

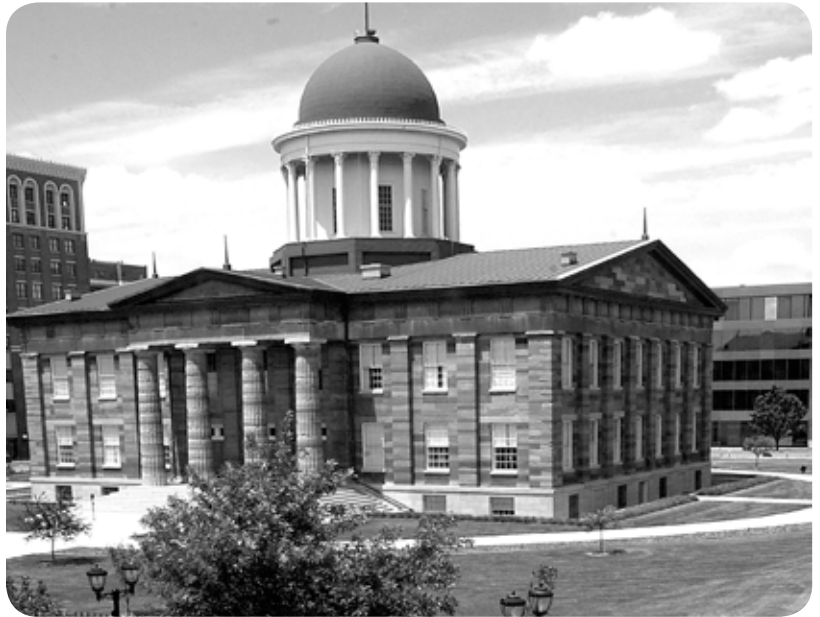


Springfield Conference set for May 21-26, 2009

The Old State Capitol is a symbol of the intersection between American history and Mormon history that will be emphasized at the conference. Richard Carwardine, Rhodes Professor of American History, St. Catherine's College, Oxford University, awarded the Lincoln Prize for his book *Lincoln: A Life of Purpose and Power* (2003), will address conference participants on Thursday evening. The Tanner Lecture will continue to explore the intersection of American and Mormon history with Walter Nugent, Andrew V. Tackes Professor of History Emeritus at Notre Dame, speaking on "The Mormons and America's Empires." Sessions during the conference will cover a variety of themes. There will be sex and violence, of course, which in the Mormon context means polygamy, Mountain Meadows Massacre and mob violence against Mormons in Illinois. Other papers will cover such topics as Joseph Smith and the law in Illinois, the 2007 raid on the FLDS community at Eldorado, race and constructed identities, the Smith family and sacred texts, the RLDS transformation from 1950 to 2008, food and diet among Shakers and Mormons, Mormon strategies of resistance, and the list goes on. A plenary session will reveal new findings from the Joseph Smith Papers project.

Two exciting bus tours are planned for the 2009 Annual Conference in Springfield Illinois. The pre-conference tour, "Beyond Springfield—Illinois' Lincoln/Lincoln's Illinois" is scheduled for Thursday, May 21. This one-day Lincoln-themed tour will take us beyond the capital city to several important historical sites associated with Abraham Lincoln's rise from obscurity to national prominence. The day begins with tour guide Bryon Andreasen, Research Historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, providing an orientation session at the Presidential Library. The tour will then travel to Mt. Pulaski for a presentation on "Lawyer Lincoln" in one of the few courtrooms still existing where Lincoln practiced law. The bus will then cross the prairie to Bloomington, Illinois, and the David Davis Mansion, home of Lincoln's campaign manager and Supreme

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*Old State Capitol, Springfield, Illinois
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**Dear Fellow Friends and Devotees
of Mormon History,**

Transition is now the word on everyone's lips, and at the Mormon History Association we are undergoing our own transitions. Unlike the national scene, where the transition involves changes in ideology and governing style, the transitions at MHA are smooth. Both those leaving and those coming are equally dedicated to the same goal of promoting and encouraging the study and understanding of all aspects of the Mormon past.

A major transition is the editorship of the *Journal*. Lavina Fielding Anderson has served as editor for eighteen years, and for many members she is the only editor of the *Journal* they have known. Under her leadership the *Journal* has grown from an annual to a quarterly, filled with cutting-edge articles and informative reviews.

She, along with the Executive Committee and Board of Editors, have honed arguments and guided many authors through the process of publishing their research. Having served with admirable ability and dedication for almost two decades, she asked to step down from her service. Reluctantly the Board accepted her decision and asked Sherry Bennion to chair the search committee for a new editor. It was heartening indeed to have a number of qualified and dedicated members of MHA willing to fill the position. Martha Taysom, who received her Ph.D. in history from Indiana University, has accepted the Board's appointment as editor. Martha is currently working with Lavina and others at the *Journal* and will take over in the second half of 2009. Under Martha's guidance we confidently anticipate continued excellence in the years ahead.

The transition to new executive directors has already been accomplished, with the reins having passed from Larry and Alene King to Pat Scott and Linda Thatcher. Pat and Linda are moving MHA into the future with steady hands, and with their vital help, we are planning a conference in Springfield you will not want to miss. The pre-conference tour will explore Lincoln sites (given a Mormon flair), and the post-conference tour will explore Mormon sites in and around Nauvoo. In Springfield, we will begin the conference Thursday night with a reception at the Old State Capitol and end it with our devotional at the First Presbyterian Church, where the Lincoln family worshipped. The conference itself will be at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, within short walking distance of the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum as well as the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. But with a full schedule of plenary and concurrent sessions filled with new research, you'll need to plan your schedule carefully to take advantage of all the conference offers.

These smooth transitions ensure the strength of MHA. And its vitality is ensured by the quality of current scholarship in Mormon history. Come to the 2009 Springfield conference and be a part of what is the best and newest in the field.

Kathryn M. Daynes
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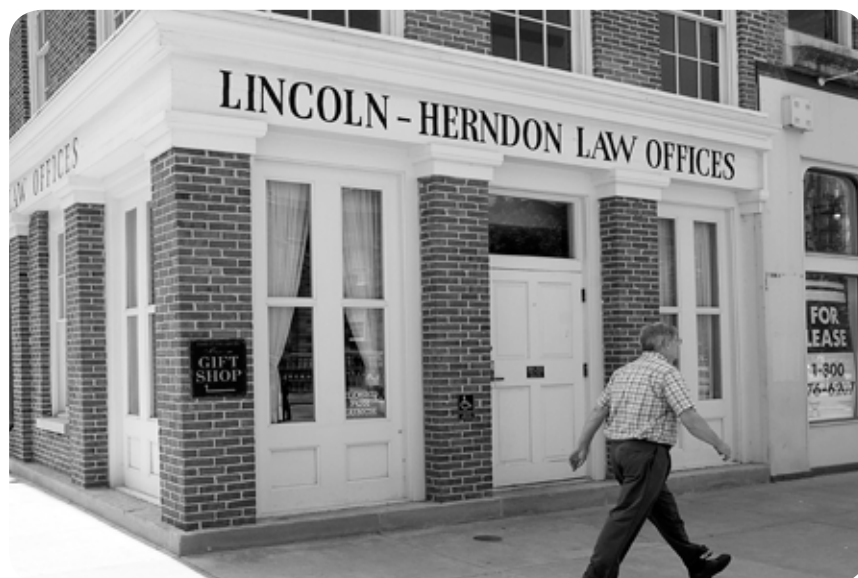
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Court Appointee. A tour of the building will include a session on nineteenth century calling card etiquette. After box lunches, the bus will then depart for Lincoln's New Salem historical village for an afternoon of discovery in a pioneer settlement that was roughly contemporary to early Nauvoo. Returning to Springfield the tour will visit the Lincoln Tomb before returning to the conference hotel before dinnertime. Tour guide Bryon Andreason will provide commentary throughout the tour ranging from descriptions of the great nineteenth century prairies to the joys and hardships of circuit court travel.

The post conference tour, "From Springfield to Nauvoo: Mormon Story/Lincoln Story Interconnections in Western Illinois & Hancock County," is a three-day and two night (Sunday, May 24-Tuesday, May 26), bus tour to Nauvoo. This tour provides opportunities to travel to parts of the Illinois landscape that were familiar to Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln but are not typically included on Nauvoo tour itineraries. Sunday the tour begins with a half-day trip from Springfield to Nauvoo following the route that Joseph Smith traveled in the winter of 1842-1843 for his extradition trial in federal court.

Bryon Andreason will provide on-board commentary when the bus reaches locations where Joseph Smith's entourage passed through or stayed—including Captain Dutch's Halfway House, Rushville, Augusta, Plymouth, and Carthage. In Carthage, we will stop for lunch, tour the Kibbe Museum, Carthage Jail, the Hancock County Courthouse, and drive by Carthage locations that share both Mormon and Lincoln history. Arriving in Nauvoo in the late afternoon, we will check into our rooms at Nauvoo Vacation Villas & Condos, have dinner at the Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites Restaurant, and then enjoy an evening fireside. Monday includes a half-day bus tour to outlying areas of Hancock County (Pontoosuc, Dallas City, LeHarpe, Fountain Green, Webster (Ramus), Tioga (Morley's Settlement), Lima, and Warsaw. There will be time to enjoy your favorite sites in historic Nauvoo on your own before dinner at the Hotel Nauvoo, followed by an evening presentation. Tuesday morning we will leave early for Quincy, Illinois, for a quick stop at the new Lincoln-Douglas Debate Square exhibits, with arrival time back in Springfield by noon. This unique tour promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln.

In addition, Springfield offers many sites that you will undoubtedly wish to visit including the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, and the award-winning Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Visit the Springfield website, <http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com/>, and take virtual tours of several historic sites. You'll definitely want to visit these in person during your stay. Check the MHA website <http://www.mhahome.org> for registration information by mid-February.



*Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices, Springfield, Illinois
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Conference Recordings Are Available for Purchase

The Sacramento Conference
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available for:

\$50.00--entire conference
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April 2009 Newsletter

Items for the April newsletter
should be submitted by
March 15, 2009
to Linda Thatcher at
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MHA Actively Seeking Nominations for Publication Awards

The Mormon History Association gives yearly awards at its annual conference for the best books, articles, theses and dissertations published on Mormon history. The awards are given for works published during the year preceding the annual conference. Submission deadline for the 2008 awards is February 15, 2009 (also check with chair). Those wishing to submit books, dissertations and theses, and student papers in the several award categories or those having questions about the awards should send the submissions and questions to the following sub-committee chairs:

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MARTHA TAYSOM NAMED EDITOR OF *JOURNAL OF MORMON HISTORY*

The Board of Directors of the Mormon History Association has announced the appointment of Dr. Martha P. Taysom as editor of the *Journal of Mormon History*. Dr. Taysom will work with longtime editor Lavina Fielding Anderson until the organization's convention in Springfield, Illinois, when she will assume the editorship.



*Dr. Martha P.
Taysom*

Dr. Taysom, whose home is in Bloomington, Indiana, holds a Ph.D. degree in American intellectual history, with a minor in American religious history, from Indiana University. She has taught American and world history and American studies at Indiana University, in Bloomington and Indianapolis, at Ivy Tech State College in Bloomington and at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana.

From 1993 to 1997, Dr. Taysom served as an editorial assistant for the *American Historical Review*. She also held the position of copy editor for the *Intellectual History Newsletter* from 1991 to 1996.

She is the author of *Glory is a-Comin' Soon: A History of the Mormons in Indiana*, as well as several articles and conference papers. Both the Board of Directors and the search committee were unanimous in recommending Dr. Taysom as the new editor. MHA President Kathryn M. Daynes pointed out that Dr. Taysom's education and experience qualify her "to ensure that the *Journal* continues as the premier publication" in the field of Mormon history.

Nominating Committee Chair Announces New MHA Officers

Philip Barlow, past-president and chair of MHA's nominating committee, has announced the nominees for MHA president-elect and council members for the coming year. William P. MacKinnon, private historian, has been selected as president-elect, succeeding Ronald E. Romig, incoming president. Selected as council members are Curtis Atkisson, a retired businessman and Andrea G. Radke-Moss, professor of history at Brigham Young University-Idaho. They are replacing retiring council members Gregory P. Christofferson and Susan S. Rugh, respectfully. Jenny Reeder, a doctoral student in American History at George Mason University is nominated to be the new student representative replacing Keith A. Erikson.

William P. MacKinnon is an historian, management consultant, and community volunteer who lives in Montecito, California. MacKinnon is an alumnus of the Mount Hermon (Massachusetts) School and in 1960 earned a B.A. degree from Yale University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1962 MacKinnon received an M.B.A. degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. As an independent historian MacKinnon's articles, essays, and book reviews on the American West have appeared in more than thirty journals and encyclopedias since 1963. The first volume of his two-volume study of the Utah War of 1857-1858 *At Sword's Point* was published in 2008 by The Arthur H. Clark Company.

Curtis T. Atkisson, Jr. has an B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Michigan and an M.B.A. from Stanford University. He is a retired businessman who has worked for FMC Corporation, Flint and Walling, Wayne Corporation, and SPX Corporation. After retiring he returned to Salt Lake City to live. He currently serves as a member of the Leadership Council at the BYU Museum of Art and enjoys reading history, traveling and volunteer work.

Andrea G. Radke-Moss is a professor of history at Brigham Young University-Idaho. She teaches classes



*William P.
MacKinnon*



Curtis T. Atkisson

in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, women's history, the American West, and teaching methods for history/social studies education majors. Her research interests include women in higher education, schoolteaching, Mormon women's experiences, and women's participation at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. Her book, *Bright Epoch: Women and Coeducation in the American West* was published by the University of Nebraska Press in November 2008.

Jenny Reeder is a doctoral student in American History at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. She earned a B.A. in Humanities, English Teaching, and Italian from Brigham Young University and an M.A. in Human Communication from Arizona State University, with a thesis on "Quilts and the Relief Society." In 2006 she earned an M.A. in History, Archival Management, and Historical Editing at New York University. She worked for three years as a research historian-documentary editor for the Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for LDS History at BYU. Currently her presidential fellowship at GMU places her at the Center for History and New Media, where she has been involved with the online Papers of the War Department, the National History Education Clearinghouse project with the Department of Education, and National History Day.



*Andrea G.
Radke-Moss*



Jenny Reeder



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Renewal notices have been mailed. Please help us by renewing as soon as possible. Remember dues increased on January 1, 2009. We are mailing the newsletter to 2008 and 2009 members. The *Journal* will only be mailed to the paid 2009 membership. The new dues structure is:

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Check our website for additional conference information and transportation options.

Tanner Humanities Center Announces Eccles Fellowship

The Tanner Humanities Center at the University of Utah has been awarded a grant for \$36,000 by the George S. and Delores Dore Eccles Foundation to establish the **Eccles Fellowship in Mormon Studies**. The award has been designated to support two doctoral students in researching and writing their dissertations (\$18,000 stipend for each), one in 2009 and one in 2010.

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