

Preliminary Program

Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology 2016 Annual Meeting

Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah

Note: All plenary sessions and panels are held in B192 JFSB.

Thursday, October 13

1:30 p.m.

Welcome, Opening Plenary Session

David Paulsen, Brigham Young University (Chair: Noel Reynolds)
"Are Christians Mormon?"

3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB
Charles Harrell, Brigham Young University (Chair: Carl Cranney)
"Like Man . . . Almost"

B037 JFSB
Samuel Brown, University of Utah (Session Chair: Joseph Spencer)
"Mormonism's 'True Light' and the God of Classical Theism"

4:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB
Jacob Rennaker, Widtsoe Foundation (Session Chair: Avram Shannon)
"Created in the Image of a Creator: Toward a Mormon Theology of World-Making"

B037 JFSB
Joseph Lawal, Eastern Kentucky University (Chair: Ben Huff)
"Christ, Creativity, and Creatio Ex Nihilo: In Defense of Organization as Creative Act"

5:00 p.m.

Break for Dinner

7:30 p.m.

Plenary Session

Benjamin Huff, Randolph Macon College (Session Chair: Daniel Graham)
"Christ Our Savior and Christ Our Forerunner"

Friday, October 14

8:15 a.m.

Business Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB

Loyd Ericson, Greg Kofford Books (Chair: Joseph Spencer)

"Christ the Forerunner of Liberation: Challenges and Advantages in Constructing a Mormon Theology of Liberation"

270 TNRB

Carl Cranney, Catholic University of America (Chair: Jennifer Lane)

"Prolegomena to a Mormon Soteriology"

10:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB

Joseph M. Spencer, Brigham Young University (Chair: Andrew Smith)

"Cross and Shame: Theorizing a Book of Mormon Theme"

270 TNRB

Charles Randall Paul, Independent Scholar (Chair: Dan Wotherspoon)

"Our Worship-Worthy Divine-Human Leader: A Reverent Speculation on Joseph Smith's Divine Anthropology and Jesus Christ"

11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB

Jenny Webb, Independent Scholar (Chair: Nick Frederick)

"Behold These Things!: Hope and the Premortal Christ"

270 TNRB

Tyler Chadwick, Idaho State University (Chair: Andrew Smith)

"Breath, Language, Sacrament: Meditations on the Mormon Communal Meal"

12:00 p.m.

Break for Lunch

2:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB

Avram Shannon, Brigham Young University (Chair: Joseph Spencer)

"High Priest Over the House of God: Jesus, Anointings, and Temple Theology"

B037 JFSB

Keith Lane, Brigham Young University – Hawaii (Chair: Noel Reynolds)

"The Christ of the Film Makers and the Christ of Faith"

3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB

Jeremy Talmage, University of Utah (Chair: Avram Shannon)
"The Mormon Metaphysics of Spirit: A Revised Tripartite Model"

B037 JFSB

Noel Reynolds, Brigham Young University (Chair: Jenny Webb)
"On Doubting Nephi's Division between 1 and 2 Nephi"

4:00 p.m.

Plenary Panel

"On John Christopher Thomas's *A Pentecostal Reads the Book of Mormon*" (Chair: Joseph Spencer)

Michael Hubbard MacKay, Brigham Young University
Jenny Webb, Independent Scholar
Joseph M. Spencer, Brigham Young University
John Christopher Thomas, Pentecostal Theological Seminary and Bangor University

5:30 p.m.

Break for Dinner

7:30 p.m.

Reception at the Maxwell Institute

Saturday, October 15

9:00 a.m.

Plenary Session

Jennifer Lane, Brigham Young University – Hawaii (Chair: Ben Huff)
"Son of God, 'sons of God'"

10:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB

Jacob Baker, Independent Scholar (Chair: Troy Wynn)
"The Garden, the Cross, and the Vineyard: An Existential Mormon Christology"

B037 JFSB

Andrew Smith, Brigham Young University (Chair: Jenny Webb)
"'Manifesting Himself unto All Nations': Theological Ramifications of Godly Violence in the LDS Tradition"

11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB

Benji McMurray, University of Utah (Troy Wynn)
"Our Advocate with the Father"

B037 JFSB
Dan Wotherspoon, Independent Scholar (Chair: Jim McLachlan)
"How 'Low' Can Mormonism's Christology Go?"

12:00 p.m.
Break for Lunch

2:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB
Rico Martinez, Independent Scholar (Chair: Charles Harrell)
"Lost and Fallen: A History of Original Sin in Mormon Thought"

B037 JFSB
Nathan Arp, Independent Scholar (Chair: Randy Paul)
"The End We Endure For"

3:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions

B192 JFSB
Ryan Christensen, Brigham Young University (Chair: Randy Paul)
"Volitional Unity"

B037 JFSB
Troy Wynn, Independent Scholar (Chair: Ben Huff)
"Doctrine of the Fall of Man"

4:00 p.m.
Closing Plenary Panel

"On the Work of Stephen Webb" (Chair: Jim McLachlan)

David Paulsen, Brigham Young University
Charles Randall Paul, Independent Scholar
Blake Ostler, Independent Scholar