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Positions

Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

Department of History and Philosophy

Assistant Professor, 2015 – Present

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

M.A., History

Ph.D., 2015

Dissertation: Imperial Zions: Mormons, Polygamy, and the Politics of Domesticity in the American West, Britain, and the Pacific

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

M.Ed., Curriculum and Instruction

Fields: Elementary Education, Certification in Teaching English as a Second Language

Albertson College of Idaho, Caldwell, ID

B.A., Music, History, and Religion

Honors Paper: Bastille Days and Other Episodes in Irish History

Summa cum laude

Fellowships and Awards

2015	Public Humanities Fellowship, Andrew Mellon Foundation, University of Michigan
2015	Departmental Finishing Grant, University of Michigan
2014 – 2015	Charles Redd Center Award for Off-Campus Research, Graduate Students, Brigham Young University
2014 – 2015	Junior Fellow for the Sweetland Center for Writing, University of Michigan
2014 – 2015	Graduate Research Fellow of the Eisenberg Institute of Historical Studies, University of Michigan
2013 – 2014	Rackham Pre-doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan
2013	Fellow of the Western History Dissertation Writing Workshop, sponsored by the University of New Mexico and Bill Lane Center for the Study of the American West at Stanford University
2013	Sweetland/Rackham Dissertation Institute, University of Michigan (declined)
2012	W.M. Keck Foundation Fellow at the Huntington Library and Art Collections
2012	Friends of the J. Willard Marriott Library Research Grant, University of Utah
2012	Charles Redd Fellow in Western American History, Brigham Young

- University
 2012 Community of Scholars, Institute for Research on Women and Gender,
 University of Michigan
 2012 Graduate Student Research Grant, Center for the Education of Women,
 University of Michigan
 2012 Travel Grant, Society for the Historians of the Early American Republic
 2011 Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan
 2010 Fellow of the Joseph Smith Summer Seminar, Mormon Scholars Foundation
 2010 Shapiro/Malik/Forrest Award, University of Michigan
 2010 Rackham Pre-Candidacy Research Travel Grant, University of Michigan
 2010 Institute for Research on Women and Gender Summer Research Grant,
 University of Michigan
 2008 – 13 Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan

Book Manuscript

Polygamous Domesticities: Mormons, Imperialism, and the Politics of Interracial Marriage in the Nineteenth Century (Working Title)

Articles

“‘Painted Like Indians’: The Racial Politics of Polygamy” (working title)

“Undressing Mahana: The Development of Mormon Modesty Culture and the Display of Polynesian Bodies at the Polynesian Cultural Center,” *Out of Obscurity: Mormonism after 1945* ed. Patrick Mason and John Turner (Oxford: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming – Summer 2016)

“‘A Rough Stone’s from Nature’s Quarry’: Mormons, Race, and Interracial Sex in the Pacific World,” *Women and the LDS Church* ed. Matthew Bowman and Kate Holbrook (Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah Press, Forthcoming – March 2016)

“Playing the Whore: The Domestic and Sexual Politics of Mormon Missionary Work on Tahiti Nui and in the Tuamotus,” *Journal of Mormon History* Vol. 41, No. 3 (July 2015): 58 – 97.

Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Articles, and other Publications

“The Pacific” and “Miscegenation,” *America in the World, 1778 – Present: Supplement to the Dictionary of American History*, eds., Ed Blum and Emily Conroy-Krutz (New York: Cengage, forthcoming – March 2016)

Reid L. Neilson and Fred E. Woods (ed.), *Go Ye Into All the World: The Growth and Development of Mormon Missionary Work* (Salt Lake City, 2012); *Mormon Historical Studies*, 14, 2, Fall 2013, 222 – 224.

Invited Talks

“She ‘Wed An Indian and is Happy’: White Women and Native American Men, 1870 – 1930,” College of Idaho, April 2016, Forthcoming.

“Defining Depravity: Mormon Women, Feminism, and Sexual Sin in the Late Nineteenth Century,” LDS Church History Library, Salt Lake City, UT, November 29, 2012

Conference Papers and Talks

“‘The Sounds of Blasphemy Are Not Heard in Our Streets’: Polygamy and the Response to Sexual Violence within Utah,” Church History Symposium, March 3 – 4, 2016, Forthcoming.

“Manifest Mormonism: Polygamy and the Domestication of Sex,” Western History Association, Portland, OR, October 21 – 24, 2015.

“Domesticating sexuality: Rape and Polygamy in Nineteenth-century Utah,” Historicising Rape Conference, Cardiff, Wales, July 8 – 10, 2015.

“Mamaia and Mormonism: Millennial Movements in the Pacific Islands,” Mormon History Association, Provo, UT, June 4 – 7, 2015.

“‘You Don’t Represent Hawaii’: The Politics of the Equal Rights Amendment and Mormonism in Hawaii,” Mormon History Association, San Antonio, Texas, June 5 – 8, 2014.

“A Grave ‘Wide Enough for Two’: Sickness, Exile, and Religious Ritual in the Mormon Pacific, 1870 – 1890,” Religion, Health, and the Body Conference, Western Michigan University, May 15 – 17, 2014

“Brigham Young’s Apostate Wife: Ann Eliza Young and the Domestic Politics of the Lyceum,” Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, GA, April 10 – 13, 2014

“Beautiful Isles: Mormons, Polygamy, and Exile in the South Pacific,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2 – 5, 2014.

“Defining Marriage within the Woman’s Suffrage Movement: Mormons, Free Love, and the Politics of Domesticity in the Late Nineteenth Century,” American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November 23 – 26, 2013

“A White Mission to a White People: Mormon Missionary Work in Britain, 1830 – 1860,” North American Conference on British Studies, Portland, OR, November 8 – 10, 2013

“The Science of Polygamy: Eugenics and Debates about Mormonism in the Early Twentieth Century,” Western History Association, Tucson, AZ, October 9 – 12, 2013

“Mormons, Polygamy, and Exile in the South Pacific,” Western Association of Women Historians, Portland, OR, May 16 – 18, 2013

“Christ in the ‘Form of a Woman’: Gender and Joseph Smith’s Rejection of Ecstatic Religious Practice,” American Society of Church Historians, Portland, OR, April 4 – 6, 2013

“Settler Colonialism and Mormon Ideas about Race,” Eisenberg Institute of Historical Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, March 15, 2013

“‘I loved you as much as any woman can love another’”: Mormon Women, Feminism, and the Debate over Polygamy in the Late Nineteenth Century,” Community of Scholars Symposium, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, November 30th, 2012

“Without Purse or Scrip: Mormon Masculinity in the South Pacific, 1840 – 1855,” Seminar on Women and Gender, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, October 26, 2012

“Homespun Politics: Mormon Feminism in the Early 20th Century,” Conference on Faith and History, Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts, October 5 – 6, 2012

“Zion in the South Pacific: Mormonism, Polygamy, and the Politics of Domesticity,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Baltimore, MD, July 19 – 22, 2012
Also presented at: Pacific Coast Conference of British Studies, Huntington Library, Pasadena, California, May 9 – 12, 2012

“Forsake thy Father and Mother: Mary Fielding Smith and the Familial Politics of Conversion,” Mormon History Association, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 28 – 30, 2012

“Brigham’s Harem: Mormonism, Polygamy, and the British Empire,” Imperial Relations Conference: Families in the British Empire, Institute for Historical Research, London, September 5 – 6, 2011

“Strange Spiritual Operations and the Contest over Ritual in Early Mormonism,” European Mormon Studies Association, Durham England, August 4 – 5, 2011

“Anti-Mormonism and the Body,” Bodies and Citizenship Conference, Center for the Study of Citizenship, Wayne State University, April 1 – 2, 2011

“Domestic Virtue, Indian Harems, and the Dangers of Sentimental Marriage: Defending Mormon Polygamy after 1852,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, July 22–25, 2010

“Wallowing in the Mud and Snorting like Beasts: The Problem of the Body and Early Mormon Spiritual Experience,” Final Symposium, Joseph Smith Summer Seminar, July 8, 2010

“Drunken Husbands, Brutal Indians, and Dead Wives: Mormon Critiques of Sentimental Marriage and Defenses of Polygamy in the Late Nineteenth Century,” Mormon History Association, May 27 – 30, 2010

Also presented at: “Across the Divides,” March 18, 2011

Public History

National History Landmark Applications

Co-Author, and Managing Editor, National Historic Landmark Nomination, Henry Gerber House, Forthcoming 2014

Public Talks/Radio Shows

Panelist, “The Excommunication Effect,” KUER90.1, RadioWest, June 24, 2014

Public Writing

“Excommunicating Feminism in the Mormon Church,” *Nursing Clio*, July 10, 2014

<http://nursingclio.org/2014/07/10/excommunicating-feminism-in-the-mormon-church/>

“Julina Lambson Smith,” *Women of Faith in Latter Days* Vol. 3 (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Books, 2014)

“Forsake thy Father and Mother: Mary Fielding Smith and the Familial Politics of Conversion,” *Dialogue*, Vol. 45, No. 3 (Fall 2012): 26 – 37.

Blogger, Juvenile Instructor, 2012 - Present

Public Service

Organizer, Mormon Women’s History Discussion Group, 2012 - Present

Courses Taught**Montana State University**

Introduction to the American West

Trans-Mississippi West (upper-level seminar)

Texts and Critics: Imagination (honors seminar)

University of Michigan

Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft (first-year writing seminar)

Service

2015 – Present Faculty Co-Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta

2015 – Present Department Assessment Committee

2013 – 15 Student Representative, Mormon History Association

2012 – 13 Organizer, Workshop in American Religious History, University of Michigan

2010 – 11 Organizer, European History Workshop

2011 Organizer, Across the Divides: Graduate Student Conference in European History and Atlantic Studies

2009 – 10 President, Graduate Organization for Students in History