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MORMON SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

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Hyatt Regency Saint Louis



The Mormon Social Association promotes the social scientific study of Mormonism. The MSSA is interdisciplinary and international, and facilitates communication and collaboration among researchers, educators and students. Our annual meeting is held conjointly with the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association. All are welcome. Join us today.



2019 Glenn M. Vernon Lecture

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Laurie Maffly-Kipp

Pulling toward Zion: Mormonism in its Global Dimensions

October 26 | 9:00 AM

Laurie Maffly-Kipp is the Archer Alexander Distinguished Professor at the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics. She also serves as the Director of the Religious Studies program at Washington University in St. Louis.



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Friday, October 25

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

A-5 SSSR: LDS Activity and Disaffiliation Concerns in the United States and Utah | Room: Sterling 6

Organizer: Ryan Cragun, University of Tampa (ryantcragun@gmail.com)

Convener: Feyza Akova, University of Notre Dame (fakova@nd.edu)

“The Church Hath Need of Every Member”: LDS Statistics on Retention and Activity in the Early 1970s

Jana Riess, Religion News Service (riess.jana@gmail.com)

Co-Author: Matt Bowman, Claremont Graduate University

The Polarizing Effect of Geography on the Religious Lives of Former Mormons in the United States

Ben Knoll, Centre College (benjamin.knoll@centre.edu)

Mundane Apostasy: Examining Catalysts for Mormon Disaffiliation in Utah

Rick Phillips, University of North Florida (rick.phillips@unf.edu)

Mormon Girls Gone (Kind of) Wild: Ms. Behaving at LDS Young Women’s Camps

John Bartkowski, University of Texas at San Antonio (john.bartkowski@utsa.edu)

10:40 AM - 12:10 PM

B-13 Mormon Social Science Association Business Meeting | Room: Sterling 1

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

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

D-14 SSSR: Variable Patterns of International Growth in Twenty-first Century Mormonism | Room: Mills 3 (4th Floor)

Organizer: Rick Phillips, North Florida University (rick.phillips@unf.edu)

Convener: Carrie Miles, Empower International Ministries (carriem@fastmail.com)

International Saints Missiological Survey (ISMS) of over 6,500 Latter-day Saints, 2012-2018

Matthew Martinich, Independent Researcher (matt.martinich@gmail.com)

Comparing Latter-day Saints in Haiti, Nicaragua, and Paraguay: Growth, Decline, and the Secular Transition

Henri Gooren, Oakland University (gooren@oakland.edu)

Costs, Tradeoffs, and Unintended Consequences of International Mormon, Seventh-day Adventist, and Jehovah’s Witness Growth, 1918-2018

David Stewart, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (dgstewart@yahoo.com)

The Shakafication of Mormonism: A Semiotic Analysis Latter-day Saints in Hawaii

John Bartkowski, University of Texas at San Antonio (john.bartkowski@utsa.edu)

4:45 PM - 5:45 PM

New Book Reception | Room: Regency C

Jan Shipps: A Social and Intellectual Portrait (Greg Koffer Books, 2019)
Gordon Shepherd (gordons@uca.edu) and Gary Shepherd (shepherd@oakland.edu)

8:45 PM - 10:15 PM

Affinity Group-4 Mormon Social Science Association | Room: Sterling 4

Saturday, October 26

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

E-12 MSSA: Glenn M. Vernon Lecture | Room: Regency A

Convener: David Knowlton, Utah Valley University (dknowlton@uvu.edu)

Pulling toward Zion: Mormonism in its Global Dimensions
Laurie Maffly-Kipp, Washington University in Saint Louis (maffly-kipp@wustl.edu)

10:40 AM - 12:10 PM

F-13 MSSA: Mormonism, Sexuality, and Non-Traditional Marriage | Room: Mills 1 (4th Floor)

Organizer/Convener: Michael Nielsen, Southern Georgia University (mnielsen@georgiasouthern.edu)

Does Religious Involvement Moderate Sexual Satisfaction? A Comparative Analysis Between Those Married Within versus Outside the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Faith
Heather Francis, Indiana University-Bloomington & The Kinsey Institute (hmfranci@indiana.edu)
Co-Author 1: Amanda Gesselman, Indiana University-Bloomington & The Kinsey Institute
Co-Author 2: Justin Garcia, Indiana University-Bloomington & The Kinsey Institute

The Relationship between Religiousness and Well-being among Sexual Minorities
Tyler Lefevor, Rhodes College (lefevort@rhodes.edu)

The Wedding March: A Potential Route to Legalising Plural Marriage in the United States
Philippa Juliet Meek, Exeter University (pm493@exeter.ac.uk)

2:20 PM - 3:50 PM

G-1 RRA: Mormon Women and Changing Gender Policies in the Contemporary LDS Church | Room: Sterling 3

Organizer: Gary Shepherd, Oakland University (shepherd@oakland.edu)
Convener: Helen Berger, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University (haberger@brandeis.edu)

Tactical Revelation and (Partially) Degendered Mormonism: Making Sociological Sense of Recent LDS Prophecy

John Bartkowski, University of Texas at San Antonio (john.bartkowski@utsa.edu)

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

H-8 SSSR: International Mormonism: Family, Kinship and Gender in Africa and Peru | Room: Sterling 2

Organizer: David Knowlton, Utah Valley University (dknowlton@uvu.edu)
Convener: Gordon Shepherd, University of Central Arkansas (gordons@uca.edu)

African Women Embracing an American-born Church: Mormonism, Gender, and Cultural Tension in the LDS Church in Botswana

Caroline Kline, Claremont Graduate University (caroline.kline@cgu.edu)

Epistemic Humility: LDS Notions of Family in Africa

Amy Hoyt, University of the Pacific (ahoyt@pacific.edu)

You Love Too Much: Pathologizing Kinship Across Mormon Colonial Encounters

Jason Palmer, University of California, Irvine (palmerjc@uci.edu)

The Family: Thoughts on the Mormon Emphasis on the Family in an International Context

David Knowlton, Utah Valley University (dknowlton@uvu.edu)

6:30 PM

MSSA Dinner: Meet in Hotel Lobby | Restaurant TBA