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2019 MORMON SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

March 6, 2019 | 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Utah Valley University | Orem, Utah

Sessions: Science Building (SB)138 | **Keynote:** Clarke Building (CB)101A

Students, faculty, and the public are invited to attend the 4th annual one-day conference hosted by the **Mormon Social Science Association (MSSA)**. This event brings together a diverse range of participants under the broad rubric of **Mormon Studies**.



SPIRIT ENCOUNTERS IN CACHE VALLEY: GENDER, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND SPIRITUAL STRIVING

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

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Session 1 | 9 - 9:50 AM | Convener: Gordon Shepherd

Philippa Juliet Meek, (University of Denver): *The Rise of Secularization, the Growing Permissiveness of Non-Traditional Marriage Forms, and Implications for Fundamentalist Mormon Polygamists*

Debjani Chakravarty (Utah Valley University), William Bradshaw (Brigham Young University), Tim Heaton (Brigham Young University): *The Intersection of Religiosity and Sexuality in Non-heterosexual Mormon Women*

Session 2 | 10 - 10:50 AM | Convener: Gary Shepherd

Author Meets Critics: *The Next Mormons: How Millennials Are Changing the LDS Church*. Oxford University Press, 2019.

Moderator: Rick Phillips (University of North Florida)

Author: Jana Reiss (Religion News Service)

Panelists: Amy Hoyt (University of the Pacific), Cristina Rosetti (University of California Riverside), Ryan Cragun (University of Tampa)

Session 3 | 11 - 11:50 AM | Author Meets Critics Panel (Continued)

Lunch | 12 Noon

Session 4 | 1 - 1:50 PM | Convener: David Knowlton

Lynn England (Utah Valley University): *The Globalizing of Mormon Thought*

Henri Gooren (Oakland University): *Latter-day Saints in Haiti, Nicaragua, and Guatemala: Growth and Development*

Session 5 | 2 - 2:50 PM | Convener: Rick Phillips

Nancy Ross (Dixie State University) and Jessica Finnigan (Independent Scholar): *Belief Level, Gender, and Priesthood in Mormonism*

Matthew Draper (Utah Valley University): *Narcotic Haze Quiets the Mormon Shame: Language Modification and Addictions Treatment*

Session 6 | 3 - 3:50 PM | Convener: Gordon Shepherd

Manuel Padro (Utah Valley University): *Utahpia: Utopian Thought in the Latter-Day Saint West*

Hongmen Chen (Shanghai Institute of Socialism Shanghai): *The Role of Prominent Mormon Political and Business Leaders in China-U.S. Relations*.

Session 7 | 4 - 4:50 PM | Convener: Gary Shepherd

David G. Stewart, Jr. (University of Nevada, Las Vegas): Correlates of International Church Growth and Member Activity, 1965-2017: Multivariate Regression Analysis

David Knowlton (Utah Valley University): Adaptive Radiation in Contemporary Mormon Disaffiliation

Keynote Address | **Clarke Building CB101A** | 7 - 8:00 PM | Introduction by David Knowlton

Erin Stiles (University of Nevada, Reno): *Spirit Encounters in Cache Valley: Gender, Righteousness, and Spiritual Striving*

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