



Sacramento Conference

May 22-25, 2008

*“Growth and Gateways:
Mormonism in a Wider World”*

Mormon History Association



*California State Capital in Sacramento (ca. 1921)
Courtesy of Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center*

Special Guests & Plenary Speakers

Friday Morning Plenary “Gold Rush Saints”

Kenneth O. Owens
California State University, Sacramento

Friday Luncheon Speaker

Elder John K. Carmack
Director of Perpetual Education Fund, Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints

Saturday Luncheon Speaker

Ronald E. Romig
Community of Christ Archivist
Independence, MO

Presidential Banquet and Closing Reception

Paul L. Anderson
MHA President, 2007-2008

Tanner Lecture

Dr. Philip Jenkins

Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of
Humanities,
Pennsylvania State
University

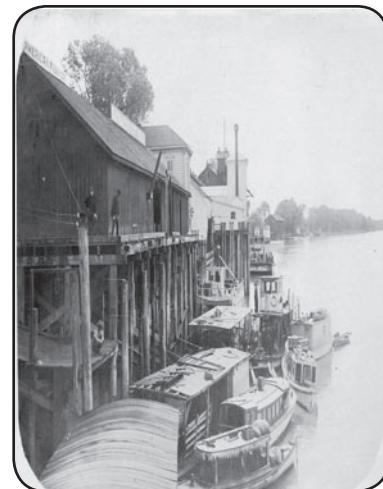
Tours

Pre-Conference

Discovering Historic Sacramento

Post-Conference

California Gold Country



*City Wharf and Warehouse on the
Sacramento River (ca. 1902)
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and Museum Collection Center*

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Sacramento, CA 95815
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Directions to the Red Lion in Sacramento

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(see www.dot.ca.gov for updates).

Directions to the hotel from the north (I-5, Sacramento International Airport):

Take I-5 South to the Garden Highway exit. Exit and turn left at the light onto Garden Highway. Proceed east on Garden Highway, following Garden Highway as it turns into Garden-Arden access, and after crossing Del Paso Blvd., into Arden Way. Stay on Arden Way until you come to the Arden Fair Mall. Turn left into the Arden Fair Mall in front of Sears. Take an immediate left onto the frontage road and follow it around to the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento at Arden Village.

Directions to the hotel from the south (I-5, Los Angeles):

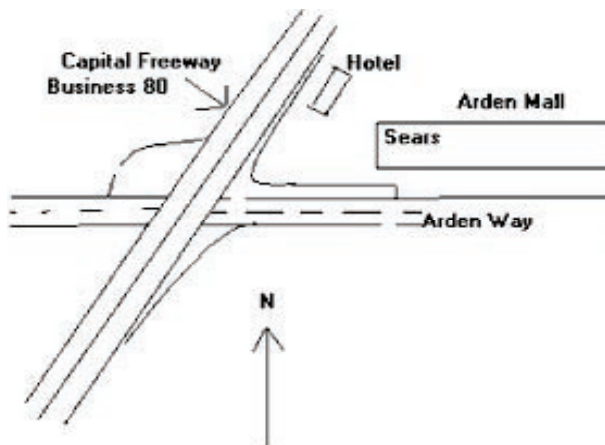
Take I-5 North to Highway 50 East (South Lake Tahoe) to Capital City Freeway East (Business 80). Follow the Capital City Freeway East toward Reno. Take the Arden Way East exit and immediately merge left. Make a U-turn at the stoplight (Heritage Lane) and then turn right into the Arden Mall parking lot in front of Sears. Take an immediate left on to the frontage road and follow it to the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento at Arden Village.

Directions to the hotel from the west (I-80, San Francisco):

Take I-80 East to Highway 50 East (South Lake Tahoe) to Capital City Freeway East (Business 80). Follow the Capital City Freeway east toward Reno. Take the Arden Way East exit and immediately merge left. Make a U-turn at the stoplight (Heritage Lane) and then turn right into the Arden Mall parking lot in front of Sears. Take an immediate left onto the frontage road and follow it around to the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento at Arden Village.

Directions to the hotel from the east (I-80, Reno/Salt Lake City):

Take I-80 West to Capital City Freeway West (Business 80) towards Sacramento. Take the Arden Way exit and at the stoplight turn left onto Arden Way. Stay on Arden Way until you come to the Arden Fair Mall. Turn left into the Arden Fair Mall in front of Sears. Take an immediate left onto the frontage road and follow it around to the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento at Arden Village.



President's Greeting

Dear Friends of Mormon History,

For the last three decades, the annual conferences of the Mormon History Association have been highlights of each year for me. I love the opportunity for reunion with old friends who share my enthusiasm for Mormon history in all its variations and complexity. I enjoy becoming acquainted with new people who have caught the Mormon history bug, as well as gathering with friends and colleagues in intriguing historic sites that challenge me to see the Restoration movement from new perspectives.

This year's meeting in Sacramento provides a unique setting to think seriously about the larger context of Mormon history in both the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The center of the California gold rush is an excellent place to consider Mormon pioneer history in the broader context of the settlement of the American West. California is also a good location for pondering the more recent expansion of Mormonism outside the Great Basin, the Midwest, and to the Pacific Coast and beyond. This year's conference theme "Growth and Gateways: Mormonism in a Wider World" reflects these areas of inquiry.



Paul L. Anderson
MHA President 2007-08

As you peruse this preliminary program, I'm sure that you will become as excited as I am about the intellectual feast that is in store. More than a hundred scholarly papers will be presented on a wide range of fascinating subjects. A history fair will introduce important collections of Mormon materials in California repositories. Plenary sessions will explore the LDS and Community of Christ experience in the gold rush as well as the years of explosive Mormon growth in twentieth-century California. Our distinguished Tanner Lecturer, Dr. Philip Jenkins, will take us further afield as he presents his research and insights into the place of Mormonism in the wave of Christian evangelism in Africa.

I invite you to make your plans now to be with us in California in May. I especially encourage you to join us for the pre-conference tour of historic Sacramento on Thursday to visit Sutter's Fort, the mid-nineteenth-century district of "Old Sac," and the fabulous railroad museum. I also urge you to attend our Sunday devotional near the site of the first gold discovery. It's going to be a great event. Don't miss it.

With best wishes,

Paul L. Anderson

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Mormon History Association

The Mormon History Association (MHA) was founded under the leadership of noted historian Leonard J. Arrington in December 1965 at the American Historical Association (AHA) meeting in San Francisco. MHA was organized to promote understanding, scholarly research, and publication in the field of Mormon history. For the first seven years, until 1972, it operated as an affiliate of the American Historical Association. In 1972 it became an independent organization with its own annual conferences and publications. The *Journal of Mormon History*, the official publication of the association, began publication in 1974.

Organization

MHA is governed by its members who elect a president, president-elect, and board members. The term of the executive officers is for one year and the six board members serve for three years. The executive directors and editor of the *Journal of Mormon History* are appointed by the board.

Mission Statement

The Mormon History Association is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to the study and understanding of all aspects of Mormon history. We welcome all who are interested in the Mormon past, irrespective of religious affiliation, academic training, or world location. We promote our goals through scholarly research, conferences, awards, and publications. (Adopted November 10, 2000)

Vision Statement

The Mormon History Association seeks to be the preeminent worldwide catalyst for encouraging the scholarly study and appreciation of the Mormon past. (Adopted November 10, 2000)

Conference Information

Please go to the center section for registration form

Mormon History Association

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Conference Location:

Red Lion Hotel
1401 Arden Way
Sacramento, CA 95815

Conference Dates

Thursday, May 22, 2008 to
Sunday, May 25, 2008

Conference Registration Schedule

Distribution of name-badges, conference programs, and on-site registration will take place during the following hours in the hotel main lobby:

Wednesday	3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MHA Membership

Membership in the Mormon History Association is not required to attend the conference, but those who wish to join are encouraged to do so. Membership can be included with your registration.

Pre-registration

Conference pre-registration deadline is
Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Registration must be received, with full payment, in the MHA office by the above date in order to receive the pre-registration discounted price.

Pre-registration prices for the conference:

MHA members	\$105
Non-MHA members	\$135
Students	\$45
Single day	\$80

Registration after April 30, 2008

MHA members	\$115
Non-MHA members	\$145
Students	\$55
Single day	\$90

All conference attendees including presenters, program, and tour participants, are required to register. Please pre-register for all tours and meals, as space is limited. Pre-registration receipts will be mailed or emailed to each registrant, but name badges and events tickets are to be picked up at the conference registration table.

Hotel Room Reservations

Room reservations should be made directly with the Red Lion Hotel. Reservations can be made by calling 1-916-922-8041. A reduced room rate of \$98 plus tax, for both single and double occupancy is available for MHA conference participants. This rate is good for up to three days before and three days after the conference. The cut-off date for the special conference rate is April 30, 2008. After that date, reservations will be on a space available basis. **Make certain you say MHA!**

Hotel Amenities:

A business center offers one computer station with a printer and internet access and a copier. A fax machine is available at the Registration Desk. Also available in the business center are coffee, an iron, and an ironing board. Room amenities also include wireless internet service at no extra charge.

Airport Transportation:

Ground transportation is available from the Sacramento International Airport to the Red Lion Hotel: http://www.sacairports.org/int/parking/ground_transportation.html).

Rental Cars: All rental car companies at Sacramento International Airport may be accessed by taking the Rental Car Terminal Shuttle to the Rental Car Terminal.

Taxis: On-demand taxi service is provided by the Sacramento International Taxi Owners Association (SITOA) by contract. You can locate a taxi in the ground transportation area adjacent to the baggage claim area at Terminal A and across from the airport hotel at Terminal B. From the airport to the Red Lion Hotel costs approximately \$35.00 (which can be shared). SITOA contact information: Reservations/information (916) 457-4862 or from the airport white courtesy phone, dial extension 24360.

On-Call Van Service: SuperShuttle is the exclusive provider of on-call van service at Sacramento International Airport. Pickup areas for passengers are located in the ground transportation area adjacent to baggage claim in Terminal A and at the center island curb in front of Terminal B. Please call (800) 258-3826 for more information. Approximate costs are: \$18.00/person or \$51.00 for a shared van going to one destination (up to seven persons).

On-Call ExecuCar Sedan Service: SuperShuttle is the exclusive provider of on-call sedan service at Sacramento International Airport. Uniformed ExecuCar chauffeurs will take up to four passengers per vehicle. Pickup areas for passengers are located in the ground transportation area adjacent to baggage claim in Terminal A and at the center island curb in front of Terminal B. Please call (800) 258-3826 for more information. The cost is approximately \$45.00 to the hotel and costs can be shared.

Public Transportation: Yolobus offers daily public bus service to the airport and connection to Regional Transit. Call (530) 666-2877 for schedules or more information.

Name Badges:

It is required that all attendees wear their name badges at all times during the conference. In the past we have had security problems with people coming into the conference without properly registering.

If for any reason you misplace or forget your badge please obtain a replacement at the registration desk before attempting to attend any event or entering the exhibit hall. There will be people available to remind you of this policy.

Parking:

The Red Lion Hotel has free parking available for conference attendees.

Exhibits:

Exhibits and displays will be located in the Exhibit area located in the Red Lion Hotel. Exhibitors can set up any time Thursday afternoon. Exhibit hours are:

Thursday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Exhibitor and advertisers pay a fee to MHA for the space they occupy. We encourage all conference attendees to patronize and support these people. They are supporting MHA.

Message & Information Board and Table:

A message & information board and table will be set up adjacent to the registration desk, allowing conference attendees to post messages and pick up information and handouts.

Emergency Procedures:

MHA seeks to be properly prepared in the event of any emergency that may arise during the conference. We recognize there are inherent risks involved in holding a large conference of 500 to 600 people. While it is difficult to eliminate all risks and contingencies, we seek to minimize them. MHA and the hotel have in place an emergency management plan and information and details will be available at the registration desk upon request. In part, this plan calls for each attendee to voluntarily give, at the time of registration "contact in case of an emergency" and other related information. We will keep this information on file in the event a need arises.

Registration Refund Policy

In the event a person finds it necessary to cancel his/her registration due to illness or family circumstances, MHA will refund the full registration for all activities, less a handling charge of \$20 per person, until April 30, 2008. After that date, no refunds will be made. MHA will not be responsible for reselling event tickets.

Special

OPENING CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

MORMON HISTORY RESEARCH FAIR: Everyone interested in Mormon history research will want to visit MHA's second Research Fair spotlighting repositories in California. Located in the conference hotel adjacent to the opening reception area.

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OPENING RECEPTION: Everyone is invited to the opening reception in the hotel courtyard, sponsored by Brigham Young University's L. Tom Perry Special Collections and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, and the Family and Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

8:15 - 9:30 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION: A screening of the film, *Forgotten Voyage: The Mormon Sea Trek That Sparked the Gold Rush*. A conversation and questions with its creator, Scott Tiffany, and Brooklyn scholars, Lorin K. Hansen and Richard H. Bullock.

Newcomers' Breakfast

Friday, May 23, 2008

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

We welcome all first-time conference attendees and invite you all to a special breakfast with MHA officers. There is no charge, but we ask you to please register for this activity.

Luncheon Speaker

Friday, May 23, 2008

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Elder John K. Carmack

Director of the Perpetual Education Fund and former Executive Director of the LDS Church Historical Department

"California Provided the Answer"

Awards Banquet

Friday, May 27, 2008

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of MHA's annual article, book, and other awards.

Plenary Session - Gold Rush Saints

Friday, May 23, 2008

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Kenneth N. Owens

California State University, Sacramento

"Not Quite Zion: California's Gold Rush Saints"

Respondent: David L. Bigler, Roseville, CA

Respondent: E. Leo Lyman, Silver Reef, UT

Leonard J. Arrington

Student Reception

Friday, May 23, 2008

9:15 to 10:00 p.m.

We invite all students attending the conference to a reception, Friday evening to socialize, network, and meet possible mentors. Refreshments will be served.

Events

Tanner Lecture

Friday, May 24, 2008
8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Philip Jenkins

Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Humanities
Department of History and Religious Studies
Pennsylvania State University



Dr. Philip Jenkins

“Letting Go: Understanding Mormon Growth in Africa”

Dr. Jenkins was educated at Cambridge University, where he obtained his doctorate in history. Since 1980, he has taught at Penn State University and currently holds the rank of Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Humanities. He has published twenty books, including *Decade of Nightmares: The End of the Sixties and the Making of Eighties America* (2006); *The New Faces of Christianity: Believing the Bible in the Global South* (2006) and *God’s Continent: Christianity, Islam and Europe’s Religious Crisis* (2007). All from Oxford University Press. Since 1980 Jenkins has delivered over one hundred papers to scholarly gatherings and professional association, including the American Society of Criminology, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Organization of American Historians, and Popular Cultural Association.

Mormon Women’s History Breakfast

**Saturday, May 24, 2008
6:30 - 7:45 a.m.**

This event is sponsored by the Mormon Women’s History Initiative at Brigham Young University and is open to all, both men and women, who are interested in women’s history.

Membership Luncheon Speaker

**Saturday, May 24, 2008
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

Ron Romig
Community of Christ Archivist
Independence, MO

“The RLDS on the Pacific Slopes”

Presidential Banquet

**Saturday, May 24, 2008
7:00 - 9:00 p.m..**

Conducting:
Kathryn M. Daynes
MHA President-Elect

Presidential Address:
A Style of Their Own: Transforming
Mormon Architecture for
California.”

Paul L. Anderson
MHA President, 2006-2007
and
Curator of Special Exhibitions/Senior Designer
Brigham Young University
Museum of Art

**Closing Reception:
9:00 -10:00 p.m.**

There will be a reception following the Banquet. All are invited to attend.

Conference Tours



Pre-Conference Tour

Thursday, May 22, 2008
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Discovering Historic Sacramento

This tour will explore the connections between California's beautiful capital city and Mormon history. We will visit Sutter's Fort State Historic Park where many veterans of the Mormon Battalion stopped to work enroute to Utah. We will stroll the historic streets of picturesque "Old Sac" where buildings once owned by Sam Brannan still stand. Attendees will also see the Discovery Museum's Gold Rush History Center that chronicles events in which Mormons played an important role. And we will visit the fabulous California State Railroad Museum that tells the story of the transcontinental railroad that transformed Utah from a remote outpost to "the crossroads of the West." Tour participants will have time to explore the wide variety of shops in "Old Sac" and eat lunch at a restaurant of their choice in one of the historic buildings. Tour registration will include bus transportation and all entrance fees. Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes.



*Adams & Company Building Proclaimed to be
the First Granite Facade Building in Sacramento
Courtesy of the Sacramento Archives
and Museum Collection Center*



*Sutter's Fort in Sacramento
Courtesy of Special Collections, University of
Nevada-Reno Library*

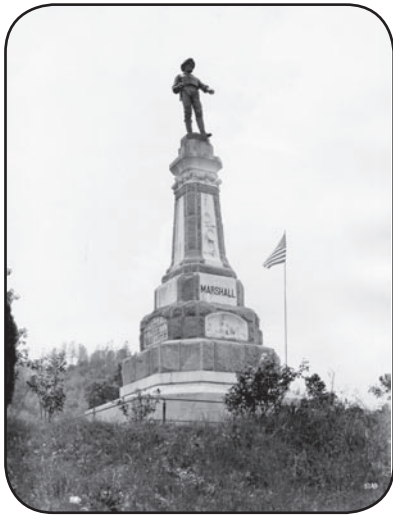
Post-Conference Tour

Sunday, May 25, 2008

7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

California Gold Country

Buses will travel one hour into the foothills of the Sierras to Coloma, site of the original gold discovery by James Marshall and his crew that included three Mormon Battalion veterans. This area became a center of the gold rush which eventually included hundreds of Latter-day Saints. After the devotional, attendees will visit Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. The tour includes the visitors' center, the Gold Discovery Museum, the Mill Site, Gold Discovery Site, the Mormon Cabin, and other historic structures. Each attendee will have the opportunity to pan for gold with instruction from a local expert. The registration fee for this tour includes bus transportation, all entrance fees, and lunch at "Russell's Outpost." The buses will return to the Red Lion by 3:30 p.m. and to the Sacramento International Interational International Airport by 4:30 p.m.



*James Marshall Monument at the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, Coloma, CA
courtesy of the Sacramento Archives and
Museum Collection*



DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, May 25, 2008

8:30-9:30 p.m.

Sunday's devotional will be held in the Coloma Emmanuel Church in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. The church was completed in 1856 as an Episcopal Church.

The service will include a Reader's Theater of excerpts from gold rush diaries and journals. Readers will include Harvard Professor and Pulitzer award winning historian Laurel Thatcher Ulrich.

There is a \$6 parking fee for those driving private vehicles. Those without transportation see Post-Conference Tour above. Those driving private vehicles may also buy lunch separately (includes panning for gold) for \$20.

*Coloma Emmanuel Church
Courtesy of Paul L. Anderson*

CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

NAME:	Pg. #	NAME:	Pg. #	NAME:	Pg. #
Alford, Kenneth L.	15	Haslam, Brent A.	15	Probert, Josh E.	16
Anderson, Paul L.	21	Hodge, Lynn G.	21	Radke-Moss, Andrea	15
Baker, Jacob T.	20	Hodge, Vickie	15	Reeder, Jennifer	16
Bartholomew, Ronald	21	Holland, S. Dennis	15	Reeves, Brian D.	14
Bashore, Melvin J.	19	Homer, William E.	20	Romig, Ronald E.	19
Behrens, Richard K.	15	Howlett, David J.	14	Ryskamp, George R.	13
Bigler, David	13	Inouye, Melissa W.	19	Schott, Sarah Bill	14
Blakesley, Katie Clark	19	Jenkins, Philip	16	Seegmiller, Janet B.	20
Bowman, Matthew	20	Jensen, Robin Scott	14	Smith, Alex D.	14
Brady, Ryan R.	20	Johnson, Jeffery O.	14	Smith, Camilla Miner	14
Bringhurst, Lila	15	Jones, Christopher C.	14	Smith, Jason R.	21
Bringhurst, Newell G.	19	Jones, Kelly	15	Smith, Konden R.	20
Brown, Samuel	20	Landon, Michael N.	16	Smith, Miriam A.	15
Bullock, Richard H.	21	Larsen, Robert G.	14	St. Cyr, Jesse	20
Burrup, Jay G.	19	Larsen, Sharyn H.	14	Staker, Mark L.	19
Busk, Judy Shell	15	Lopez-Requena, F.	13	Sutak, Tom	19
Cannon, Kenneth L., II	20	Lund, Jennifer L.	19	Swenson, Sharon Lee	14
Carmack, John K.	14	Lyman, E. Leo	13, 21	Thayne, Stanley J.	21
Conner, Lafe	15	MacKinnon, William P.	21	Thomas, John C.	16
Cope, Rachel	19	Marion, Colleen	20	Thurston, Morris A.	17
Darowski, Joseph F.	14	Marsh, Debra J.	20	Todd, Julia Holton	15
Dennis, Ronald D.	13	Marshall, Kathryn M.	16	Topping, Gary	20
Derr, Jill Mulvay	14	Massoth, Katherine S.	15	Turley, Richard E., Jr.	19
Dulin, John	21	Mauss, Armand L.	16	Underwood, Grant	20
Ekins, Helen Leonard	21	Menning, Nancy	21	Van Dyke, Blair G.	21
Ekins, Roger Robin	21	Metcalf, Brandon J.	21	Van Huss, Jami J.	15
Embry, Jesse L.	14	Miller, Mark Edwin	16	Walker, Jeffrey N.	16
Emmett, Chad F.	20	Neilson, Reid L.	20	Walker, Ronald W.	19
Enders, Donald L.	19	Nicholson, C. Brid	15	Wallis, Bryan	21
Erekson, Keith	19	O'Donovan, Connell	15	Watkins, Jordan Tuttle	21
Fleek, Sherman L.	15	Oman, Nathan B.	16	Whitley, Edward	14
Foulger, Chad O.	14	Oman, Richard G.	16	Wimmer, Ryan	20
Foster, Craig L.	19	Orton, Chad M.	14	Woodger, Mary Jane	20
Gomez, Fernando R.	15	Owens, Kenneth N.	13	Woods, Fred E.	15
Griffiths, Casey Paul	20	Park, Benjamin E.	14		
Hall, Dave	15	Parker, Stuart	20		
Hansen, Lorin K.	14	Parshall, Ardis E.	21		
Harper, Steven C.	16	Phillips, Rick	16		
Hartley, William G.	20	Polk, Patrick Arthur	15		

Preliminary Program

(Subject to Change)

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Registration Main Lobby
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 2008

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration Main Lobby

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Pre-Conference Tour: Discovering Historic Sacramento**
Discovery Museum's Gold Rush History Center, California State Railroad Museum, Old Sacramento, and Sutter's Fort State Historic Site

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibitor Display Setup

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Mormon History Research Fair**
Exhibitors/presenters will be available from repositories in California and Nevada

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Opening Reception (light refreshments will be served)**
Sponsored by Brigham Young University's Charles Redd Center and L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Brigham Young University, and the Family and Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

8:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Plenary Session**
A screening of the film *Forgotten Voyage: The Mormon Sea Trek That Sparked the Gold Rush*. A conversation and questions with its creator, Scott Tiffany, and *Brooklyn* scholars, Lorin K. Hansen and Richard H. Bullock.

Friday, May 23, 2008

6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Newcomers' Breakfast
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Registration Main Lobby
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibitor Displays

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Opening Plenary Session - Gold Rush Saints**

"Not Quite Zion: California's Gold Rush Saints"
Kenneth N. Owens, California State University-Sacramento
Respondent: David L. Bigler, Roseville, CA
Respondent: E. Leo Lyman, Silver Reef, UT

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Concurrent Session I**

1A. **Mormons and Concepts of Transnational Identity**

"Anglo-Mormons in the Mexican Civil Registration, 1885-1912: Developing a Transnational Identity"
George R. Ryskamp, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

"Maintenance of Welsh Identity in Nineteenth-Century Mormonism"
Ronald D. Dennis, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

"The Billie Forrest Fotheringham Story: The Role of a Multinational Corporate Executive in the Development of the LDS Church and LDS Transnational Identity in Chile, Puerto Rico, and Spain"
Faustino Lopez-Requena, CES Institute of Religion Madrid-Spain

1B. **The Bay Area: Mormon Growth and Diversity in a Microcosm**

"Ethnic Mormons in Oakland, California"
Jessie L. Embry, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“The Diverse Cultural Units in the Bay Area”
Robert G. Larsen and Sharyn H. Larsen, Moraga, CA

1C. Pilgrimage in Mormon Tradition

“The Role of Religious Tourism in the Development of Mormon Cultural Identities”
Sarah Bill Schott, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

“Pilgrims at the Kirtland Temple: Cooperation and Contestation among Latter Day Saint Denominations”
David J. Howlett, University of Iowa, Iowa City

1D. Massacres and Misinformation: The Attack on John Tobin and the Mountain Meadows Massacre

“Wrong Place, Wrong Time: A Look at the Tobin ‘Massacre’”
Chad O. Foulger, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“W. W. Bishop Unveiled: An Analysis of John D. Lee’s Confessions”
Chad M. Orton, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“Lost, Suppressed or Destroyed: Provenance of Selected Mountain Meadows Massacre Documents”
Brian D. Reeves, Church History Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1E. New Perspectives on the Poems of Eliza R. Snow

“Whitman, Dickinson, and Eliza R. Snow: ‘Zion’s Poetess’ and Nineteenth-Century American Poetry”
Edward Whitley, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

“‘Not My Wish to Appear in Print’: Unknowns and Ironies in the Poems of Eliza R. Snow”
Jill Mulvay Derr, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“*Poetry and Paradox of Eliza R. Snow: A Film*”
Sharon Lee Swenson, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

1F. Connections and Influences of Other Traditions on Early Mormonism

“‘We Latter-day Saints are Methodists’: Methodist Influences on Early Mormonism”
Christopher C. Jones, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“‘The Defining Intellectual Influence’: Mormonism and Romanticism”
Benjamin E. Park, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Schools of the Prophets: An Early American Tradition”
Joseph F. Darowski, Church History Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon / Plenary Session

“California Provided the Answer”

Elder John K. Carmack, Director of the Perpetual Education Fund,
former Executive Director of the LDS Church Historical Department
and Los Angeles Stake President

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions II

2A. Three Influential “Mormon” Personalities in Early California

“John Horner and the Saints of Washington Township”
Lorin K. Hansen, Fremont, CA

“Ina Coolbrith: Niece and Stepdaughter of Prophet Joseph Smith and California’s First Poet Laureate”
Camilla Miner Smith, San Francisco, CA

“From Platform to Proclamation: William B. Ide—President of the California Bear Flag Republic”
Richard K. Behrens, Brentwood, CA

2B. Documenting Aspects of Joseph Smith

“The Development of Mormon Record Keeping”
Robin Scott Jensen, Joseph Smith Papers, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“A Friendly Correspondent: James Arlington Bennet’s Relations with Joseph Smith and the Church in Nauvoo”
Alex D. Smith, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“Joseph Smith, Willard Richards and the *Boston Bee*”
Jeffery O. Johnson, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

2C. Comparative Experiences of LDS Men and Women on the American Frontier

“The Kearny/Fremont Feud and the Mormon Battalion”
Sherman L. Fleek, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

“Poetry and Songs of the Utah War”
Kenneth L. Alford, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

“Replenishing Faith: The Experience of Female Converts on the American Frontier 1820-1860”
Katherine Sarah Massoth, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2D. Designing the Modern Church: Communication and Culture in a Widening World

“The Deseret Telegraph: Communication and Isolationism”
Brent A. Haslam, Utah State University, Logan

“Architectural Integration: Cultural Traditions to National Trends”
Jami J. Van Huss, Utah State University, Logan

“*Liahona the Elders' Journal*: Reflections of the LDS Church and its U.S. Missions, 1910-1912”
Kelly Jones, Utah State University, Logan

“Picturing a Worldwide Church: Latter-day Messages to Mormons”
Lafe Conner, Utah State University, Logan

2E. Words of Life: Women's Oral Histories

“Creating an Archive of Southeast Idaho Oral Histories”
Andrea G. Radke-Moss, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg

“Preserving the Cultural History of LDS Women in the Bahamas”
Julia Holton Todd, Worthington, OH

“Preserving a Legacy of Activism: Interviews with Associates of Amy Brown Lyman and Esther Peterson”
Dave Hall, California State University-Fullerton

“Making a Difference through Preserving Community History”
Judy Shell Busk, Richfield, UT

2F. Conflict and Cooperation: The Interrelationship of Religious Traditions

“Murderous Mormons and Meek Methodists: A Study of Attitudes from the Journals of J. D. Gillilan”
C. Brid Nicholson, Kean University, Union, NJ

“Kalaupapa: Uncommon Service on Common Ground”
Fred E. Woods, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Benito Juarez and the Mormon Connection of the Nineteenth Century”
Fernando R. Gomez, Museo de Historia del Mormonismo en Mexico

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

3A. Residual Footprints of Early California Mormons, Virtual Tours

“From Paper to Podcast and Beyond: Creating a Virtual Experience of the San Francisco Mormon History Walking Tour”
Miriam A. Smith, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

“The San Francisco Bay Area”
Lila Bringhurst, Fremont, CA

“The Gold Country”
S. Dennis Holland, Placerville, CA and Kathryn Miller Marshall, Woodbridge, CA

3B. Images and Experiences of Early Black Mormons

“Early Black Mormons and Dilemmas of Identification”
Patrick Arthur Polk, University of California-Los Angeles

“The Life and Murder of Thomas Coleman, A Mormon Slave”
Connell O'Donovan, Santa Cruz, CA

“California Law, Slavery, and the Case of Bidy Mason”
Vickie Hodge, Moorpark, CA

3C. Material Culture Studies and Mormon History

“Nineteenth-Century Mormon Hair Art as Relic”

Josh E. Probert, University of Delaware/Winterthur Museum, Newark, DE

“*Representative Women of Deseret: A Study of Mormon Material Culture*”

Jennifer Reeder, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

“Furniture Making as Consecration and Worship: Henry Dinwoody and the Manti Temple”

Richard G. Oman, Museum of Church History and Art, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

3D. Adventures in Teaching Mormon History

“Sweetwater Revisited, Sour Notes, and the Ways of Learning”

John C. Thomas, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg

“An Outsider’s Experience Teaching Mormon History in Utah”

Mark Edwin Miller, Southern Utah University, Cedar City

“Documentary Editing as Epistemological Exercise”

Steven C. Harper, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

3E. Gathered in Zion and Scattered Abroad: How Social Context Affects Latter-day Saint Religious Vitality

“Can There Be a ‘Second Harvest’?: Controlling the Costs of Latter-day Saint Membership in Europe”

Armand L. Mauss, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

“The Enduring Significance of Gathering: A Sociological Perspective”

Rick Phillips, University of North Florida, Jacksonville

3F. Courts, Jails, and Temples: Mormons and the Law in the Mid-Nineteenth Century

“A Change of Venue: Joseph Smith’s Release from Liberty”

Jeffrey N. Walker, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“Kidnapping at Dixon: Missouri’s Third Attempt to Extradite Joseph Smith”

Morris A. Thurston, Latham & Watkins; J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Preaching in the Courthouse and Judging in the Temple”

Nathan B. Oman, William and Mary Law School, Williamsburg, VA

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Awards Banquet

9:15 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Leonard J. Arrington Student Reception

Saturday, May 24, 2008

6:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

Mormon Women’s History Initiative Breakfast

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration

Main Lobby

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Exhibitor Displays

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Tanner Lecture Plenary Session

“Letting Go: Understanding Mormon Growth in Africa”

Dr. Philip Jenkins

Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Humanities

Department of History and Religious Studies

Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions IV

4A. Getting By or Getting Through in the Golden State: The Mormon Presence during California’s First Decade

“Documenting the Transformation of the Golden State: Mormons in California in the 1850s”

Michael N. Landon, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“Jefferson Hunt—California’s First Mormon Politician”
Tom Sutak, Danville, CA

“Mormon Trails and Travel Corridors in California”
Melvin J. Bashore, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

4B. Lessons Learned: Mountain Meadows Massacre

“Historians, Memory, and Digging at the Truth”
Ronald W. Walker, Salt Lake City, UT

“Brigham Young and the Mountain Meadows Massacre”
Richard E. Turley, Jr., Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

4C. On the Banks of the Susquehanna: Joseph Smith and the Setting for Restoration Events at Harmony, Pennsylvania

“Isaac and Elizabeth Hale’s Family and the Murder of Oliver Harper in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania”
Mark L. Staker, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“Translating the Book of Mormon: Unfolding the Concepts of Covenant and Church”
Donald L. Enders, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“Remembering Harmony”
Jennifer L. Lund, Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

4D. What Do We Do Now that ‘New Mormon History’ Is Old?

Facilitators:
Keith Erikson, Indiana University
Rachel Cope, Syracuse University

Discussion and commentary from the audience based upon the following readings:

Jan Shippy. “Richard Lyman Bushman, the Story of Joseph Smith and Mormonism, and the New Mormon History.” *The Journal of American History* 94 (September 2007):498-516
<http://www.journalofamericanhistory.org/issues/94.2/shippy.html>.

Richard Lyman Bushman. “What’s New in Mormon History: A Response to Jan Shippy.” *Journal of American History* 94 (September 2007): 517-521, <http://www.journalofamericanhistory.org/issues/94.2/bushman.html>.

4E. Expanding Perceptions of Mormon Women: LDS Women in an International Context

“Zion in Asia, Asia in Zion: The Lives of Mormon Women from East and Southeast Asia”
Melissa Wei-Tsing Inouye, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

“Finding Common Ground: Understanding Gender and Religion through the Eyes of Muslim Converts to Mormonism”
Katie Clark Blakesley, Alexandria, VA

4F. Four LDS Presidential Candidates: Religion and Politics in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries

“Three Mainstream Mormon Candidates’ Campaigns for U.S. President: George Romney, Morris Udall, and Orrin Hatch, 1968-2000”
Newell G. Bringham, Visalia, CA

“Mitt Romney and the ‘Mormon Question’”
Craig L. Foster, Family History Library, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Membership Luncheon

“The RLDS on the Pacific Slopes”
Ronald E. Romig
Community of Christ Archivist
Independence, MO

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 a.m.

Concurrent Session V

5A. Mormons and the California Gold Rush

“Amasa M. Lyman: Apostle in the Gold Fields, 1849-1850”
E. Leo Lyman, Silver Reef, UT

“Melvin L. Gruwell: California Gold Seeker, Idaho Bishop, Mexican Colonist”
Jay G. Burrup, West Valley City, UT and Blaine R. Bake, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg

“Rhode Island’s Albert King Thurber: From Gentile 49’er to Mormon Gold Mining Missionary”
William G. Hartley, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

5B. The Forging of Regional, National, and International LDS Identity in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

“Appropriating the Secular: Mormonism and the World Columbian Exposition of 1893”
Konden R. Smith, Arizona State University, Tempe

“From Theocratic Separatism to Shared Dreams of Global Empire: LDS Political Thought 1890-1925”
Stuart Parker, University of Toronto, Canada

“Joseph F. Merrill and the Seminary Crisis of 1930”
Casey Paul Griffiths, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

5C. Text, Narrative, and Religion Making: Three Mormon Examples

“Joseph Smith and Charles Buck: Heresy and the Textual Witness of History”
Samuel Brown, Salt Lake City, UT

“Reconstructing Kirtland: The Prophet Matthew Phillip Gill and the British Reconstitution of the Mormon Foundational Narrative”
Jacob T. Baker, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA

“A Multiplicity of Scripture: The Matthew Philip Gill, Joseph Smith, and the Hermeneutics of Repetition”
Matthew Bowman, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

5D. Joseph Smith the Jurist and the Development of the Church as a Corporation

“Joseph Smith The Jurist”
Ryan R. Brady, William and Mary School of Law, Williamsburg, VA

“An Evaluation of Joseph Smith’s Use of Legal Authority through *Dana vs. Brink* and A Brief Corporate History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints”
Jesse St. Cyr, William and Mary School of Law, Williamsburg, VA

5E. The Mormons in Asia and the Pacific

“Turning the Key that Unlocked the Door: David O. McKay’s 1921 Apostolic Dedication of the Chinese Realm”
Reid L. Neilson, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Religious Identity ‘Construction’ among New Zealand Maori Mormons”
Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Indonesia: Challenges and Successes”
Chad F. Emmett, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

5F. Mormon Biography and Autobiography

“The Short Happy Life and Tragic Death of Louie Wells”
Kenneth L. Cannon II, Salt Lake City, UT

“Overcoming Odds: George Albert Smith’s Struggles with Physical and Emotional Limitations”
Mary Jane Woodger, Brigham Young University

“Wallace Stegner, Leonard Arrington, and the Writing of (a) Biography”
Gary Topping, Roman Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City

“Awakening a Sleeping Giant: A Personal Odyssey with California Mormon History”
William E. Homer, San Jose, CA

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Session VI

6A. Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century Mormons and Wars, Mobs, and Millennialism

“Handcarts in Zion: Millennialism and Philanthropy in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints”
Colleen Marion, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR

“The Carthage Mob: A Socio-economic Perspective”
Debra J. Marsh, University of Utah, Salt Lake City

“Utahns, Mormons, and the Japanese during World War II”
Ryan Wimmer, Magna, Utah

“Melissa Burton Coray Kimball: Washing her Way West”
Janet Burton Seegmiller, Southern Utah University, Cedar City

- 6B. California's Role in the Utah War: The Confrontation as Regional Conflict**
 "A Second Front for the Utah War: Winfield Scott, California, and the Problematic Pincers Concept"
William P. MacKinnon, Santa Barbara, CA
- "Sealing the Borders: The Mormon Return to Utah at the Beginning of the Utah War"
Ardis E. Parshall, Salt Lake City, UT
- "Presentation of Winning Entries for Utah War Sesquicentennial Commemoration Poster/Essay Contest"
Ardis E. Parshall, Salt Lake City, UT
- 6C. Comparative "Restoration Movement" Missiology in the Nineteenth and Nineteenth Centuries**
 "Patterns of Missionary Work and Emigration in Buckinghamshire, England, 1837-77"
Ronald E. Bartholomew, Brigham Young University
- "The 'Other' Mormons in a Wider World: A Missiological Survey"
Jason R. Smith, Duncan, OK
- "Hervey Green: Articulate Convert to the Faith and Eventual President of the Northern California Slope for the RLDS Church"
Lynn G. Hodge, Moorpark, CA
- "The Re-interment of Elder Emil J. Huber, Aleppo, Syria"
Blair G. Van Dyke, Church Educational System, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- 6D. Early Mormon History in Northern California: From Sacramento to San Francisco**
 "The Influence of the Ship *Brooklyn* Pioneers on Early Western History and Their Migrations in Zion"
Richard H. Bullock, Sandy, UT
- "Mormon Travel on California Steamers, 1849-57"
Brandon J. Metcalf, Utah State Archives, Salt Lake City
- "Defending the Gateway: George Q. Cannon vs. the Sacramento Newspapers"
Roger Robin Ekins and Helen Leonard Ekins, Butte College, Oroville, CA
- 6E. Scientific Mormonism: Evolution, Monism, and Mormon Thought**
 "Transmutational Theology: An Unofficial Authoritative View, Mormon Responses to Darwin, 1859-1933"
Jordan Watkins, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
- "Marginal Dialogues: B. H. Robert's Reading of Science and Philosophy"
Stanley J. Thayne, Brigham Young University
- "The Making of a 'Mormon Modernity'"
John Dulin, Whittier, CA
- 6F. Mormons and the Environment**
 "Interrogating Faith: Conviction and Critique in Terry Tempest Williams's *Leap*"
Nancy Menning, University of Iowa, Iowa City
- "God's Machinery: Brigham Young and Nature"
Bryan Wallis, University of Utah, Salt Lake City

5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Exhibitors and Book Signings

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Presidential Banquet

Paul L. Anderson, Presidential Address

"A Style of Their Own: Transforming Mormon Architecture for California"

9:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Conference Closing Reception

Sunday, May 25, 2008

7:00 a.m. California Gold Country Tour Departs from Red Lion

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Devotional at Coloma's Emmanuel Church

3:30 p.m. Tour buses return to Red Lion Hotel

4:30 p.m. Tour buses drop off attendees at Sacramento International Airport