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. News wander • 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

The LDS Notion of Zion and Teilhardian Thought

Stephen R. White • Associate Professor, Appalachian State

& Jonathan R. Nichols • Graduate Student, Appalachian State

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

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

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