



Beyond Biography

SOURCES IN CONTEXT FOR MORMON WOMEN'S HISTORY

CHURCH HISTORY
SYMPOSIUM

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Friday, March 4, 2016

LDS Conference Center, Little Theater, Salt Lake City, Utah

SESSION 1	PLENARY KEYNOTE ADDRESS
9:00–10:00	Julie B. Beck, Relief Society general president, 2007–2012, <i>Preserving the Heritage of Latter-day Saint Women</i>
SESSION 2	WOMEN IN ART AND CULTURE
10:15–11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Easton-Flake—<i>Constructing Self and Society: Literary Works in the Woman's Exponent</i> Heather Belnap Jensen—<i>Pioneers in Paris: Mormon Women Artists, circa 1880–1920</i> Josh Probert—<i>Mormon Women's Domestic Advice Literature, 1880–1920</i>
11:45–1:00	Lunch
SESSION 3	WOMEN IN THE MISSION FIELD
1:00–2:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew McBride—<i>"An Ardent Desire to Speak for Myself": Pioneering Woman Missionaries, 1898–1920</i> Susan S. Rugh—<i>The Calling with No Name: The Mission President's Wife in the 20th Century</i>
SESSION 4	PLENARY SESSION
2:30–3:30	<i>The First 50 Years of Relief Society: Key Documents in Latter-day Saint Women's History</i> Presenters: Kate Holbrook, Matt Grow, Jill Derr, Carol Cornwall Madsen
SESSION 5	CLOSING RECEPTION AT RELIEF SOCIETY BUILDING
3:45–4:30	Reception

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Thursday, March 3, 2016

BYU Conference Center, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

9:00–10:00 PLENARY SESSION (2254 CONF), Keith Erikson, Church History Library—Sources in Mormon Women's History

10:15–11:30 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1

SESSION 1A, 2260A CONF
Expanding Approaches to Source Material

- Jenny Hale Pulsipher—Sifting Truth from Legend: Evaluating Sources for Native American Biography through the Life of Sally Exversia Ward
- Robin Jensen—Documenting the Past: Women as Creators of the Manuscript History of the Church
- Jantec Johnson—Specters, Saviors, and Symbols: Women, Gender, and the Mountain Meadows Massacre

SESSION 1B, 2265 CONF
Stories in Words and Pictures

- Diedre Nicole Green—Claiming Agency through Narrative: The Sacred Stories of LDS Women
- Jennifer Brinkerhoff Platt—Pictures and Thousands of Words: A Case for Photo Elicitation among African Women
- Tamalyn Rutherford—Beyond Autobiography: Oral History and Mormon Women in India

SESSION 1C, 2258A CONF
Separate Spheres, Merging Spheres

- Greg Seppi—"Her Knowledge of Business, and Practical Experience Therein": Working Women in 19th-Century Latter-day Saint Communities
- Casey Griffiths—"I Felt I Was Perfectly Right and Voted Heartily for It": Latter-day Saint Women in Politics during the Post-Manifesto Era, 1890–1930
- Lisa Olsen Tait—The 'Marriage' of the *Young Woman's Journal* and the *Improvement Era*, circa 1929

SESSION 1D, 2254 CONF
Women and Theology

- Benjamin E. Park—Kings and Queens of the Kingdom: Gendering the Mormon Theological Narrative
- Jennifer Reeder—"To Expound Scriptures, and to Exhort the Church": 19th-Century Mormon Women and Public Discourse
- Kathryn Shirts—Leah Widsoe as Theologian: Constructing an Identity for Latter-day Saint Women in the 20th Century

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00–2:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2

SESSION 2A, 2265 CONF
'A Home Away from Home'

- Presenters: Emily Utt and Brittany Chapman Nash—The Architectural and Historical Significance of the Beehive and Lion Houses to 20th-Century Young Women

SESSION 2B, 2258A CONF
Women in Life and Death

- Sherilyn Farnes—"If Only I Had A Shadow of [a] Chance I Felt Assured That I Could Overcome": Life at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania
- Aris Wright—Mormon Women and the Material Culture of Death

SESSION 2C, 2254 CONF
Women and Liturgy

- Jonathan A. Stapley—Approaching Female Participation in Latter-day Saint Liturgy
- Richard Bennett and Wendy Top—Women Temple Workers in St. George, 1877

SESSION 2D, 2260A CONF
Responses to Feminism

- Mary Jane Woodger—Combating the "Too Broad, Too Vague, and Too Non-Definitive, Blanket Approach" to Finding Solutions for Women's Issues: The Essential Barbara B. Smith and the Equal Rights Amendment
- Hannah Jung Kasenberg—Femininity, Feminism, and Straw Women: The Mormon Rhetorical Construction of Female Activists

2:15–3:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3

SESSION 3A, 2258 CONF
Women's Records, Women's Voices

- Janelle Higbee—"Acting in the Sphere Allotted": What Relief Society Minute Books Reveal about the Place(s) of 19th-Century Mormon Women
- Maxine Hanks—Revisiting Relief Society Origins in Historical and Theological Context: The Emergence of a Beautiful Order
- Emily January Petersen—Beyond Biography: Using Technical and Professional Documentation to Contextualize Mormon Women's Lives

SESSION 3B, 2265 CONF
On the Homefront: Families and Missionary Service

- Elizabeth Kuehn—Strong Women and Emotional Men: The Gendered Effect of Separation on Early Mormon Couples
- Judie K. Allen—"Now I Must Be as Both Father and Mother to These Small Ones": Mine Jorgenson's Letters to Her Missionary Husband, 1831–1833
- Jennifer L. Lund and Elizabeth O. Anderson—"We All Must Be Crazy": The Plight of a 19th-Century Mormon Missionary's Wife

SESSION 3C, 2260 CONF
Recovering and Integrating: Creative Approaches to Making Women Visible

- Matthew C. Godfrey—Financing the Prophet: Women's Financial Contributions to Joseph Smith and the Church, 1833–34
- Ardis Parrshall—Finding Women in the Sources: Case Studies

SESSION 3D, 2254 CONF
Women in Danger

- Andrea G. Radke-Moss—"Beyond Petticoats and Poultries": Finding a Women's History of the Mormon-Missouri War of 1838
- Amanda Hendrix-Komoto—"The Sounds of Blasphemy Are Not Heard in Our Streets": Polygamy and the Response to Sexual Violence in Utah
- Joseph Stuart—"My Anguish Was Inexpressible": Mormon Women, the Woodruff Manifesto, and Religious Disappointment

3:45–4:45 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS 4

SESSION 4A, 2258A CONF
Oral History in Utah and Abroad

- Heather Stone—Remembering Membership: How Young LDS Women Constructed Social and Religious Position in the 1980s
- Caroline Kline—Navigating Gender, Negotiating Agency: Botswana Mormon Women's Choices and Experiences in Oral Narratives

SESSION 4B, 2254 CONF
Sisters' Stories

- Amy Harris—The Strange Case of the Broxett Women: Maternal and Marital Status on the Mormon Frontier
- Richard E. Tarley Jr.—Seven Sisters: Changing Expectations and Changing Lives among Latter-day Saint Women in the Western United States, 1967–1995

SESSION 4C, 2265 CONF
Narrating Women's Lives

- Craig K. Manscill and Ken Alford—"Faith, Hope, and Charity Here Embodied Lies": The Exemplary Life of Mercy Fielding Smith
- Barbara Morgan—Expanding LDS Women's History Internationally: Maria Guadalupe Monroy

SESSION 4D, 2260A CONF
Spiritual Gifts, Religious Authority

- Christopher James Blythe—The Endurance of Charismat among Mormon Women in the Lion House
- Brooke Brassard—"Now There Are Diversities of Gifts, but the Same Spirit": Mormon Women's Exercise of Spiritual Gifts in Canada, 1887–1917

7:00–9:00 p.m. PLENARY KEYNOTE ADDRESS, (2254 CONF, AUDITORIUM)

R. Marie Griffith, Director and John C. Danforth Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, Danforth Center for Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis—Individual Lives, Broader Contexts: Refashioning Narratives of American History and Historiography through Mormon Women