



THE SIXTH BIENNIAL FAITH & KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

Andover Hall, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24: Braun Room, Andover Hall -

7:00 PM

WELCOME

OPENING PANEL: ON BEING MORMON AT HARVARD

Moderator: Richard Bushman, *Gouverneur Morris Professor of History emeritus at Columbia University*

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, *300th Anniversary University Professor*

David F. Holland, *John A. Bartlett Professor of New England Church History*

Taylor G. Petrey, *Visiting Associate Professor of Women's Studies and Sexuality*



- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25: Braun Room, Andover Hall -

8:00-8:30 AM

BYU RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRESENTATION

8:30-9:45 AM

PANEL ONE: AESTHETICS AND POETICS

Moderator: Kimberly M. Berkey, *Harvard Divinity School*

Zachary Davis, *Harvard Divinity School*

“A Mormon Theology of Beauty”

Richelle Wilson, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

“A Hermeneutics of Secrecy: Willful Feminine Silences and Absences in (Mormon) Literature”

Sharon Harris, *Fordham University*

“‘When I Consider How My Light is Spent’: Reflections on Milton and Contemporary Mormonism”

Lindsey Webb, *University of Massachusetts Amherst*

“‘The Book Multiplies the Book’: Toward a Contemporary Mormon Poetics”

10:00-11:15 AM

PANEL TWO: EXEGESIS

Moderator: Daniel N. Gullotta, *Yale Divinity School*

Joshua M. Matson, *Florida State University*

“Between Salt Lake and Qumran: Mormonism and the Dead Sea Scrolls on the 70th Anniversary of their Discovery”

Stephen O. Smoot, *University of Toronto*

“‘Why Would a Mormon Study Egyptology?’ Prolegomena to a Critical Study of the Book of Abraham”

Andrew Mickelson, *Yale Divinity School*

“[As it Came from the Pen of the Original Writers’: Latter-day Saints and New Testament Authorship”

Kimberly M. Berkey, *Harvard Divinity School*

“Faith, Fragment, and Ether 12”

11:30-12:45 PM

PANEL THREE: MORMONISM IN EUROPEAN CONTEXTS

Moderator: Zachary Davis, *Harvard Divinity School*

James Perry, *Lancaster University*

“Like an Island in the Sea’: 21 Century Mormon Studies in Europe”

Bryce Hal Taylor, *Brigham Young University*

“From Devil’s Horns to Acceptance: Mormonism’s Arrival at the Universität Heidelberg”

Alison Halford, *Coventry University*

“No (Wo)man Can Serve Two Masters? A European Gaze on the ‘Double Bind’ of Mormon Feminism”

Courtney Jensen Peacock, *University of Heidelberg*

“A Romance of Redemption’: Mormon Women and Adoptive Freemasonry”

12:45-1:45 PM

LUNCH

Presentation: Reid L. Neilson, *Managing Director, Church History Department, LDS Church*

1:45-3:00 PM

PANEL FOUR: RELIGION IN SECULAR SPACES

Moderator: Joseph Stuart, *University of Utah*

Hannah Jung, *Brandeis University*

“Mormons Talking about Mormonism to Mormons and Non-Mormons”

Tyler D. Gardner, *University of Notre Dame*

“Beyond Goodness? Reconciling Transcendent Decrees with the Immanent Frame”

Brock M. Mason, *Fordham University*

“Faith and Public Reason: Meeting the Secular Challenge to Belief in the Public Sphere”

Daniel N. Gullotta, *Yale Divinity School*

“The Eyes to See Things that are Not’: A Secular Perspective on Secular Approaches to the Discovery of the Book of Mormon”

3:15-4:30 PM

PANEL FIVE: MORMONISM AND MODERNITY

Moderator: Christopher Jones, *Brigham Young University*

Janan Graham-Russell, *Independent Scholar*

“Heavenly Mother is a Black Woman: Exploring a Mormon Womanism”

Amy Christine Bassett, *Harvard Divinity School*

“Resources in Latter-day Saint Theology to Enter Spaces of Discomfort”

Kristine L. Wright, *Princeton University*

“Seer Stones and the Moral Narrative of Modernity”

Joseph Stuart, *University of Utah*

“Lived Religion and Lived Realities: The Promises and Limits of Religious Studies”

4:40-5:00 PM

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

Joseph M. Spencer, *Brigham Young University*