

FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE

February 16-17, 2007

Yale Divinity School

S200 RSV Room

Friday, February 16

6:00-7:00 p.m. **Opening Reception**

7:00 p.m. **Welcome** – Seth Payne, Yale Divinity School

Opening Address -- Richard Bushman (Columbia University, Emeritus), “The Liberation of Mormon Studies”

Saturday, February 17

7:30-8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:00-9:30 a.m. **Panel Session One: LDS Biblical Studies**

Taylor Petrey (Harvard Divinity School), moderator

Cory Crawford (Harvard University)

David’s Demons and Solomon’s Schemes: History, Historiography, and the Construction of Scriptural Authority

David Bokovoy (Brandeis University)

Isaiah in the Book of Mormon: The Things of Joseph and the Things of the Jews

Ben Spackman (University of Chicago)

The Double-edged Sword of Source Criticism

Mindy Anderson Jeppesen

Layers in Text: Re-examining the Documentary Hypothesis

9:30-10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:00-11:30 a.m. Panel Session Two: On Being an LDS Scholar

Seth Payne (Yale Divinity School), moderator

Mauro Properzi (Durham University)

In the Church, but not of the Church? Believing and Belonging as LDS Scholars of Religion

Carl Cranney (Yale University)

Apologetics Not Accepted: "Don't We have Anything Else to Talk About?"

Robert Garrett (Loyola University Chicago)

Builders or Razers of Faith? Predicaments of Being a Scholar Who Happens to be LDS

Mark Wright (University of California, Riverside)

Mesoamerican Pseudo-Scholarship and the Resilience of Misinformation

11:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00-2:30 p.m. Panel Session Three: LDS Approaches to Religious Studies

Richard L. Bushman (Columbia University, Emeritus), moderator

Melissa Proctor (Brown University)

A Reluctant Convert: Confessions of a Late-Blooming Feminist

David Charles (Harvard University)

The Hype and Hope of "Mormon Studies": A Critical View

John-Charles Duffy (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Where did we come from? Where are we going? The Politics of Faithful Scholarship

Michael D.K. Ing (Harvard University)

Confronting the Radical "Other": Faith and the Study of non-Mormon Religions

2:30-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Panel Session Four: LDS Hermeneutics

Ariel Bybee Laughton (Duke University), moderator

Jared Anderson (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

According to our Language, Unto our Understanding: Toward an LDS Epistemology

Jason Combs

The Little, Narrow Prison: Exploring Mormon Biblical Hermeneutics

John Crawford (Johns Hopkins University)

The Word as Performative

Paul Miller (Claremont Graduate University)

Thoughts on the Relationship Between Faith and Historical Beliefs

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Closing Reception

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Conference Closing – Ariel Bybee Laughton (Duke University)

Closing Address – Terryl L. Givens (University of Richmond)
“Paradox and Discipleship”

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