

9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Thursday Pre-Conference Tours (2)

- 1) St Louis Highlight for History Buffs
- 2) Explore Mormon and U.S. History Downtown

7:00 p.m. Thursday Opening Reception

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Friday Opening Plenary Session

Tom Farmer (St. Louis, Missouri)

Fred Woods (Brigham Young University)

When the Saints Came Marching In: Mormon History in St. Louis (1831–2017)

9:30 – 11:00 p.m. Concurrent Session I

Session #1A. The LDS Church's Gospel Topics Essays: A Roundtable

Room: D2

Chair and Discussant: Newell Bringhurst (Independent Scholar)

Matthew L. Harris (Colorado State University-Pueblo)

Why the Gospel Topics Essays?

David J. Howlett (Skidmore College)

The Cultural Work of the 'First Vision Accounts' Essay

Stephen C. Taysom (Cleveland State University)

Translation and Historicity of the Book of Abraham

Margaret Toscano (University of Utah)

Joseph Smith's Teachings about Priesthood, Temple and Women

Session #1B. Crossing and Dwelling in Nineteenth-Century Plural Marriage

Room: D1

Chair: Lawrence Foster (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Danny L. Jorgensen (University of South Florida, Tampa)

Andrew Leary (San Jose, California)

The Cutlerite "Taint" of Plural Marriage: Alpheus Cutler's Plural Wives

Stewart Davenport (Pepperdine University)

Latter-day Judas: The Effects of John C. Bennett's Betrayal on Joseph Smith and Mormon Polygamy

Linda King Newell (Independent Scholar)
Denis Clark (Montana Tech)
Ezekiel Clark and his Unusual Entanglement with Mormonism and Plural Marriage

Gary Bergera (Smith-Pettit Foundation)
Comments

Session #1C. The Memorialization of the Circleville Massacre

Room: 105

Chair: Quincy Newell (Hamilton College)

Dorena Martineau (Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah)
W. Paul Reeve (University of Utah)
Jed Rogers (*Utah Historical Quarterly*)
Brad Westwood (Utah Division of State History)

Session #1D. From Kirtland to Kenya: Insights from the Church Historian's Press 2017 Releases

Room: 101

Chair: R. Eric Smith (LDS Church History Department)

Riley M. Lorimer (LDS Church History Department)
Constructing Authority: Mormon Women's Discourses in *At the Pulpit*

Christian Heimburger (LDS Church History Department)
Spreading (and Publicizing!) the Good News: Missionary Work during a Winter of Mormon Discontent

Mark Ashurst-McGee (LDS Church History Department)
An Introduction and Invitation to the *Joseph Smith Papers*, Documents Series, Volume 6: 1838-1839

Session #1E. Mormon Historical Theology

Room: 102

Chair: Loyd Ericson (Greg Kofford Books)

Lynne Hilton Wilson (LDS Seminaries and Institutes)
The Power: Joseph Smith's Interdependency Between the Spirit and Priesthood

Grant Underwood (Brigham Young University)

Crossing and Dwelling in Mormon Theology: The Case of Soteriology

Brian D. Birch (Utah Valley University)

Fixing Doctrine: Reflections on the Development of Mormon Thought

Comments: J. Spencer Fluhman (Brigham Young University)

Session #1F. A Trove of Early Iowa Documents (Sponsored by *BYU Studies*)

Room: 103

Chair and Discussant: Richard E. Bennett (Brigham Young University)

John W. Welch (Brigham Young University)

Gems from the *History of Keokuk* and Autobiography of Hawkins Taylor

Jeffrey N. Walker (Independent Scholar)

Joseph Smith v. George Hinkle

Gordon A. Madsen (Independent Scholar)

Joseph Smith to Edward Johnstone, June 23, 1844

Session #1G. The Great-Great-Grandmother Project: Exploring the Crossing and Dwelling of Women who Joined the Mormon Movement

Room: 104

Chair and Discussant: Jeffery O. Johnson (Salt Lake City, Utah)

Marie Cornwall (National Science Foundation)

Different Circumstances and Diverse Women: A different approach to the study of Mormon women's history

Jane Bryner (Salt Lake City, Utah)

Eight Mormon Women's Lives of Crossing and Dwelling

Carolyn C. Jenkins (Salt Lake City, Utah)

How Shared Experiences of Four Mormon Women Shaped Significant Relationships

11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Plenary/Membership Luncheon

Session ML. Membership Luncheon

Annual MHA Membership/ Business Report

D. Michael Quinn (2015 Arrington Award Recipient)
Title of Remarks

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Session 2

Session #2A. Competing Conceptions of Authority in Mormon Nauvoo

Room: D2

Chair and Discussant: Laurie Maffly-Kipp (Washington University in St. Louis)

Jennifer Reeder (LDS Church History Department)

The Nauvoo Female Relief Society Minute Book: A Politics of Personality

Jordan T. Watkins (LDS Church History Department)

The Constitution in Crisis: Antislavery and Mormon Appeals, Critiques, and Creations

Benjamin E. Park (Sam Houston State University)

The Perils of a Protestant Democracy: Mormon and Catholic Conceptions of Democratic Rule in the 1840s

Session #2B. *Dwelling in Mormon Contested Space (1836-1846)*

Room: D1

Chair and Discussant: Philip L. Barlow (Utah State University)

Elizabeth Kuehn (LDS Church History Department)

Contested Kirtland: Expanding Narratives of Dissent

Jeffrey D. Mahas (LDS Church History Department)

“A Holy and Consecrated Land unto Me”: Far West and the Conflicting Definitions of Sacred Space

Christopher James Blythe (LDS Church History Department)

“Cast Out of My Holy City”: Defiled Sacred Space in Nauvoo, Illinois

Session #2C. Mormon Colonialism in the West and Pacific

Room: 105

Chair: Andrea Radke-Moss (BYU-Idaho)

Charlotte Hansen Terry (LDS Church History Department)

Degraded Customs but Honest Souls: The Arguments for Building the Mormon Empire in the Pacific

Elise Boxer (University of South Dakota)

“Choice Above All Other Lands”: Mormon Settler Colonialism and the Making of “Zion”

Brittani R. Orona (Hupa) (University of California, Davis)
“All Armed to the Teeth”: Mormons, California Indians, and the Making of Zion in the Far West

Amanda Hendrix-Komoto (Montana State University)
Comments

Session #2D. Mormon Masculinities in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century

Room: 101

Chair and Discussant: Amy Hoyt (University of the Pacific)

Michael Haycock (Independent Scholar)
Men of Promise: Masculinity in Post WW-II Mormonism and the Promise Keepers

Megan Stanton (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
“I Hoped to Overcome My Disposition to Speculate”: Financial Interests and Generational Change among General Authorities in the Late Nineteenth Century

Justin Bray (University of Utah)
Aging, Eldership, and Evangelism in Early-Twentieth-Century Mormonism

Session #2E. Mormonism in Mexico and the Southwest Borderlands

Room: 102

Chair and Discussant: Barbara Jones Brown (Park City, UT)

Steve LeSueur (Arlington, Virginia)
Ambush: The Murders of Frank LeSueur and Gus Gibbons by the Wild Bunch

Philip R. Stover (Mata Ortiz, Chihuahua, Mexico)
Crossing and Dwelling: The Mormon Mexican Experience and Exodus

Barbara Morgan Gardner (Brigham Young University)
“Educativa Y Cultural”: The Story of the Mormon School at San Marcos, Mexico

Session #2F. *Songs and Flowers of the Wasatch*: A New Representation of Utah Women for the 1893 World’s Fair

Room: 103

Chair and Discussant: Janet Bradford (Brigham Young University)

Elizabeth Smart (Brigham Young University)
Origins of *Songs and Flowers of the Wasatch*

Connie Lamb (Brigham Young University)
Utah's Women Poets and the 1893 World's Fair

Myrna Layton (Brigham Young University)
Singing the *Songs and Flowers of the Wasatch*

Session #2G. The Life and Artwork of St. Louis Convert: Joseph Paul Vorst

Room: 104

Chair: Alan Morrell (LDS Church History Department)

Glen Nelson (New York, NY)
The Art of Joseph Paul Vorst (1897-1950)

Laura Allred Hurtado (LDS Church History Department)
Why Joseph Paul Vorst Matter To A Mormon Audience: An Acquisition and An Exhibition

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Session 3

Session #3A. Author Meets Critics: Thomas W. Simpson, *American Universities and the Birth of Modern Mormonism, 1867-1940*

Room: D2

Chair: Brett D. Dowdle (Texas Christian University)

Thomas G. Alexander (Brigham Young University)
Kristine Wright (Princeton University)
Richard Lyman Bushman (Columbia University)
Jed Woodworth (LDS Church History Department)

Thomas W. Simpson (Philips Exeter Academy)
Response

Session #3B. Reformation, Modernization, and Migration: How LDS Women and Young Women Have Maintained Identity amidst Changing Organizational Practice

Room: D1

Chair: Rebecca de Schweinitz (Brigham Young University)

Spencer Wells (College of William and Mary)
As Judges in Zion: The Relief Society and the Reformation of Church Discipline, 1842-1844

Kate Holbrook (LDS Church History Department)
When Time Isn't Money: The Spirit of Personal Progress

Heather J. Stone (University of Utah)

“It was like going to Mars!”: Narratives from LDS Young Women Who Gathered to Zion in the Late 20th Century

Lisa Olsen Tait (LDS Church History Department)

Comment

Session #3C. Economic and Political Crossing and Dwelling in Utah History

Room: 105

Chair and Discussant: Janiece Johnson (BYU-Idaho)

Robert H. Briggs (Independent Scholar)

Builders of Modern Mormonism: John Cradlebaugh, J.H. Beadle, and Robert N. Baskin

Jeffrey J. Turner (University of Utah)

Polygamy, Immigration, and the Negotiation of Mormon Ethnicity

Session #3D. Indian Student Placement Program Experiences

Room: 101

Moderator: Jessie Embry (*Journal of Mormon History*)

Matthew Garrett (Bakersfield College)

Farina King (Navajo) (Northeastern State University)

Tyson King (Navajo) (Former student in the Indian Student Placement Program)

Edouardo Zendejas (Omaha) (Former student in the Indian Student Placement Program/
University of Nebraska-Omaha)

Session #3E. Settling and Unsettling Zion in Jackson County, Missouri

Room: 102

Chair: Mark Ashurst-McGee (LDS Church History Department)

R. Jean Addams (Woodinville, WA)

The Acquisition of the Original Temple Lot Property in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri

Alexander L. Baugh (Brigham Young University)

Laying the Foundation of Zion: Joseph Smith's 1831 Mission to Western Missouri

Tiffany Taylor Bowles (LDS Church History Department)

Martyr or Menace? The Curious Case of Elijah Lovejoy and the Mormons

Matthew C. Godfrey (LDS Church History Department)

Comment

Session #3F. Mormons and St. Louis

Room: 103

Chair and Discussant: Fred Woods (Brigham Young University)

Jonathan Neville (Salt Lake City, UT)

Mormon Interactions with Native American Mounds

Susan Easton Black (Brigham Young University)

St. Louis Luminary: The Latter-day Saint Experience at the Mississippi, 1854-1855

John Sillito (Weber State University)

Shaping Mormonism's Public Image and Building Faith: B. H. Roberts' Mission to the Midwest, 1896

Session #3G. LDS Women's Stories: Narrative Journeys within Mormonism

Room: 104

Chair and Discussant: Sarah Clement Reed (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Elisa Findlay (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

No More Strangers: Identity Negotiation in Late Twentieth-Century Mormon Women's Writing

Heidi Reed (Mapleton, Utah)

Expound and Exhort: Women's Influence through Primary Songs

5:15 – 6:45 p.m. Plenary – Author Meets Critics

Author Meets Critics: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, *A House Full of Females: Plural Marriage and Women's Rights in Early Mormonism*

Room: TBD

Chair: Ryan G. Tobler (Harvard University)

Claudia Bushman (Independent Scholar)

Sarah Barringer Gordon (University of Pennsylvania)

W. Paul Reeve (University of Utah)

Christine Talbot (University of Northern Colorado)

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (Harvard University)

Response

7:15 – 9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet

9:15 – 10:30 p.m. Student Reception

7:30-9:00 Saturday MWHIT Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Session 4

Session #4A. The Intersectionality of Race, Gender, Sports, and Mormonism

Room: D1

Chair: Joseph Stuart (University of Utah)

Hunter M. Hampton (University of Missouri)

“Our Faith is Strong”: BYU Football, Muscular Christianity, and the Making of Mormon Manhood

Jessica Nelson (Utah State University)

“Let’s Give Basket Ball Back to the White Boys”: African Americans, Athletics, and *Mormonism and the Negro* at Utah State University, 1960-1961

Darron T. Smith (University of Memphis)

The Unfinished Business of Civil Rights: Historical Understandings on Contemporary Struggles of Black Student Athletes at BYU

Craig Yugawa (Washington University in St. Louis)

Rise and Shout the Cougars Are Out (of the Big 12): The 1968-1972 BYU Sports Boycotts and the 2016 Big 12 Snub

Russell Stevenson (Michigan State University)

Comments

Session #4B. Crossing and Maintaining Boundaries: Mormon Women’s Experience in Nineteenth-Century Utah

Room: 105

Chair: Jed Woodworth (LDS Church History Department)

Lori Wilkinson (University of Utah)

Scribbling Women in Zion: Mormon Women’s Fascination With Fanny Fern

Sheree Maxwell Bench (Utah Valley University)

“Unfettered Liberty” for Women: Lu Dalton’s Call for Reform in the *Woman’s Exponent*

Lisa Olsen Tait (LDS Church History Department)

Susa Young Gates: The Divorce

Hannah Jung (Brandeis University)

“Woman, Know Thyself!”: Mormon Women’s Spiritual and Medical Care of the Sick

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (Harvard University)

Comments

Session #4C. The Visionary Worlds of Nineteenth-Century Mormonism

Room: 101

Chair: David Golding (LDS Church History Department)

Stephen J. Fleming (Independent Scholar)

“To Perfect What Was Left Behind”: How Joseph Smith Might Have come in Contact with Jane Lead’s Writings

Christina Rosetti (University of California-Riverside)

From Summerland to Zion: Theorizing Mormon Interaction with Spiritualism in the Nineteenth-Century West

John J. Hammond (Geneva, Ohio)

The Mormon Hawaiian Mission and the Smallpox Epidemic of 1853

Christopher James Blythe (LDS Church History Department)

Comments

Session #4D. George Q. Cannon and Second-Generation Mormonism: A Roundtable

Room: 102

Chair: Christopher C. Jones (Brigham Young University)

Kathryn Tanner Burnside (LDS Church History Department)

Ben Godfrey (LDS Church History Department)

Matthew J. Grow (LDS Church History Department)

Robin Scott Jensen (LDS Church History Department)

Jed Woodworth (LDS Church History Department)

Session #4E. Mormonism, Gender, Nationhood, and World’s Fairs

Room: 103

Chair and Discussant: Reid L. Neilson (LDS Church History Department)

Konden Smith (University of Arizona)

Mormon Assimilation and the Frontier Spirit at the World's Fair 1893

Andrea G. Radke-Moss (BYU-Idaho)

Mormon Women, World's Fairs, and the Politics of Polygamy: From Chicago in 1893 to the St. Louis World's Fair of 1904

Joshua M. Matson (Florida State University)

Re-Appropriating Mormonism to the World: A Spatial Analysis of the Mormon Pavilion at the 1964-1965 World's Fair

Session 4F. Gathering from the US Southern States

Room: 104

Chair: Heidi Reed (Independent Scholar)

Ryan Combs (LDS Church History Department)

The Arkansas Travelers: Missionaries, Converts, and a Southern Trail to Arizona

Bruce Crow (Murfreesboro, Tennessee)

A Place for the Un-Gathered: The Home of Abraham and Mary Church of Hickman County Tennessee

Joah Fussell (Independent Scholar)

The Gospel Tent Campaign of the Florida Conference in the Southern States Mission

Joseph Trevor Antley (Provo, Utah)

Baptisms in the Bayou: A History of the Mormon Church at Rugg's Bluff

Patrick Mason (Claremont Graduate University)

Comments

11:00 – 12:00 a.m. Saturday Smith-Pettit Lecture

Clyde A. Milner II (Arkansas State University)

Title of Remarks

12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Plenary/ Lunch

Elder Steven E. Snow (LDS Church Historian)

Title of Remarks

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Session 5

Session #5A. Religious Migrants

Room: D1

Chair: Christopher C. Jones (Brigham Young University)

Richard Bennett (Brigham Young University)

As A Hen Gathereth Her Chickens

Jan Shipp (Indiana University-Perdue University Indianapolis)

Sarah Barringer Gordon (University of Pennsylvania)

Fatal Convergence: John D Lee and Alexander Fancher as Religious Migrants

Richard E. Turley Jr. (LDS Public Affairs Department)

Comments

Session #5B. Faithful Healing: Mormons, the Body, and Health

Room: 105

Chair and Discussant: Kristine L. Wright (Princeton University)

Seth Cannon (Provo, Utah)

Arsenic and God's Grace: Healing in Early Mormonism

Amanda Hendrix-Komoto (Montana State University)

Modern Medicine and the Mormon Mother: Obstetrics and the Management of Pregnancy in Nineteenth-Century Utah

Joseph R. Stuart (University of Utah)

"We Should Produce a Race of Men": Gender, Eugenics, and the Making of the Mormon Race

Session #5C. Scripture in the Age of Transition

Room: 101

Chair: Jordan Watkins (LDS Church History Department)

James M. McLachlan (Western Carolina University)

The St. Louis Hegelians and William Chamberlin's Personalist Jesus

Ben Spackman (Claremont Graduate University)

Early LDS Attempts to Reconcile Scripture with Science: Pre-Mormon Pre-Adamites and Intellectual (In)Dependence

Kenneth L. Cannon II (Salt Lake City, Utah)

The Surprising Relationship of James E. Talmage, Ph.D., and James E. Homans a/k/a Robert C. Webb, Ph.D.

Thomas G. Alexander
Comments

Session #5D. Crossing and Dwelling in Mormon Missouri

Room: 102

Chair: David W. Grua (LDS Church History Department)

Angela D. Bell (Lone Star College-CyFair)

“Protect Yourselves”: Migration of the Saints to Missouri between Independence and Far West

Peter J. Wosnik (Emory University)

“It Shall Be Between Us and Them a War of Extermination”: Sovereignty, the Higher Law and Sidney Rigdon’s July Fourth Oration

Stephen S. Davis (Independent Scholar)

Joseph Smith and the 1839 Grand Jury Proceedings in Daviess County, Missouri

Stephen C. LeSueur (Arlington, Virginia)

Comments

Session #5E. Tensions in Modern(izing) Mormonism

Room: 103

Chair: JB Hawes (Brigham Young University)

Mary Jane Woodger (Brigham Young University)

David O. McKay: Innovator of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Sunday School

Cory L. Nimer (Brigham Young University)

The Old Guard and the Professionalization of the Historian’s Office

Taunalyn F. Rutherford (Brigham Young University)

Crossing Cultural Borders and Dwelling in Wasatch-front Culture

James Allen (Brigham Young University)

Comments

Session #5F. Rethinking Mormon Environmental History – Critical Approaches

Room: 104

Chair and Discussant: Jedediah Rogers (*Utah Historical Quarterly*)

Darcee Barnes (Sandy, UT)
Mormon Settlers in Wyoming's Bighorn Basin

Brian Frehner (University of Missouri, Kansas City)
The Lost City of St. Thomas: Mormons, Water, and Hydraulic Societies

Betsy Gaines Quammen (Montana State University)
American Zion: Mormon Homeland and Utah's First National Park

Rebecca Andersen (Arizona State University)
The Valleys of Ephraim are Full: Stewardship, Sustainability, and the Mormon McMansion

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Session 6

Session #6A. Permanent Settlement or Pending Migration? Exploring the Frontier of Mormon Studies

Room: D1

Chair: Patrick Mason (Claremont Graduate University)

Gerrit van Dyk (Brigham Young University)
“We’ve Only Scratched the Surface”: The Untamed Territory of Mormon Studies

Trevan G. Hatch (Brigham Young University)
Wissenschaft des Mormonism: “Jewish Studies” as a Framework for Exploring the Past, Present, and Future of Mormon Studies

J.B. Haws (Brigham Young University)
The *Doing* of Mormon History in the Past Two Decades: Institutional Actions and Reactions

Andrea Radke-Moss (BYU-Idaho)
Patrick Mason (Claremont Graduate University)
Comments

Session #6B. Mormons and Politics in 1840s Illinois

Room: 105

Chair: Jeffrey D. Mahas (LDS Church History Department)

Byron D. Holdiman (Quincy University)
Quincy, Illinois: The Benevolent City

Alex D. Smith (LDS Church History Department)

Untouchable: Joseph Smith's Use of the Law as Catalyst for Assassination

Daniel Gullotta (Yale University)

Joseph Smith, Jacksonian America: The 1844 Election and the Politics of Antebellum America

Bryon Andreasen (LDS Church History Department)

Comments

Session #6C. Native Encounters in Restorationist History and Folklore

Room: 101

Chair and Discussant: Brent Rogers (LDS Church History Department)

Christopher C. Smith (Utah State University)

"Chastising" Shoshones and Goshutes: Pioneer Religious Violence against Native Peoples in 1851 and 1852

Daniel Stone (Wyandotte, Michigan)

Reestablishing the Gathering: William Bickerton, the American Indians, and the Quest to Find the Real Choice Seer

Sondra Jones (University of Utah)

Romance, Riches, and Religion: Fusing Fact and Folklore in Utah History

Session #6D. Mormonism in Novels and on the Stage

Room: 102

Chair: David Nielsen (LDS Church History Department)

Michael Austin (University of Evansville)

The Dime Novel Hero in Salt Lake City: Popular Fiction and the Contested Mormon Embrace of Modernity, 1890-1903

Sarah C. Reed (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Karl May and the Mormons: An American Religion in World Literature

Sherrie L. M. Gavin (Queensland, Australia)

Masculinity and Anti-Mormon Media in Australia's Federation Era

Megan Sanborn Jones (Brigham Young University)

Comments

Session #6E. “On the Way to Somewhere Else”: American Artists’ Observations of Mormon Migration and Establishment

Room: 103

Chair: Jana Riess (*Religion News Service*)

Brooke Kathleen Brassard (University of Waterloo)

Capturing the Crossing: Visual Artists’ Documentation of Nineteenth-century Mormon Migration

Barbara Jones Brown (Park City, UT)

Roughing It: Mark Twain’s 1861 Crossing Through Utah

Michael W. Homer (Center for Studies on New Religions)

Comments

Session #6F. “Zion and the City”

Room: 104

Chair and Discussant: Benjamin E. Park (Sam Houston State University)

D. Christian Harrison (Salt Lake City, Utah)

The Streets of Zion: Consecrated Infrastructure and the Consecrated Soul

Samuel D. Brunson (Loyola University School of Law)

Zion in the Big City

Russell Arben Fox (Friends University)

What Size of City, and What Sort of City, Could (or Should) the City of Zion Be?

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Presidential Banquet

Room: TBD

MHA Presidential Address by President Brian Cannon

Title of Remarks

9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Closing Reception

Room: TBD

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Sunday Closing Devotional

Room: TBD

11:00 a.m. Sunday Buses leave for Post-Conference Tours (2)

- 1) Nauvoo, Lead by Jenny Lund, Lach Mackay and others
- 2) Western Missouri, Lead by Alex Baugh

Both returning Tuesday afternoon by 5:00 pm