



## Sacramento Conference Slated for May 22-25, 2008

It has been seventeen years since MHA held their annual conference in California—the place where the Mormon History Association was conceived. So it is with great excitement that we will hold the forty-third annual conference in Sacramento—our first visit to this city. The theme “Growth and Gateways: Mormonism in a Wider World,” reflects the unique opportunity to consider Mormon pioneer history in the broader context of the settlement of the American West, as well as issues related to twentieth-century LDS and restoration expansion to California and beyond.

Well over 125 individual proposals have been received reflecting the richness of early California history. Papers on gold rush saints, Brooklyn ship passengers, Sam Brannan, and fascinating early California personalities are complemented by papers with an international perspective from Asia and the Pacific to Europe and Africa, with some especially interesting women’s history. We are pleased at the number of exceptional student proposals that have been received by both graduate and undergraduate students. There will be a History Fair on Thursday evening highlighting California repositories with Mormon collection holdings, coupled with an opening reception.

Conference plans as always include pre-conference and post-conference tours. On Thursday, May 22, the tour will include Sutter’s Fort, Old Sacramento, the California State Railroad Museum and even the opportunity to visit Sam Brannan’s store (now Fat City Café). The post-conference tour to be held after the Sunday devotional on May 25th, will include Coloma, Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park and possibly selected sites in the Sierra Nevada range.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Philip Jenkins, Distinguished Professor of History and Religious Studies, Pennsylvania State University, our Tanner Lecturer this year. The conference hotel is the Red Lion Hotel, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815, conveniently located near the freeway. Reservations can be made by calling (916) 922-8041 or by going to their web site: <http://redlion.rdl.com/HotelLocator/HotelOverview.aspx?metaID=41>. Again, special rates are available for conference attendees.

As more information is available, including pricing, it will be posted on the Mormon History Association website at: [www.mhahome.org](http://www.mhahome.org). Registration materials will be available by the end of January 2008. On-line registration will be the preferred way to register.

Please plan to register early and come and enjoy the great relaxed atmosphere of an MHA conference.



*Possibly James Marshall, discoverer of gold standing in front of Sutter’s Mill along the American River in Coloma, California, ca. 1850*  
Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center, David L. Joslyn Collection



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Dear Friends of Mormon History,

We have lots of good news.

Linda Thatcher and Patricia Lyn Scott have been appointed as the new Executive Directors of the Mormon History Association. Their appointment followed a thorough search and unanimous approval by the MHA Board. In addition to their long activity in the association, they also bring a wealth of administrative, professional, scholarly, and personal skills to this position. They will work with our current capable Executive Directors, Larry and Alene King, until next June, when they will take over completely. Linda and Pat have already found office space in the historic Crandall Building, just a block from Temple Square, and have hit the ground running. We are delighted.

Next year's annual conference in Sacramento, California, is shaping up to be an exciting and enlightening event. Susan Fales and John Murphy, program co-chairpersons, report that they have already received well over a hundred proposals for papers on a "rich" array of topics, including many focusing on California, the gold rush, and the international spread of Mormonism. We are also planning special events and tours to fascinating places related to the discovery of gold and the trail of the Mormon Battalion.

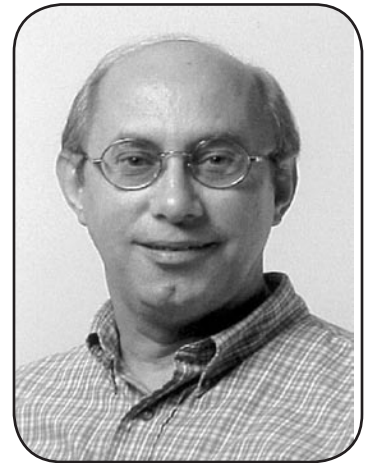
We have been particularly pleased that once again many proposals for the conference have come from young scholars. Here is more evidence that a new generation—intelligent, well-trained, ambitious students of the Mormon past—is rising before our very eyes. Hallelujah.

We are also very pleased to report that Dr. Philip Jenkins, Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies and History at Penn State, has graciously and enthusiastically accepted our invitation to deliver the Tanner Lecture at the 2008 meeting. As many of you know, he is a prolific scholar who has published on the changing face of Christianity in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. He is already at work investigating Mormon growth in Africa in the context of the huge Christian expansion on that continent. He is a very engaging speaker as well as a scholar of international stature. His lecture promises to be a highlight of next year's annual meeting.

So many good things are happening in Mormon history. We're glad you're part of it.

Best wishes to all,

Paul L. Anderson



*Paul L. Anderson  
MHA President*

## NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS NAMED

On September 1, 2007 MHA President Paul Anderson announced Patricia Lyn Scott and Linda Thatcher as the new co-executive directors on the Association. Both are longtime members of the Association. Since her retirement from the Utah State Archives in December 2005, Pat has been a consulting archivist at Westminster College in Salt Lake City and an independent historical researcher. She has served as manuscript editor of the *Journal of Mormon History* since 1989 and was Co-Chair of the 2007 Salt Lake City Program Committee. Linda has been with the Utah State Historical Society since 1976 as the Historical Collections Coordinator.

Both have extensive organizational experience. Pat and Linda have served on the MHA council and both have served as president of the Utah Women's History Association. In 2005 they co-edited *Women in Utah History: Paradigm or Paradox* (Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press). They are currently in-training, working alongside current directors, Alene and Larry King. They will officially be taking the MHA reigns on June 1, 2008.

As part of their duties they are setting up an office in the historic Crandall Building in Salt Lake City. This seven-story building was built by William S. McCormick between 1890 and 1892 and has been described as Utah's "first skyscraper." Located just a block from Temple Square on First South, its entrance boasts one of the few remaining mosaic floors in Salt Lake City. This sandstone and brick structure has housed various business, professional offices, and numerous non-profits including the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.




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*Linda Thatcher*



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*Patricia Lyn Scott*

In March 1955, the building was purchased by the Crandall family, and its name was changed to the Crandall Building. In 1977, the building was placed on the National Historic Register and for the past decade has been undergoing historic restorations. Robert Crandall, a very active ninety-year-old, still owns and manages the building. His office is located directly across from MHA's new offices.

Since we are in transition, specific office hours have not yet been established. Our new mailing address is: 10 West 100 South, Suite 610, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. While telephone numbers will remain the same until further notice, the following e-mail address has been established during the interim: [mha\\_slc@msn.com](mailto:mha_slc@msn.com).




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*Crandall Building*

## JWHA Holds Conference in and around Kirtland Temple



*Jan Shipps receiving the life-time achievement award from Bill Russell*

MHA's sister society, the John Whitmer Historical Association (JWHA) recently completed its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. This year the conference was held in Kirtland, Ohio at the newly dedicated Kirtland Temple Visitor Center, the nearby Community of Christ chapel and also within the temple itself. The topic of the conference was "Communal Experiments among Latter Day Saints and Other American Groups," and it was co-sponsored by the Communal Studies Association (CSA), which studies communitarianism among Mormons and other groups, religious or secular.

Highlights included a plenary address by Dr. Martha S. Bradley of the University of Utah entitled "Joseph Smith, the Temple and the Imagined Space of Zion." David J. Howlett, a Ph.D. student at the University of Iowa, explained how three separate Latter Day Saint groups --- the LDS church, the Community of Christ and the Restorationists --- use the act of pilgrimage to Kirtland Temple to construct their divergent identities. The presidential address was given by Dr. Alexander Baugh of BYU who outlined the final chapter of Mor-

mon history in 1830s Missouri --- the imprisonment and escape of apostle Parley P. Pratt and his comrades. After the address, Baugh passed the presidential gavel to Barbara Walden, Director of Kirtland Temple, initiating her 1-year term as JWHA president. William Shepard, Strangite Properties Trustee, was elected JWHA's President-Elect.

Dr. Jan Shipps was presented with JWHA's Life-time Achievement Award, which is presented to scholars who have devoted their lives to the study of Latter Day Saint history. Only four scholars have previously been presented this honor by the association: Leonard J. Arrington, Richard P. Howard, Alma Blair and Paul M. Edwards. Having received a standing ovation, Shipps told the audience that she considered the award "the most important honor I have ever received."

JWHA will also be holding a spring symposium in Independence, Missouri on April 11-12, 2008. Entitled the "Restoration Studies Symposium," it will be co-sponsored by the Sunstone Educational Foundation as "Sunstone Midwest" and the Community of Christ Seminary. The Symposium Program Chair is Jeanne Murphey. Submit proposals for papers and/or panels on the subject of Restoration theology, religious or cultural studies to [proposals@RestorationStudies.org](mailto:proposals@RestorationStudies.org) prior to December 17, 2007.



*Barbara Walden and Alex Baugh*

# Book Notices & Selected Articles

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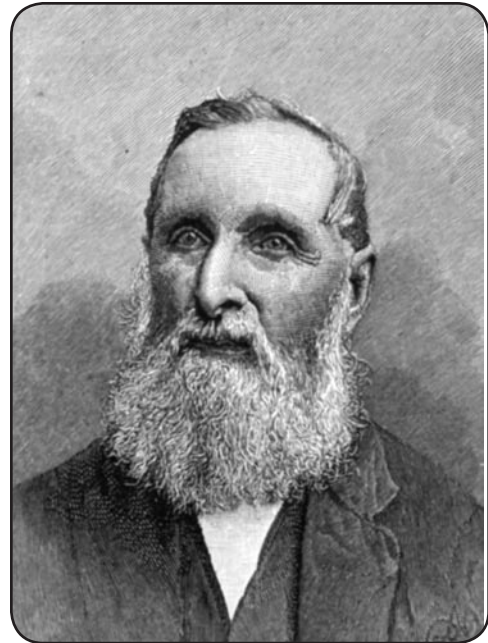
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## Endowment Campaign in Full Swing

Greg Christofferson, MHA Finance and Fund-raising Chair reports our \$2 million Endowment Campaign is moving ahead quickly. The Steering Committee has identified and is approaching major donors with good success. As we near the holiday season and gift-giving, the Endowment Committee reminds you of the importance of each MHA member contributing to the Campaign at whatever level works for you (we encourage s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g!). Please send your generous gifts to our new office right away.

## Permanent Exhibit Planned

A permanent exhibit is being placed on the Brigham Young University Campus, on the East side of the JFSB. The exhibit is called "Education in Zion." It covers the history of Church Education from the Restoration to present day. For seven years we have been preparing for production, but we realize now that our exhibit lacks stories from the everyday pioneer. Our exhibit would have greater depth if the stories students and teachers who participated in the early CES programs (namely seminaries, institutes, academies, religion classes, colleges, and universities) could be included. Contact : Sienna Woolly (801) 422-3451



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