

Mormonism Meets Social Science:

A Conference of the Mormon Social Science Association and the Utah Valley University Religious Studies Program

The Mormon Social Science Association (MSSA) exists for the purpose of promoting and sharing the scholarly study of Mormon life. Any person with an interest in the study of the social, cultural, or religious life of Mormons is eligible to join. MSSA provides contact and association among researchers and educators working in both academic and applied settings. It is interdisciplinary and international in scope and purpose. The association participates in the annual joint meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) and the Religious Research Association (RRA). MSSA also publishes and distributes a semi-annual newsletter to its members.

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Monday, April 11, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LI 120
Utah Valley University,
Orem, Utah

Session 1. 8:00 - 8:50 AM, LI 120, Tension and Apathy in Contemporary Mormon Life

1. Lacy Bentley, Kent D Hinkson, Jr., **Childhood pornography exposure : an LDS exploration and comparison**
2. Elizabeth Snyder & Matthew Draper, **Psychotherapy in the Face of Reactionary Mormonism: Revitalizing Apathy**

Session 2. 9:00 - 9:50 AM, LI 120, Ricoeur's Ethics and Ordination of Women

1. Patience Kabamba, **Fear God, Love Your Neighbor; Love Your Neighbor, Be Human: Mormon Altruism and Paul Ricoeur's Earthly Foundation of Ethics and Morality.**
2. Michael E. Nielsen, Ryan T. Cragun, Stephen M. Merino, Brent Beal, Matthew Stearmer, and Bradley Jones; **Predicting Attitudes Toward Female Ordination: A Quantitative Overview of the Mormon Gender Issues Project**

Session 3. 10:00 - 10:50 AM, LI 120, Questions, Doubts, Discourse, and Language.

1. David Yoder, **Archaeology and the Book of Mormon: How have 'gentile' scholars helped shape Mormon doctrine?**
2. Daymon Smith, **Doubting in Mormonism**

Session 4. 11:00 - 11:50 AM, LI 120, Retention, Disaffiliation, and Identity

1. Rick Phillips, **Information Technology or Demographic Transition? Testing Competing Hypotheses of Retention and Disaffiliation among Utah Mormons.**
2. David Knowlton, **Suicide and the Monopoly of Violence**

Session 5. 12:00 - 12:50, LI 120, Classical Studies in Social Science and Mormonism

1. Lynn England, **Lowell Bennion on Sociology and Will: A DuBoisean Mormon Scholar**

Session 6. 1:00 - 1:50 PM, LI 120, Latter-day Saints and Pluralism in Utah County

1. Kimberly Abunuwara, **“When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in?” The Loss of the Provo Tabernacle’s Unique Inclusiveness**

2. Ryan Cragun, J. Sumerau and Kimberly Aubunawara, **Are Mormons Victims or Oppressors?: Utah Valley University and the Importance of Context**

Session 7. 2:00- 2:50 PM, LI 120, The Sacred, The Secular, and the Modern in Mormonism

1. Jason Palmer, **Troubling the Sacred with help from Saints: Peruvian Mormon Perceptions of Utah**

2. Brad Kramer, **The Secular, the Modern, and the Mormon**

Session 8. 3:00 - 3:50 PM, LI 120, Issues of Early Returning Missionaries

1. Scott May and Lacy Bentley, **Comparing the Adjustment Patterns Between Early Returned LDS Missionaries and Full-term Missionaries**

2. Kristine J. Doty, Ph.D., LCSW; Malisa Brooks, Harmony Packer, and Jeremiah Smith, **Understanding the Lived Experiences of Parents of Early Returning LDS Missionaries**

Session 9. 4:00 - 4:50 PM, LI 120, Perfectionism and Tension among Mormons

1. James McGraw, Samuel Nelson, Brett Breton, Madison Hanks, **Religious Commitment and Perfectionism Among Latter-day Saints**
2. Mark Olsen, Brett M. Breton, Matthew E. Draper, James McGraw, **Living in the Tension**

Please join the UVU Mormon Studies Conference for its keynote address.

All Mormons Now?
The Religious Liberty Debate's 19th Century Future

Ross Douthat
Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times
former Senior Editor, The Atlantic

UVU Classroom Building, Room 511

7:00 p.m.