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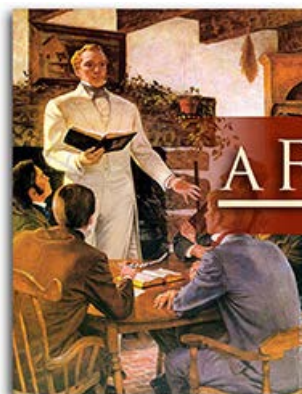
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The Brigham Young University Church History Symposium, sponsored by the Religious Studies Center, was established to explore annually a topic of special interest in the experience of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the symposium, 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.

Friday, February 26, 2010

9:00AM to 5:30PM

Conference Center, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

Richard Lyman Bushman will open the symposium at 9:00 a.m. He is the author of *Joseph Smith: Rough Stone Rolling* and one of three general editors of *The Joseph Smith Papers*.

Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone, emeritus member of the First Quorum of the Seventy, will be the keynote speaker at 4:30 p.m.

This year's symposium will feature several other notable historians, including Susan Easton Black, Ronald W. Walker, Thomas G. Alexander, Richard E. Bennett, and others.

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BYU Conference Center Physical Address

770 East University Parkway
Provo, Utah 84602

(801) 422-7700



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9:00–10:00 A.M.

**OPENING
SPEAKER**

Richard Lyman Bushman *Joseph Smith and the Routinization of Charisma*

**10:00–11:30 A.M.
CONCURRENT
SESSIONS**

John W. Welch *The Book of Mormon: The Keystone of Our Church Organization and Administration*

Mark L. Staker *The Development of the Office of Church President and a First Presidency, 1831–1833*

Fred E. Woods *Men in Motion: Organizing and Administering the Gathering*

Kenneth L. Alford *A History of Mormon Catechisms*

Casey Griffiths *Joseph F. Merrill and the Transformation of the Church Educational System*

John P. Livingstone *N. Eldon Tanner and LDS Church Administration*

Janet Peterson *Young Women: An Organizational History*

Scott C. Esplin *Tying It to the Priesthood: President Harold B. Lee and the Restructuring of the Young Men Organization*

RoseAnn Benson *Early History of the Primary Association*

Mary Jane Woodger & Jessica Christensen *Ardeth Greene Kapp on the Young Women Organization*

**11:30–12:30 P.M.
LUNCH**

Attendees provide their own lunch.

**12:30–1:20 P.M.
SPEAKER**

Edward L. Kimball *Lengthening Our Stride: The Administration of Spencer W. Kimball*

**1:30–2:50 P.M.
CONCURRENT
SESSIONS**

Susan Easton Black *Early Quorums of the Seventies*

Richard O. Cowan *The Seventies' Role in Worldwide Church Administration*

Ronald W. Walker *Brigham Young and the Succession Crisis of 1844*

Jill Mulvay Derr *Paradise Regained: Eliza R. Snow and the 1867–68 Reconstitution of Relief Society*

Matthew Heiss *The Annual History: The Origins of Local Unit Record Keeping*

Kip Sperry *Family History in the Church*

Dave Hall *Building a Program of Reform: Relief Society Educational and Social Welfare Work, 1900–1945*

Roger P. Minert *The Succession of Leadership in the East and West German Missions in WWII*

Michael A. Goodman *The History of Correlation*

Michael Hicks *How to Make (and Unmake) a Mormon Hymn Book*

**3:00–4:20 P.M.
CONCURRENT
SESSIONS**

Richard E. Bennett *Restoration of the Melchizedek Priesthood*

Joseph Darowski *Conferences, Councils and Church Governance, 1830–1834*

Sherry Pack Baker & Elizabeth Mott *From Radio to the Internet: The Church and Its Use of Electronic Media in the Twentieth Century*

Matthew O. Richardson *Teaching One Another: Administering the Sunday School*

R. Lanier Britsch *Mission Administration and Organization: A Survey of Latter-day Saints Missionary Work since 1830*

Craig James Ostler *Doctrine and Covenants 20 & 22: Handbook for New Branches of the Church*

Jessie L. Embry & A. LeGrand Richards *A Year in the Life of the Provo Utah South Stake, 2008–9*

Irene Adams *Family Stress and the Role of the Bishop's Wife*

William G. Hartley & Theodore D. Moore *"Our Churches and Homes Shall Be Beautiful": The LDS Church's Beautification Movement, 1938–1947*

Mark L. Grover *The Beginning of the Church Construction Program in South America*

Thomas G. Alexander *Church Administration, 1890–1930*

David J. Whittaker *Joseph B. Keeler and the Modernization of Mormonism, 1885–1918*

**4:30–5:30 P.M.
CLOSING
KEYNOTE**

Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone *Prophets, Parables, and Poetry*