

Preliminary Program

(Subject to Change)

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration Hotel-Registration Room next to Presidential Ballroom

Thursday, May 21, 2009

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration Hotel-Registration Room
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Pre-Conference Tour: “Beyond Springfield: Illinois’s Lincoln/Lincoln’s Illinois”**
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Display Set up** PCCC - B-11A
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Opening Reception Old State Capitol**
8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **The Jan Shippo Honor Lecture (opening plenary session)**
“Religion and National Construction in the Age of Lincoln”
Richard Carwardine, FBA, Rhodes Professor of American History,
St. Catherine’s College, Oxford

Friday, May 22, 2009

6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Newcomers’ Breakfast
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration PCCC – B-Level Hall
7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibitor Displays PCCC – B-11A
7:45 a.m. Official opening of exhibits with ribbon cutting by MHA President Kathryn M. Daynes

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. **Opening Plenary Session- “Introducing ‘The Book of Commandments and Revelations,’ A Major New Documentary Discovery”**

“An Introduction to ‘The Book of Commandments and Revelation””
Robert J. Woodford, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

“From Manuscript to Printed Page: An Analysis of the History of ‘The Book of Commandments and Revelations””
Robin Scott Jensen, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

“Insights on the Origins of Some Early LDS Revelations”
Steven C. Harper, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“The Impact of ‘The Book of Commandments and Revelations’ on Common Constructions of the Mormon Past”
Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

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

1A. **Nineteenth-Century Latter-day Saint Missiology**

“A Mission to Danger: Edward Hunter Snow and the Southern States Mission, 1886-1888”
Thomas G. Alexander, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Nineteenth-Century Missiology of the Bedfordshire Conference”
Ronald E. Bartholomew, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“‘Closer to the Truth than All other Preachers’: Missiological Analyses of the Turkish Mission, 1884-1895”
Blair G. Van Dyke, Orem LDS Institute of Religion, Orem, UT

1B. **Formation and Transformation of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) and the RLDS**

“Historical and Geographical Beginnings of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot)”
R. Jean Addams, Woodinville, WA

“The Theology of Confrontation: How the Identity of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Was Shaped by Its Responses to Other Latter Day Saints”
Jason R. Smith, Duncan, OK

“The RLDS Transformation, 1958-2008”
William D. Russell, Graceland University, Lamoni, IA

1C. **A Reassessment of the Nauvoo Conflict: Social Dynamics in the Political and Economic Realm**

“Politics and the Nauvoo Conflict: Examining the Nauvoo Conflict Through a Sociological Lens”
Jonathan J. Morgan, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Conflict during the Nauvoo Era: Examining How Unique Economic Conditions Produced Sociological Implications Contributing to the Tension”

James Phillips, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“The Nauvoo Economy: Unique or Just Another Western Boom Town?”

Caye Wycoff, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

1D. The Smith Family and Sacred Texts

“‘As Fire Shut Up in My Bones’: The Publication of the 1840 Edition of the Book of Mormon”

Kyle R. Walker, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, ID

“Mother Tongue: KJV Language in Smith Family Discourse”

Lavina Fielding Anderson, Editor, *Journal of Mormon History*, Salt Lake City, UT

1E. Settlement, Arson, and Murder in Southern Hancock County, Illinois

“The Rise and Fall of Yelrome, Hancock County, Illinois: Isaac Morley’s Pursuit of the Perfect Community”

Douglas Major, Paso Robles, CA

“Edmund Durfee, the Other Martyr”

Jesse M. Richardson, Hesperia, CA

1F. “Who Is Man To Change That Segregation?” Race in Twentieth-century Mormon Culture, Practice, and “Doctrine”

“Virginia Race Records, Indian Identity, and Mormon Priesthood”

Ruth Knight Bailey, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN

“Is This Racial Freedom?: Student Perceptions of the Civil Rights Movement at Brigham Young University”

Ardis Kay Smith, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Racial Folklore in McConkie’s *Mormon Doctrine*, 1958-2009: Exploring the Historical Context”

Stirling Adams, Orem, UT

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon / Plenary Session

“Mormon Connections to Lincoln-Era Springfield”

Bryon C. Andreasen, Research Historian, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Springfield, IL

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions II

2A. Myths and Understanding the Mountain Meadows Massacre

“An Appraisal of Some Myths Surrounding the Trials of John D. Lee, 1875-1876”

Robert H. Briggs, Fullerton, CA

“Myths, Responsibility, and the Mountain Meadows Massacre”

Lawrence Coates, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, ID

“‘The Bloodiest Drama Ever Perpetrated on American Soil’: Staging the Mountain Meadows Massacre for Entertainment”

Melvin L. Bashore, LDS Church History Library, Salt Lake City, UT

2B. From Proselytizing to Permanence on the Periphery: Mormonism in the American South

“LDS Growth Patterns in the Southern States Mission, 1890-1920”

Mark Brown, Baton Rouge, LA

“Mormon Missionaries in Southwest Texas, 1898-1915”

Edward H. Jeter, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

“The Un-gathered: The Religious Lives of Mormons in the American South, 1875-1910”

Christopher C. Jones, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

2C. Converting Women in Nineteenth-Century Mormonism

“‘I Wanted with All My Heart to be Good’: Nancy Tracy’s Conversion Process”

Rachel Cope, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

“Waiting for Her Children: Women’s Conceptions of the Mother in Heaven, 1870-1920”

Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR

“The Strange Case of the Browett Women: Four British Women on the Mormon Frontier”

Amy Harris, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

2D. The Prophet and Reformer: Correspondence of Brigham Young and Thomas L. Kane

“Your Second in an Affair of Honor’: The Relationship of Brigham Young and Thomas L. Kane”
Matthew J. Grow, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN

“Forging a Relationship: Young and Kane in the American Midwest, 1846”
Ronald W. Walker, Salt Lake City, UT

2E. Words of Wisdom, Bodies of Power: Sacred Diet among Mormons and Shakers

“Food Safe: Domestic Science, the Word of Wisdom, and Leah Widtsoe’s Campaign to Save Souls through Proper Nutrition”
Kate Holbrook, Boston University, Boston, MA

“The Body Evil and the Body Celestial: Nineteenth-Century Shaker and Mormon Theologies of Embodiment and Sacred Foodways”
Stephen C. Taysom, Franklin College, Franklin, IN

“Escaping the Destroying Angel: Immortality and the Word of Wisdom in Early Mormonism”
Samuel Brown, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT

2F. Mobs and Mormonism: “Whatcha Gonna Do If They Come for You?”

“Tar and Feathers: American Mob Violence and Mormons”
John Kimball Alexander, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

“Motives of the Carthage Mob”
Debra J. Marsh, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

“Blaming the Jews’: Revisioning Revisionist Accounts of the Mormon Expulsion from Nauvoo”
Breck England, Bountiful, UT

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

3A. Mormon Identity in the Nineteenth Century

“Before the White City: Exhibiting Mormonism in America, 1830-1890”
Reid L. Neilson, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Was Early Mormon Millennialism Politically Revolutionary?: A Comparison with Two Other Mid-Nineteenth Century Millennial Religious Movements”
Lawrence Foster, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

“‘Gentile’ Poetry and Songs of the Utah War”
Kenneth L. Alford, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

3B. Mormonism in the Ozarks

“Mormonism in Arkansas, Then and Now: ‘The Dawning of a Brighter Day’”
Gregory K. Armstrong, University of Arkansas-Ft. Smith, Van Buren, AR

“Work Toward Reconciliation’: A History of Efforts between Descendants Groups and the LDS Church”
Barbara Jones Brown, South Jordan, UT

3C. Resisting Others, Resisting Ourselves: Mormon Strategies of Non-Violent Struggle

“We Shall Contend Inch by Inch’: A Mormon Rhetoric of Civil Disobedience, 1882-1887”
David J. Pulsipher, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, ID

“Bickering Over Beck: Mormon Women’s Petition Resistance to Julie B. Beck’s ‘Mothers Who Know’ Talk”
Andrea G. Radke-Moss, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, ID

3D. The Blood and Remains of the Martyrs

“Long Shall His Blood . . . Stain Illinois: Carthage Jail in Mormon Memory”
Brian Q. Cannon, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Skulls and Crossed Bones?: A Forensic Analysis of the Remains of Hiram and Joseph Smith”
Curtis Weber, Orem, UT

3E. Mormon Architecture in the Nineteenth Century

“Constructing an Identity: Latter-day Saint Architecture in Nineteenth-Century Illinois”
Tiffany Taylor Bowles, Athens, IL

“‘According to the Pattern’: Expectations of Unified and Scriptural-Based Models in Nineteenth-Century Mormon Architecture”
Brad Westwood, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

3F. Nineteenth-Century Mormon Thought and Its American Theological Context

“The Great God, The ‘OverSoul,’ and Pluralistic Pantheism: Orson Pratt’s Intelligent-Matter Theory and the Gods of Emerson and James”
Jordan T. Watkins, Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, CA

“Rational Supernaturalism: Early Mormonism and Enlightened-Romantic Rhetoric”
Benjamin E. Park, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

5:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Plenary Session - Film Screening

Nobody Knows: The Untold Story of Black Mormons
Presenters: Margaret Blair Young and Darius Gray

7:15 - 9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet

Saturday, May 22, 2009

6:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Mormon Women’s History Initiative Breakfast
7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Registration PCCC
8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Exhibitor Displays B-11A

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Concurrent Session IV

4A. Using the Joseph Smith Papers

“Update on the Joseph Smith Papers and Website”
Ronald K. Esplin, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

“Getting the Most Out of the Smith Papers”
Mark Ashurst-McGee, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

“Advances in LDS Geographical Research and Cartography at the Joseph Smith Papers Project”
Richard L. Jensen, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

4B. Examining the FLDS Raid and Polygamy: Local and International Contexts—Panel Discussion

Moderator: Cardell Jacobson, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
Discussants:

Janet Bennion, Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, VT

Ken Driggs, Atlanta, GA

Gary Shepherd, Oakland University, Rochester, MI

Gordon Shepherd, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR

Arland Thornton, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Linda F. Smith, S. J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

4C. Nauvoo, Above and Below Ground

“Josephites, Brighamites, and Illinois Officials: The Role of the Churches and the State in the Restoration of Nauvoo”
Benjamin C. Pykles, State University of New York, Potsdam, NY

“Application of Ground-Penetrating Radar to Documenting the Nineteenth-Century Physical Environment of Nauvoo: A Prospectus”
John McBride, Brigham Young University Provo, UT

“The Return: The LDS Church’s Transforming Nauvoo from a Site of Dispersion into One of Intersection”
Scott C. Esplin, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

4D. Joseph Smith and the Law in Illinois: A Prelude to Martyrdom

“Habeas Corpus in Early Nineteenth-Century Illinois: Uses or Abuses”
Jeffrey N. Walker, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

“General Smith Goes to Springfield: Triumph amid a Gathering Storm”
Morris A. Thurston, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“The Road to Martyrdom: The *Expositor* and Treason Cases”
Joseph J. Bentley, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

4E. Lincoln’s Connections to Mormons and Mormonism

“James Adams: The Link between Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith”
Susan Easton Black, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“*Sangamo Journal’s* Rebecca and the Democratic Pets: Abraham Lincoln’s Interaction with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints”
Mary Jane Woodger, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Pragmatic Lincoln and Moralistic Garfield: How LDS Ties before Their Presidencies Affected Their White House Views of the Saints”
Michael K. Winder, Utah Board of State History, West Valley City, UT

4F. Mormons on the Illinois Landscape

“Ex-Apostle Lyman E. Johnson and the Nauvoo Mormons”
Bill Shepard, Burlington, WI

“Mormons and the I & M Canal”
Vickie Cleverley Speek, Minooka, IL

“An Illinois Farmer in Utah Territory: A. J. Rynearson’s Illinois Farming Heritage and Eventual Return to His Peoria Roots as a Mormon Missionary”
Gerald M. Haslam, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Tanner Lecture Plenary Session

“The Mormons and America’s Empires”
Walter T. K. Nugent
Andrew V. Tackles Professor Emeritus of History
Notre Dame University
Notre Dame, IN

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

“Stephen A. Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, and the Mormon Problem: The 1857 Springfield Debate”
William P. MacKinnon
Independent historian
Santa Barbara, CA

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

5A. New Insights and Interpretations of Nauvoo Polygamy

“The Forgotten Story of Nauvoo Celestial Marriage”
George D. Smith, San Francisco, CA

“Andrew Jenson and the Wives of Joseph Smith: Opening the Black Box”
Don Bradley, Salt Lake City, UT

“Unpacking the Box: New Insights into Joseph Smith’s Polygamy”
Brian C. Hales, Layton, UT

5B. Underover: Mormon Women Writers and the Uses of Anonymity

“First Person Once Removed: The Pseudonymous Writings of Emmeline B. Wells”
Carol Cornwall Madsen, Brigham Young University (emeritus), Salt Lake City, UT

“Emmeline’s Nauvoo Novel and Her Outreach to East Coast Literary Lions”
Cherry Bushman Silver, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

“Inside and Outside 1890s Mormondom with ‘Cactus,’ Home Literature Writer, Michigan Medical Student”
Lisa Olsen Tait, University of Houston, Houston, TX

5C. Life and Death in Nauvoo

“Mary Ann Angell Young’s Nauvoo Experience”
Jeffery O. Johnson, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

“The Nauvoo House”
Alex D. Smith, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

“Mourning the Prophet Joseph Smith in Nauvoo: Material Culture Surrounding Joseph Smith’s Death in the Context of 1840s Illinois”
Mark L. Staker, LDS Church History Museum, Salt Lake City, UT

5D. Early Mormon Ritual

“Consecrating a Community: Uses and Perceptions of Holy Oil, 1834-1955”
Kristine Wright, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

“‘No Uncommon Thing’: Collaborative Male-Female Ritual Healing in Mormonism”
Jonathan A. Stapley, Bellevue, WA

“Making Sense of LDS Sealings: A Liturgical Analysis”
Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

5E. Nauvoo Mormons and Their Families

“Alpheus Cutler at Nauvoo: Another Interpretation of His Experiences, Roles, and Activities”
Danny L. Jorgensen, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“The Crucible: Lucius Nelson Scovil’s Nauvoo Experience”
Kristine Wardle Frederickson, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Nauvoo, Illinois, Family and Local History Sources”
Kip Sperry, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

5F. The Authors Meet the Critics

Authors and Book Titles
E. Leo Lyman, *Amasa Mason Lyman, Mormon Apostle and Apostate: A Study in Dedication* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2009)

Matthew J. Grow, *“Liberty to the Downtrodden”*: *Thomas L. Kane, Romantic, Reformer* (New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 2009)

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

6A. Red, White, and Brown: Race, Mormons, and Constructed Identities

“Believing Blood in the Borderlands: Early Mormon and Protestant Missionary Efforts on the U.S.-Mexico Border”
Jared Tamez, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

“Red, White, and Mormon: Race and the Making of a Mormon-Indian Body”
W. Paul Reeve, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

“Gathering the Scattered Children of Lehi: Constructions of Whiteness and Israelite Lineage in the Pacific Islands Missions”
Stanley J. Thayne, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

6B. *Mormon Enigma*, Emma Hale Smith Revisited: Twenty-Five Years Later—Panel Discussion

Jan Shipps, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis (emeritus), Bloomington, Indiana
Paul M. Edwards, Center for the Study of the Korean War, Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa
Linda King Newell, Co-author, *Mormon Enigma*, Salt Lake City, UT

6C. Constructing Mormon Communities: A Theoretical Approach

“An Approach to Mormon Worship, 1830-2008”
Matthew Bowman, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

“Framing Early Twentieth-Century Mormon Pilgrimage: Photography, Contestation, and the Kirtland Temple”
David J. Howlett, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

6D. Illinois and Nauvoo before and after the Mormon Period

“Itinerant Mormons: Cultural and Religious Interlopers in Jacksonian-Era Illinois”
Rick John Taylor, Urbana LDS Institute of Religion, Urbana, IL

“Nauvoo in the Civil War”
Kevin W. Bryant, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

“Wilford C. Wood and the Nauvoo Masonic Hall”
J. Taylor Hollist, State University of New York-Oneonta, Oneonta, NY

6E. Portraits of Gathering and Exodus

“Garden Grove, Iowa: Analysis of a Mormon Way Station, 1846-52”
Jill N. Crandell, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“1852: The ‘Traffic Jam’ Year on the Mormon Trail that Completed the Nauvoo Exodus”
William G. Hartley, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“When the Saints Came Marching In: The Latter-day Saints in St. Louis”
Fred E. Woods, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

6F. Politicians and Mormons in the 1840s

“‘Let Them Importune at the Feet of the President’: Joseph Smith’s Journey to Washington”
Jeffrey G. Cannon, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

“John Wentworth and His Political Support for the Mormons”
Richard K. Behrens, Midway, UT

“Judge Pope’s Federal Courtroom: Scene of Joseph Smith’s Hearing, December 1842-January 1843”
Kathleen S. Thomas, Old State Capitol Foundation, Springfield, IL

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

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Presidential Banquet
“Render unto Caesar: The Plight of Nineteenth-Century Polygamists”
Kathryn M. Daynes, 2009 MHA President
Brigham Young University
Provo, UT

9:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. *Journal of Mormon History* Reception

Sunday, May 24, 2009

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

**9:30 a.m. Devotional at the First Presbyterian Church
Post-Conference tour departs from the President Abraham
Lincoln Hotel. “From Springfield to Nauvoo: Intersections of the
Mormon and Lincoln Stories”**

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Post-Tour returns to Springfield