PRESENTER INFO:

D. Michael Quinn (PhD, history, Yale University) is an affiliated scholar at the University of Southern California's Center for Feminist Research. He has been a full-time researcher and writer, a professor of history at Brigham Young University, and a visiting professor of history (2002–03) at Yale. His accolades include Best Book awards from the American Historical Association and the Mormon History Association.

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Kevin Christensen has published in *Dialogue, Sunstone,* the *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies* , the *FARMS Review, FARMS Occasional Papers* , *Interpreter, Glimpses of Lehi's Jerusalem,* and—in collaboration with Margaret Barker—an essay in *Joseph Smith Jr.: Reappraisals after Two Centuries* from Oxford University Press.

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Benjamin Knoll is an Assistant Professor of Politics at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky and has degrees from Utah State University and the University of Iowa. His research interests include studying the intersection of race, religion, and American politics. He is also currently a regular blogging contributor to *The Huffington Post* and *Rational Faiths.*

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Rick Grunder has a bachelor's and master's degree in history from BYU, where he served as the first chairman of the Harold B. Lee Library Bibliographic Department. In 1981, he left to form his own antiquarian bookselling business. It has specialized in early Mormonism for 35 years. He is the author of Mormon Parallels: A Bibliographic Source.

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John C. Hamer grew up in the LDS Church and now serves as pastor (or presiding elder) of the downtown Toronto congregation of his church. A past president of the John Whitmer Historical Association, John is co-author of *Community of Christ: An Illustrated History.*

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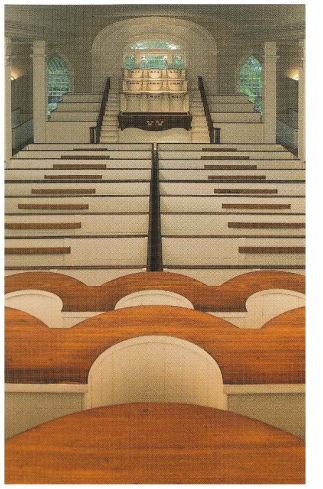
Jana Riess holds degrees in religion from Wellesley College and Princeton Theological Seminary, and a PhD in American religious history from Columbia University. She speaks often to media about issues pertaining to religion in America.

Fara Anderson Sneddon has an MA in English from Brigham Young University and has completed PhD coursework in multicultural American literature at the University of Georgia. Fara has worked on the *Saul Bellow Journal* and the *Langston Hughes Review* . She was publisher of the *Student Review* in 1997–1998 and is a features editor for *Exponent II.*



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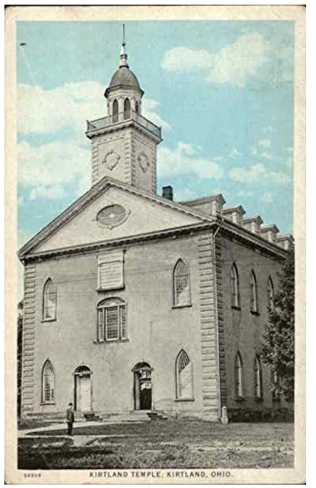


October 17-18, 2015

PROGRAM

"*The Spirit of God, like a fire is burning!*"

DINING INFO:

Friday, Oct 16

Attendees are welcome to join us for an optional social to be held at Kirtland Tavern, 6:30 pm

Saturday, Oct 17

LUNCH:

Saturday's Lunch is on your own. You are welcome to join others at Biga's Pizzeria,located at Biga Wood Fired Pizzeria
9145 Chillicothe Rd
Kirtland, OH 44094

DINNER:

A light Italian dinner will be served by Regovich's Catering Saturday evening from 5:30 - 6:30 in the Visitors' Center Theater.

"The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning" (also "The Spirit of God" or "Hosanna to God and the Lamb") is a hymn of the Latter Day Saint movement. It was written by W. W. Phelps, one of the most prolific hymnwriters of early Mormonism.

The hymn was sung for the dedication of the Kirtland Temple, 27 March 1836.

The words of the first stanza capture the millennialist spirit of the early Latter Day Saint movement. Phelps supposedly wrote the words following a meeting during which the leaders of the church were overcome by the Spirit.

SATURDAY, OCT 17

KIRTLAND TEMPLE VISITORS' CENTER AND MUSEUM

10:00 AM
KIRTLAND TEMPLE TOUR

11:00 AM
LUNCH MEET-UP AT BIGA PIZZERIA

12:30 PM
ROOM A: PANEL DISCUSSION: *MORMONS AND MYSTICAL PRACTICES:* D. MICHAEL QUINN, MAXINE HANKS
CHAIR: BRANDT MALONE

2:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS
ROOM A: CONFLICTS IN KIRTLAND:MICA MCGRIGGS
CHAIR: LINDSAY HANSEN PARK

ROOM B: *JOSEPH SMITH AND THE FIRST TEMPLE TRADITION:* KEVIN CHRISTENSEN
CHAIR: BRANDT MALONE

3:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS
ROOM A: *NAVIGATING THE LANDSCAPE OF ONLINE MORMONISM:* BRIAN DILLMAN, THOMAS HATTON, BENJAMIN KNOLL
CHAIR: BRIAN KISSELL

ROOM B: FAITH, EVOLUTION, AND INTELLIGENT DESIGN: JOE JENSEN
CHAIR: LINDSAY HANSEN PARK

4:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS
ROOM A: *A TEACHER FOR THE TEMPLE: THE INFECTIOUS EXUBERANCE OF JOSHUA SEIXAS:* RICK GRUNDER
CHAIR: MICA MCGRIGGS

ROOM B:
THE FEMALE HERO IN KIRTLAND AND BEYOND: CHERYL MCGUIRE
CHAIR: BRANDT MALONE

5:30 PM
DINNER SERVED IN VISITORS' CENTER THEATER

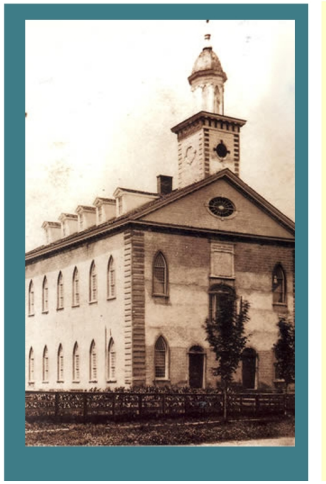
6:30 PM — 7:30 PM
THE HISTORY OF THE KIRTLAND TEMPLE: JOHN HAMER
CHAIR: BRIAN KISSELL

7:30 PM
SEER STONES, ABSORPTIVE CONSCIOUS STATES, AND CONTEMPORARY MORMON PRACTICE: MICHAEL FERGUSON
CHAIR: MICA MCGRIGGS

SUNDAY, OCT 18

9:00 am
Temple Sanctuary Devotional: **Jana Riess**

10:30 am
A history of Women's Healings: **Fara Anderson Sneddon**



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