Thursday, June 7, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Pre-conference Tour leaves Grove Hotel
Lead by Brandi Burns, City of Boise Historian. Walking portion downtown

Be7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Opening Reception - location Boise Train Depot 2603 Eastover Terrace, Boise ID

Friday, June 8, 2018
7:30 a.m. MHA First timers Breakfast

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Opening Plenary

Session I 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
1. 430A The Friendly Ones

Chair/Comment: Jami J. Van Huss, Hyrum City Museum Director
Scott R. Christensen, LDS Church History
Curiosity, Coexistence, and Conflict
Darren B. Parry, Tribal Council Chairman of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation
Stories My Grandmother Told Me
Jami J. Van Huss, Hyrum City Museum Director
Is Interpretation Just a Sham?

2. 410A Roundtable: Before and After the Official Declaration 2
Chair/Comment: Robert A. Rees, Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA

Jana Kathryn Riess, Religion News Service and Riess Editorial Consulting
Okafor Amaechi Henry, University of Ibadan
Eddie Willis, Independent Scholar
Wanda Willis, Independent Scholar
Jermaine Sullivan, Clayton State University

3. 430B Homelands of Opportunity or Oppression? The Sugar Beet Industry in the Early Twentieth Century
Chair/Comment: Brian Cannon, Brigham Young University
Matthew C. Godfrey, LDS Church History Department
“Much Suffering Among Mexicans”: The Plight of Sugar Beet Laborers in Blackfoot, Idaho, 1918-1919

Christian Heimburger, LDS Church History Department
Mormon Sugar Beet Farmers and Japanese American Laborers during World War II

Brent M. Rogers, LDS Church History Department
Nothing Sweeter: Sugar Beets and Mormon Economic Developments in the Big Horn Basin, 1900-1910

4. 420A  Saints: The Story of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Latter Days: Volume 1, 1815-1846
Moderator: Matthew J. Grow, LDS Church History Department

Neylan McBaine, Co-founder and CEO of Better Days 2020
Patrick Mason, Claremont Graduate School
Chris Crowe, Brigham Young University
Lisa Olsen, Review Editor of Saints
Scott Hales, Literary Editor of Saints
Steven Harper, Historical Editor of Saints

5. 410B Borders and Boundary Crossings for Mormon Feminists in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries
Chair/Comment: Jenny Reeder, Church History Library

Emily January Peterson, Weber State University

Nancy Ross, Dixie State College
“Contemporary Mormon Migrations: Mormon feminists and the Community of Christ”

6. 410C  “Voces Desconocidas: Creating a Historical Narrative for Latino Mormons”
Panelists:
Ignacio M. Garcia (Chair) – Brigham Young University
Sujey Vega—Arizona State University
Elisa Eastwood Pulido—Brigham Young University-Salt Lake City
Fernando Gomez—Director, Museum of Mormon History (Provo)
7. **420B PUBLIC HISTORY:** Heather Stone, Young Women’s Experiences with Insularity, Exclusivity, and Collectivism in Late 20th Century Mormon Homelands, An Immersive Audio Exhibit from the Mormon Young Women Oral History Project

*Note: Heather’s Exhibit will be available for Sessions I and II.*

**Membership Lunch**
12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Panel discussion: THE WOMEN of MORMON HISTORY
Participants: Jill Derr
Hannah Jung
Laurie Maffly-Kipp
Christine Talbot
Amanda Hendrix Komoto - Moderator

**Session II 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**

1. **410A LDS Scripture, Education, and Science**

Chair and Comment: Matthew Bowman, Henderson State University

Cris Baird, Independent Scholar
“One of the Most Valuable Books I Have Ever Read”: The Influence of William Jennings Bryan on 20th Century Mormon Responses to the Theory of Evolution

Ian McLaughlin, Brigham Young University
Darwinism, Evolution, and Latter-day Saint Church Education, 1875-1911

Thomas Benjamin Spackman, Claremont Graduate University
“Latter-day Saints Accept the Scriptures, But Every Man Must Interpret Them for Himself:” Recovering David O. McKay’s Views on Genesis and Evolution

2. **430A Two by Two: Missionary Narratives and Counter Narratives in the LDS Church**

Chair/Comment: Jeffrey Turner, University of Utah

Natalie Rose, Michigan State University
A Missionary Counter Narrative: Feminist Missionaries Proselytizing in support of the Equal Rights Amendment

Saskia Tielens, TU Dortmund
“When I Was On My Mission”: The Premediation and Remediation of Mission Narratives in Mormon Life

3. **420A Crossing Boundaries: Colonization of Southeastern Idaho**
Chair/Comment: Barbara Jones Brown, Historical Director, Better Days 2020

Andrea Radke-Moss, Brigham Young University-Idaho
The Borders of Polygamy, Sexuality, and Zion Building: Mormon and Shoshone Women at Fort Lemhi, 1855-58

Kenneth L. Alford, Brigham Young University
Contemporary Understanding of the 1863 Attack at Bear River

R. Devan Jensen, Brigham Young University
Settling Preston: A New Homeland for Immigrants

4. 410B Beyond a Single Mormon Story (Part I): Histories of Culture and Race in International Mormonisms

Chair/Comment: Audience

Carter Charles, Université Bordeaux Montaigne, France
Mormonism in Haiti: A Foreign or a Haitian religion?

Charlotte Hansen Terry, University of California-Davis
Detained at the Border: Concerns about Mormon Colonization Efforts of Samoans in 1894

Russell Stevenson, Michigan State University
Reading Nsukka into Missouri: Nigeria and the Writing of Mormonism's Negro Policy

Okafor Amaechi Henry, University of Ibadan
Evolving Identities of Mormon African Women: Homelands or Borderlands

5. 410C How the Relief Society Sesquicentennial Celebration Stirred Things Up: An Assessment After a Quarter Century by Those Who Planned It

Chair/Comment: Dave Hall, Lecturer, California State University Fullerton

Marjory Conder, Emeritus Curator, Museum of Church History and Art Beginnings and Foundations

Carol Lee Hawkins, Former Member, Relief Society General Board and Sesquicentennial Co-Chair Thinking Big and Following Revelation

Cherry B. Silver, Former Member Relief Society General Board and Board Historian
The “After that, So What” of the Sesquicentennial

Dave Hall, Lecturer, California State University Fullerton
Seeking to Understand the Opposition to the Relief Society Activities of the Sesquicentennial Year
6. 430B Uncomfortable Mormon Pasts

Chair/Comment: TBD

Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University
Making Model Mormons: The Indian Student Placement Program, Retrenchment, and “Exemplary” Latter-day Saint Families

Jeffrey Mahas, LDS Church History Department
“Whiskered Scoundrels”: Gender and Early Mormon Violence

Jon England, Arizona State University
The Climate of the Wasatch Range and the Mormon Reformation

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Session III 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

1. 410A The Idaho Connection to Fundamentalist Mormonism

Chair – David G. Watson

Craig L. Foster, Family History Library
Idaho’s Foundations to Fundamentalist Mormonism

Marianne T. Watson, Independent Scholar
When Politics Meets Polygamy: A history of B. Harvey Allred Jr.

Commentator – Ken Driggs, Independent Scholar

2. 430B Roundtable Title: Indigenous/Scholars of Color Speak to the History of the “Other” in Mormon Studies

Co-Chairs:
Ignacio M. Garcia, Brigham Young University
Elise Boxer, University of South Dakota

Phil Smith, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health
Carter Charles—Université Bordeaux Montaigne
France Robert Joseph, University of Waikato, New Zealand
Cynthia Connell, BYU Native American Alumni Chapter
Bruce Parry, former Utah State Director of Indian Affairs
3. 420A  Mormonism and the Modern State

Chair and Commentator: Benjamin E. Park, Sam Houston State

Jeff Turner, University of Utah
The 1912 Mann Act: Sexual Slavery, Federal Regulation, and Mormonism

Hannah Jung, Brandeis University
The Specter and Experience of Prison in Utah from 1882-1900

Patrick Q. Mason, Claremont Graduate University
Disciplinary Democracy: Mormon Violence and the Construction of the Modern American State

4. 410B  Mormon Outlaws and In-Laws: Overcoming a History of Discrimination

Chair/Comment: Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, Montana State University

Susan W. Howard, Independent Scholar
Mormon Outlaws and In-Laws: Behind the Scenes in Idaho Politics 1880-1890

John S. Dinger, Independent Scholar
Mormons and the Judiciary in Southeastern Idaho, 1884-1890

Brian Craig, Brigham Young University-Idaho and Kaplan University
Mormon Judges and Lawyers from Idaho: Overcoming a History of Discrimination

5. 430A  Analyzing the Boundaries—Real and Perceived—of Mormon Women’s Political and Economic Roles, 1836-1896

Commentator and Chair: Jennifer Reeder, LDS Church History Department

Elizabeth Kuehn, University of California, Irvine
Beyond Coverture: Women’s Economic Realities in Kirtland and Nauvoo, 1836-1846

Sherilyn Farnes, Texas Christian University
“Bought Some Land... To Build On”: Women and Land Ownership in Territorial Utah, 1847-1896

Katherine Kitterman, American University
‘No Ordinary Feelings’: Petitions and the Making of Mormon Women’s Citizenship, 1870-1896
6. 410C  Supernatural Borderlands: Encounters between the Living and the Dead and Spiritualists and Mormons

Commentator: David Walker, University of California-Santa Barbara

Panel Presenters:
Christopher James Blythe, Joseph Smith Papers
The Mormon Encounter with Spiritualism

Mason Kamana Allred, Joseph Smith Papers
Developing the Dead: Spirit Photography’s Signal-to-Noise Ratio and Mormonism

Cristina Rosetti, University of California-Riverside
Visions of the Priesthood: Accounts of Fundamentalist Authority from Beyond the Veil

7. 420B  (This is the only time this room is used for a concurrent session that is NOT Public History) Centering the “Margins”

Chair/Comment: TBD

Steven C. Dinger, Independent Historian
The Austral Star: A Publication to Unite the Saints Down Under

Joseph Soderborg, Independent Historian
Crossing the Border to Serve the King: Mormons, Neutrality, and Canada’s Military in WW1

Fred Woods, Brigham Young University
Launching Mormonism in Alaska during the summer of 1928

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Face to Face Mentoring

6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Awards Banquet

Saturday, June 9, 2018

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Smith Petit Lecture
Judith Weisenfeld
Session IV 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

1. **410A  Choosing Homelands: Changing Ideas of “Home”**
Chair/commentator: Thomas G. Alexander, Brigham Young University

Kristine Shorey Forbes, Independent historian
Finding Home Among the Mormons

William D. Russell, Community of Christ and Graceland University
Home was Not in Zion: Backtrailers to the Midwest

Polly Aird, Independent historian
In Zion but Not of Zion: A Josephite among Bringhamites

2. **420A  Mormons and Race: Reexamining Racial Policy and Experience Forty Years after Official Declaration 2**

Chair/Comment: Newell G. Bringhurst, Emeritus Professor of History and Political Science, College of the Sequoias

W. Paul Reeve, University of Utah
“To Save this Fallen Race”: Debating Indian Indenture at the 1852 Utah Territorial Legislature

Quincy D. Newell, Hamilton College
“I Am White with the Exception of the Color of My Skin”:“Aunt” Jane James and the Paradox of Race and Gender in Nineteenth-Century Mormonism

Matthew L. Harris, Colorado State University – Pueblo
“The Negro question is one of the most serious problems confronting us right now”: David O. McKay, Hugh B. Brown, and the Lifting of the Priesthood and Temple Ban, 1969

3. **410B  Negotiating Women’s Sphere: A Close Look at Language and Theology**
Chair/Comment: Dave Hall, California State University-Fullerton

Janelle M. Higbee, Western Governors University
"In the Order of the Priesthood: Comparing Sarah M. Kimball’s Accounts of Relief Society Prehistory"

Brittany Chapman Nash, LDS Church History Department
From Pulpit to Print: The Theological Discourse of Ruth May Fox, 1898-1937

Kathryn H. Shirts, Provo, Utah
Separate Spheres, Equal Partnership: The Influence of the Priesthood/Motherhood Model on Mormon Thought in the Mid-Twentieth Century
4. 430A Beyond a Single Mormon Story (Part II): Histories of Global Mormonisms

Chair/Comment: TBD

Robert Joseph, University of Waikato
Matakite Maori, the Mormon Church and Oral accounts - Matakite prophecies, the Io Matua
Whare Wananga Tradition and Whakapapa

Melissa Inouye, University of Auckland
Impossible Colonialism? The Church of Missionaries and Refugees in Hong Kong, 1955-1960

Elizabeth Heath, LDS Church History Department
LDS Church History Department’s Global Program

5. 430B The Teton Dam and the Forging of Mormon Identity in Eastern Idaho

Chair: Adam M. Luke, BYU-Idaho Special Collections & Archives

Dylan McDonald, Deputy City Historian and Manuscripts Archivist Center for Sacramento History, Sacramento, California
The Mormon Roots of the Teton Dam

LauriAnn Vaterlaus Deaver, Southern New Hampshire University
Responding to the Teton Dam collapse in the “Lord’s Way”

Suzette Kunz, Brigham Young University
Teton Dam Flood Narratives and Religious Themes

6. 410C Entangled Histories of Mormons and Native Americans from the Nineteenth Century to Early Twentieth Century

Chair/Comment: TBD

Dwain Coleman, University of Iowa
Early Mormons, Indigenous Peoples, and the Environment

Kaleb Miner, Missouri State University
“This New News . . . Makes Us Glad:” Reevaluating the Native American Reception of Mormonism in 1830-31

Lisa Barnett, Texas Christian University
Intersections between Mormonism and the Peyote Religion

Thomas Murphy, Edmonds Community College
Histories of Other Scriptures and Decolonizing Voices from Haudenosaunee Homelands

7. 420B  PUBLIC HISTORY: Maxine Hanks, Music in Southeastern Idaho

Session V 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

1. 410A Foundational Texts of Mormonism: Examining Major Early Sources
Chair: Andrew Hedges, LDS Church History Department

Andrew Hedges, LDS Church History Department
An Introduction to *Foundational Texts of Mormonism*

Sharalyn D. Howcroft, LDS Church History Department
A Textual and Archival Reexamination of Lucy Mack Smith’s History

William V. Smith, Brigham Young University
Joseph Smith’s Sermons and the Early Mormon Documentary Record

Ronald O. Barney, LDS Church History Department
Joseph Smith and the Conspicuous Scarcity of Early Mormon Documentation

2. 430B Recognition Jewelry and the Shaping of a Mormon Homeland

Chair/Comment: Alan D. Johnson, LDS Church History Museum

Robert A. Wood, Independent Scholar
A Shift Towards the Spiritual: The Evolution of the Young Men Organization as Seen Through the Duty to God Award, 1942 to 2017

Dennis A. Wright, Brigham Young University
Seminary Pins and the Mormon Culture Region, 1928 to 1981

Alan L. Morrell, Church History Museum
Emmeline B. Wells and the Daughters of the Revolution: Mormon Americanization Efforts and Its Opposition

3. 410B Remembering Idaho: Personal Stories and Historical Reflections

Chair: Keith Allred, Allred Solutions

F. Ross Peterson, Utah State University
Railroads, Religion, and Race: Growing up in Idaho’s Mormon Country

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Harvard University
Writing About Sugar City: Memory and History

Rebecca Scofield, University of Idaho
The Idaho in the Person: Stories from the Gay Idahoan Diaspora

Comment: Audience

4. 430A Performing and Painting Mormon Identities

Chair/Comment: TBD

Gary L. Boatright Jr., LDS Church History Department
Revisiting Wilford Woodruff’s 1884 Wagon Box Prophecy

Rebekah Westrup, University of Wyoming
Brushstrokes of the Indian in Zion

5. 410C Mormon Theologies

Chair: Maxine Hanks, Independent Scholar

LaJean Purcell Carruth, LDS Church History Department
“We Expect them to Tell their Husbands What to Do and What Not to Do”: Brigham Young’s Teachings on Women

Don Bradley, Independent Historian
The Elder and the Elect Lady: Male and Female Authority in the Beginnings of the Latter-day Saint Church

Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University
Mormon Ecumenism? “Borders” and “Homelands” in LDS Interreligious Engagement

Comment: Lawrence Foster, Georgia Tech University


Chair/Comment: Laurie Maffly-Kipp, Washington University in St. Louis

Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College
A Gendered Mirror: The Book of Abraham vs. Popular Accounts of Creation

Robin Jensen, Joseph Smith Papers
The Book of Abraham, Documentary Editing, and the Need for (Mis)understanding

Samuel Brown, Independent Historian
Codes, hieroglyphs, and cosmic harmony: new views on Joseph Smith’s Egyptian project

7. 420B Public History: Anna T. Rolapp, LDS Church Service Missionary
Homemade and Bordered by Hands: the LDS Church History Museum Quilt Collection

Note: Anna’s Exhibit will be available from during Sessions V and VI.

Session VI 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
1. **410A Author Meets Critic Session:** Mary Campbell, *Charles Ellis Johnson and the Erotic Mormon Image*

   Joseph R. Stuart, University of Utah, Chair
   Amanda Beardsley, Binghamton University
   Colleen McDannell, University of Utah
   Josh Probert, LDS Church History Library

   Response: Mary Campbell, University of Tennessee

2. **430B The Unfolding of the LDS Church in Three Non-Western Countries**
   Chair/Comment: Taunalyn Rutherford, Brigham Young University

   Julie Allen, Brigham Young University
   Connie Lamb, Brigham Young University
   Vinna Chintaram, Utah State University

3. **420A White Over Black in Mormon History: White Supremacy and the Building of LDS Institutions**

   Max Mueller, University of Nebraska—Lincoln
   "The Negro Knows Nothing in This State": Silencing the Testifying Black Voice in Nauvoo Courtrooms

   Joanna Brooks, San Diego State University
   “He Kind of Dropt His Head and Said Brother Zebedee is Right”: The Micropolitics of White Supremacy and the Making of the LDS Church’s Priesthood and Temple Ban

   Rebecca de Schweinitz, Brigham Young University
   “A Thoroughly Integrated Faith?": Black Students at BYU, White Supremacy, and Mormonism’s Racial Borders in the Past and Present

   Jessica Nelson, LDS Church History Department
   Black Latter-day Saints and Genealogy in the 1970s.

   Respondents: Cameron McCoy, Brigham Young University
               Janan Russell Graham, Harvard University
4. 430A Currents in Indigenous Mormon History: Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going?
Chair: Michael P. Taylor, Brigham Young University

Farina King (Diné), Northeastern State University
Brittani Orona (Hoopa), University of California-Davis
Chauma Jansen (Assiniboine and Sioux, and Diné), Native American Parent Committee, Provo City School District, UT
Angela Bacca (Hopi and Diné), New York University

5. 410B Challenging and Redefining Boundaries: the RLDS or Community of Christ
Chair: TBD

Adam Oliver Stokes, Princeton Theological Seminary
Affirming and Re-defining the Boundaries: The Theology of Sacred Space within the African American RLDS tradition

William D. Russell, Graceland University
LDS and Community of Christ: Growing Separation, 1958-Present

Greer Bates Cordner, Boston University School of Theology
“Contesting the Lord’s Law of Health: Perceptions of the Word of Wisdom in the Context of Mormon Schism”

6. 410C Divided Families/Divided Loyalties
Chair: Bill Connors, Harvard University

Morgan E. Kolakowski, Simmons College
Strangers in a New World: Family Structure, Community, and Identity among Mormon Split Families; 1878-1920

CarrieAnne S. DeLoach, Rice University

Lori Motzkus Wilkinson, University of Utah

Comment: Kristine Wright, Princeton University

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