

Joseph Smith Papers Conference

October 26, 2018 | Church History Museum

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30–10:00 a.m.

Panel 1: Scriptural Translation and Reception in the Early Mormon Experience

Chair:

Brittany Chapman Nash, Independent Historian

Papers:

“Embracing the Book: The Material Record and Early Book of Mormon Reception”

Janiece Johnson, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, Brigham Young University

“‘Able to Translate Any Where in the Bible’: Translation and the Early Saints”

Sherilyn Farnes, Texas Christian University

“The Dynamics of Revelatory Translation in Early Mormonism: The Book of Abraham as a Case Study”

Stephen O. Smoot, Book of Mormon Central

10:15–11:45 a.m.

Panel 2: Methods of Translation

Chair:

Kaitlyn Pieper, LDS Church and Brigham Young University

Papers:

“The Book of Mormon Translation Process: Four Theories”

Brian C. Hales, Independent Historian

“Translation as Expansion: The Method of Joseph Smith’s Revision of Genesis in Moses 1 and 7 and Its Implications for Understanding ‘Translation’”

Colby Townsend, Utah State University

“Hieratic Addling: What Comparing the Grammar and Alphabet of the Egyptian Language to Early Book of Abraham Manuscripts Can Tell Us about Translation Methods”

Kerry Muhlestein, Brigham Young University

“He Hath Prepared Means for the Interpretation Thereof: Illuminating Joseph Smith’s Translation Methods through the Experiences of Modern Scripture Translators”

Tod Harris, Sacred Materials Translation, LDS Church

12:00–1:15 p.m.

Lunch

A Conversation on the Joseph Smith Papers Revelations and Translations Series with Robin Scott Jensen

1:30–3:00 p.m.

Panel 3: Joseph Smith, the Egyptian Project, and the Pearl of Great Price

Chair:

Sharon E. Nielsen, LDS Church History Department

Papers:

“Abraham 1:1–3 and the Prophet Joseph Smith as Translator”

Daniel McClellan, LDS Church and University of Exeter

“Hieroglyphs and Cosmic Harmony: New Views on Joseph Smith’s Egyptian Project”

Samuel Morris Brown, University of Utah

“Translation, Creation, and Revelation: Implications of Textual Differences in the Pearl of Great Price”

Ben Spackman, Claremont Graduate University

3:15–4:45 p.m.

Panel 4: Book of Abraham Insights

Chair:

Christopher J. Blythe, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, Brigham Young University

Papers:

“The Irresistible Contributions of W. W. Phelps to the Translation and Publication of the Book of Abraham”

Bruce Van Orden, Brigham Young University

“Whatever Happened to Zeptah? Ancient and Anachronistic Nomenclature, Textual Revision, and Joseph Smith’s Production of the Book of Abraham”

Ian Barber, University of Otago and Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah

“Joseph Smith’s Use of Hebrew in His Translation of the Book of Abraham”

Matthew Grey, Brigham Young University

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