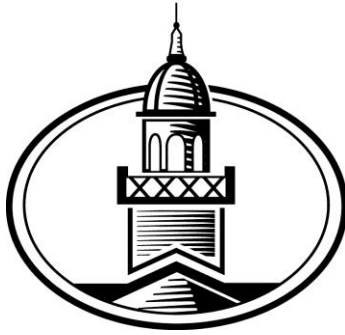


WELCOME TO KIRTLAND!



FRIDAY 9 MAY 2014

OPENING POTLUCK SOCIAL 6:00 - 8:00 PM

AT THE

Kirtland Temple Visitor Center
7809 Joseph Street
Kirtland, OH

We'll meet in the classroom of the visitor center for a potluck meal and socializing with other conference attendees.

Please bring delicious treats to share—entrees, salads, side dishes, or desserts. Conference organizers will provide plates, cups, utensils, and napkins.

Room: Visitor Center

SATURDAY 10 MAY 2014

Kirtland Temple Visitor Center
7809 Joseph Street
Kirtland, OH

Onsite registration will open at 8:30 am in the hall outside the Visitor Center meeting rooms.

Be sure to check out the great selection of **SILENT AUCTION** items in the lobby—including Mormon Studies books, Sunstone merchandise, T shirts, and the chance to ring the Kirtland Temple bell on Sunday morning!

The **SILENT AUCTION** will be open for bids Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:45 pm—before the last session. Bidders can pay for and collect their winning items at the Registration desk after the final session concludes at 6:45 pm.

SATURDAY SESSIONS

9:00—9:20 AM

1. Opening Devotional: There is no “I” in CHURCH by Russ Osmond.

Room: CHAPEL

OPENING KEYNOTE SESSION

9:30—10:55 AM

2. Looking Past the Prophet to Re-envision Early Mormon History

Since 1948, when Fawn Brodie's *No Man Knows My History* made Joseph Smith's story the central element in academic accounts of Mormon beginnings, both LDS and non-Mormon authors have described LDS beginnings as a new religious movement (NRM) with a charismatic leader. In this address, Jan Shipps will return to the Kirtland part of the early Mormon story and consider the place of the Book of Mormon in this part of Mormonism as a NRM.

JAN SHIPPS is an American historian specializing in Mormon History, particularly in the latter half of the 20th century to the present. Shipps is generally regarded as the foremost non-Mormon scholar of the Latter Day Saint movement.

Chair: DAVID HOWLETT

Room: CLASSROOM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:05 AM—12:00 PM

3. Development of Dissent in the Quorum of Apostles at Kirtland

This presentation will examine the success of the early Mormon missionary efforts from Kirtland and the dedicated efforts which qualified twelve men to be called to serve as the first twelve apostles in the Mormon Church. The conflicting jurisdiction of the apostles and the high council will be examined along with early attacks on the apostles by hierarchical authorities. The failure of the Kirtland Safety Society Anti-Banking Society and the concern over Joseph Smith's ecclesiastical leadership set the stage for serious dissent among the Quorum of Apostles at Kirtland. Apostles Luke Johnson and John F. Boynton were excommunicated at Kirtland in late 1837. The following year, Apostles Lyman E. Johnson, William E. McLellin and Thomas B. Marsh were excommunicated at Far West, Missouri.

WILLIAM SHEPARD is a past president of the John Whitmer Historical Association. He has published in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, *The John Whitmer Historical Association*, and *Journal of Mormon History*. Of Strangite heritage, he has extensively studied James J. Strang's settlement at Voree [Burlington], Wisconsin and Nauvoo history. With H. Michael Marquardt he has written *Lost Apostles: Forgotten Members of Mormonism's original Quorum of Twelve* which is in the process of being released by Signature Books.

Chair: THOMAS KIMBALL

Room: CLASSROOM

4. Being Color Blind to Faith: Which Died First: Organic Religion or "Organized Religion's" Definition of Being Religious?

My "faith" is almost never "your faith" and *that* is normal: it is equal to what Hegel called the "thesis." The Hegelian "anti-thesis" is the source of the conflict that drives folks in all faiths into what in the LDS world is sometimes referred to as "the Borderlands." But, as Hegel declares, there is a "Syn-thesis." This session explores an explanatory universal behavioral model that builds the bridge to this Hegelian "Syn-thesis" and invites the folks in the "borderlands" to become an experience of the past.

RUSS OSMOND was stolen from a Salt Lake City hospital just weeks before Truman dropped the first atomic bomb and did not legally exist until he was 11. A quiet contrarian and ponderer of human behavior, Russ has applied his "osmochops" to careers as an academic, a religious, a capitalist, a Keynoter/Seminar Leader, and is now a "see-er."

Chair: _____

Room: CHAPEL

12:15 —1:15 PM

5. Mormons, Unitarians, the Community of Christ, and an Intern

Jessica Kimball spent her first summer away from her Utah home as a history intern for the Community of Christ in historic Nauvoo, Illinois. Self-identifying as a Unitarian, spending a whole summer living in a historic home, offering tours to mostly Utah Mormons through the Joseph Smith family properties and the Red Brick Store was scary, illuminating, and heartwarming—even when old men were calling her to repentance.

RESPONDENT: Jessica's dad, TOM KIMBALL, will speak about the relevance and importance of standing on, taking in, and thus making sacred the places we research, write, and publish about.

JESSICA KIMBALL bridged from the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society in Salt Lake City and is now doing course work toward a degree in medicine at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah. Jessica is just starting a summer internship in Kirtland, Ohio offering tours through the Restoration's first temple.

TOM KIMBALL is vice president of the board of trustees for the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society. He is the marketing director for Signature Books and the book review editor for SUNSTONE Magazine. Tom considers himself to be a practicing Mormon Unitarian Atheist.

Chair: WILLIAM SHEPARD

Room: CLASSROOM

6. Tending *The Garden of Enid*; or, My Secret Life as a Weird Mormon Girl

The Garden of Enid is a web comic that explores the day-to-day life and imagination of Enid Gardner, a fifteen-

year-old Mormon girl. My presentation provides an overview of the comic's origins, characters, and themes. It also addresses my experiences writing and drawing the comic, including my thoughts on fan reactions to it.

SCOTT HALES writes and draws the web comic *The Garden of Enid: Adventures of a Weird Mormon Girl* (www.thegardenofenid.tumblr.com). He is a recent graduate of the doctoral program in English at the University of Cincinnati. He also blogs about Mormon literature and culture at *The Low-Tech World: Exploring Mormon Literature, Dawning of a Brighter Day, A Motley Vision*, and *Modern Mormon Men*. He lives with his wife and four daughters near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chair: KERRY NORMAN

Room: CHAPEL

LUNCH BREAK 1:15 – 3:15 pm

There are several restaurants and sandwich shops along Chillicothe Rd in Kirtland or a short drive to the north in Willoughby and Mentor, OH. (See a list of eateries on the last page of the program).

A Kirtland Temple tour has been arranged for conference attendees starting at **1:30 pm** and lasts approximately one hour.

A \$3 preservation fee (not included in registration) is payable at the Visitor Center info desk, where you will meet your tour guide.

Be sure to return in time for our afternoon sessions!

3:15—4:15 PM

7. She Said/He Said: Examining Women's Ordination

We've assembled a panel of women and men to engage the question of women's ordination in Mormonism. What are the benefits of women's ordination as each side sees them? What are the hurdles? Are the biggest obstacles theological or social in nature? Where does your opinion fall on the spectrum?

CHRISTY ELLIS-CLEGG graduated from the University of Utah with a BA in psychology and a MA in social work. She is a committee member of Ordain Women and has a profile posted at ORDAINWOMEN.ORG.

AARON TAYLOR is a blogger whose favorite topic is any type of data related to Mormonism. In his day job, he also works with data, but it's much less interesting.

MICHAEL STEVENS is a professor of organizational behavior at Weber State University.

MARY ELLEN ROBERTSON has an MA in women's studies in religion from Claremont Graduate University and is the director of outreach and symposia for Sunstone Education Foundation. She has a profile posted at ORDAINWOMEN.ORG.

Chair: _____

Room: CLASSROOM

4:30—5:30 PM

8. Still the One: Differentiation and Intimacy after a Spouse's Change of Faith

John and Ruth Halstead will discuss how John's decision to leave the LDS Church and Ruth's decision to stay affected their marriage, their family life, and their children. They will discuss how they are trying to integrate John's new faith, Paganism, with Ruth's Mormonism, and how they are choosing to raise their children while also making room for them to find their own spiritual paths. They will draw on the concepts of differentiation and intimacy from family systems theory, which have helped them navigate these sensitive topics. While acknowledging the difficulty of their struggle, John and Ruth intend to give hope to other couples who experience faith changes.

JOHN AND RUTH HALSTEAD have been married for 16 years and have two children, ages 15 and 11. John is an attorney, Pagan blogger, and attends the Unitarian church. Ruth is a marriage and family therapist and participates in the LDS community.

Chair: RUSS OSMOND

Room: CLASSROOM

9. Exploring the Gospel Topics Essays on LDS.org

In 2013, the Church began posting a series of essays on LDS.org on various Gospel Topics as a way to more fully explore aspects of Church history and cultural issues. Panelists will explore what impact these essays are having. What role do these documents serve? Who is their intended audience and are they reaching it? What new information do these essays introduce? What older information or cultural training do they refute? What other topics are likely to be covered—and which topics would be on your short list?

DAVID HOWLETT is a visiting assistant professor of religion at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. He specializes in American religious history and regularly teaches a course on Mormon history and culture. His first book, *Kirtland Temple: The Biography of a Shared Mormon Sacred Space* will come out in June with the University of Illinois Press.

THOMAS KIMBALL is the marketing director for Signature Books and the book review editor for SUNSTONE Magazine.

CHERYL MCGUIRE earned a degree in Near Eastern Studies from the University of Michigan, with a concentration in ancient civilizations and biblical studies. She is on the board of the Michigan Center for Early Christian Studies.

STEPHEN TAYSOM earned a PhD in the history of religion from Indiana University. He is an associate professor of philosophy and comparative religion at Cleveland State University and is writing a scholarly biography of Joseph F. Smith.

Chair: KEITH NORMAN

Room: CLASSROOM

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PLACES TO EAT

There are several restaurants and sandwich shops along Chillicothe Rd in Kirtland or a short drive to the north in Willoughby and Mentor, OH. (See a list of eateries on the last page of the program).

We recommend Biga Wood Fired Pizzeria, located at 9145 Chillicothe Rd, Kirtland, OH 44094 (440) 379-7313 <http://bigapizzeria.net>

Hours:

Thursday 5:00–9:00 pm
Friday 5:00–10:00 pm
Saturday 5:00–10:00 pm
Sunday 4:00–8:00 pm

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SUNDAY 11 MAY 2014

Worship Service honoring Mother's Day

Kirtland Temple

8:00 am – 9:30 am

Featured speakers include Anne Romig, Ganie
DeHart, Christy Ellis-Clegg

Music by Kerry Norman and David Cool

10:00 AM

LDS Church Services at the Kirtland Ward, located
at 8751 Kirtland Road, Kirtland, OH 44094
440-256-8808.

11:00 AM

Community of Christ services at the church located
at 9017 Chillicothe, Kirtland, Ohio 44094, 440-
256-8338.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEMPLE TOURS

Afternoon tours of the Kirtland Temple begin at
1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 pm.

Other local LDS historical sites are open on Sunday.
Call 440-256-980 for details. Or see visitor
information: <https://www.lds.org/locations/historic-kirtland-visitors-center>

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Places to eat near the Temple and Visitor Center:

Subway

9264 Chillicothe Rd, Kirtland, OH 0.5 mi SE
(440) 256-7827

Kirtland Diner

9183 Chillicothe Rd, Kirtland, OH 0.3 mi SE
(440) 256-1905

The Wrap Shack & Pizzeria

9209 Chillicothe Rd, Kirtland, OH 0.4 mi SE
(440) 256-5600

Panera Bread

7357 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH 2.0 mi NW
[Points East Shopping Center](#)
(440) 975-9022 · panerabread.com

Willoughby Brewing Company

4057 Erie St, Willoughby, OH 2.5 mi NW
(440) 975-0202 · willoughbybrewing.com

Kirtland Temple

9020 Chillicothe Rd, Kirtland, OH
(440) 256-3318 · kirtlandtemple.org

Kirtland Temple Visitor Center

7809 Joseph St, Kirtland, OH
(440) 256-1830

