



Book of Mormon Studies Association

Annual Conference | October 5-7, 2023 | USU Conference Center

Thursday, October 5

Pre-Conference Panel & Book Display 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Church History Library, Salt Lake City

- Robert Messick (Independent Scholar) – “The Book of Mormon Census Project: In Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary”
- Rachel Meibos Helps (Brigham Young University) – “What Wikipedia Can Do for Book of Mormon Studies”
- Robin Jensen and Joan Nay (LDS Church History Library) – “Panel: Book of Mormon Translation Editions”

Leonard J. Arrington Mormon History Lecture
Russell/Wanlass Performance Hall, USU, 7:00 pm

- Jared Farmer (University of Pennsylvania) – “Music and the Unspoken Truth”

Friday, October 6

Plenary Session: Keynote Panel, 9:45 – 10:45 am

- Farina King (University of Oklahoma) & Michael Ing (Indiana University) – “‘Written to the Lamanites’: Implications of Discourses on Indigeneity from the Book of Mormon”

Concurrent Sessions, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Room 1

- Elizabeth Fenton (University of Vermont) – “Scripture Unbound: Why the Book of Mormon’s Binding Matters”
- Jared Hickman (Johns Hopkins University) – “‘Written to the Lamanites’: Cataloguing, Categorizing, and Contextualizing the Earliest Indigenous Reception of The Book of Mormon”

Room 2

- Rebecca Roesler (Brigham Young University–Idaho) – “Exploring ‘Refutational Texts’ about Wealth and Social Strata throughout the Book of Mormon, for a 21st Century Audience”
- Newell Wright (North Dakota State University) – “The Trial of Jesus Christ as Reflected in the Book of Mormon: A Typological Interpretation of Alma 14”

Concurrent Sessions, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Room 1

- Tyler Chadwick (Utah Valley University) – “Revising Babel, Redeeming Language: Against Word-work as Holy Standing”
- Don Bradley (Independent Scholar) – “Alma’s Hesychasm: The Book of Mormon as a Source Book for Latter-day Saint Contemplative Practice”

Room 2

- Julie Frederick (Independent Scholar) – “Pregnant/Mothers in the Book of Mormon”
- Kylie Nielson Turley (Brigham Young University) – “Enos, Not Enos: An Alternative Explanation for the Content and Style of Enos 1:20–23”

Concurrent Sessions, 3:45 pm – 5:15 pm

Room 1

- Jenny Champoux (Independent Scholar) – “Witnessing Scripture: C.C.A. Christensen’s Book of Mormon Paintings and the Shaping of Latter-day Saint Iconography”
- John Christopher Thomas (Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Bangor University) – “Implied Readers, the Bible, and the Book of Mormon: Soundings from Mosiah”

Room 2

- Doug Christensen (University of Utah) – “The Art of Self Making Through Writing in the Book of Mormon”
- Makoto Hunter (UC Santa Barbara) – “Genre Dysphoria and Trans Scripture”

Business Meeting, 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 7

Concurrent Sessions, 8:30am – 10:00 am

Room 1

- Michael Austin (University of Evansville, Snow College) – “Canon as Context in Book of Mormon Studies: A Fourth Way”
- Rosalynde Welch (Neal A. Maxwell Institute) – “‘Written for the Intent that Ye May Believe’: Gospels and Kerygma in the Book of Mormon”

Room 2

- Daniel Becerra (Brigham Young University) – “Moral Psychology and the Book of Mormon”
- John Hilton III (Brigham Young University) – “Jacob: A Statistically Distinctive Book of Mormon Author”

Plenary Session: Branches of the Restoration, 10:15 am – 11:45 am

- Kyle Beshears (Independent Scholar) – “‘Record My Words’: The Voree Plates as Book of Mormon Text”
- Christopher Blythe (Brigham Young University) – “Mormon Fundamentalism and the Book of Mormon”

Concurrent Sessions, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Room 1

- Jenny Webb (Bangor University) – “Wound as Window: Charismatic Light in Third Nephi”
- Brigham Barnes (Independent Scholar) – “Onetwo Moremens More: James Joyce and the Book of Mormon”

Room 2

- Michael J. Biggerstaff (Independent Scholar) – “Jesus as a Prophet in 3 Nephi”
- Jan Martin (Brigham Young University) – “Proletariat Rebellion and the Planned Execution of the Nephite Believers in 3 Nephi 1”

Concurrent Sessions, 3:45 pm – 5:15 pm

Room 1

- Joseph M. Spencer (Brigham Young University) – “On Women in the War Chapters: Morianton’s Maidservant”
- Kimberly Matheson (Neal A. Maxwell Institute) – “Purloined Letters, Stolen Signs: A Lacanian Reading of Helaman 1–2”

Room 2

- Nick Frederick (Brigham Young University) – “An Apocalypse without an Eschaton: The Book of Revelation in the Book of Mormon”
- Jeffrey G. Cannon (Neal A. Maxwell Institute) – “‘Multilingualism is Baie Nca’: The Vernacular Book of Mormon in South Africa”

Keynote Speaker, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

- Matthew L. Harris (Colorado State University) – “The Book of Mormon and Race: The Complicated Legacy of ‘White and Delightful’ and ‘All Are Alike Unto God’”

