

Plans Finalized for Sacramento Conference

With just a few weeks to go before the upcoming Sacramento MHA meeting we encourage you to register now for the May 22 – 25 conference. The theme for this year's conference is "Growth and Gateways: Mormonism in a Wider World" and the Sacramento meeting will provide us with a unique opportunity to consider Mormon history in the broader context of the settlement of the American West. California has, over the course of the 19th and 20th centuries, also served as an important "gateway" for the growth and expansion of the Restoration movement and we look forward to exploring the unique role of the "Golden State" as an access point to Asia and the Pacific. With 36 concurrent sessions and over 100 conference papers, an outstanding list of speakers, and a series of exciting and interesting local tours, the Sacramento MHA conference will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and discuss LDS Church and Restoration history.



Sacramento Third Ward Building

Courtesy of the Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection

We begin our conference on Thursday, May 22nd, with a series of activities and events organized by the Local Arrangement Committee including a pre-conference tour of historic Sacramento in which we will explore the city's 19th century past. Sites to be visited include the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacramento, Discovery Museum's Gold Rush History Center, the California State Railroad Museum, Old Sacramento, and Sutter's Fort State Historic Site. Thursday evening Conference participants will have the opportunity to peruse the Mormon History Research Fair which will feature exhibitors and presenters from the California State Archives; California State University, Sacramento; Sacramento Archives & Museum Collection Center; and the University of California, Berkeley. Following the Opening Reception Thursday evening, film maker Scott

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Dear Friends of Mormon History,

In only a few weeks, the Mormon History Association will be meeting in historic Sacramento, California. I am certain that anyone who looks carefully at our exciting conference program will share my sense of anticipation and enthusiasm for this wonderful event. More than a hundred scholars will be presenting their research and insights on a wide variety of fascinating topics relating to Mormon history.

The list of presenters includes the names of many people whom I have respected and admired for decades, as well as an impressive group of new participants whom I am eager to hear for the first time. I am particularly pleased to see several sessions that deal with intriguing aspects of Mormon history in California.

If you have not signed up yet for this marvelous intellectual feast, send your registration right away. I especially hope that you will consider participating in the pre-conference tour on Thursday which will include Sutter's Fort, the historic restoration of Old Sacramento, and the spectacular California State Railroad Museum. The post-conference tour on Sunday will take us to a devotional in a Gold Rush-era church, a visit to the original gold discovery site and nearby museum, and a scenic drive through the foothills of the Sierras.

Please join us for this memorable experience.

Hoping to see you soon,

Paul L. Anderson



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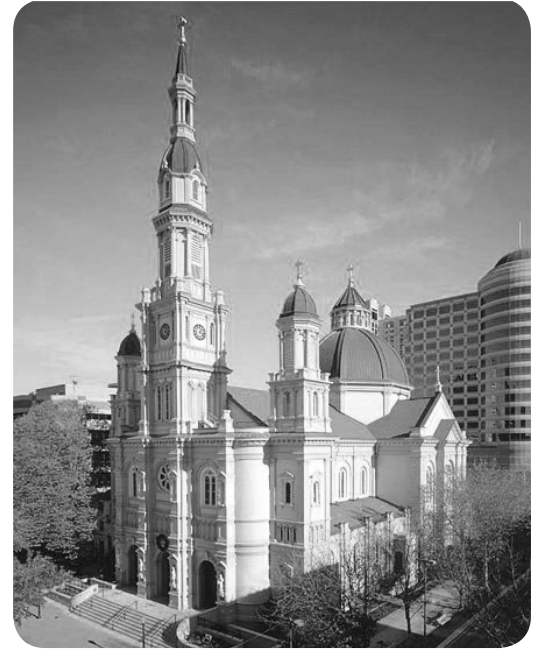
Tiffany will show his film, *Forgotten Voyage: The Mormon Sea Trek That Sparked the Gold Rush*. Following the screening, Scott Tiffany together with Brooklyn scholars Lorin K. Hansen and Richard H. Bullock, will answer questions.

In keeping with the conference theme, “Growth and Gateways: Mormonism in a Wider World,” two outstanding speakers will, on Friday, address MHA conference participants. Scholar and author Kenneth N. Owens will, during the Opening Plenary Session, discuss California’s Gold Rush Saints. On Friday afternoon, our luncheon speaker, Elder John K. Carmack, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will discuss the history, development, and growth of the LDS Church in California.

Dr. Philip Jenkins, Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Humanities in the Department of History and Religious Studies at Pennsylvania State University, will deliver the annual Tanner Lecture, Saturday morning, May 24th. In his Tanner Lecture, Dr. Jenkins will discuss the growth of the LDS Church in Africa. Membership luncheon speaker, Community of Christ Archivist, Ronald E. Romig, will discuss the “RLDS on the Pacific Slopes” and Friday evening, MHA President, Paul L. Anderson, will deliver the annual Presidential Banquet address in which he will discuss the history of Mormon architecture in California.

On Sunday, May 25th, the closing day of the conference a devotional will be held at Coloma’s Emmanuel Church in Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. The service will include a Reader’s Theater on the early 19th century Mormon experience in California based on diary excerpts and contemporary music. Scheduled readers include Laurel Thatcher Ulrich and Leo Lyman.

While in Sacramento take in some of the great jazz bands who will be performing the same weekend as MHA as part of the 35th annual Jazz Jubilee and if you have time drive through Gold Country along Highway 49, visit beautiful Napa Valley, and don’t forget to explore San Francisco and lovely Lake Tahoe. Remember to check the MHA web site for registration information (www.mhahome.org) and reservations at the conference hotel—the Red Lion, can be made by phone at (916) 922-8041.



*Cathedral of the Blessed Sacramento has been added to Thursday tour
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Second Annual Mormon History Research Fair

After the success of last year’s inaugural Mormon History Research Fair, conference planners have scheduled another history fair for the upcoming Sacramento gathering. The 2008 fair will take place on Thursday evening, May 22nd from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., just prior to the evening plenary session. It will be located adjacent to the hotel’s main ballroom. The event will spotlight the holdings of libraries and archives in Northern California.

The fair will feature exhibits from the California State Archives, with its records on Sam Brannan, the establishment of San Bernardino, and military records of the “Mormon Rebellion”; California State University, Sacramento, Special Collections and University Archives, the home to the papers of Rep. John E. Moss (D-Sacramento), the Mormon-born “father of modern legislative oversight” and the Freedom of Information Act; the Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center, the city and county of Sacramento archive--the largest local government repository in the state; and the University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Library, a world-class research facility.

With many repositories adding daily to their online catalogs, we encourage all to attend the fair to discover the rapidly expanding primary source material available to researchers of Mormon history.

Journal of Mormon History Editor Search

The search has begun for a new editor of the quarterly *Journal of Mormon History*. The editor is appointed by the MHA president and approved by the MHA council for a four-year term, renewable at the board's discretion. The board is responsible for the *Journal's* funding, and the MHA executive director is responsible for maintaining the mailing list and mailing the *Journal*. According to the Association by-laws duties include: selecting "a board of editors in concurrence with the council" which has "final control" over the *Journal*.

The job description that follows represents the position as it has evolved. The editor networks with scholars, librarians, archivists, academicians, and others interested in the broad field of Mormon history. He/she attends professional conferences, invites promising submissions from authors or prospective authors, and generally encourages the scholarly research and writing of Mormon history. In consultation with the executive director, typesetter, press, and mailer, the editor sets and maintains the publication schedule.

The editor works with the editorial manager who logs in submissions and distributes them to the board of editors and the executive committee, then compiles the critiques. When the evaluations are complete, the editorial manager prepares

a summary sheet and gives the file to the editor. The editor and executive committee, at regularly scheduled meetings, evaluate the readers' comments, decide on an answer for the author, deal with other *Journal* business, and set policy for the *Journal*. The editor handles all correspondence with the authors through the revisions, editing, and publication stage.

The editor (or copy editor) with a volunteer staff, copy edits each issue, returns the articles at two stages (edited manuscript and page proofs) to the authors for checking, proofreads at the same two stages, works with the typographers on typesetting and corrections, and also checks the blue-line. (Currently, the editor is also the copy editor but the two functions are not inherently conjoined.)

In addition to the editorial manager, key members of the editor's team are the business manager (who sets advertising rates and policy with the executive committee's concurrence, solicits advertisements from Mormon history publishers, and provides copies in which their advertisements appeared), the book review editor (who solicits review copies from publishers, invites reviews from individuals, follows up on submission schedules, and provides the reviews to the editor issue by issue), the designer, the typographer, and indexer. The editor appoints all of these individuals.

The board of editors, executive committee, staff, and other officers hold an annual meeting in conjunction with the annual MHA conference. Currently, all positions with the *Journal* are volun-

teer (with reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses such as postage for mailing manuscript). There is a possibility for financial compensation in the future.

All applicants should submit their qualifications, a statement of editorial philosophy, and a description of team-building/local support resources to Sherilyn C. Bennion, chair of the search committee, at lcbcb@mstar2.net. (801) 274-9215 or call Patricia Lyn Scott, editorial manager, at (801) 521-6565. The deadline for submissions is July 1, with a training-transition to follow through the fall and winter of 2007-08. The new editor will officially assume his/her duties in June 2009.

Sons of Utah Pioneers Jubilee

Our friends in the Sons of Utah Pioneers are celebrating their 75th anniversary this year! Members of the Mormon History Association are invited to help them celebrate.

You are invited to write one or more short inspirational pioneer stories about your little-known Pioneer ancestors. Each story will be published on the SUP website and some will be selected for the *Pioneer Magazine*. All will be preserved in a special collection at the SUP library, and you will receive a nice gift for your submission. For details go to www.sonsofutahpioneers.org

Call for Papers—2009 Conference Springfield, Illinois May 21–24, 2009

The forty-fourth annual conference of the Mormon History Association will be held May 21– 24, 2009, in Springfield, Illinois, at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel located in the historic center of Springfield. It has been nearly two decades since the last MHA conference was held in Illinois.

The MHA executive board selected Springfield as the location for the conference to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln (1809–1865). Corresponding with this historic anniversary, the theme of the 2009 conference will be Mormonism and the Land of Lincoln: Intersections, Crosscurrents, and Dispersions, a theme which encourages studies of Mormonism within broad historical contexts. In October 1830, the first Mormons passed through Illinois on their way to preach to the Indian tribes west of Missouri. During the 1830s Illinois became a major thoroughfare for Mormons traveling between Missouri and Ohio and other points further east, and as early as 1835 the first branches were established in the state. With the expulsion of the Latter-day Saints from Missouri in 1839, Nauvoo served as the main place for Mormon gathering until 1846. However, by this time, hundreds of Mormons were living in numerous branches established in other counties throughout the state. Significantly, after the main body of the Church departed under Brigham Young, those Saints who chose to remain looked to others for leadership and established Restoration churches and communities which continue to the present.

Place and time connect Mormonism with Lincoln. Significantly, in March 1830, about the time Joseph Smith organized the Church of Christ in New York, twenty-one-year-old Abraham Lincoln settled in Illinois, and he then began his political career, first in New Salem and later in Springfield. By 1840, as Nauvoo was rising on the banks of the Mississippi, Lincoln had distinguished himself as a skillful lawyer, a member of the Illinois state legislature, and a leading figure in the state's Whig party. In addition, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives the month before the last Saints still residing in the City of Joseph were expelled following the "Battle of Nauvoo."

The 2009 program committee invites interested historians, scholars, and individuals to submit proposals for papers, panel discussions, or presentations for the conference. We especially encourage proposals related to the conference theme. However, proposals on other Mormon topics and themes are also welcome. All proposals must be submitted in electronic format. Proposals should be directed to: Alexander L. Baugh, Associate Professor, Church History and Doctrine, BYU at alex_baugh@byu.edu. Deadline for submission is October 1, 2008. Notification for acceptance or rejection will be January 15, 2009. Additional instructions for submitting proposals will be available on the MHA website at <http://www.mhahome.org>.

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by
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- Richardson, Marianna Edwards. *Alfred Edersheim: Jewish Scholar for the Mormon Prophets*. Springville, Utah: Cedar Fort Inc, 2008.

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Jennifer St Clair

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Sacramento Conference Updates

- **Online Registration:** We apologize to those who tried to register online and were unsuccessful. The site is now working. (www.mhahome.org)
- **Mormon Women's History Initiative Breakfast** (Saturday--6:30 a.m.) This event is open to all who are interested in Mormon women's history. This year's breakfast will feature a reader's theater by Heather Sundahl based on oral histories. Attendees are invited to report briefly on their current research projects. (Tickets are still available).
- **"What Do We Do Now that 'New Mormon History' is Old?"** (Session 4D—Sat. 10:00 a.m.): READ BEFORE YOU COME! In order to participate in the session discussion a new format is being introduced to conference attendees. Participants will be invited to join the discussion about recent scholarship in Mormon history. Come prepared to discuss Jan Shipp's essay "Richard Lyman Bushman, the Story of Joseph Smith and Mormonism, and the New Mormon History" as well as Richard Bushman's published response to it in *The Journal of American History*. Electronic copies of both essays are available at: <http://www.journalofamericanhistory.org/issues/94.2/shipp.html> and <http://www.journalofamericanhistory.org/issues/94.2/bushman.html>. Come to California ready to participate in a lively discussion of the two essays!
- **Sunday Devotional:** It will include a reader's theater of excerpts from gold rush diaries and journals. The readers include: *Narrator--John Huntington*, an award-winning musical theater artist who lives in California and is a descendent of Oliver B. Huntington. *Reader--Leo Lyman*, emeritus professor of History at Victor Valley College, Victorville, California. *Reader--Richard Lyman Bushman* is Gouverneur Morris Professor of History Emeritus at Columbia University and was recently appointed the Howard W. Hunter Visiting Professor in Mormon Studies at Claremont University. *Reader--Laurel Thatcher Ulrich*, Pulitzer-prize winning historian and Harvard Professor.
- **Gold Country Post Tour:** The tour will be returning one-half hour earlier than planned and will travel directly to the airport arriving by 3:00 p.m.

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July Newsletter

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Change of Address

The *Journal of Mormon History* has closed its mailbox. Submissions and correspondence should be mailed to: *Journal of Mormon History* Mormon History Association 10 West 100 South, Suite 610 Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

MHA Conference Reservations and Airport Information

When making room reservations for the Sacramento MHA conference be sure to tell the reservation clerk that you are with MHA:

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For those flying to the Conference the nearest airport is Sacramento International Airport.

Conference Registration

Please register as soon as possible for the May conference. Go to our website: www.mhahome.org or mail in your registration form.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the conference as well as preparing for the conference. If you are available please contact us at: mha_slc@msn.com (801) 521-6565