



Preliminary Program

Historic First Digital Conference

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Virtual Memories of MHA 2019 in Salt Lake City

Barbara Jones Brown, MHA Executive Director

Steve Mayfield, MHA photographer

Presentation of 2020 Awards

Benjamin E. Park, MHA Awards Chair

MHA Business Meeting

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members, Voting on New Board Members

Ignacio Garcia, MHA President

Financial Report

David Simmons, MHA Financial Chair

Student Social Hour (Live Zoom meeting, Saturday, June 6, 7 p.m. MST)

Hosted by Charlotte Hansen Terry, MHA Student Representative

Preview of MHA 2021, Rochester/Palmyra, New York

MHA Devotional

Ardis E. Parshall (Independent Scholar), "Who We Lost: Latter-day Saints Who Died in the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1920"

PLENARIES

"Remember the Ladies': The Fight for Woman's Rights"

Martha Bradley-Evans, University of Utah

"Reflections of an Assistant Church Historian"

Upon his retirement, Richard E. Turley Jr. reflects on his thirty-year tenure heading the History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Interview with Barbara Jones Brown, MHA Executive Director

"Presidential Conversation" and "Passing of the MHA Seerstone"

MHA President Ignacio Garcia, Brigham Young University

MHA President-Elect Jennifer Lund, Church History Department

AUTHOR CONVERSATIONS

Benjamin E. Park (Sam Houston State University), [*Kingdom of Nauvoo: The Rise and Fall of a Religious Empire on the American Frontier*](#) (2020)

with Jennifer Reeder, Church History Department

Gregory A. Prince (Independent Scholar), [*Gay Rights and the Mormon Church: Intended Actions, Unintended Consequences*](#) (2019)

with Calvin Burke, Brigham Young University

David Walker (University of California, Santa Barbara), [*Railroading Religion: Mormons, Tourists, and the Corporate Spirit of the West*](#) (2019)

with Sasha Coles, University of California, Santa Barbara

INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS

“Glocalization, Globalization, and the Community of Christ in the Philippines, 1965-2015”

David Howlett, Smith College

“Historical Experiences of Mormon Nigerian Women and Gender Disparity”

Henry Amaechi Okafor, University of Ibadan

“Visions of a Spectral Past: Secularism and the Rise of the Manti Mormons”

Cristina Rosetti, Independent Scholar

“Corresponds with and Supports the Testimony of the Book of Mormon’: Early Latter-day Saint Apologetics and the Reception of the Book of Mormon”

Stephen O. Smoot, Book of Mormon Central

ROUNDTABLES AND PANELS

“Archival Collecting: COVID-19 and other Collections”

Christine Blythe, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, BYU
Matthew Heiss, Church History Department
Melanie Nef, Church History Department
Moderator: Justin Bray, Church History Department

“How to Publish Articles in Mormon History”

Jessie L. Embry, *Journal of Mormon History*

Steven C. Harper, *BYU Studies*

Taylor G. Petrey, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*

Moderator: Sherilyn Farnes, Texas Christian University

“Mormon and Latter-day Saint Publishing”

Gary Bergera, Signature Books

Loyd Ericson, Greg Kofford Books

Scott Esplin, BYU Religious Studies Center

Matthew Grow, Church Historian’s Press

Kristine Haglund, By Common Consent Press

Moderator: Riley Lorimer, Joseph Smith Papers

“Nauvoo Connections to Washington, D.C.: A Painting, a Sunstone, and a Visit from Joseph Smith”

Alexander L. Baugh, Brigham Young University

Byran Korth, Brigham Young University

Anthony Sweat, Brigham Young University

“Podcasting Mormon History”

Spencer McBride, Joseph Smith Papers

Lindsay Hansen Park, Sunstone Foundation

Moderator: Sara Burlingame, Independent Scholar

“Studying Mormonism in Graduate School”

Dwain Coleman, University of Iowa

Hannah Jung, Brandeis University

Kathryn Mohrman, University of Colorado, Denver

Taunalyn Rutherford, Brigham Young University

Jeffrey Turner, University of Utah

“Teaching Mormon History to Undergraduates”

Brian Cannon, Brigham Young University

Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, Montana State University

Patrick Q. Mason, Utah State University

Moderator: Allison Kelley, University of Virginia

STATE-OF-THE-FIELD DISCUSSIONS

“Book of Mormon Studies”

Janiece L. Johnson, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship

Joseph M. Spencer, Brigham Young University

“Global Mormon Studies”

Carter Charles, Brigham Young University

Alison Halford, Coventry University

David Howlett, Smith College

Amy Hoyt, Claremont Graduate University

Melissa Inouye, Church History Department
Elisa Pulido, Independent Scholar

“Interdisciplinary Studies”

Cristina Rosetti, Independent Scholar
Mees Tielens, Newbigin House of Studies
Moderator: Joseph Stuart, University of Utah

“Joseph Smith in Mormon History”

Robin Scott Jensen, Joseph Smith Papers
John G. Turner, George Mason University

“Mormon Women’s History”

Kate Holbrook, Church History Department
Katherine Kitterman, Better Days 2020

“Race in Mormon History”

Farina King, Northeastern State University
W. Paul Reeve, University of Utah
Moderator: Melodie Jackson, University of Maryland

“Ritual Studies and Mormon History”

Jonathan Stapley, Independent Scholar
Ryan Tobler, Harvard University
Moderator: Alexandria Griffin, New College of Florida