

Call for Papers

Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology

Annual Meeting

March 15-17, 2018

Utah State University

Logan, UT

Theme: “The Exaltation Revelations”

The Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology invites paper proposals on any aspect of Mormon belief, including its philosophical ramifications. We particularly encourage submissions on this year’s theme.

Many of the most distinctive Latter-day Saint teachings appear in a series of revelations received in 1832-33, and recorded in Doctrine and Covenants sections 76, 84, 88, and 93. Richard Bushman has called these the “exaltation revelations,” in reference to the state of the righteous in the celestial kingdom. These revelations clarify the nature and basis of salvation and exaltation, the order of the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthoods, the eternal nature of humankind, and the role of the church in the last days. While they draw continually on themes and language of the Bible, the exaltation revelations establish Mormonism as a dramatic departure from the prevailing Christian theology of the time.

Topics falling under this theme might include but are not limited to:

- visions and heavenly manifestations
- revelation and restoration
- Christ as the light of truth
- extent and power of the atonement
- resurrection of the just and unjust
- divine judgment and justice
- degrees of glory hereafter
- laws of the kingdoms of glory
- theosis or divinization
- preparation for Christ’s coming
- priesthood and ecclesial authority
- the school of the prophets
- humanity in the beginning with God
- elements as the tabernacle of God
- reproving the world
- sanctifying the earth
- Zion, brought “from beneath” and “from above” (D&C 84:100)

Submission deadline: January 15, 2018

Submission details on reverse

Submission Information

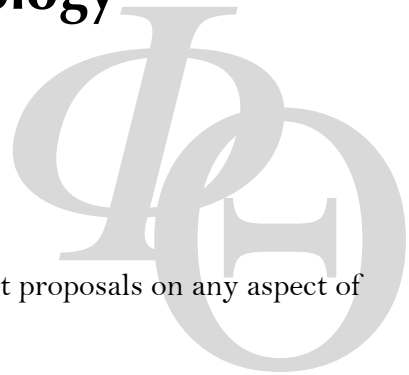
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Papers on the conference theme are particularly encouraged, but proposals on any aspect of Mormon belief will receive full consideration.

Authors may submit either (a) a full paper, or (b) an abstract:

(a) Papers should be suitable for a reading time of 25–30 minutes (3500 words maximum).

(b) An abstract should be 400–600 words in length, and should include both a working thesis and an outline of the reasoning to support it. Descriptions of the topic or methods of the paper are relevant, but not complete by themselves.

Please send submissions in PDF, RTF, or MS Word format, to SMPT Secretary Dan Wotherspoon at <dan.wotherspoon@me.com>, by email attachment. The email should include the author's full name, contact information, and institutional affiliation (if any), and title and word count for the paper or abstract.

Presenters are not required to be members of SMPT, or of the LDS church. The Society welcomes submissions by students. Students should indicate their student status in the submission email.

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Authors will be notified of acceptance in early February.

For more information, visit our web site at www.smpt.org, or contact SMPT Secretary Dan Wotherspoon at <dan.wotherspoon@me.com>, or Vice President Benjamin Huff at <benjaminhuff@rmc.edu>.



The Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology promotes disciplined reflection on Latter-day Saint beliefs, including constructive engagement with the broader traditions of philosophy and theology. All of the Society's publications, conferences, and other forums for discussion demonstrate respect for both the commitments of faith and the standards of scholarship.