

MORMON SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION MSSA

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Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Religious Research Association
Las Vegas, Nevada | October 26-28, 2018 | Tropicana Hotel
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#MormonStudies SESSIONS & EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Friday, October 26, 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM

A-5 Global Manifestations of Mormonism | Room: Trinidad 8

Organizer: Gordon Shepherd, University of Central Arkansas (gordons@uca.edu)
Convener: Gary Shepherd, Oakland University (shepherd@oakland.edu)

1. Creating 'Irish Mormonism:' On the Margins in a Global Faith
Hazel O'Brien, Waterford Institute of Technology and University of Exeter (HOBRIEN@wit.ie)
(To be delivered by Kris Black)
2. Mormons in the Liberation Army of the South
Moroni Spencer Hernández de Olarte, National Autonomous University of Mexico
(moroni.hernandez@uaem.mx)
3. Syncretism and Religious Inflexibility: The Pending Collapse of Mormonism
Carrie Miles, Chapman University (carrie@econzone.com)
4. *Mapping Boundaries of Identity: Mormonism and Caste in India*
Taunalyn Rutherford, Claremont Graduate University (taunalynr@gmail.com)

MSSA EVENTS

MSSA Networking Social Friday, October 26 | 8:00 – 10:00 PM | Room: Havana
Affinity & Working Group Reception

Lunch/Business Meeting Saturday, October 27 | 12:45 – 1:50 PM | Room: Trinidad 6
Join us for a tribute to Armand Mauss, Professor Emeritus of Sociology & Religious Studies, Washington State University | All Welcome

MSSA Dinner Saturday, October 27 | 7:00 PM
Hard Rock Café - 3771 South Las Vegas Boulevard



Friday, October 26, 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

C-7 Challenges and Nuances in Mormonism | Room: Trinidad 8

Organizer/Convener: Gordon Shepherd, University of Central Arkansas (gordons@uca.edu)

1. LDS Garments and Agency: A Qualitative Study of Meaning
Nancy Ross, Dixie State University (nancyross@gmail.com)
2. Right-eous Living, Latter-day Saint Church Entanglement with the Political Right Wing
David Knowlton, Utah Valley University (dknowlton@uvu.edu)
3. It is a Commandment to Keep the Constitution of the United States: The Nay Book and Mormon Political Ideology on Bundy Ranch
Cristina Rosetti, University of California Riverside

Friday, October 26, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

D-6 Loving and Supporting our LGBT Children | Room: Trinidad 8

Organizer: Kyle Jacobsen, Utah State University (kdhjacobsen@gmail.com)
Convener: Elbert Peck, Sunstone Foundation (elbertpeck@aol.com)

Panelists

1. Mother of a Gay Son Margaret Howard (kdhjacobsen@gmail.com)
2. Mother of a Transgender Daughter Rachel Ellis (kdhjacobsen@gmail.com)
3. Mother of a Gay Teen Sherine Smith (kdhjacobsen@gmail.com)
4. Father of a Lesbian Daughter Aaron Jones (kdhjacobsen@gmail.com)

Friday, October 26, | 8:00 – 10:00 PM

MSSA Networking Social PM | Room: Havana (Affinity & Working Group Reception)

Saturday, October 27, 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM

F-4 Film and Panel Session: Indigenous Voices and Public Lands: Filmmaker and scholars view and discuss Shash Jaa': Bears Ears | Room: Trinidad 8

Organizer/Convener: Thomas Murphy, Edmonds Community College (tmurphy@email.edcc.edu)

Panelists

1. Angelo Baca, New York University (ab6088@nyu.edu)
2. P. Jane Hafen, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (p.hafen@unlv.edu)
3. David Knowlton, Utah Valley University (DKnowlton@uvu.edu)

Saturday, October 27, 1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

MSSA Lunch & Business Meeting | Room: Trinidad 6

Saturday, October 27, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

G-6 Gender, Sexuality, and Mormonism | Room: Trinidad 8

Organizer/Convener: Gordon Shepherd, University of Central Arkansas (gordons@uca.edu)

1. Faithful Feminism: The Everyday Gender-Negotiations of Mormon Women
Lauren Marceil, Simon Fraser University (lkyle@sfu.ca).
2. Creating a 'Third Space': how British Mormon women negotiate secularization and gender equality Alison Halford, Coventry University (halforda@uni.coventry.ac.uk)
3. Does Church Make Your Problems Worse? LDS Policies on Sexual Orientation
Michael Nielsen, Georgia Southern University (mnielsen@georgiasouthern.edu) Co-Author 1: Lotte Pummerer, Georgia Southern University Co-Author 2: Kaitlyn Nasworthy, Georgia Southern University
4. Religious Freedom and the LDS Church: Is Codification of Bigotry a Religious Right?
Kristeen Black, Independent Scholar (kris.blk@gmail.com)

Saturday, October 27, 7:00 PM

MSSA Dinner | Hard Rock Café - 3771 South Las Vegas Boulevard

Sunday, October 28, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

I-3 Leaving Mormonism: Patterns of Disaffiliation among Latter-day Saints in the United States | Room: Partagas 2

Organizer: Jana Riess, Religion News Service (riess.jana@gmail.com)
Convener: Rick Phillips, University of North Florida (phillips.rick@gmail.com)

1. Leaving the Fold: Demographic and Contextual Predictors of Former Mormons in the United States
Benjamin Knoll, Centre College (benjamin.knoll@centre.edu)
2. "I'm Not Coming Back:" Former Mormons' Religious Lives
Jana Riess, Religion News Service (riess.jana@gmail.com)
3. An Uncertain Future: Mormon Growth in the Age of Secularization
Ryan Cragun, The University of Tampa (ryantcragun@gmail.com)
4. Trajectories of Disenchantment and Transition: Mainstream Mormonism, Women, and Organized Unbelief
Christine Cusack, University of Ottawa (ccusack@uottawa.ca)