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The Brigham Young University Church History Symposium, sponsored by the Religious Studies Center, was established to explore annually a topic of special interest in the experience of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the symposium, historians meet to share the fruits of their research with each other and with a general audience of interested Latter-day Saints and friends. Selected papers from each symposium are published in a book by the Religious Studies Center.

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Preserving the History of the Latter-day Saints

Church Historians, the Church Historian's Office, and the Recording and Publication of the Latter-day Saint Past

Friday, February 27, 2009

Conference Center, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

The publication of the *Joseph Smith Papers* and the construction of a new Church History Library provide the occasion for an academic symposium to examine the process of recording, collecting, compiling, and publishing the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Proposals are welcome in any of these areas and on related topics—the Church Historian's office, the writing of Joseph Smith's diaries and histories, the compilation of the seven-volume *History of the Church*, the preparation of the *Joseph Smith Papers*, and the work of official or unofficial diarists, clerks, and editors who recorded or compiled historical events and early discourses or who oversaw the manuscript collections of the Church: William Clayton, Willard Richards, George A. Smith, Martha and Howard Coray, Thomas Bullock, Wilford Woodruff, Andrew Jenson, Joseph Fielding Smith, and others.

Preserving Latter-day Saint History

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Tentative Schedule

1:00-1:50 p.m.	Keynote Session <i>Assistant Church Historians and the Publishing of Church History</i> Richard E. Turley, Jr.	
2:00-2:50 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	<i>Joseph Smith's Journal Keeping and the Creation of His History</i> Mark Ashurst-McGee	
	<i>Ignored and Unknown Clues of Early Mormon Record Keeping</i> Robin S. Jensen	
	<i>The 1901-1908 Minutes of the Atlautla Mexico Branch</i> Jared Tamez	
	<i>Mission Impossible: The Evolving Program to Document Church History around the World</i> Matthew K. Heiss	
	<i>Latter-day Saint Record-keeping at the Grass Roots in the Early Twentieth Century</i> Richard Jensen	
	<i>The Genesis of Mormon Historical Writing</i> David J. Whitaker	
	<i>Historic Sites Program</i> Mark L. Staker, Jennifer L. Lund, Don L. Enders	
3:00-3:50 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	<i>"There Shall Be a Record Kept among You"</i> Jeffrey Johnson	
	<i>William Clayton and the Preservation of Church History</i> James B. Allen	
	<i>The Story of John Whitmer's Record of Church History</i> Scott C. Esplin	
	<i>Wilford Woodruff and the Preservation of Church History</i> Ben Park	
	<i>Oliver Cowdery's Letters to William Phelps</i> Chris C. Jones	
	<i>Documenting the Historian: The Publishing Legacy of Andrew Jenson's World Tour</i> Reid L. Neilson	
4:00-4:50 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	<i>Preserving the History of the First Vision and of Kirtland</i> Milton V. Backman Jr.	
	<i>Preserving the History of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young</i> Ronald K. Esplin	
	<i>The New Mormon Women's History, 1972-1985</i> Jill Mulvay Derr and Carol Cornwall Madsen	
	<i>Documenting Church History in Latin America</i> Mark L. Grover and Michael N. Landon	
	<i>Preserving the History of the Latter-day Saints</i> Ronald O. Barney	
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Keynote Session <i>Making a Case of Church History</i> Elder Marlin K. Jensen, Church Historian and Recorder	