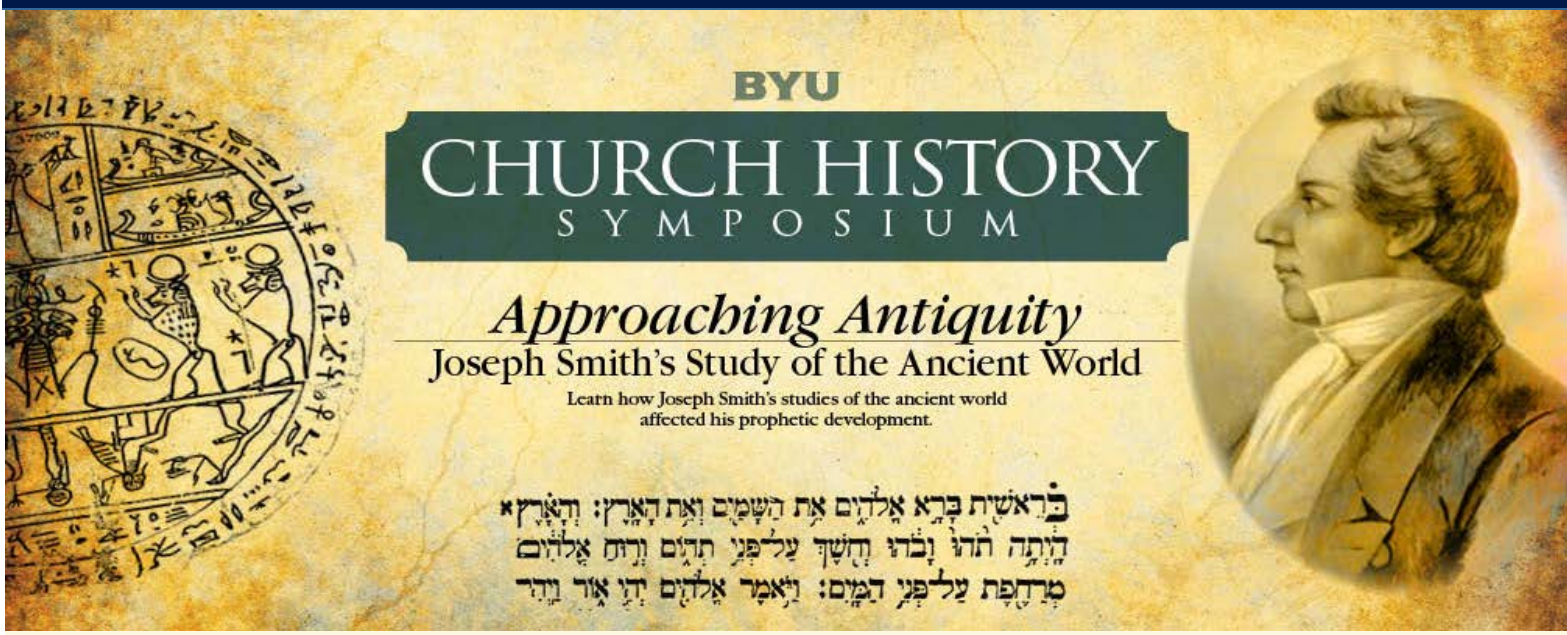




# Church History Symposium

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## March 7–8, 2013

### Thursday, March 7 Brigham Young University (Provo)

**9:00-10:00 (HBLL Auditorium):  
Key Note Address**

*Lincoln H. Blumell* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), Welcome (10min)

*Richard L. Bushman* (History, Columbia University), "The Academic Study of Antiquity in Antebellum America" (45min)

**10:15-11:45 (HBLL Auditorium):  
Scholars, Scripts, and Folklore of Antiquity**

*Andrew H. Hedges* (LDS Church History Department), Moderator

*Richard E. Bennett* (Church History, BYU), "To The Most Learned Men of this Generation--: Martin Harris and His Visits East, 1828" (25min)

*Michael Hubbard MacKay* (LDS Church History Department), "Git Them Translated--: Joseph Smith, Ancient Characters, and Translating the Plates" (25min)

*Steven C. Harper* (LDS Church History Department), "Joseph Smith--s Relationships to Hermeticism and Masonry" (25min)

*Richard L. Bushman* (History, Columbia University), Respondent (15min)

**12:00-1:15  
Break for Lunch**

### Friday, March 8 LDS Conference Center Little Theater (Salt Lake City)

**9:00-11:45  
Joseph Smith, the Bible, and 19th Century Biblical  
Scholarship**

*Steven C. Harper* (LDS Church History Department), Moderator

*Kent P. Jackson* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), "Joseph Smith and the Bible" (25min)

*Nicholas J. Frederick* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), "Joseph Smith and the Gospel of John" (25min)

*Justin R. Bray* (LDS Church History Department), "The Seventy Disciples in Early 19th Century Christian Thought" (25min)

**Break (10min)**

*Samuel Brown* (Medical Ethics and Humanities, University of Utah School of Medicine), "The Prisca Theology in Early Mormonism" (25min)

*Matthew B. Bowman* (Religion, Hampden-Sydney College), "Joseph Smith and 19th c. Biblical Commentaries" (25min)

*David F. Holland* (History, UNLV), Respondent (20min)

**12:00-1:30  
Break for Lunch**



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**1:30-3:30 (HBLL Auditorium):  
Joseph Smith and Ancient Texts**

*Matthew J. Grey* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), Moderator

*Jared Ludlow* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), "Joseph Smith's Reading of Jewish Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha" (25min)

*Lincoln H. Blumell* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), "What has Palmyra to do with Jerusalem? Joseph Smith and the Writings of Flavius Josephus" (25min)

*Thomas A. Wayment* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), "Joseph Smith and Early Christian Apocrypha" (25min)

*Kristian S. Heal* (Maxwell Institute, BYU), "Joseph Smith and the Early Church Fathers" (25min)

*Benjamin E. Park* (History, University of Cambridge), Respondent (15min)

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**3:45-4:45 (HBLL Auditorium):  
Joseph Smith's Interest in the Ancient Americas**

*Andrew H. Hedges* (LDS Church History Department), Moderator

*Mark Alan Wright* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), "Joseph Smith and Native American Artifacts" (25min)

*Matthew Roper* (Maxwell Institute, BYU), "Joseph Smith and the Ruins: Central American Archaeology and Early Views about the Book of Mormon" (25min)

*Andrew H. Hedges* (LDS Church History Department), Respondent (10min)

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**5:00-6:30  
Break for Dinner**

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**7:00-8:30 (JSB Auditorium):  
Plenary Session**

*Elder Steven E. Snow* (Church Historian and Recorder), Conducting

Opening Song, "Let Zion in Her Beauty Rise"

Special Musical Number, "If You Could Hie to Kolob"

*David F. Holland* (History, UNLV), "Joseph Smith and Antiquity: Points of Contact between the Prophet and the Ancient Sources" (50min)

**1:45-3:15  
Joseph Smith's Study of Biblical Languages**

*Lincoln H. Blumell* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), Moderator

*Matthew J. Grey* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), "The Word of God in the Original--: Joseph Smith's Study of Hebrew and its Impact on His Translations, Thought, and Theology" (25min)

*Craig K. Manscill* (Church History, BYU), "By the Help of God I Can Read in the Hebrew Bible--: Hyrum Smith's Study of Hebrew" (25min)

*John W. Welch* (Law, BYU), "Joseph Smith's Awareness of Greek and Latin" (25min)

*Kevin L. Barney* (Independent Scholar), Respondent (15min)

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**3:30-5:00  
Joseph Smith and 19th Century Egyptology**

*Lincoln H. Blumell* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), Moderator

*John Gee* (Maxwell Institute, BYU), "Joseph Smith and Ancient Egypt" (25min)

*Kerry Muhlestein* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), "Joseph Smith and Egyptian Artifacts: Towards a Preliminary Paradigm for Evaluating Prophetic and Mundane Ideas Regarding Aspects of the Ancient World" (25min)

*Brian M. Hauglid* (Ancient Scripture, BYU), "Endowed with a Knowledge of Hidden Languages--: Joseph Smith and the Egyptian Project" (25min)

*John S. Thompson* (Egyptology, University of Pennsylvania), Respondent (15min)

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