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**Quincy D. Newell**

*Presents*

## “Narrating Jane: Telling the Story of an Early African American Mormon Woman ”

Thursday, September 24, 2015, 7 p.m.

Logan LDS Tabernacle

50 N. Main, Logan, Utah

Jane Elizabeth Manning James was among the early African American converts to Mormonism. After joining the church in the early 1840s, James remained a faithful member until her death in Salt Lake City in 1908. Although she was well-known among church members during her lifetime, James was largely forgotten after her death. However, beginning in about 2000, there was a significant up-tick in non-academic LDS discourse about James. Dr. Newell will analyze this recent talk about Jane, showing that she has become a way for Latter-day Saints to talk about both gender and race in ways that create a usable past for the 21st century.

**Quincy D. Newell** is a specialist in the religious history of the American West. After more than a decade on the religious studies faculty at the University of Wyoming, she now teaches in the Religious Studies Department at Hamilton College. Newell's first book, *Constructing Lives at Mission San Francisco, 1776-1821*, was published by the University of New Mexico Press in 2009. With Eric F. Mason, she co-edited *New Perspectives in Mormon Studies*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 2013. She has also published numerous articles in journals and essay collections. Newell is currently writing a biography of Jane Elizabeth Manning James, which will be published by Oxford University Press.

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