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DEMystIFYING JOSEPH SMITH: NEW INSIGHTS FROM HIS LEGAL TRIALS

During 2005, F. Ross Boundy took a leave of

absence from his law practice to assist in teaching

to a course entitled, “Joseph Smith & the Law” at the

BYU Law School, as an adjunct to ongoing

research on the Joseph Smith Papers Project.

Presenter F. ROSS BOUNDY, senior patent trial attorney with

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP.

9:45 aM–11:00 aM

GOING “OFF SCrIPt”: NON-TRAditionAl LDS FaMILIES

A growing number of LDS families don’t fit the tradi-
tional mold. Panelists discuss how they approach

departures from tradition and navigate single

parenthood, childrearing, cultural differences, and

blending faith traditions.

Presenters LEE WHITE, TRACY MCKAY, and other panelists to

be announced.

11:15 AM–12:15 PM

“APOSTATES FOR A REASON”: POLLY AIRD’S

MORMON CONVERT, MORMON DEFECTOR: A SCOTTISH IMMIGRANT IN THE AMERICAN

WEST, 1848-1861

Mormon convert Peter McAuslan emigrated from

Scotland in 1854. After arriving in Utah, Mormons

experienced natural disasters, a reformation, the

Mountain Meadows massacre, and the arrival of

the army. These violent events and the insistence

on absolute obedience to church leaders tore at

McAuslan’s faith. Having become dissenters and

fearful for their lives, his family left Utah under the

protection of an army escort. McAuslan never lost

his regard for the Mormon people; it was the

leaders, he believed, who had not followed the

highest precepts of their religion.

Presenters POLLY AIRD, independent historian; member,

editorial board, Journal of Mormon History; author of several award-winning articles and co-editor of

the forthcoming Playing with Shadows: Voices of Dissent in the Mormon West.

LEVI PETERSON, retired professor of English; former editor of Dialogue and author of two collections of short

stories, two novels, a biography, and an autobiography.

JONATHAN STAPLEY received a doctorate from Purdue

University; works with a firm that is industrializing his

graduate research; independent historian, serving on the

title of the Journal of Mormon History.

Lunch

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and on the pre-registration form. To have a box lunch at

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   ciabatta with jalapeno cream cheese, lettuce, tomato & red onion.

2. CHIPOTLE CHICKEN SANDWICH. Chicken breast, avocado,

   pepper jack cheese on a baguette with chipotle mayo, roasted red

   and yellow peppers, lettuce & onion.

3. TOMATO MOZARELLA AVOCADO SANDWICH. On whole

   wheat ciabatta with pesto mayo, lettuce & balsamic vinaigrette.

4. ASIAN CHICKEN WRAP. Marinated chicken, red & green

   cabbage, carrot, green onion, ramen, sesame seeds, almonds &

   cashews in a red roma tortilla with Chinese dressing.

5. RANCH CHICKEN PITA. Chicken breast, crisp bacon, cheddar

   cheese, romaine lettuce, and ranch dressing on pita bread.

1:45 PM–2:45 PM

MAKING WAVES: PAST AND PRESENT APPROACHES TO MORMON FEMINISM AND ACTIVISM

Panelists discuss the trajectories they have observed in

Mormon feminism/activism over the years, starting with

e-mail discussion lists of the 1990s, the emergence of

blogs and social media tools, and the current efforts of

LDS WAVE to engage a new generation in advocacy.

Presenters HOLLY WELKER, WENDY REYNOLDS, JANELLE REYNOLDS, JANET GARRARD-WILLIS, and JENNE ALDERKKS

3:00 PM–4:15 PM

PANEL: LDS CHURCH AND NEW MEDIA

The LDS Church has been the subject of much media

scrutiny of late. With the attention has come some not-so-

ideal PR, including backlash from California’s Prop 8 and

survey results indicating many identify Mormons with

polygamy (if they know anything about Mormons at all). Panelists discuss the LDS Church’s use of new

media and advertising to share the gospel, correct

misconceptions, and improve the Church’s image.

Presenters HOLLY WELKER, STEVE EVANS, and other panelists TBA.

4:30 PM–5:30 PM

THE DEVELOPMENT OF LDS TEMPLE WORSHIP, 1846-2000: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY

Since 1846 when the first LDS temple with private

rituals was completed in Nauvoo, much has changed

regarding the ceremonies, policies, and practices.

Church leaders puzzled over how to handle various

situations and theological and temporal implications.

Hear the story behind the story from the historical

records collected in this documentary history.

Presenters DEVERY S. ANDERSON is co-editor of Joseph

Smith’s Quorum of the Anointed, 1842-1845 and The

Nauvoo Endowment Companies, 1845-1846, which

won MHA’s 2006 Best Documentary Book Award.

5:45 PM–7:00 PM

MEDITATION FOR MORMONS

At its core, Mormonism is a mystical tradition, and

meditation practices appropriately pursued can help

each of us become more aware of the mystical

dimensions of our faith. John will suggest practical

steps in developing a meditative practice consistent

with the restored gospel.

Presenters JOHN KESLER was the director of the official

meditation center for the 2002 Winter Olympics in

Salt Lake and is a founding teacher at the Integral

Meditation Center. John has served as bishop and in

several bishoprics and is a practicing attorney.

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