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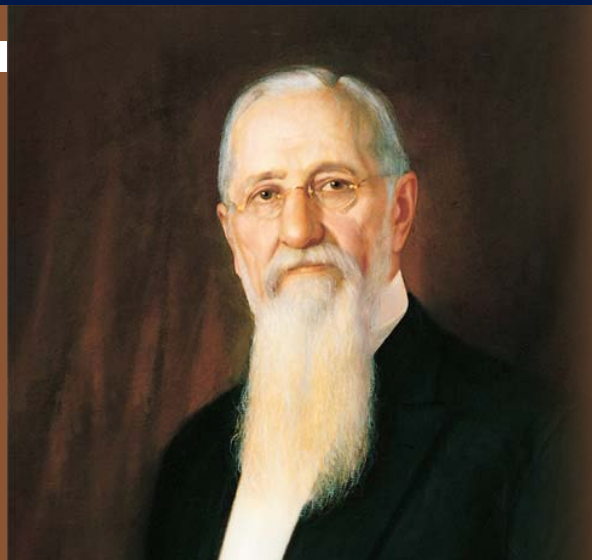
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**Friday, March 2, 2012**

 LDS Conference Center Little Theater  
(Salt Lake City)

Afternoon Session: 3:00–5:00 p.m.

 Evening Session: 7:00 p.m.
 

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**Saturday, March 3, 2012**

BYU Conference Center (Provo)

8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

## *President Joseph F. Smith*

### Reflections on the Man and His Times

Join us for the annual Brigham Young University Church History Symposium. The focus of this year's symposium will be the era of past President of the Church Joseph F. Smith.

This year, there will be two locations where people may attend. On Friday, March 2, the symposium will be held at the LDS Conference Center Little Theater in Salt Lake City. The first session will be held from 3:00–5:00 p.m. The evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will feature Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 3, the symposium will continue at the BYU Conference Center, concluding with the keynote address by Joseph Fielding McConkie, beginning at 12:10 p.m. During the symposium, concurrent sessions will be offered by several notable historians, scholars, educators, and authors, covering a variety of topics that were part of the era of President Smith.

*No reservations are needed to attend this free symposium. It is open to everyone!*


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For more information visit us online at  
<http://churchhistorysymposium.byu.edu>

*This event is sponsored by the Religious Studies Center at Brigham Young University, Brigham Young University's Division of Continuing Education, BYU Church History and Doctrine, and the Church History Library.*

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## Driving Directions

### I-15 Southbound to BYU Conference Center

1. Head south on I-15 S toward Provo
2. Take exit 269 toward University Parkway
3. Keep left at the fork (leads to University Parkway)
4. Follow University Parkway about 4.3 miles — The Conference Center will be on your right.

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### I-15 Northbound to BYU Conference Center

1. Head north on I-15 N toward Provo
2. Take exit 263 toward University Ave.
3. Follow University Ave. about 3.3 miles
4. Turn right onto University Parkway
5. Follow University Parkway about .7 miles — The Conference Center will be on your right.

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### BYU Conference Center Physical Address

770 East University Parkway  
Provo, Utah 84602


(801) 422-7700



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## BYU Church History Symposium President Joseph F. Smith Recorded on March 2, 2012

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# BYU CHURCH HISTORY SYMPOSIUM 2012

## President Joseph F. Smith: Reflections on the Man and His Times

Date, Time	Speakers
<b>Friday, 2 March 2012</b> <b>LDS Conference Center</b> <b>Salt Lake City</b>	
3:00–3:40 p.m., Theater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew O. Richardson, Brigham Young University               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Block 57: Establishing a Lasting Church Headquarters, 1901–1918</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3:45–5:00	
Theater	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nathaniel R. Ricks, Pikes Peak Community College               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Triumphs of the Young Joseph F. Smith</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Eric Marlowe, Brigham Young University–Hawaii Isileli Kongaika, Brigham Young University–Hawaii               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leading a Reformation: Joseph F. Smith’s 1864 Mission to Hawaii</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. David M. Whitchurch, Brigham Young University               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personal Glimpses of Joseph F. Smith: From Adolescent to Prophet</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Multipurpose 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Doug Stringham, Utah Valley University Anne Leahy, Salt Lake City               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Latter-day Saint Deaf-Mute Sunday School</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Matthew C. Godfrey, Church History Department               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “My Dear Charlie”: The Friendship of Joseph F. Smith and Charles W. Nibley</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Brian W. Ricks, Brigham Young University               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ James E. Talmage: A Pen in the Hand of President Joseph F. Smith</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Multipurpose 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jennifer L. Lund, Church History Department               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph F. Smith and the Origins of the Church Historic Sites Program</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. W. Ray Luce, Church History Department               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph F. Smith and the Great Mormon Building Boom</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Gary L. Boatright Jr., Church History Department               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “We Shall Have Temples Built:” Joseph F. Smith and a New Era of Temple Building</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
5:00–7:00	Dinner Break
7:00, Theater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote Speaker, Elder M. Russell Ballard, Quorum of the Twelve Apostles</li> </ul>

<b>Saturday, 3 March 2012</b> <b>Harman Conference Center</b> <b>Brigham Young University</b>	
8:30–9:00 a.m., Auditorium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George S. Tate, Brigham Young University           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “And I Saw the Hosts of the Dead”: Biography, the Great War, and the 1918 Flu Pandemic as Contexts for D&amp;C 138</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9:05–10:25	
Room 2258	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Patrick A. Bishop, LDS Church Educational System           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Apostolic Succession of Joseph F. Smith</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Craig K. Manscill, Brigham Young University           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1907 Address to the World: Joseph F. Smith’s Rebuttal of the Reed Smoot Hearings</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Ronald G. Watt, Independent Historian           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clarence Gardner, Star Valley Stake President and Wyoming State Senator: The Word of Wisdom and Prohibition</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Room 2260	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Casey Paul Griffiths, LDS Church Educational System Brett D. Dowdle, Texas Christian University           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “A Godsend for the Salvation of Modern Israel”: The Creation of the Seminary Program</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Richard O. Cowan, Brigham Young University           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Church Programs in Transition</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Lisa Olsen Tait, Brigham Young University           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Susa Young Gates and the Relief Society Magazine, 1914–1921</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Room 2265	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Matthew R. Davies, Yale Divinity School           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Tongues of the Saints: A Historical Inquiry into the LDS Perception of the Azusa Street Revival and the Changing Definition of Tongues</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Craig James Ostler, Brigham Young University           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph F. Smith: Priesthood and Church Government</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Jonathan A. Stapley, Independent Historian           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “The Last of the Old School”: Joseph F. Smith and Latter-day Saint Liturgy</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

Room 2267	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reid L. Neilson, Church History Department Mitchell K. Schaefer, Church History Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Excavating the Foundations of Early Mormon History: The 1878 Fact-Finding Mission of Apostles Joseph F. Smith and Orson Pratt to the Cradles of the Restoration</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Joseph R. Stuart, Brigham Young University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opening The Prison Doors: The Development of the Understanding of the Post-Mortal Spirit World</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Glen Soren Larson Jr., Independent Historian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “This Is the Doctrine”: Illumination of Joseph F. Smith’s Impact, 1901–1918</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
10:25–10:40	Refreshment Break
10:40–12:00	
Room 2258	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mark D. Ogletree, Brigham Young University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Fathering Practices of Joseph F. Smith</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Kevin Folkman, Independent Historian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A Useful, Faithful, and Upright Man: Letters from Joseph F. Smith to His Adopted Son, Edward Arthur Smith</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. J.B. Haws, Brigham Young University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Honored and Respected Even As Our Father Was”: President Joseph F. Smith’s Encouragement of His Brother, Patriarch John Smith</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Room 2260	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Justin R. Bray, Church History Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph F. Smith’s Beard and the Public Image of the Church</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Andrew Thomas, Church History Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph F. Smith in Sound and Motion: An Era of New Technologies</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Room 2265	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dennis B. Horne, Independent Researcher and Author <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph F. Smith’s Succession to the Presidency</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Barbara E. Morgan, Brigham Young University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ever Learning and Ever Drawing Nearer to the Truth: President Joseph F. Smith’s Philosophy and Impact on Learning and Teaching</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Scott C. Esplin, Brigham Young University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Running Education Mad”: The Educational Legacy of Joseph F. Smith and His Formation of the Modern Church Educational System</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

<p>Room 2267</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Richard J. Dowse, LDS Church Educational System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph F. Smith and the Hawaiian Temple: The Culmination of a Prophetic Prototype for Building Zion in a New Era of Church History</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Kenneth L. Alford, Brigham Young University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Latter-day Saint Chaplains in the First World War</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Matthew Lyman Rasmussen, LDS Church Educational System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “It May Not Be on the Mountain’s Height”: The British Church and the Gathering Doctrine in the Early Twentieth Century</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p>12:10, Auditorium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote Speaker, Joseph Fielding McConkie, Emeritus Professor of Ancient Scripture, Brigham Young University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Doctrinal Contributions of Joseph F. Smith</li> </ul> </li> </ul>