Mormonism in Cultural Contexts

A Symposium in Honor of

Richard Lyman Bushman

On the Occasion of His Eightieth Birthday

June 18, 2011
Springville Museum of Art
Springville, Utah

Free & Open to the Public

8 AM-5PM

Speakers Include

Terryl Givens
Phil Barlow
Armand Mauss
David Whittaker
Patrick Mason
### 8:00-9:00 AM * Opening Plenary Session * Grand Gallery

*Joseph Smith, Romanticism, and Tragic Creation*

*Terry L. Givens* • Professor of Literature and Religion, James A. Bostwick Chair of English, University of Richmond

### 9:10-10:10 AM * Concurrent Sessions

**Grand Gallery**

Rethinking Retrenchment: Course Corrections in the Ongoing Campaign for Respectability

*Armand L. Mauss* • Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Religious Studies, Washington State University

The British Colonization of Mormonism

*David J. Whittaker* • Senior Librarian and Curator of Mormon and Western Americana, Brigham Young University

**Youth Gallery**

The Third Convention, 1936-1946: Joseph Smith, Juan Diego, and Mormon Ideas of Mexican Exceptionalism

*Elisa E. Pulido* • PhD Student, Claremont Graduate University

Mormonism's Middle Way

*Tona J. Hangen* • Assistant Professor of US History, Worcester State University

### 10:20-11:20 AM * Concurrent Sessions

**Grand Gallery**

"The Wars and the Perplexities of the Nations": Reflections on Mormonism, Violence, and the State

*Patrick Q. Mason* • Howard W. Hunter Associate Professor of Mormon Studies, Claremont Graduate University

Catholic-Mormon Dialogue: Ecumenical, Inter-Religious, or What?

*Donald Westbrook* • PhD Student, Claremont Graduate University

**Youth Gallery**

God, the World, and the Long Journey to Divinity: Mormonism, Idealism, and Romanticism

*James McLachlan* • Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Western Carolina University

Mormonism, Enlightenment, and Millennial Peace

*Benjamin Huff* • Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Randolph-Macon College

### 11:30 AM-12:30 PM * Concurrent Sessions

**Grand Gallery**

Zion in Exile: Mormonism's Integration of Separatism and Inclusivism

*Mark Ashurst-McGee* • Research Historian & Documentary Editor, Joseph Smith Papers, Church History Library

Who Holds the Keys to Eternal Life?: The Radical Answer of Joseph Smith, Jr.

*Charles Randall Paul, Ph.D.* • President, Foundation for Religious Diplomacy

**Youth Gallery**

On Mormon Thought and Its Context(s): Joseph Smith, Thomas Dick, and the Tricky Task of Determining Influence

*Benjamin E. Park* • MPhil Student, Political Thought and Intellectual History, University of Cambridge

Joseph Smith as Philosopher King: Early Mormonism and Late Neoplatonism

*Stephen J. Fleming* • Graduate Student, University of California, Santa Barbara

### 12:40-1:20 PM * Break for Lunch

**Luncheon for Presenters and Invited Guests, Jerald Jacobs Atrium**

Remarks by *Claudia Lauper Bushman*

### 1:30-2:20 PM * Concurrent Sessions

**Grand Gallery**

Early Mormon Approaches to the Past

*Jordan Watkins* • PhD Student, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Richard Lyman Bushman’s Historical Thinking in Context

*Stuart Parker* • Postdoctoral Fellow, BYU, Social Sciences and Humanities research Council of Canada

**Youth Gallery**

LDS Understandings of Religious Freedom: Responding to the Shifting Cultural Pendulum

*Mauro Prosperzi* • Visiting Professor of Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University

Jacksonian Democracy and the Spirit of Mormonism

*Lynita K. Newswander* • Adjunct Faculty of Political Science, University of South Dakota

& *Lee Trepanier* • Associate Professor of Political Science, Saginaw Valley State University

### 2:30-3:30 PM * Concurrent Sessions

**Grand Gallery**

Joseph Smith’s Restoration as a Postmodern Work of Art

*Ian Fowles* • PhD Student, Claremont Graduate University

Of Dung, Diamonds, and Plain and Precious Truths: Biblical Editing of Thomas Jefferson and Joseph Smith

*Kurt Graham* • Director, Church History Museum

The LDS Notion of Zion and Teilhardian Thought

*Stephen R. White* • Associate Professor, Appalachian State

& *Jonathan R. Nichols* • Graduate Student, Appalachian State

**Youth Gallery**

The Language of Heaven

*Sam Brown* • Assistant Professor, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, University of Utah School of Medicine

Joseph Smith and John Milton: Affinities, Infinites

*Rosalynde Welch* • Managing Editor, *The Mormon Review*

### 3:40-4:50 PM * Concluding Plenary Session * Grand Gallery

The Fragmentation of Reality: Joseph Smith’s Radical Remedy

*Philip L. Barlow* • Leonard J. Arrington Professor of Mormon History & Culture, Utah State University

After the Golden Age

*Richard Lyman Bushman*