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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

Assistant Professor of History, University of Southern Indiana, 2008-present

Director, Center of Communal Studies, University of Southern Indiana, 2008-present

Edward Sorin Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Notre Dame, 2006-2008

**EDUCATION:**

**University of Notre Dame**

Ph.D., American History, August 2006

*Dissertation:* “‘Liberty to the Downtrodden’: Thomas L. Kane, Romantic Reformer”

*Adviser:* George M. Marsden

*Committee:* Thomas P. Slaughter, John T. McGreevy, James Turner, Sarah Barringer Gordon

M.A., History, January 2005

*Fields of concentration for qualifying exams:* American colonial history; American nineteenth-century history; American religious history; Latin American history

**Brigham Young University**

B.A., History, April 2001

*Honors:* Summa cum laude

**BOOK:**

*“Liberty to the Downtrodden”: Thomas L. Kane, Romantic Reformer* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009).

**ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:**

"The Suffering Saints: Thomas L. Kane, Democratic Reform, and the Mormon Question in Antebellum America," *Journal of the Early Republic*, forthcoming, Winter 2009.

"Thomas L. Kane and Nineteenth-Century America," *Brigham Young University Studies*, accepted for publication.

With Jill M. Derr, "Letters on Mormon Polygamy and Progeny: Eliza R. Snow and

Martin Luther Holbrook, 1866-1869,” *Brigham Young University Studies* 48.2 (2009): 139-164.

“‘A Providential Means of Agitating Mormonism’: Parley P. Pratt and the San Francisco Press, 1854-1855,” in Laurie Maffly-Kipp and Reid Neilson, eds., *Proclamation to the People: Nineteenth-Century Mormonism and the Pacific Basin Frontier* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2008).

“Contesting the Latter-day Saint Image: The *North American Review* and the Mormons, 1881-1907,” *Journal of Mormon History* 32 (Summer 2006): 111-138.

“‘I Have Given Myself to the Devil’: Thomas L. Kane and the Culture of Honor,” *Utah Historical Quarterly* 73 (Fall 2005): 345-364.

“‘Clean from the Blood of this Generation’: The Washing of Feet and the Latter-day Saints,” in Richard L. Bushman, ed., *Archive of Restoration Culture Summer Fellows’ Papers, 2000-2002* (Provo, Utah: Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History, 2005), 131-138.

“The Whore of Babylon and the Abomination of Abominations: Nineteenth-Century Catholic and Mormon Mutual Perceptions and Religious Identity,” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 73 (March 2004): 139-167.

“The Shadow of the Civil War: A Historiography of Civil War Memory,” *American Nineteenth-Century History* 4 (Summer 2003): 77-103.

“‘A Providential Means of Agitating Mormonism’: Parley P. Pratt and the San Francisco Press, 1854-1855,” *Journal of Mormon History* 29 (Fall 2003): 158-185.

“‘I Consider the Proper Authority Rests Among the Mormons’: Oran Brownson to Orestes Brownson on Oran’s Conversion to Mormonism,” *Mormon Historical Studies* 4 (Fall 2003): 191-198.

“A Belated Reply: The English Ancestry of John and William Pratt of Connecticut,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 149 (October 1995): 374-78.

#### **CURRENT PROJECTS:**

*Parley P. Pratt: The Paul of Mormonism*, co-author Terryl L. Givens, under contract to Oxford University Press.

*The Prophet and the Reformer: The Personal Correspondence of Brigham Young and Thomas L. Kane*, co-author Ronald W. Walker, under contract to Oxford University Press.

#### **REVIEWS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES:**

Review of Jared Farmer, *On Zion’s Mount: Mormons, Indians, and the American*

*Landscape* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008), forthcoming in *Reviews in American History*, 2010.

Review of William B. Smart, *Mormonism's Last Colonizer: The Life and Times of William H. Smart* (Logan: Utah State University Press, 2008), forthcoming in *Western Historical Quarterly*.

Review of John R. Dichtl, *Frontiers of Faith: Bringing Catholicism to the West in the Early Republic* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2008), in *American Catholic Studies* 120.2 (Summer 2009): 78-79.

"Communitarianism: Overview," "Murder of Elijah Lovejoy (1837)" and "Abolitionist Resistance to Fugitive Slave Law," in John R. McKivigan and Heather L. Kaufman, eds., *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements* (Facts on File, forthcoming).

"Parley P. and Orson Pratt" and "Thomas L. Kane," in W. Paul Reeve and Ardis Parshall, eds., *Encyclopedia of Mormon History* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, forthcoming).

Review of Donald R. Moorman with Gene A. Sessions, *Camp Floyd and the Mormons: The Utah War* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1992; reprint 2005), *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal*, Fall 2007.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

### **University of Southern Indiana, 2008-present**

"United States History to 1865"  
 "Religion in America"  
 "Reforming America" (senior research seminar)  
 "Utopia"  
 "War, Memory, and American History"

### **University of Notre Dame, 2003-2008:**

**Instructor**, 2005-2008

"New American Nation" (1781-1848)  
 "Reforming America" (senior research seminar)  
 "American Religious History"  
 "War, Memory, and American History"  
 "Early America" (first half of the U. S. history survey)  
 "Modern America, 1877-Present" (second half of the U. S. history survey)

### **Teaching Assistant**, 2002-2004

"U. S. History post-World War II," (Thomas Blantz)  
 "U. S. History to 1865," (Steven Brady)  
 "New American Nation" (David Waldstreicher)  
 "Irish-American Experience" (Jay Dolan)

**Brigham Young University:**

*Teaching Assistant*, 1998-2001

“Colonial Latin America,” 1998-1999 (Kendall Brown)

“History of Western Civilization,” 1998, 2000-2001 (Kendall Brown, Noel Reynolds)

**AWARDS:**

Liberal Arts Research Award, University of Southern Indiana, Spring 2010.

John Topham and Susan Redd Butler Off-Campus Faculty Research Award, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, 2008.

Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Graduate School Award, University of Notre Dame, for top graduating doctoral degree recipient in the humanities, 2007.

Gerald E. Jones Dissertation Award, Mormon History Association, 2007.

Juanita Brooks Award for the Best Graduate Paper, Mormon History Association, 2003, 2006.

Arrington-Prucha Prize in Western American Religious History, Western History Association, for best article of the year on religious history in the West, 2005.

Philip Gleason Prize for best published article by a graduate student, History Department, University of Notre Dame, 2005.

Dissertation Research Grant, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History, 2005.

Dissertation Research Grant, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, 2004.

Archive of Restoration Culture Summer Research Fellowship, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History, directed by Richard L. Bushman, 2001.

**ACADEMIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS:**

“‘Your Second in an Affair of Honor’: The Relationship of Brigham Young and Thomas L. Kane,” Mormon History Association, Springville, Illinois, May 2009.

“Author Meets Critics” (session on “*Liberty to the Downtrodden*”: Thomas L. Kane, *Romantic Reformer*), Mormon History Association, Springville, Illinois, May 2009.

“Polygamy, Publishing, and ‘Joint Stockism’: Parley P. Pratt and the Mormon Periphery during the Succession Crisis of 1844-1847,” Communal Studies Association, Estero, Florida, October 2008.

“Peace Parties and War Factions at Salt Lake City and Camp Scott: Thomas L. Kane’s

- Narratives and the Utah War Peace,” Western History Association, Oklahoma City, October 2007.
- “Violence Against the Heartland: the Utah War and Mormon Oppositional Identity,” Mormon History Association, Salt Lake City, May 2007.
- “Martyred Apostle or un-Saintly Seducer: Narratives on the Death of Parley P. Pratt,” conference on “Religion and Reaction: The Life, Times, and Legacy of Parley Parker Pratt,” Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 2007.
- “Thomas L. Kane, the Suffering Saints, and the Mormon Counter-Narrative in Antebellum America,” American Society of Church History, Salt Lake City, April 2007.
- Moderator and Panelist, “The Beautiful Soul of John Woolman,” conference at the University of Notre Dame, May 2006.
- “Unorthodoxy, Radical Reform, and Religious Minorities in Antebellum America: A Case Study of Thomas L. Kane,” American Society of Church History, Philadelphia, January 2006.
- “Abolitionism, Civil Disobedience, and Parental Authority: The Kane Family and the Fugitive Slave Act,” Historical Society of Pennsylvania conference on “Pennsylvanians Behaving Badly: Violence, Disorder, and Transgression,” Philadelphia, November 2005.
- “Thomas L. Kane, Antebellum Reform, and Defense of the Mormons,” Mormon History Association, Killington, Vermont, May 2005.
- “Mormonism, Martyrdom, and Marginality: Thomas L. Kane and the Tempering of Mormon Image, 1846-1852,” Midwest American Academy of Religion, Chicago, April 2005.
- “The ‘Whore of Babylon’ and the ‘Abomination of Abominations’: Nineteenth-Century Catholic and Mormon Perceptions of Each Other,” Mormon History Conference, Kirtland, Ohio, May 2003.
- “‘Clean from the Blood of this Generation’: The Latter-day Saints and the Washing of Feet,” conference on “Joseph Smith and His Times,” sponsored by the Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History, Brigham Young University, August 2001.

**PUBLIC LECTURES/RADIO INTERVIEWS:**

- “Thomas L. Kane and Nineteenth-Century America,” Thomas L. Kane Exhibition Lecture Series, Brigham Young University, March 12, 2009.

Radio Interview on *Liberty to the Downtrodden*, “Thinking Aloud” program, Classical 89

KBYU-FM, March 12, 2009.

“Abraham Lincoln and Religion,” Abraham Lincoln’s Life and Legacy: A Symposium at the University of Southern Indiana, January 28, 2009.

“Thomas L. Kane and the Culture of Honor,” Harold B. Lee Library Omnibus Lecture Series, Brigham Young University, September 2004.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

Chair, Program Committee, Communal Studies Association, New Harmony, Indiana, October 2010.

Member, Best Article Awards Committee, Mormon History Association, 2009-present.

Member, Publication Prize Committee, Communal Studies Association, 2008-present.

Chair of session, 2009 Indiana Regional Phi Alpha Theta History Conference, University of Southern Indiana, March 28, 2009.

Reviewer of book manuscript, American Philosophical Society; Bedford/St. Martins; Edwin Mellen Press.

**COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

Director, Center for Communal Studies, 2008-present

- Established travel grant program for scholars to research in the Communal Studies Collection at USI's Rice Library
- Expanded archival holding on intentional communities
- Conducted student paper contest
- Sponsored public lectures
- Responded to research queries

Member, Faculty Board of Advisers, Historic Southern Indiana, 2008-present.

Member, Council of Chairs and Directors, University of Southern Indiana, 2008-present.

Panelist, “What I Wish I Had Known,” University of Southern Indiana new faculty orientation, August 2009.

Member, History Department Committee to propose a possible master’s program in history, 2008-09.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Judge, We the People Competition, Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation, 2008.

Presenter, Bennion Teachers’ Workshop, “The Utah War: Teaching Controversial

Subjects,” week-long workshop for public school teachers at the Mountain West Center, Utah State University, August 2007.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Young Scholars in American Religion, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2009-2011.

Co-Instructor with Terryl Givens, graduate student seminar, "Parley and Orson Pratt and Nineteenth-Century Mormon Thought," summer 2009, sponsored by the Mormon Scholars Foundation and hosted at Brigham Young University.

Research Assistant in Documentary Editing, Joseph Smith Papers Project, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History, Summer 2003.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

American Society for Church History  
Mormon History Association  
Communal Studies Association  
Society for Utopian Studies  
Federation for Intentional Community

**REFERENCES:**

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John T. McGreevy, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters and Professor of History, University of Notre Dame, (574) 631-6642, [mcgreevy.5@nd.edu](mailto:mcgreevy.5@nd.edu)

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