

Economies & Humanities

Mormon Scholars in the Humanities
Sixth Annual Conference

Southern Virginia University
May 18–19, 2012

Friday, May 18

8:30 a.m., Breakfast in the Dining Hall

9:30 a.m., Welcome by Richard G. Whitehead, Acting President of Southern Virginia University, and John M. Armstrong, President of Mormon Scholars in the Humanities (Main Hall Ballroom)

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. *Plenary Session*

SESSION A: Work & Play (Ballroom)

Chair: Terryl Givens (University of Richmond)

Madison Sowell (Southern Virginia University), “Primo Levi and the (Im)morality of Work”

David Grandy (Brigham Young University), “The Economy of Play: A Peekaboo Universe”

Brittany Chapman (LDS Church History Department), “No Greater Joy We Ask’: Ruth May Fox and Mormon Ideals of Industry”

12:00 p.m., Lunch in the Dining Hall

1:30–3:30 p.m. *Concurrent Sessions*

SESSION B: Neighborliness & Scarcity (Hilltop)

Chair: Jeremiah John (Southern Virginia University)

Alan Goff (DeVry University—Phoenix), “Economies of Grace: Scarcity in the Bible and the Book of Mormon”

Charles Baclawski (Arkansas State University), “The Economy of Neighborliness and Mormonism”

Kirk Caudle (Marylhurst University), “Paul, the Household, and Finding a Sense of Community in 1 Thessalonians”

SESSION C: Materialism & Seeing (Stonemetz)

Chair: David Paxman (Brigham Young University)

Jacob Baker (Claremont Graduate University), “Madness in Vision’: Knowing as Seeing in Mormonism and the Baroque”

William Silverman (Southern Virginia University), “Nurse and Feeder of the Other Four’: Taste and the Economy of the Senses in Early Modern England”

Adam Miller (Collin College), “Every Truth Is a Work, Every Object Is a Covenant”

4:00–6:00 p.m. *Concurrent Sessions*

SESSION D: Capitalism & Morality (Hilltop)

Chair: Nathan Oman (College of William and Mary)

Kary Smout (Washington and Lee University), “If You Count It, You Kill It: The Dangers of Numerical Abstraction”

David Gore (University of Minnesota—Duluth), “God and Religion in Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*”

Michael Kelly (Brigham Young University), “Foundational Principles of Material and Spiritual Economies in Dostoevsky’s Art and Thought”

SESSION E: Gender, Housework, & Myth (Stonemetz)

Chair: George Handley (Brigham Young University)

Kristine Haglund (Independent Scholar), “Making Home: Material and Mythic Constructions of Housewifery in the Latter-day Saint Young Women’s Curriculum”

Carl Cranney (The Catholic University of America), “Housework as Sacrament: Initial Thoughts on Providing for Our Own Households of Faith”

Ned Williams and Scott Hyde (Brigham Young University—Hawaii), “Myth, Gender, and Culture in the Classroom of LDS International Students”

6:15 p.m., Dinner in the Ballroom

7:30 p.m., Keynote Address, Darrick Hamilton (The New School), “Data, Discourse, and Colorism” (Ballroom)

Saturday, May 19

9:00 a.m., Breakfast and Business Meeting, Dining Hall

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

SESSION F: Humanities & Liberal Education (Stonemetz)

Chair: Kelly Sorensen (Ursinus College)

Kathryn Soper (Independent Scholar), “On Literary Leadership and the Business of Humanity”

Benjamin Huff (Randolph-Macon College), “Liberal Education and American Decline: Prospects for Reversal”

David Isaksen (Brigham Young University), “Catch the Vision!: The Unique Position of the Humanities in an Information Economy”

SESSION G: Film & Community (Ballroom)

Chair: Kary Smout (Washington and Lee University)

Joseph Spencer (University of New Mexico), “Mormons, Films, Scriptures”

Matthew Bowman (Hampden-Sydney College), “Fumbling Toward Zion: The Book of Mormon Movie and the Art of Scriptural Narrative”

Rachael Givens (Independent Scholar), “The Household of Faith and the Problem of Culture”

SESSION H: Scripture, Romney, & Literature (Hilltop)

Chair: Sandra Kirk-Rodgers (Southern Virginia University)

Randall Cluff (Southern Virginia University), “The Inspired Economy of the Articles of Faith”

Ben Crosby (Iowa State University), “All Apology: The Undiscovered Political Economy of Mormon Narrative”

Peter Eubanks (James Madison University), “Defending the Study of Literature in Hard Economic Times: A Latter-day Saint Perspective”

12:00 p.m., Lunch in the Dining Hall

1:00–3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

SESSION I: Humanity & Economy (Ballroom)

Chair: Alan Goff (DeVry University—Phoenix)

James Faulconer (Brigham Young University), “Religion and the Economy of Technology”

David Paxman (Brigham Young University, Emeritus), “Between a Rock and a Soft Place: Materialist Literary Criticism”

Jonathon Penny (United Arab Emirates University), “What Price Poetry? Ethics, Aesthetics, and Anesthesia at the Intersection of Literature and Belief”

SESSION J: Individualism & Zion (Stonemetz)

Chair: David Gore (University of Minnesota—Duluth)

Jesse Houchens (Ohio University), “Faith and Rational Decisions”

Robert Couch (Willamette University) and Alan Hurst (Independent Scholar), “The Atomic Family: Mormonism’s Response to Market Individualism”

Nathaniel Givens (Independent Scholar), “ATMs in Zion? Economics and Ethics in an Enoch Society”

3:30–5:45 p.m. Plenary Session

SESSION K: Nature & Significance (Ballroom)

Chair: John Armstrong (Southern Virginia University)

Meet the Artist: Doug Himes (Southern Virginia University)

George Handley (Brigham Young University), “The Economy of the Creation”

Kaila Brown (Duke University), “‘Depths of the Sea’: The Unique Place for Thinking ‘Bodies of Water’ and Mormonism”

Bruce Jorgensen (Brigham Young University), “An Immense View of the Sea’ in Gina Berriault’s ‘The Cove’”

6:00 p.m., Dinner on your own in Buena Vista or Lexington