

# **Mormonism in Cultural Contexts**

A Symposium in Honor of

## **Richard Lyman Bushman**

On the Occasion of His Eightieth Birthday

June 18, 2011

Springville Museum of Art  
Springville, Utah

**Free & Open to the Public**

**8 AM-5PM**

**Speakers Include**

**Terryl Givens**

**Phil Barlow**

**Armand Mauss**

**David Whittaker**

**Patrick Mason**

**8:00-9:00 AM \* Opening Plenary Session \* Grand Gallery**

Joseph Smith, Romanticism, and Tragic Creation

*Terryl L. Givens* ▪ Professor of Literature and Religion, James A. Bostwick Chair of English, University of Richmond

**9:10-10:10 AM \* Concurrent Sessions**

**Grand Gallery**

Rethinking Retrenchment: Course Corrections in the Ongoing Campaign for Respectability

*Armand L. Mauss* ▪ Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Religious Studies, Washington State University

The British Colonization of Mormonism

*David J. Whittaker* ▪ Senior Librarian and Curator of Mormon and Western Americana, Brigham Young University

**Youth Gallery**

The Third Convention, 1936-1946: Joseph Smith, Juan Diego, and Mormon Ideas of Mexican Exceptionalism

*Elisa E. Pulido* ▪ PhD Student, Claremont Graduate University

Mormonism's Middle Way

*Tona J. Hangen* ▪ Assistant Professor of US History, Worcester State University

**10:20-11:20 AM \* Concurrent Sessions**

**Grand Gallery**

"The Wars and the Perplexities of the Nations": Reflections on Mormonism, Violence, and the State

*Patrick Q. Mason* ▪ Howard W. Hunter Associate Professor of Mormon Studies, Claremont Graduate University

Catholic-Mormon Dialogue: Ecumenical, Inter-Religious, or What?

*Donald Westbrook* ▪ PhD Student, Claremont Graduate University

**Youth Gallery**

God, the World, and the Long Journey to Divinity: Mormonism, Idealism, and Romanticism

*James McLachlan* ▪ Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Western Carolina University

Mormonism, Enlightenment, and Millennial Peace

*Benjamin Huff* ▪ Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Randolph-Macon College

**11:30 AM-12:30 PM \* Concurrent Sessions**

**Grand Gallery**

Zion in Exile: Mormonism's Integration of Separatism and Inclusivism  
*Mark Ashurst-McGee* ▪ Research Historian & Documentary Editor, Joseph Smith Papers, Church History Library

Who Holds the Keys to Eternal Life?: The Radical Answer of Joseph Smith, Jr.

*Charles Randall Paul, Ph.D.* ▪ President, Foundation for Religious Diplomacy

**Youth Gallery**

On Mormon Thought and Its Context(s): Joseph Smith, Thomas Dick, and the Tricky Task of Determining Influence  
*Benjamin E. Park* ▪ MPhil Student, Political Thought and Intellectual History, University of Cambridge

Joseph Smith as Philosopher King: Early Mormonism and Late Neoplatonism

*Stephen J. Fleming* ▪ Graduate Student, University of California, Santa Barbara

**12:40-1:20 PM \* Break for Lunch**

**Luncheon for Presenters and Invited Guests, Jerald Jacobs Atrium**

Remarks by *Claudia Lauper Bushman*

**1:30-2:20 PM \* Concurrent Sessions**

**Grand Gallery**

Early Mormon Approaches to the Past

*Jordan Watkins* ▪ PhD Student, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Richard Lyman Bushman's Historical Thinking in Context

*Stuart Parker* ▪ Postdoctoral Fellow, BYU, Social Sciences and Humanities research Council of Canada

**Youth Gallery**

LDS Understandings of Religious Freedom: Responding to the Shifting Cultural Pendulum

*Mauro Properzi* ▪ Visiting Professor of Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University

Jacksonian Democracy and the Spirit of Mormonism

*Lynita K. Newswander* ▪ Adjunct Faculty of Political Science, University of South Dakota

& *Lee Trepanier* ▪ Associate Professor of Political Science, Saginaw Valley State University

**2:30-3:30 PM \* Concurrent Sessions**

**Grand Gallery**

Joseph Smith's Restoration as a Postmodern Work of Art  
*Ian Fowles* ▪ PhD Student, Claremont Graduate University

Of Dung, Diamonds, and Plain and Precious Truths: Biblical Editing of Thomas Jefferson and Joseph Smith

*Kurt Graham* ▪ Director, Church History Museum

**Youth Gallery**

The Language of Heaven

*Sam Brown* ▪ Assistant Professor, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, University of Utah School of Medicine

Joseph Smith and John Milton: Affinities, Infinities

*Rosalynde Welch* ▪ Managing Editor, *The Mormon Review*

The LDS Notion of Zion and Teilhardian Thought  
*Stephen R. White* ▪ Associate Professor, Appalachian State  
& *Jonathan R. Nichols* ▪ Graduate Student, Appalachian State

**3:40-4:50 PM \* Concluding Plenary Session \* Grand Gallery**

The Fragmentation of Reality: Joseph Smith's Radical Remedy

*Philip L. Barlow* ▪ Leonard J. Arrington Professor of Mormon History & Culture, Utah State University

After the Golden Age  
*Richard Lyman Bushman*