

A black and white portrait of an elderly woman, Juanita Brooks, with short dark hair and glasses. She is wearing a light-colored, button-down shirt. A golden, multi-lined halo is superimposed over her head. The background is a dark, textured wall.

JUANITA BROOKS UTAH HISTORY CONFERENCE

MARCH 23-25, 2023
UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY

Thursday, March 23

St. George Tabernacle

7:00-8:30PM

Juanita Brooks Memorial Lecture

Elder Steven E. Snow, Emeritus General
Authority and historian for The Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints

“Studying the Past to Effect a Better Present”



Friday, March 24

Utah Tech Main Theater

8:30-9:00AM: Welcome

Joseph Stuart, Neal A. Maxwell Institute (BYU)

9:00-10:15AM: Local and Family Histories

Gregory A. Prince, Madison House Autism House

Ardis E. Parshall, Keepapitchinin

"Try and Forgive Your Ina': The Short Life and Shocking Death of a Girl Who Didn't Belong"

Matthew Bowman, Claremont Graduate University

"A Family Church: The Case of Joseph Fielding Smith"

10:30-11:45: The "Violent" Mormon Image

Janiece Johnson, Brigham Young University

"Convicting the Mormons: Building on Juanita Brooks' Foundation"

Sasha Coles, Pennsylvania State University

"Fashions of the Wicked: Mormon Women and the Specter of Economic Destruction in St. George, 1860s-1880s"

W. Paul Reeve, University of Utah

"Riding Herd with Juanita Brooks: A View of Latter-day Saint History from the Ragged Edge"

12:00-1:15PM: Lunch Break



Friday, March 24

1:15-2:30PM: Mormonism and Colonialism

Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, Montana State University

"The Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still": Latter-day Saints and the Legacies of American Colonialism

Janan Graham-Russell, Harvard University

"Mormocana: Religious Geographies and the Making of a Mormon Ethnic Identity"

Elise Boxer, University of South Dakota

TBD

2:45-4:00PM: Mormonism and Violence

Barbara Jones Brown, Signature Books

"What We've Learned Since Juanita Brooks's Mountain Meadows Massacre: Theories Strengthened, Myths Debunked Part 1"

Richard E. Turley, Jr., Independent Scholar

"What We've Learned Since Juanita Brooks's Mountain Meadows Massacre: Theories Strengthened, Myths Debunked Part 2"

Darren Parry, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation

Saturday, March 25

Public Scholarship

9:00-12PM: Historic Tour of Juanita Brooks' Southern Utah

Lindsay Hansen Park, Executive Director, Sunstone Education Foundation

Cristina Rosetti, Utah Tech

1:00-2:00PM: Lunch Break and Commute to Mountain Meadows Massacre Site

2:00-4:00: Tour of Mountain Meadows

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