



**Leonard J. Arrington
Mormon History Lecture
2012 Writing Awards**

CASH AWARDS*

**1st Place: \$1,000, 2nd Place: \$500,
3rd Place: \$250**

**Thursday, September 20, 2012, 7 pm
Logan LDS Tabernacle
50 N. Main, Logan, Utah**

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~ Requirements ~

- Attend the 18th Annual Arrington Mormon History Lecture, September 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Logan LDS Tabernacle (50 North Main Street).
- Pick up an entry form at the lecture.
- Take notes to be included with your essay.
- Write a 2500-word essay related to the lecture, to include a one-page synopsis of the lecture.
- All college students in Utah and surrounding areas are eligible.
- Use a minimum of two outside research sources, such as books, articles, newspapers, primary documents. These should be included in a bibliography (not part of the 2500 words).
- Essay topic should relate to the lecture topic, but can expand or create new connections.
- Writing style may be expository, persuasive, or reflective, but not fiction.
- Submission deadline: 5:00 pm, Friday, December 7, 2012.
- Winning essays will be posted on Merrill-Cazier Library DigitalCommons web site.

Dr. Terryl Givens

Presents

**“The Prophecy of Enoch as
Restoration Blueprint ”**

The prophecy of Enoch exerted an influence on the development of early Mormonism far out of proportion to its modest textual length. The Book of Mormon had negligible impact on the doctrinal foundations of Mormonism. Instead, it both *enacts* and *facilitates* in particularly powerful form the main engine of Mormonism’s lifeblood—continuing and personal revelation. If the Book of Mormon lent Joseph Smith his indispensable aura of prophetic authority, the prophecy of Enoch provided a personal role model to inspire him, and a blueprint to direct him.

Terryl Givens holds the Bostwick chair of English, and is Professor of Literature and Religion, University of Richmond, where he teaches courses in 19th-century studies and the Bible’s influence on Western literature. As a commentator on Mormon religion and culture, he has appeared on PBS, NPR, and CNN. The New York Times praised Givens’ writing as “provocative reading,” and includes, most recently, When Souls had Wings, a history of the idea of premortal life in Western thought.

Lecture is free and open to the public.