



Plans Finalized for Springfield Conference

Springfield, Illinois, is not only the location for many bicentennial celebrations of Lincoln's birth but also the site where the Mormon History Association will explore the connections between the land of Lincoln and the land of the 1840s Mormons.

Alex Baugh and others on the Program Committee have put together an exciting program. In addition to panels and lectures on Lincoln and the Mormons, there will be papers on a wide variety of topics: the Joseph Smith Papers, the Smith family, Nauvoo, Mormon Enigma, Mountain Meadows Massacre, race, polygamy (both nineteenth-century and twenty-first), early Mormon ritual—and the list goes on. The conference also features two outstanding lectures by Richard Cardwaine of Oxford and by Walter Nugent of Notre Dame. There is something for everyone's taste.

The pre-conference tour featuring Lincoln sites is already completely full. The post-conference tour, under Bryon Andreasen's direction, will continue the theme of the interconnections between Lincoln's Illinois and the Mormons. After the Sunday devotional in the First Presbyterian Church where the Lincoln family worshipped, the tour will trace Joseph Smith's route to and from Springfield for his trial in the winter of 1842-43, and then stop by Carthage before arriving in Nauvoo. After dinner, participants will visit the Joseph Smith properties and conclude the evening with a readers' theater (actually a mock trial) entitled "'God Will Execute His Vengeance in Good Time': The Trial of Joseph Smith's Accused Murders."

Monday will feature a tour of Mormon settlements in Hancock County and also time to explore Nauvoo itself. On Monday evening participants in the Nauvoo Pageant will perform and present a behind-the-scenes look at that production. This will provide an in-depth view of this more historically accurate pageant. On Tuesday the tour will stop by the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Square exhibits in Quincy before returning to Springfield by noon.

Come enjoy six days at the MHA 2009 Springfield conference. Or if you cannot come for all days, come three, or two, but at least one. The MHA conference in its forty-four years has never before been held in Springfield. This is a unique opportunity to explore the intersections of the Land of Lincoln and the Nauvoo Mormons.



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Dear Friends and Fellow Devotees
of Mormon History,

The pre-production phase of the MHA 2009 conference is nearing completion. The location has been chosen and contracted. The President Abraham Lincoln and Prairie Capitol Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois, will provide the appropriate set to celebrate the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth and the intersection between Lincoln and the Mormons.

The cast has also been selected, and it is an all-star cast. Richard Carwardine, Rhodes Professor of American History, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, and Walter Nugent, Andrew V. Tackes Professor of History Emeritus at Notre Dame, have starring roles as the Jan Shipp's lecturer and the Tanner lecturer, respectively. Other stars include Bryon Andreasen, Research Historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library speaking on the Mormon connection to Lincoln-era Springfield, and William MacKinnon, addressing the topic Stephan A. Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, and the Mormon Problem. Robert Woodford, Robin Jensen, Steve Harper, and Grant Underwood will deal with an important document discovery in their work on "The Book of Commandments and Revelations." Fine supporting performances in concurrent sessions will be given by, among the over one hundred roles, Kathleen Flake, Thomas Alexander, Carol Madsen, Lavina Anderson, Ron Walker, Bill Russell, Jan Shipp's, Paul Edwards, Linda Newell, Bill Hartley, Ron Esplin, Larry Foster, George Smith, Ken Driggs—there are so many that you will simply need to go to the MHA web site (<http://www.mhahome.org>) to see the full program, which includes a number of students making their debut performances. The producer of this fine program is Alex Baugh along with other members of the Program Committee

More than a star, Bryon Andreasen is also a producer of the conference. The pre-conference tour, which he has scripted and choreographed, has been so popular that is already sold out. The post-conference tour, also written and designed by Bryon, is selling out fast. You may have been to Nauvoo before, but this event will give you an unusual opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln and explore Illinois and Hancock County in a unique tour.

Fellow producers Pat Scott and Linda Thatcher have worked hard with the other producers and crew to create what is sure to be a critical success. This is a production—conference—not to be missed!

I hope to see you in Springfield in just a few short weeks.



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Conference Updates

Pre-Conference Tour (May 21): The response to the Pre-Conference was tremendous. A second bus was added and both were quickly filled. Boarding will begin at 7:40 a.m. Both buses will depart promptly at 8:00 a.m. Warning: Latecomers will be left and can join the tour at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum located two blocks away. Additional tour information will be E-mailed directly to tour registrants two weeks before departure.

Post-Conference Tour (May 24-26): This tour is not full. The two buses will depart at 9:30 a.m. from the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel's Adams Street entrance after Sunday's devotional at the First Presbyterian Church. Arrangements have been made to load suitcases before the devotional. We are pleased to announce our evening activities. Sunday evening will conclude with a readers' theater (actually a mock trial) entitled "'God Will Execute His Vengeance in Good Time': The Trial of Joseph Smith's Accused Murders." On Monday evening, attendees will be entertained by participants in the Nauvoo Pageant and present a behind-the-scenes look at that production. Additional tour information will be E-mailed directly those registered for the tour two weeks before departure.

Touring Springfield: For those arriving early or staying late in Springfield, a representative of the Spring-

field Convention and Visitors Bureau will be available in the registration area on Wednesday and Thursday (1-5 p.m.) to assist you in planning your visits in the Springfield area prior to and after the Conference.

On-site Registration Location Reminders: On-site-conference registration will be held in the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, May 20-21, 2009. It will move to the B Level of the Prairie Capital Conference Center on May 22nd adjacent to the Hotel.

Price Changes: Remember that the cost of registration increases after April 30, 2009 and the rooms at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel will be released to the general public after April 28, 2009. This is a busy week-end in Springfield and rooms will go fast.

Presenters: All presenters (speakers, chairs, and commentators) must register for the conference.

Student Reception: All young scholars who plan on attending the MHA conference in Springfield are invited to attend a special reception on Friday evening at 9:15 p.m. The reception will feature a light supper, networking opportunities, and a panel discussion on professional advancement in the field. At the reception, young scholars will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with established scholars, journal editors, and

Carolyn Tanner Irish Humanities Building at the University of Utah Dedicated

On October 3, 2008, the College of Humanities at the University of Utah held a dedicatory celebration for the new Carolyn Tanner Irish Humanities Building. Named in honor of the Right Reverend Carolyn Tanner Irish, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah, the building houses the Tanner Humanities Center as well as the University history and philosophy departments.

Of special note to members of the Mormon History Association are the three rooms in the new building named in honor of the late Dean L. May, past president of MHA. The third floor of the CTIHB is home to the Dean L. May Graduate Reading Room. Across the hall is the Dean L. May Library for the History of Utah and the American West. The library is starting small with books on Utah, Mormon, and Western history donated by members of the history department faculty, Cheryl May and the Mormon History Association. Each year an endowment will allow for the purchase of additional books to build the collection. Recipients of the Dean L. May graduate fellowship in the history of the American West will have preferred lending privileges at the library. Finally, across the hall is the Dean L. May Professor of Utah History Office, a room with a commanding view looking West across the Salt Lake Valley.

Brandon Metcalf Appointed New MHA Historian/Archivist

Newell Bringhurst recently resigned his post as Mormon History Association's historian. During Bringhurst's six years as historian, he accomplished a significant amount of work, collecting and document the history of the Mormon History Association. Newell conducted some 20 interviews, including past MHA Presidents and past Executive Secretaries. He also worked with both Pat Scott and Linda Thatcher in evaluating and putting together a preliminary guide of the contents of the MHA Archives—currently housed at Utah State History. A third activity was working directly with various officers within MHA in presenting the broad outlines of MHA's history to the membership of the organization. This was done through a series of articles published in the MHA newsletter on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the organization's founding. Bringhurst also organized and presided a over roundtable plenary luncheon session for the 2006 MHA Conference at Casper, Wyoming entitled "The Founding and Early Years of MHA: A Forty Year Retrospective." As MHA historian, Bringhurst laid an important groundwork for documenting our organization's history. We thank him for his years of hard work and service to MHA!

We are pleased to announce that Brandon Metcalf of the Utah State Archives has accepted a three-year appointment as MHA historian/archivist. Metcalf is a native of northern California and has been employed as an archivist at the Utah State Archives in Salt Lake City since 2004. He received a master's degree from California State University, Sacramento in Public History and a bachelor's degree in History from Brigham Young University. For the past two years he has served on the MHA Best Articles Awards Subcommittee, and he is excited to carry on the important work of documenting the history of our organization.

MHA actively solicits records generated by the Association. This includes presidential and council papers, photographs, meeting minutes, etc. To arrange for the donation of MHA records contact Brandon at (801) 531-3842.

Passing of MHA Members

Greg Franzwa, died on March 29, 2009, from pancreatic cancer. Greg was a founding member of the Oregon-California Trails Association. He and his wife, Kathy, founded Patrice Press in Tucson, Arizona (later moving to Grantsville, Utah). For more than forty years Patrice has published western history and guides to American's pioneer trails. Greg was also a MHA member, conference presenter, and conference exhibitor.

Larry H. Miller, died on February 20, 2009, from complications related to diabetes. Larry was a Utah businessman, owner of the NBA's Utah Jazz, and a philanthropist. He was interested in Mormon history and a MHA member, as well as a major sponsor of the LDS Church's Joseph Smith Papers Project.

Jean Bickmore White, died on March 3, 2009, after a 6 year battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Jean was an emerita professor of political science at Weber State University and the author of numerous books and articles most notably the classic, "Charter for Statehood: the Story of Utah's State Constitution." She was also a longtime MHA member and served for more than a decade on the Executive Committee and Editorial Board of the *Journal of Mormon History*.

Future MHA Conference Sites Selected

MHA's Long Range Planning Committee examined the sites of future annual conferences and proposed changes. In November, the MHA Board reviewed the proposal and accepted their recommendations. MHA announces the following locations:

2010--Independence, Missouri

2011--St. George, Utah

2012--Western Canada
(Alberta or British Columbia)

2013--Wasatch Front (Davis County, Logan, Ogden)

2014--Northern Arizona Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale)

2010 Independence Missouri Conference Call for Papers

The Home and the Homeland: Families in Diverse Mormon Traditions

The forty-fifth annual conference of the Mormon History Association will be held May 27-30, 2010 at the Kansas City Sports Complex Hotel in Kansas City, MO. It has been twenty-five years since the last MHA conference was held in Missouri. The 2010 theme, "The Home and the Homeland: Families in Diverse Mormon Traditions" recognizes the family as a central social and religious institution within Mormon traditions.

Mormon traditions (also called Restoration traditions) have historically recognized the family and home as the spatial, social, and emotional place where men, women, and children become religious and moral people. Fatherhood and motherhood have been interpreted as religious, as well as biological and social roles.

Papers and panels on all aspects of the history and practice of family life in all Restoration traditions are welcomed. Since Independence, Missouri, serves as the "homeland" to dozens of Restoration traditions, we especially encourage papers that examine or compare lesser studied groups. Of special note, 2010 marks the sesquicentennial of Joseph Smith III's ordination as leader of the Community of Christ and the twenty-fifth anniversary of its first priesthood ordinations of women. Both events sparked controversy and caused the re-examination of how family roles shaped religious practices. Presenters could explore religious interpretation of the family, gender roles within the family, the Mormon religious experience within families, children and childhood, Mormon domestic architecture, or Mormon material culture.

MHA invites and actively seeks proposals for complete sessions, panels, and other presentations. While we encourage presentations related to the theme, we also welcome other proposals. While the Program Committee will give preference to complete two or three paper session proposals, individual paper proposals will be considered. Please send an abstract of the paper (no more than 300 words) that outlines your argument and the sources that will be used plus a short CV (no longer than two pages) for each speaker. Previously published papers will not be considered.

The deadline for proposals is **October 1, 2009**. Proposals should be sent by E-mail to: mhameeting2010@gmail.com. Hard copies of proposals can also be sent to: Susanna Morrill, Lewis & Clark College, MSC 45, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd., Portland, OR 97219 or David Howlett, 222 E. Market St. Apt. 32, Iowa City, IA 52245. Notification for acceptance or rejection will be made by January 1, 2010. Additional instructions will be available on the MHA website at <http://mhahome.org>.

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