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Joseph Smith as a Visionary: Heavenly Manifestations in the Latter Days | Friday and Saturday, January 24–25, 2025

Friday, January 24, 2025						
Time	JSB Auditorium					
6:30 p.m.	Keynote Addresses <i>The Joseph Smith Papers Project's Elucidation of the Visionary and Visitation Experiences of Joseph Smith</i> Elder LeGrand R. Curtis Jr. , Emeritus General Authority Seventy and former Church Historian and Recorder <i>Let the Hearts of All My People Rejoice</i> Sister Rebecca L. Craven , Former Second Counselor, Young Women General Presidency					
Time	JSB Auditorium	W111 BNSN	W112 BNSN	115 MCKB	103/107 JSB	110 JSB
8:00 p.m.	<i>Joseph Smith's Visions and the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ</i> John Hilton III Ancient Scripture, BYU	<i>The Restoration of Dreams as Revelation</i> Mary Jane Woodger Church History, BYU Kenneth L. Alford Church History, BYU	<i>Joseph Smith's Multiple Visions of the Father and the Son</i> Alexander L. Baugh Church History, BYU	<i>Angels and Demons: Joseph Smith's Apocalyptic Restoration</i> Nicholas J. Frederick Ancient Scripture, BYU	<i>The Reporting of Joseph Smith's First Visitations in Nineteenth-Century Newspapers</i> Jeremy J. Chatelain Seminaries & Institutes	<i>Expanding Heaven and Contracting Hell: Joseph Smith's 1836 Vision of the Celestial Kingdom</i> Jubal John Lotze Seminaries & Institutes

Saturday, January 25, 2025			
Time	JSB Auditorium	W111 BNSN	W112 BNSN
9:00 a.m.		<i>The Order and Restoration of Priesthood Keys and Authority</i> D. Mick Smith Retired, Seminaries & Institutes	<i>"Behold, I Am the Lord of Glory": Analyzing the Lord's Self-Introduction in Joseph Smith's First Vision</i> Lori L. Denning PhD Candidate, Claremont Graduate University Maclane E. Heward Church History, BYU
10:00 a.m.	<i>Joseph, Moroni, and the "Priesthood Garment": A Latter-day Restoration of "Covenantal Clothing"</i> Alonzo L. Gaskill Church History, BYU Seth G. Soha Independent Scholar	<i>"That Sacred Depository": Biblical Content in Joseph Smith's 1832 First Vision Account</i> Kyle Beshears PhD, Southern Seminary	<i>Joseph Smith's 1836 Vision of the Celestial Kingdom: A Historical and Contextual Analysis</i> Stephen O. Smoot Ancient Scripture, BYU
11:00 a.m.	<i>"Covering the Seers": Antivisionary Skepticism in the Days of Joseph Smith</i> Jared M. Halverson Ancient Scripture, BYU	<i>Visions of Salvation: What the Visions of Joseph Smith Reveal to Us About the Doctrine of Salvation</i> Mark A. Mathews Seminaries & Institutes	<i>"I Have Learned for Myself": An Analysis of the Social Impact of Restoration Pedagogy on Narrative and Identity Construction of Latter-Day Saints</i> Jess P. Jones Seminaries & Institutes