



## Plans Advancing for 2010 Independence Conference

The Program Committee reports the submission of a large and deep pool of proposals on a wide variety of topics. They ranged from a panel on children, youth, and Mormon history to a paper proposal on the introduction of Mormonism to Finnish society in the nineteenth century. Thanks to all who took the time to submit proposals; we greatly appreciated your efforts. It was an exciting but difficult process to make decisions with so many engaging proposals. It is a testament to the quality and number of proposals that we had to do so. Thanks to all on the program committee who so carefully and thoughtfully considered all the proposals. All did excellent work—it continues to be a real pleasure to work with this group.

We are happy to report that the conference will open with a greeting from Community of Christ President Steve Veazey. The opening plenary session will spotlight the importance of Independence, Missouri, in the history and culture of the various Restoration traditions. Participants on this panel will include Jon

Taylor and Craig Campbell. We will continue Friday morning with plenary speaker, American Historical Association president, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, who will speak on family and kinship in nineteenth century Mormon diaries. At lunch on Friday, Community of Christ Counselor in the First Presidency, President Becky Savage will talk about women's ordination in the Community of Christ, a particularly apt topic since 2010 will mark the 25th anniversary of women's ordination in this community. Saturday morning, Tanner Lecturer Catherine Brekus will speak about women in early Mormonism, a topic that fits nicely with her previous, well-known work on women in American religious history. At Saturday lunch, we will have the annual business meeting of the MHA and Claudia Bushman and friends will present a short excerpt from the reader's theater that they will perform during the regular conference program. This theater will consist of oral presentations derived from a project of the Claremont Oral History Project that is aimed at collecting information from current LDS women members about their experiences within the church and family. The conference will conclude with an exciting worship service at the Community of Christ Temple in Independence, Missouri. The theme of the service is "Songs for the Saints: The Hymns, from Zion's Homeland." During the service, we will sing hymns first sung and published in 1830s Missouri. This service has been organized most ably by Richard Clothier, Jan Kraybill, Nathan Smith, and Alice Beebe. We thank them for all their work and look forward to the service! Please come and bring friends and family!

Liberty Jail

—Susanna Morrill



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Dear MHA Members:

The 2010 Mormon History Association Conference is slated for May 27-30, 2010, to be held in the Independence, Jackson County, Missouri area. Though a world-wide movement with a multiplicity of ecclesiastical expressions, Mormonism still features Missouri as a central focus. The Mormon History Association's upcoming conference theme is designed to explore the integrating role of extended family as a focus of renewal within the movement: "The Home and the Homeland: Families in Diverse Mormon Traditions."

This year's program committee, co-chaired by David J. Howlett and Susanna Morrill, is crafting a stimulating scholarly program to elucidate our theme. Conference participants may look forward to opportunities to: Explore religious interpretations of the family. Examine gender roles in a religious setting and within the family. Investigate childhood and the experiences of children in Mormonism's various expressions. Consider religious experience within families. Elucidate Mormon domestic architecture, material culture, and sacred geography. Engage with young adult scholars showcasing the best contemporary academic approaches to questions of Mormon history. Students interested in volunteering as room monitors in return for the refund of their conference registration (does not include meals or tours) should contact Pat Scott at: [mha\\_slc@msn.com](mailto:mha_slc@msn.com).

This year's Tanner Lecturer will be Catherine A. Brekus. Catherine will help us reflect upon the important influence of women in early Mormonism. Local Arrangements Chair Cathy Loving, Visitor Services Specialist, Community of Christ Temple, Independence, Missouri, and committee members David Armodt and Pat Spillman have arranged pre- and post-conference tours that will complement our theme and assist conference participants to experience Independence, Missouri's diverse Mormon traditions.

The conference also coincides with two significant Community of Christ religious history anniversaries: 2010 is the sesquicentennial of Joseph Smith III's ordination as leader of the RLDS Church/Community of Christ as well as the 25th anniversary of Community of Christ's first ordination of women into the priesthood. The conference location, with accommodations and meeting space at the Holiday Inn—CoCo Key Water Resort, also ideally positions attendees to explore the area's many attractions. And younger families should especially enjoy the hotel's recently added water park facilities. Independence, Missouri boasts the following attractions: the LDS Visitors Center, Community of Christ Temple and Auditorium, Library-Archives and Museum, and the Independence Missouri Mormon Walking Trail. Featured locations on the Walking Trail include the 1827 temporary Log Court House that later served as A. S. Gilbert's home, the Gilbert and Whitney



*Ronald E. Romig*

mercantile store, the church printing office where *The Evening and the Morning Star* was published, the home of Governor L. W. Boggs, the Independence Courthouse, and the historic Independence jail. In the very heart of old Independence, various churches are on or close by the greater Temple tract dedicated by early church members in 1831. These include the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), LDS Stake Center, Community of Christ Stone Church, Remnant Church, Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, The Church of Jesus Christ (Cutlerite), several independent Restoration Branches, Zion's Branch, and many more groups. Conference attendees will find many visitor amenities and historical sites in the Kansas City area. Independence's many tourist attractions feature the Truman Home and Library and the Three Trails Museum and Archives. Attractions in neighboring Clay County consist of Liberty Jail Visitor Center, a marker placed at the site of Alexander Doniphan's home, Fishing River, and the Michael Arthur farm. Attendees will also find various Ray County attractions nearby: Hiram Page's grave, various Whitmer family sites, the Alexander Doniphan statue and the Three Witnesses Marker in Richmond, Missouri, and a Mormon related Richmond Jails marker. Caldwell County's attractions feature Far West Temple Lot and Burial Ground, Haun's Mill, and the County Courthouse at Kingston. Davies County's attractions spotlight Adam-ondi-Ahman and Gallatin, the site of the Election Day Battle. Notable Kansas City area tourist attractions include the World War I Memorial, the 1856 Steam Boat Arabia Museum, Kansas City Union Station, Worlds of Fun, Kansas City Zoo, Kansas City Plaza, the Sprint Center, and the American Jazz Museum. Ambitious participants may wish to visit the Cowdery Grave markers at Southwest City, Missouri, search out where P. P. Pratt, Morris Phelps, and King Follett were incarcerated at Columbia, Missouri, or travel across the state to see the St. Louis Gateway Arch or the St. Louis Mormon Temple.

MHA Conference planners are looking forward to seeing you in Independence May 27-30, 2010! Please tell your friends, family, and interested neighbors about this year's conference. Please be Conference Ambassadors—invite at least one person to participate in the conference! In the meantime, don't forget to renew your annual MHA membership. Many members wait until conference time to register and renew their membership at the same time, but MHA membership runs on a yearly basis from January 1-December 31. Your prompt renewal makes it much easier for our hard working Executive Directors to keep up with MHA business. May 2010 prove to be a blessed year for each of you.

—Ron Romig,  
MHA President, 2009-10

## CONFERENCE TOURS

Visit Independence and the surrounding area through several unique pre-conference and post-conference tours. You will have the opportunity to step through the pages of history riding the streets of Independence in a covered wagon, luncheon at a pre-Civil War mansion, and hear the stories of the early Missouri settlers. You will hear the tales of Joseph Smith and his companies as they struggled to find a place to build Zion. You might also find time to talk with a past president of the United States or visit the headquarters of several Latter Day denominations whose roots trace back to the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Three pre-conference tours are planned for Thursday, May 27. The first, "Mormon History Pioneers and an American President," is a full-day tour of historic Independence. Attendees will meet "Harry Truman," visit the Truman Presidential Library, have lunch and tour the Bingham-Waggoner Mansion, and visit the National Frontier Trails Museum. The tour will conclude with wagon tour and hearing the stories of the early Missouri settlers and saints. The second tour, "Divergent Paths in Zion," is a five-hour tour of Independence, the "center place" of Zion by many in the Latter Day Saint movement. The tour introduces nine important "divergent paths" sites, including the headquarters of nine Latter Day Saint denominations, with site papers and tours of some of the headquarters buildings. The third is an hour and a half walking tour of Harry S. Truman's neighborhood. Jon Taylor, the author of *A President, A Church and Trails West*, shares his wealth of knowledge on Independence leads the tour.

A post-conference tour of western Missouri is planned for Sunday, May 30. The tour will visit five historic sites associated with early Mormonism: The tour will visit Liberty Jail, Rush Creek, Far West, Adam-ondi-Ahman and Richmond.

## MHA Actively Seeking Nominations For Publication Awards by February 15, 2010

The Mormon History Association will give its yearly awards for the best books, articles, theses and dissertations published or written on Mormon history during 2009 at its annual 2010 conference. Submission deadline for the 2009 publications is February 15, 2010 (also check with chairs). Books should be submitted in hard copy (the number specifically requested by chairs). **Electronic submissions** must be sent as either "WordPerfect," "Word," or ".pdf" document. Any member of the Mormon History Association may submit or nominate a publication for consideration. Publishers/editors/authors may submit up to five separate publications. Send specific questions to the following sub-committee chairs:

### MHA BEST BOOK AWARDS

Best Book Award

Ella Larsen Turner/Ella Ruth Turner

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**(Submit 5 hardbound copies of each publication)**

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Students are eligible to submit one paper dealing with some aspect of Mormon history. NEW FOR THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION: "the winning graduate student essay will be published in the *Journal of Mormon History*, pending editorial review and appropriate revisions as determined by the *Journal* editor." (Provided the winning entry has not been submitted elsewhere for publication). Submissions should include a cover sheet which includes: name, address, school, department, and undergraduate or graduate major, and biographical information.

**(Submit 1 electronic copy of each submission)**

*J. Spencer Fluhman, Chair*

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### LEONARD J. ARRINGTON AWARD

The Leonard J. Arrington Award has been presented since 1999 for distinguished and meritorious service to the field of Mormon history to honor Arrington's formative influence on the study of Mormon history. This award is made annually to a scholar whose contributions are truly distinguished. Several cogent criteria are considered in assessing eligibility for this award, but no one criterion is determinative. The selection committee will consider the influence of certain individual works by nominees for this award, as well as their cumulative records of meritorious scholarship in general. (This award replaces the Grace Fort Arrington Award for Historical Excellence that was offered from 1981 through 1998, so winners of that award will not be eligible for the present one). **Submit nominations with narrative to:**

*Armand L. Mauss, Chair*

*maussal@cox.net*

### THOMAS L. KANE AWARD

The Thomas L. Kane Award has been presented since 1998 to recognition a person outside of the Mormon community who has made a significant contribution to Mormon history. The award is presented in the grand tradition of Thomas L. Kane, the Pennsylvania native who, in 1857, supported the Mormons in difficult times. Any member of MHA can make a nomination for the award. Please send nominations along with a detailed explanation of the nominee's contribution(s), by email to:

*J. Spencer Fluhman, Chair*

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## MHA Executive Director Position Available

The Mormon History Association is actively recruiting for **one** Executive Director Position to work as a co-director with Patricia Lyn Scott. Linda Thatcher will be retiring from her position as the end of August 2010. The Executive Directors of the Mormon History Association (MHA) are appointed by the President and approved by the Board. The term of office is three years, but the term can be extended for an additional three year term at the discretion of the MHA Council. The Directors are the collective memory of MHA and are responsible for the daily operations of the Association. The Executive Directors work closely with the officers and Board giving reports and making recommendations on his/her duties, responsibilities, and activities as identified in the By-laws of the organization, as well as acting upon the Board and Presidential directives in keeping with the Mission and Vision Statement of MHA.

This position is responsible for: production of the quarterly newsletter, mailings (electronic and postal) to MHA members (i.e.—newsletter, *Journal*, membership renewals, conference programs, etc.); maintenance of all membership and financial records and registration for all attending the annual MHA conference. Populating and updating the Associations' website ([www.mhahome.org](http://www.mhahome.org)). This position is responsible for all legal dealings of the organization which includes: taxes (federal and city); corporate registration, annual financial report, Charitable Solicitation Permit, budgets, etc.; sending out invoices and paying of all invoices.

The Executive Directors works closely with Pat Scott and board members to plan and orchestrate the annual MHA conference. This includes traveling to potential and current conference sites, helping with the negotiation of contracts and agreements for conference sites, facilities, services, equipment, advertisers and exhibitors.

Skills include working with and coordination all responsibilities, activities and objectives with Pat Scott (current executive director) and Board members and officers to assure a smooth and efficiently run operation. The position requires excellent computer skills with an ability to pick up new computer programs quickly. Currently the Association uses: QuickBooks (accounting), ACT (membership); CVENT (on-line conference registration); In Design (for the preparation of the quarterly newsletter, membership renewal mailings), Adobe Photoshop, Word, Excel, etc.

The position is located in downtown Salt Lake City where MHA maintains an office and public office hours. Normally the job requires fifteen to twenty hours per week, but the person accepting the position should plan on thirty to forty hours (or more) a week during the organizations busy months running from October through June. A stipend is paid by MHA for these services commensurate with experience and qualifications of the applicant. No benefits are available. The selected person will be trained for the position.

Applications will be accepted immediately until a suitable candidate is chosen. To apply E-mail a resume to Ron Romig (MHA President) at [rromig@kirtlandtemple.org](mailto:rromig@kirtlandtemple.org).

### Historian/ Documentary Editor, Joseph Smith Papers Project Position Available

**Application Process**  
<http://www.lds.org/emp/new/home.html> (Job # 0900581)

#### Description

The Joseph Smith Papers Project is engaged in producing a comprehensive edition of Joseph Smith documents. The scope of the project includes Joseph Smith's original correspondence, revelations, journals, historical writings, sermons, legal papers, and other documents. Besides providing the most comprehensive record of early Latter-day Saint history they will also provide insight into the broader religious landscape of the early American republic. The Joseph Smith Papers Project is seeking to hire a historian/documentary editor with the appropriate academic training, research and writing skills to edit Joseph Smith's papers.

#### Qualifications

PhD (or ABD) in history, religious studies, or related discipline. Understanding of antebellum American history and major social and political themes of the time. Demonstration of excellent writing skills, typing proficiency and facility with current technical tools for data management and production. As the highest professional standards of documentary editing are expected of the position, including a rigorous production schedule, the applicant must exhibit the ability to work in an academic environment that requires personal initiative and collaborative competence in all aspects of the project. For a full position description and LDS employment qualification go to the website. listed above. **Closing date January 31, 2010.**



BOOK NOTICES  
SELECTED ARTICLES

### Book Notices

by

**J. Michael Hunter**

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**Jennifer St Clair**

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### CONFERENCE HOTEL NAME CHANGE

On November 17, 2009, the Sheraton Kansas City Sports Complex Hotel became the **Holiday Inn-CoCo Key Water Resort**. It is located 19 miles from the Kansas City International Airport (MCI) seven miles from downtown Independence, just off Interstates 70 and 435, and across from the Truman Sports complex, where the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals play. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Holiday Inn by calling 1-877-410-6667 or 1-816-737-0200. Website: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/i/en/hotel/mkswa> The conference rate is \$109 a night for a single, double, triple, or quadruple room. **Make your reservations now and make certain you say Mormon History Association.** Cut-off date for the conference rate is **April 30, 2010.**

### MHA TO BE HELD IN CANADA 2012

In October, the MHA Executive directors, Linda Thatcher and Pat Scott, visited conference sites in Lethbridge and Calgary, Canada. They were impressed by both cities. After sharing their findings at the MHA's Board Meeting in November the Board unanimously selected Calgary as MHA's 2012 "Conference City." A final conference site is yet to be selected.

### MHA NOMINATIONS

To date the following people have been nominated for MHA officers: To review all officers after the final selection is made go to our website: [www.mhahome.org](http://www.mhahome.org). **Richard L. Jensen**, senior writer, research historian and review editor for *The Joseph Smith Papers* at the LDS Church History Department has been selected for president for 2011-12. **Babara B. Walden**, executive director of the Community of Christ Historic Site Foundation has been selected to become a board member.

### RESTORATIONS STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

April 8-9, 2010

Independence, Missouri

Proposals are being accepted for the Symposium until Jan. 31, 2010. *Restoration Studies* focuses on theology, cultural, and religious studies in the Community of Christ and the broader Restoration movement. To make a proposal send a brief synopsis (1-page or less) and a vita to: [proposals@restorationstudies.org](mailto:proposals@restorationstudies.org)

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Notice**

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Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2010  
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ASSOCIATION**

Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2010  
New Harmony, Indiana

The theme is “The Architecture of Community” for the 2010 conference. The keynote address will be given by co-housing architect Charles Durrent. Paper, panel discussions, and audio-visual presentations are solicited. The deadline for proposals is May 1, 2010. Send your presentation title, a 150-word maximum abstract, and a brief (100 word) vita and contact information to: Matthew J. Grow, Director, Center for Communal Studies, University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712

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