Culture and Doctrine”
   Julia Holton Todd, Worthington, Ohio

3. “‘And We Became a Family’: Visualizing the Effects of the Gospel on West African Family Life”
   Angela Marie Ames, LDS Church History Museum, Salt Lake City, UT

Comments: Kristine Wardle Frederickson, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Session 1C. Revisiting Joseph Smith’s Visions and Revelations
MONARCH ROOM
Chair and Comments: James B. Allen, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

1. “Joseph Smith’s First Vision: Insights and Interpretations in Mormon Historiography”
   Samuel Alonzo Dodge, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

2. “Memory and the First Vision”
   Steven C. Harper, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Session 1D. “Trouble in Zion”: A Documentary of the 1838 Mormon War in Missouri
ROYAL BALLROOM 1 and 2

Screening of a documentary written, produced, and directed by Kenneth Ballentine, Dreamer Tribe Productions, South Pasadena, CA

Session 1E. The Family and Anti-Mormon Crusades
IMPERIAL ROOM
Chair: Konden R. Smith, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

1. “Opposing the ‘ecclesiasts at Washington’: Frank J. Cannon’s Editorial Fusillades during the Reed Smoot Hearings, 1904-1907”
   Michael H. Paulos, San Antonio, TX

   Kenneth L. Cannon, II, Salt Lake City, UT

3. “Protecting the Christian Home: Anti-Polygamy in the Postbellum South”
   Patrick Q. Mason, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Comments: Thomas G. Alexander, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Session 1F. The Effect of American Material Culture on Nineteenth Century Mormon Culture
REGENCY ROOM
Chair and Comments: William D. Russell, Graceland University, Lamoni, IA

   Debi Brady, Salt Lake City, UT

2. “Mormon Women and Victorian Fashion: An Early Call to be Their Own Kind of Beautiful”
   Kelly Lelegren, Livingston, KY
3. “‘Under the Sign of the Watering Can’: The Impact of Tinware on Nineteenth-Century Mormon Life”  
Shay Lelegren, Livingston, KY

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch/Plenary Session

Grand Ballroom ABCD

Conducting: Ronald E. Romig, MHA president

“Women’s Ordination in the Community of Christ: Historical and Personal Reflections”

President Becky L. Savage, Counselor in the Quorum of the First Presidency, Community of Christ, Independence, MO

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions II

Session 2A. Celestial Homes, Western Homelands, and Home-grown Imagination

IMPERIAL ROOM
Chair: Rachel Cope, BYU Studies, Provo, UT

1. “Celestial Family Organization: The Developing Nature of Mormon Conceptions of Heaven, circa 1840s”  
Benjamin E. Park, University of Edinburgh

2. “‘Virtue Fled into the Wilderness’: Parley P. Pratt’s Mormon Vision of the American Frontier”  
Jordan T. Watkins, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Ryan Tobler, University of Chicago Divinity School

Comments: Martha Taysom, Journal of Mormon History, Bloomington, IN

Session 2B. Mormons in Southwest Iowa, 1846-1880

BOARD ROOM
Chair: Danny L. Jorgensen, University of South Florida

1. “Discovering the Potential of an Index: What You Can or Cannot Find There”  
Ronald G. Watt, West Valley, UT

2. “Family and Communal Life in Southwest Iowa, 1846-1859”  
Maurine C. Ward, Hyrum, UT

3. “Documenting the RLDS Presence in Southwest Iowa, 1859-1880”  
Barbara J. Bernauer, Community of Christ Archives, Independence, MO

Comments: William G. Hartley, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
Session 2C.  Mormon Polygamy from Joseph Smith to the Fundamentalists: Three Perspectives
ROYAL BALLROOM 1 and 2
Chair: Jessie L. Embry, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
1. “Joseph Smith’s 1843 Revelation on the ‘New and Everlasting Covenant’”
   Newell G. Bringhurst, Visalia, California

2. “‘Like Two Crazy Aunts in the Attic’: Media Stereotyping of Mormon Polygamy from Joseph Smith to Warren Jeffs”
   Craig L. Foster, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT

   Richard P. Howard, Independence, MO

Comments: Kathryn M. Daynes, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Session 2D.  LDS Families, Children, and Education
MONARCH ROOM
Chair and Comments: Thomas W. Simpson, Philips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH
1. “‘That Little Children Also May Receive Instruction’ (D & C 55:4): Early Latter-day Saint Educational Programs for the Youngest of Saints”
   Scott C. Esplin and E. Vance Randall, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

2. “The Academy Family: Life at a Church School”
   Casey Paul Griffiths, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

3. “LDS Church Educational Efforts and the Development of the Family Home Evening Program, 1890-1929”
   Brett D. Dowdle, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Session 2E.  Families and Religious Identities in Restoration Traditions
REGENCY ROOM
Chair: Connie Lamb, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
1. “The Wilhelm G. Danielsen Family and the Redemption of Zion: Denmark, Utah, and Missouri/LDS and RLDS”
   R. Jean Addams, Woodinville, WA

2. “The Stake President as Family Man: Edward and Hannah Snow and Their Children”
   Thomas G. Alexander, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

3. “Religious Views of the Recent Generations of the Missouri-Based Wheaton Family”
   Kevin W. Bryant, Western Illinois University and Katie J. Weston, Joseph Smith Historic Site, Nauvoo, IL

Comments: Richard L. Jensen, Joseph Smith Papers, Salt Lake City, UT
Session 2F. The LDS Church in Latin America: Engagement, Growth, and Identity
ROYAL BALLROOM 3 and 4
Chair: Reid L. Neilson, Joseph Smith Papers, Salt Lake City, UT
1. “Driving the Stakes of Zion: The Case of Chilean Identity”
   Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
   David C. Knowlton, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT
3. “‘They Are So Well Contented now, and I Hope They Will Continue So’: Colonizing Mexican Mormons, 1875-1910”
   Jared Tamez, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Session III

Session 3A. The Sins of the Fathers: The Mountain Meadows Massacre as an Event in Religious History
GRAND BALLROOM ABC
Chair: Jeffery O. Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT
Panelists: Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
          Jan Shipps, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN
Comments: Richard L. Bushman, Claremont Graduate University
          Mark Silk, Trinity College, Hartford, CT

President and Mrs. Harry S. Truman and daughter Margaret voting in Independence, November 2, 1948. Copyright unknown. Courtesy Harry S. Truman Library

Session 3B. Mapping Religion and the Family in Mormon-dominated Areas
ROYAL BALLROOM 1 and 2
Chair: Kathryn M. Daynes, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
1. “Marginal Notations in the 1880 Census of Utah: Microdata, Geography, and Regional Transformation”
   Samuel A. Smith, Sandy, UT
2. “Plotting Orthodoxy and Apostasy in Two Contrasting Towns: Manti and Fillmore”
   Lowell C. “Ben” Bennion, Salt Lake City, UT
Comments: John C. Hamer, John Whitmer Books, Ann Arbor, MI

Session 3C. Transformations in the RLDS/Community of Christ after WWII
REGENCY ROOM
Chair: David Howlett, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
1. “‘By the Voice of the People’: Changes from the RLDS Pews after the War”
   William D. Russell, Graceland University, Lamoni, IA
2. “Movers and Shakers in Zion: Was Clifford Cole One of Them or Was He Them?”
   Keith Wilson and Mitchell McClellan, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Home of David Whitmer in Richmond, MO
Courtesy Community of Christ Archives
3. “Charles D. Neff and the Globalization of Zion”
   Matthew Bolton, Outreach International, Independence, MO

   Comments: Anthony Chvala-Smith, Community of Christ Seminary, Independence, MO

Session 3D. Reclaiming Narratives of Nonviolence in Restoration Traditions
MONARCH ROOM
Chair: David Pulsipher, Brigham Young University, Idaho, Rexburg, ID
1. “Quincy, Illinois, 1839: A Response beyond Anger”
   Frederick R. Duran, Winnetka, IL

2. “‘Cultivate the Higher Powers’: John Nicholson’s Peaceable Quest for Consistency”
   John C. Thomas, Brigham Young University, Idaho, Rexburg, ID

   Andrew Bolton, Community of Christ, Independence, MO

   Comments: Patrick Q. Mason, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Session 3E. Global Impacts on Mormon Missions
BOARD ROOM
Chair: David Whittaker, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
1. “Joseph Smith’s Mission Theory and the Modern Missionary Movement”
   David Golding, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

2. “‘Your Ways Are Not My Ways’: Fidel Castro and the Birth of the MTC”
   Shawn Edward Bennion, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

3. “Mormonism’s First Coming to Finland (1840–1903)”
   Kim Östman, Åbo Akademi University, Finland

   Comments: Reid L. Neilson, Joseph Smith Papers, Salt Lake City, UT

Session 3F. For the Record: Textual Analysis of Significant Early Mormon Documents
ROYAL BALLROOM 3 and 4
Chair: Lachlan Mackay, Community of Christ Historic Sites, Nauvoo, IL
1. “Joseph Smith, Text Making, and Divine Commandments”
   Robin Scott Jensen, Joseph Smith Papers, Salt Lake City, UT

2. “The Mosaic of Early Mormon History”
   Mark Ashurst-McGee, Joseph Smith Papers, Salt Lake City, UT

3. “Sensational Slander and Helpful History: John C. Bennett’s 1842 Anti-Mormon Publications”
   Alex D. Smith, Joseph Smith Papers, Salt Lake City, UT

   Comments: Philip L. Barlow, Utah State University, Logan, UT
FRIDAY, SATURDAY

7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  Awards Banquet  Grand Ballroom ABCD
Conducted by Kathryn M. Daynes
Past President

9:15 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.  Leonard J. Arrington Student Reception  Board Room
Hosted by Jenny Reeder

Saturday, May 29, 2010

6:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.  Mormon Women’s History Breakfast  Grand Ballroom ABC
sponsored by the Mormon Women’s History Initiative Team
This breakfast provides an opportunity for conversation with others interested in the field of Mormon women’s history. The breakfast will include a short program. MWHIT is an independent group.

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Registration  Lobby East Foyer
8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  Exhibits  Grand Ballroom FG

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  Plenary Session  Grand Ballroom DE
Obert C. and Grace A. Tanner Lecture
Conducted by Ronald E. Romig, MHA President
Introduction by Susanna Morrill, 2010 MHA Program Co-Chair
“Mormon Women and the Problem of History Agency”
Catherine A. Brekus
Associate Professor of the History of Christianity
University of Chicago Divinity School

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session IV

Session 4A. The Strangite Family: 1844-Present Day
IMPERIAL ROOM
Chair: William D. Russell, Graceland University
1. “Marriage and Family Relationships among the Strangites, 1844-1856”
   Vickie Cleverly Speek, Minooka, Illinois
   John C. Hamer, John Whitmer Books, Ann Arbor, MI
3. “‘The Inheritance Shall Remain One’: Family Dynamics in the Strangite Movement since 1935”
   Michael A. Karpowicz, John Whitmer Books, Ann Arbor, MI
Comments: Robin Scott Jensen, Joseph Smith Papers, Salt Lake City, UT

Church of Christ (Temple Lot) congregation standing outside its 1903-90 frame building.
Courtesy of Community of Christ Archives
Session 4B. Childhood, Youth, and Gender in the Mormon Past and Present
MONARCH ROOM
Chair: Kate Holbrook, Boston University, Boston, MA
1. “Young Homemakers: The Construction of Mormon Womanhood in Young Women’s Curriculum”
   Kristine Haglund, Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, Belmont, MA

2. “Teaching Girls Beauty and Sweat: BYU & LDS Church Publications and Women’s Sports in the Post-Title IX Era”
   Laura Taylor, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

3. “What Can We Do with Our Girls (and Boys)?” Trends and Directions in Mormon History and the History of Childhood and Youth
   Rebecca de Schweinitz, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Comments: Rebecca de Schweinitz, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Session 4C. A Conversation on New Church History Principles
REGENCY ROOM
Chair: Dick Howard, Independence, MO
Panelists: Mark Scherer, Community of Christ, Independence, MO
          Susan Skoor, Community of Christ, Independence, MO

Session 4D. Jackson County: Crossing and Dwelling
ROYAL BALLROOM 1 and 2
Chair: Andrew Hedges, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
1. “Mormon Emigration in 1854 on the Kansas/Missouri Border”
   Fred E. Woods, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

2. “The Lord’s House at Independence”
   Richard O. Cowan, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

3. “Mormon Legal Causes in 1833 Jackson County: Behind the Pleadings”
   Jeffrey N. Walker, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT

Comments: Richard Bennett, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Session 4E. Family Tragedies during the 1838 Mormon-Missouri Conflict
ROYAL BALLROOM 3 and 4
Chair: Susanna Morrill, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR
1. “Jacob Hawn and the Hawn’s Mill Massacre: Caldwell County Miller and Oregon Pioneer”
   Alexander L. Baugh, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
2. “Victims and Witnesses: The Lewis Families and the Haun’s Mill Massacre”
   William G. Hartley, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

   Joseph Johnstun, Hamilton, IL

Comments: Angela Bell, Lonestar College, Woodlands, TX

Session 4E. Mormon Communities in the South
BOARD ROOM
Chair: Janiece Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT
1. “The Families of the Cane Creek, Tennessee, Branch: Before and after the Massacre”
   Bruce Allen Crow, White House, TN

2. “Kelsey: Zion in the South”
   Stephen Eccles, Plano, TX

Comments: Patrick Q. Mason, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

12:00 to 1:30 Annual Membership Luncheon – Grand Ballroom

“Voices from the Silent Majority: LDS Women in the Twentieth Century - A Preview”
   Claudia L. Bushman
   Claremont Graduate University
   Claremont, CA

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Session V

Session 5A. Nineteenth Century LDS Theories and Practices of Marriage
ROYAL BALLROOM 1 and 2
Chair: Susanna Morrill, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR
1. “Gender, Duty, and Power in Antebellum Mormon Wedding Rituals”
   Patrick W. O’Neil, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2. “Public Concerns of Intimacy and a Cause for State Action: Contested Marital Models in the Mid-Nineteenth Century Great Basin”
   Brent M. Rogers, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

3. “Drunken Husbands, Brutal Indians, and Dead Women: Mormon Critiques of Sentimental Marriage in the Late Nineteenth Century”
   Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Comments: Andrea Radke-Moss, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, ID

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Session 5B. Historiographical Reassessments: Three Case Studies
MONARCH ROOM
Chair: Alexander L. Baugh, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
   Max Perry Mueller, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
   Darin A. Tuck, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
3. “Re-examining Charles Francis Adams’s and Josiah Quincy’s May 1844 Visit to Nauvoo”
   John J Hammond, Kent State University, Kent, OH

Comments: Scott C. Esplin, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Session 5C. The Construction of Early Mormon Theologies
ROYAL BALLROOM 3 and 4
Chair: Karen Griggs, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
1. “‘One Soul Shall Not Be Lost’: A History of the War of Heaven in Mormon Thought”
   Boyd Jay Petersen, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT
2. “‘The Last Great Struggle’: Zelph, the Rhetoric of Holy War, and the Nature of Zion’s Camp”
   Don Bradley, Utah State University, Logan, UT
3. “The ‘Record of Joseph’ as Oral Scripture”
   Christopher C. Smith, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

Comments: Mark Ashurst-McGee, Joseph Smith Papers, Salt Lake City, UT

Session 5D. Identities and Religious Difference
BOARD ROOM
Chair: Jenny Reeder, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
1. “‘Utah has Every Reason to be Proud of her Daughters’: The Woman’s Exponent, 1890-1900”
   Natalie Rose, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
2. “Between Real and Ideal: LDS Kitchen Habits and the Word of Wisdom”
   Kate Holbrook, Boston University, Boston, MA
3. “‘If the Lord were Pleased to Destroy Us’: Two Elias Boudinots, the Theological Status of Native Americans, and Christian Persecution of Christians in the Second Great Awakening”
   Brad Rubin, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

Comments: Jill Mulvay Derr, Church History Department, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT

Session 5E. Minority Views of Authority Structures
REGENCY ROOM
Chair and Commentator: Matthew Bowman, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
1. “‘The Twelve Had Swallowed Up Thirty-Eight’: Minority Views of the Council of Fifty”
   Christopher James Blythe, Utah State University, Logan, UT
2. “Families in Ancient America: Or, What the Spaulding Story Really Tells Us”
   Adam Jortner, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama
3. “‘Pretend to No Other Gift’: Groups that Accept the Book of Mormon and Reject Joseph Smith”
   Jason R. Smith, Duncan, OK

Session 5F. Family, Kinship, and Community
IMPERIAL ROOM
Chair: J. Michael Hunter, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
   Danny L. Jorgensen, University of South Florida, Tampa
   Wayne K. Hinton, Southern Utah University, Cedar City
3. “Cross-currents among Converts: The Post-Immigration Utah Church and the Josephite/Brighamite Controversy”
   Ronald E. Bartholomew, Utah Valley University Institute, Orem, UT

Comments: Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

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Session 6A. International Expressions of Mormonism
IMPERIAL ROOM
Chair: Jared Tamez, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
1. “Karl G. Maeser’s Participation in Early Mormon German Branches”
   A. LeGrand Richards, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
2. “Mexico: Millennial Kingdom of the Lamanites: Margarito Bautista’s Mormon Raza Cosmica”
   Stuart Parker, University of Toronto, Canada

Comments: Jared Tamez, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

Session 6B. Risk, Loss, and Power: Three Early Mormon Case Studies
MONARCH ROOM
Chair: Maurine C. Ward, Hyrum, Utah
   Lavina Fielding Anderson, Salt Lake City, UT
2. “Brigham Young on the Missouri Conflict: New Sources from George P. Watt’s Shorthand Record”
   LaJean Purcell Carruth, Logan, UT
3. “Regarding Some of the Moral and Ethical Aspects of Joseph Smith’s Practice of Plural Marriage”
   Gary James Bergera, Smith-Pettit Foundation, Salt Lake City, UT

Comments: Jonathan A. Stapley, Bellevue, Washington
Session 6C. Latter-day Saint Women in the Twentieth Century: Witnesses to a Changing Church
ROYAL BALLROOM 1 and 2
Reader’s Theater, written and directed by Claudia Lauper Bushman, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

Session 6D. Modern LDS Theories and Practices of Family
BOARD ROOM
Chair: Megan Sanborn Jones, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
1. “Family Home Evening: The Home in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Twentieth Century”
   Jessie L. Embry, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
2. “A Modern Latter-day Saint Approach to Marriage and Family”
   Michael A. Goodman, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Comments: David C. Knowlton, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT

Session 6E. Polygamy in the Nineteenth-Century Hierarchy
ROYAL BALLROOM 3 and 4
Chair: Newell G. Bringhurst, Visalia, California
1. “Brigham Young, Reluctant Polygamist”
   George D. Smith, San Francisco, CA
2. “Brigham Young’s Reflections on His Own Polygamy”
   Richard S. Van Wagoner, Lehi, UT
   Rick Fish, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

Comments: Lawrence Foster, Georgia Technical Institute, Atlanta, GA

Session 6F. New Ways In: Writing Interdisciplinary Mormon History
REGENCY ROOM
Chair and Comments: Christopher C. Jones, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA
1. “Practice as History: What Worship Remembers”
   Matthew Bowman, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
2. “Shifting the Plot: Possibilities in Mormon Women’s History”
   Rachel Cope, BYU Studies, Provo, UT

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