

GO THY WAY GLOBAL MORMON STUDIES CONFERENCE 2024



Aztec Danzante in front of
Iztaccíhuatl and Popocatepetl
volcanoes

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Museo Nacional de Historia "Castillo de Chapultepec"
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IN LOVING MEMORY



DR. MELISSA WEI-TSING INOUE

August 13, 1979 - April 23, 2024

“In 2017, I founded the Global Mormon Studies research network... The Global Mormon Studies research network is trying to expand [international diversity in Mormon Studies]... This May they’re going to be holding a Global Mormon Studies conference in Mexico... Mexico is going to be really cool because it’s going to break the hegemonic barrier of the English language.”

-Dr. Melissa Inouye,

Salt Lake Tribune interview by Tamarra Kemsley

GO THY WAY GMS 2024 CONFERENCE DEDICATION



AS THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2024 GMS CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY, WE WISH TO DEDICATE THIS CONFERENCE TO DR. MELISSA INOUYE. IT IS WITH HEAVY HEARTS THAT WE HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE FOUNDER OF THE GLOBAL MORMON STUDIES RESEARCH NETWORK. SHE WAS AN AMAZING LEADER AND SCHOLAR OF MORMON STUDIES, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY AN INCREDIBLE PERSON. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE LABORED TO MAKE THIS CONFERENCE EVERYTHING SHE DREAMED IT WOULD BE. THOUGH SHE WILL NOT BE WITH US PHYSICALLY, SHE SAW THE EFFORTS PUT INTO REALIZING HER VISION.

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OPENING EVENTS MUSEO NACIONAL DE HISTORIA “CASTILLO DE CHAPULTEPEC”

*Thursday, 23rd May, 9 am,
Auditorio, Museo Nacional de
Historia “Castillo de Chapultepec”*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



David Knowlton
Utah Valley University

An anthropologist, trained at the University of Utah and the University of Texas at Austin, Knowlton has carried out sustained fieldwork in Bolivia and in Peru. He also brings his ethnographic eye to life in Utah where he has deep roots, to the American Southwest where he spent his boyhood, and to international Mormonism, the culture of his family. He has published on a wide range of issues although he is most known for his work on religion.

10:30 am - 11 am

Small Reception with catered hor d'oeuvre

11:15 am-11:45 am

Musical performance: traditional viceroyal-era music

Alcázar, Museo Nacional de Historia “Castillo de Chapultepec”

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CONFERENCE PANELS EL COLEGIO DE MÉXICO

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PANEL 1A

Thursday, 23rd May, 2:30 pm,
Sala "Alfonso Reyes", Colegio de México

MORMONISM IN MEXICO (Spanish)

Chair - Stephanie V. López Griswold / Claremont Graduate University

Repercussions of the closure of the schools of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Mexico

Dulce María Ruiz Suárez / Independent Scholar

President Agricol Lozano Herrera: A Tireless Day Laborer in Mexico

Agricol Lozano Gómez / Independent Researcher

The Mexican Conventions of the 1930'S

Raymundo Gómez / Museum of Mormon Mexican History

Cumbia of life, authority, and religion: general Latino authorities in the Church of Jesus Christ LDS

David Knowlton / Utah Valley University

Thursday, 23rd May, 2:30 pm,
Biblioteca "Daniel Cosío Villegas",
Colegio de México

PANEL 1B

AFRICAN LATTER-DAY SAINT AUTOBIOGRAPHY (English)

Chair - Joseph DuWors / Claremont Graduate University

Panelists

Khumbulani D. Mdletshe / Independent Scholar

Jeffrey G. Cannon / Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, BYU

Janiece Johnson / Deseret Book Acquisitions Director

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PANEL 2A

Thursday, 23rd May, 4:15 pm, Sala
"Alfonso Reyes", Colegio de México

THEIR OWN WAY: MORMON LITERATURE IN LATIN AMERICA ROUNDTABLE (Spanish / English)

Chair and Panelist- Jessie Christensen / Brigham Young University Library

Panelists

Gabriel González Núñez / La Universidad de Texas en el Valle del Río Grande

Rafael Vázquez / Ulterior Editorial

Citlalli H. Xochitiotzin / Poet and Essayist

James Goldberg / Church History Department

Thursday, 23rd May, 4:15 pm,
Biblioteca "Daniel Cosío Villegas",
Colegio de México

PANEL 2B

"INTERSECTIONAL AND (UN)DISCIPLINED: NUANCED IDENTITIES, COMMUNITY ACTIVISM, AND OUR MARGINALIZED MORMONISMS" (Spanish / English)

Chair - Stephanie V. López Griswold / Claremont Graduate University

The Dualities of Experiencing and Enabling Institutional Oppression and Violence

Brittany "Bri" Romanello / Arizona State University

There is no reconciliation between being Dark, Mormon, and Indigenous, but it's complicated

Daniel Hernández y Arcia Tecun / Tracy Aviary and University of Utah

El Amistad Collective: Latine Diaspora, Leftist Organizing and Leaving Mormonism in Utah

Agustín "Tino" Díaz / Independent Scholar

The Mormon Theological Case for Black Separatism

James C. Jones / Union Theological Seminary

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FAMILYSEARCH WORKSHOP & PANEL

MUSEO NACIONAL DE ANTROPOLOGÍA
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FAMILYSEARCH WORKSHOP

Friday, 24th May, 10 am-11:30 am, Auditorio
"Jaime Torres Bodet"

FAMILYSEARCH PRESENTATION (10am -10:45 am)

Omar Villalobos / Area Manager, FamilySearch

Rodolfo Derbez / Institutional Relations, FamilySearch

CHURCH HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG PRESENTATION (10:45- 11:15 am)

Brian Passantino / Church History Library

WORKSHOP PANEL

Friday, 24th May, 11:30 am-1 pm, Auditorio
"Jaime Torres Bodet"

USING FAMILYSEARCH IN HISTORICAL RESEARCH PANEL (Spanish)

Chair - Moroni Spencer Hernández de Olarte / Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Familysearch in professional historical research of the viceregal period

Patricia Escandón / CIALC-Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

The study of demonic possession from FamilySearch: Two nuns investigated by the Inquisition of New Spain

Xixián Hernández de Olarte / Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

The usefulness of the Family Search tool in the process of Spanish nationalization as a descendant of Sephardic lineages from the southwest of New Granada - Colombia, 1492 - 2023

Carlos Alberto Murgueitio Manrique / Universidad del Valle (Colombia)

Genealogy and music: The lineage of a chirimitero

Natalia Montes Marín / Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana

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PANEL 3A

Friday, 24th May, 9:30 am,
Sala "Alfonso Reyes", sección A, Colegio de México

TRANSNATIONALISM AND MIGRATION IN LATIN AMERICA (Spanish)

Chair - Daniel Ramírez / Claremont Graduate University

The First Latin American in "Mormon Country"

Yamil Inostroza y Paulina Reyes / Faro a Las Naciones (Chile)

Bridging Bridges of Faith and Culture: The Influence of Peruvian Migrants on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Japan

Howard Yoshihiko Chacon Manchego / Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia

Voices from the Desert: An Analysis of the Origin and Interaction between the Church of Jesus Christ in the Far North of Chile, the Mormon Colonies of Mexico and the Southern Members of Peru

José Luis Díaz Veliz / Independent Scholar

PANEL 3B

Friday, 24th May, 9:30 am,
Sala "Alfonso Reyes", sección B, Colegio de México

MORMONISM IN RELATION TO OTHER FAITHS (English)

Chair - Rex Wilkins / University of Arizona

Exploring the Role and Contributions of the Mormon Christian Community in Combating Islamophobia

Harry Bawono / Research Center for Religion and Belief, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)

Comparing Protestant and Latter-day Saint Membership Growth in Honduras, 1960-2019

Henri Gooren / Oakland University, Rochester Michigan

The Kingdom Comes (Whether We Like It or Not): Nationalism in 19th-Century Mormonism and 19th-century Eastern Orthodox Christianity

Katherine Kelaidis / National Hellenic Museum/Institute of Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge

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PANEL 4A

Friday, 24th May, 11:15 am, Sala "Alfonso Reyes", sección A, Colegio de México

MEDIA AND MOVEMENTS IN BRAZIL (Portuguese)

Chair - Brittany Romanello / Arizona State University

The End Approaches: an analysis of the rise of far-right movements in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Adille Rigoni / ESPM

Reconciling Oneself with Others in the Digital Age

Rodrigo Teixeira da Silva / Roble del Sur BR

Expanding the boundaries: approaches to evolution in LDS Brazilian periodicals

Gabriel Accioly Tripode / Independent Researcher

PANEL 4B

Friday, 24th May, 11:15 am, Sala "Alfonso Reyes", sección B, Colegio de México

CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS, AND RACIAL IDENTITIES (English)

Chair - Jason Palmer / Independent Scholar

Isolation and Integration: Case Study of Black Migrant Latter-Day Saints in Canada

Amaechi Okafor/ Concordia University, Montréal, Canada

Navigating and Negotiating Identity: "Children of God" in Latter-day Saint Scriptural and Prophetic Discourse

Sophie McCorquindale & Daniel Becerra / Brigham Young University

Cultural Crossroads: The Complex Dynamics of Identity and Belonging in Colonia Juárez and Colonia Dublán, Mexico

Cas Hadfield / Church History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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PANEL 5A

Friday, 24th May, 1 pm, Sala "Alfonso Reyes",
sección A, Colegio de México

MORMONISM, COLONIALISM, AND RECONCILIATION (English)

Chair - Amaechi Okafor/ Concordia University, Montréal, Canada

Washington Irving, Christopher Columbus, and Joseph Smith: How Bad History Creates Bad Theology

Joseph DuWors / Claremont Graduate University

Bitter Wind: Tracing the Evolving Relationship of White Mormons and Native Peoples in Film

Randy Astle / Independent scholar

Unlocking the Doors to all Nations: Early Latter-day Saint Country Dedicatory Prayers as a Ritual of Reconciliation

Reid L. Neilson/ Brigham Young University

PANEL 5B

Friday, 24th May, 1 pm, Sala
"Alfonso Reyes", sección B, Colegio de México

INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES ON "LAMANITE" DISCOURSES

PART 1 (English)

Chair - Farina King / University of Oklahoma

Lamanite Generations at BYU

Farina King / University of Oklahoma

A Cayuga Perspective of "Lamanite" Discourse and Colonialism

Eva Bighorse / Independent Scholar

The Literary Invention of the Lamanite in the Book of Mormon World

Eduardo Obregón Pagán / Arizona State University

The Concept and Development of "Lamanite"

Armando Solórzano / University of Utah

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PANEL 6A

Friday, 24th May, 4 pm,
Sala "Alfonso Reyes", sección A, Colegio de México

ZAPATISMO, GENEALOGY, AND MORMONISM (Spanish)

Chair - Moroni Spencer Hernández de Olarte / Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Jovito Serrano, biographical reconstruction of an ideological precursor of the Zapatista revolution, 1883-1905

Armando Josué López Benítez / UBBJ-Tlaltizapán, México

History and Genealogy of Emiliano Zapata

Édgar Castro Zapata / Fundación Zapata y los Herederos de la Revolución

Julio Cuadros Caldas: The genealogy of a Colombian Zapatista revolutionary

Gladys Elena Marín Restrepo / Fundación Zapata y los Herederos de la Revolución

"With my General Zapata until I die or win!" Mormons in the Liberation Army of the South

Moroni Spencer Hernández de Olarte / Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

PANEL 6B

Friday, 24th May, 4 pm,
Sala "Alfonso Reyes", sección B, Colegio de México

INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES ON "LAMANITE" DISCOURSES

PART 2 (English)

Chair and Panelist- Farina King / University of Oklahoma

Panelists

Stephanie V. López Griswold / Claremont Graduate University

Angelo Baca / Rhode Island School of Design

Eduardo Obregón Pagán / Arizona State University

Daniel Hernández / Tracy Aviary and University of Utah



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DIRECCIÓN DE ESTUDIOS HISTÓRICOS

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PANEL 7A

Saturday, 25th May, 9:30 am, Auditorio
"Wigberto Jiménez Moreno", DEH - INAH

EXPLORING LATTER-DAY SAINT CULTURE AND IDENTITY IN MEXICO (Spanish)

Chair - Tatiana Pérez Ramírez / El Colegio Mexiquense

"...Y soy Mormón": The Marketing of a Latin American Mormonism

Rex Richard Wilkins / University of Arizona

"Asociación de mejoramiento mutual": The Role of the MIA in Mexican church growth and identity, 1950-1970

Amber Taylor / Church History Department

From Baptism for the dead to the Celebration of the Day of the Dead among the Mormons of Cuautla, Morelos, Mexico

Eloisa Robledo Hernández / Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia

PANEL 7B

Saturday, 25th May, 9:30 am, Sala de usos
múltiples, DEH - INAH

THE USE OF FAMILYSEARCH FOR THE RECONSTITUTION OF FAMILIES AND GENEALOGIES IN HISTORICAL DEMOGRAPHY FOR RESEARCH AND TEACHING ROUNDTABLE (Spanish)

Chair and Panelist- Norma Angélica Castillo Palma / Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana

Panelists

Chantal Cramaussel / El Colegio de Michoacán (COLMICH)

Celina Guadalupe Becerra Jiménez / Universidad de Guadalajara

Carmen Paulina Torres Franco / Universidad Pedagógica Nacional

Clementina Campos Reyes / Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC)

Tomás Dimas Arenas / El Colegio de Michoacán (COLMICH)

Oziel Ulises Talavera / Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo

Pedro Canales / Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (UAEM)

David Robichaux / Universidad Iberoamericana - México

Jorge Martínez Galván / Universidad Iberoamericana - México

Claudia Isela Gutiérrez Silvestre / El Colegio de Chihuahua

Carlos Roberto Cruz Gómez / CONAHCYT

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PANEL 8A

Saturday, 25th May, 11:15 am, Auditorio
"Wigberto Jiménez Moreno" DEH - INAH

THE MORMON MOMENT: LOOKING BACK TEN YEARS LATER (English/Spanish)

Chair and Panelist - Sharolyn Swenson / Brigham Young University Library

Panelists

Trevor Alvord / Brigham Young University, L. Tom Perry Special Collections

Christian Fawcett / Brigham Young University

Christian Fawson / Brigham Young University

Micaela Deustua/Brigham Young University

PANEL 8B

Saturday, 25th May, 11:15 am, Sala de usos
múltiples, DEH - INAH

UNDERSTANDING RELIGION IN SOCIETY (Spanish)

Chair - Marco Antonio Magaña Mena / Universidad Yucateca de estudios estratégicos

Sport is a language that all the gospels speak and contributes to religious understanding

Alejandro Román / Independent Researcher

Faith, rights and reconciliation: An academic approach to abortion in girls and adolescents from a perspective of the gospel of Jesus Christ

Alejandra Carolina Carrera García y Marvin Josué Jiménez Viveros / Independent Researchers

Rejection and harassment: Challenges in the establishment of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the municipality of Etna, Oaxaca

Estefany Pérez Romero / Independent Researcher

PANEL 9A

Saturday, 25th May, 1 pm,
Auditorio "Wigberto Jiménez Moreno" DEH - INAH

LATIN AMERICAN LAMANITE IDENTITY (Spanish / English)

Chair - Mateo Ricalde, Archaeologist and Doctor in History, CIESAS Unidad Peninsular

Mormonism and Mexican Lamanism: genesis of a people

Javier Ramos Rueda / Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia

The Lamanite Radical Tradition: Peruvian Mormonism's Revolutionary Potential

Jason Palmer / Independent Scholar

Redeeming the Remnant: Latter-day Saint Rhetoric about the Role of the Lamanite in the Last Days

Jeremy Talmage / Church History Department

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PANEL 9B

Saturday, 25th May, 1 pm, Sala de
usos múltiples, DEH - INAH

MORMON PROSELYTISM AND PIONEERING IN BRAZIL (Portuguese)

Chair - David Bolingbroke / Church History Department

What happened in Jaraguá? Religious intolerance and persecution of Mormon missionaries in a Germanic community in Vargas' Brazil in the 1930s

Fernando Pinheiro da Silva Filho / Universidade Federal de Alagoas (UFAL)

The Mormons will not find us: The devotion and constancy of a pioneer in the interior of Santa Catarina

Clara Maria Luna Varjão Schettini / Universidade Católica de Pernambuco (UniCaP)

Reinhold Stooft and the Beginning of the Church in Brazil

Mark Grover / Brigham Young University (Retired)

PANEL 10A

Saturday, 25th May, 4 pm, Auditorio
"Wigberto Jiménez Moreno" DEH - INAH

USING FAMILYSEARCH IN HISTORICAL RESEARCH (Spanish)

Chair - Edgar Urbina Sebastián / Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

The surnames in the towns and neighborhoods of Xochimilco in the 19th century. An approach using FamilySearch

Leonardo Vega Flores / Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia

Discovering forgotten histories: The historical and genealogical research of Juchitepec with LDS tools

Jaime Sánchez Castillo / Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

The recovery and creation of the new parish archive of San Sebastián Mártir in Mexico City, with the support of Family Search

Karla Ivonne Herrera Anacleto / Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana

PANEL 10B

Saturday, 25th May, 4 pm, Sala de
usos múltiples, DEH - INAH

CHURCH HISTORY LIBRARY INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS WORKSHOP (English)

Chair - David Bolingbroke / Church History Department

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CONFERENCE CLOSING EVENTS

BIBLIOTECA NACIONAL DE ANTROPOLOGÍA E HISTORIA

CLOSING RECEPTION

*Saturday, 25th May, 7 pm,
Biblioteca Nacional de Antropología e Historia*

Closing remarks and recognition of host venues
7pm-7:30pm

Closing reception with catered hor d'oeuvres
7:30pm-8:30pm

Musical Performance by Yolteotl
8:30pm-9pm

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