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EDUCATION

2022	Professional Certificate, Data Science, HarvardX
2016	Ph.D., Religion, Claremont Graduate University
2008	M.A., History of Christianity, Wheaton College
2006	B.A., Biblical Studies, Fresno Pacific University

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Book Chapters

2024	“A Revelation to Get Him a Wife: Joseph Smith’s Marriage Proposals to Emma Hale and to Prospective Plural Wives.” In <i>Secret Covenants: New Insights on Early Mormon Polygamy</i> , edited by Cheryl L. Bruno, 101–42. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 2024.
	“Of Generations and Genders: Fanny Alger and the Adoptive Origins of Ritual Sealing.” In <i>Secret Covenants: New Insights on Early Mormon Polygamy</i> , edited by Cheryl L. Bruno, . Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 2024, 191–224. (Co-authored with Don Bradley.)
2022	“The Hidden Records of Central Utah and the Contestation of Religious Authority.” In <i>Open Canon: Scriptures of the Latter Day Saint Tradition</i> , edited by Christine Elyse Blythe, Christopher James Blythe, and Jay Burton, 316–43. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2022.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2023	“A People's History of Book of Mormon Archaeology: Excavating the Role of ‘Folk’ Practitioners in the Emergence of a Field.” <i>Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought</i> 56, no. 3 (Fall 2023).
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- 2015 “Playing Lamanite: Ecstatic Performance of American Indian Roles in Early Mormon Ohio.” *Journal of Mormon History* 41, no. 3 (July 2015): 131–66.
- 2013 “Anti-Islamic Sentiment and Media Framing during the 9/11 Decade.” *Journal of Religion and Society* 15 (2013).
 “The Libyan Revelation: Why Recent Events in Libya Should Revolutionize America’s Approach to the Muslim World.” *Claremont Journal of Religion* 2, no. 1 (January 2013): 162–87.
- 2011 “The Inspired Fictionalization of the 1835 United Firm Revelations.” *Claremont Journal of Mormon Studies* 1, no. 1 (April 2011): 5–20.
 “‘That Which Is Lost’: Assessing the State of Preservation of the Joseph Smith Papyri.” *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 31, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2011): 69–83.
- 2010 “Joseph Smith in Hermeneutical Crisis.” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 43, no. 2 (Summer 2010): 86–108.
 “The Original Length of the Scroll of Hôr.” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 43, no. 4 (Winter 2010): 1–42. (Co-authored with Andrew W. Cook.)
- 2009 “The Dependence of Abraham 1:1–3 on the Egyptian Alphabet and Grammar.” *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 29 (2009): 38–54.
 “In Defense of a ‘Christian’ Pluralism.” *Journal for the Renewal of Religion and Theology* 5 (2009).

Magazine Articles and Book Reviews

- 2020 Review of Jonathan A. Stapley, *The Power of Godliness: Mormon Liturgy and Cosmology* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018). *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft* 15, no. 1 (Spring 2020): 487–90.
 “Worthy of Their Hire? Mormon Leaders’ Relationship with Wealth.” Review of D. Michael Quinn, *Mormon Hierarchy: Wealth and Corporate Power* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 2017). *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 52, no. 4 (Winter 2019): 157–63.
- 2019 Review of Charles Randall Paul, *Converting the Saints: A Study of Religious Rivalry in America* (Salt Lake City: Greg Kofford Books, 2018). *Church History* 88, no. 2 (June 2019).
- 2017 Review of David Conley Nelson, *Moroni and the Swastika: Mormons in Nazi Germany* (Norman: University of Oklahoma, 2015). *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 37, no. 1 (Spring 2017): 157–59.

- 2015 “The Book of Abraham Crisis: A History.” *Sunstone Magazine* 179 (Summer 2015): 10–11.
- 2011 “Sacred Sci-Fi: Orson Scott Card as Mormon Mythmaker.” *Sunstone Magazine* 162 (March 2011): 52–59.
- 2008 “Why Gay Marriage Is an Issue of Rights, Not of Morality.” *The Pub* 4, no. 1 (2008): 18–21.
- 2008 Review of Jeremy M. Bergen, Paul G. Doerksen, and Karl Koop, eds., *Creed and Conscience: Essays in Honour of A. James Reimer* (Kitchener, Ore.: Pandora, 2007). *Direction Journal* 37, no. 2 (Fall 2008): 248–39.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 Research Fellowship, Brigham Young University Charles Redd Center
- 2017 Best Dissertation, Mormon History Association
Travel Grant, Mormon History Association
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, Utah State University
- 2015 Best History Piece, Latter-day Main Street
CGU-Tanner Graduate Student Research Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University and University of Utah Tanner Humanities Center
Dissertation Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University
- 2014 Travel Grant, Association of Mormon Letters
- 2011 Research Fellowship, Annual Summer Seminar on Mormon Culture, Brigham Young University
- 2010 New Voices Award for New Writers, Dialogue Foundation

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

- 2021 “Author Meets Critics: *Joseph and Lucy Smith’s Tunbridge Farm: An Archaeology and Landscape Study*.” John Whitmer Historical Association Conference, October 23, 2021.
- 2016 “Does the LDS Church Do More Harm or More Good?” Sunstone Symposium, July 29, 2016.

2016. “Four Views of the Book of Mormon.” Sunstone Symposium, July 30, 2016.
- 2015 “Four Views of Joseph Smith: Historians Debate the Prophet Puzzle.” Sunstone Symposium, July 30, 2015.
- 2014 “Worlds Without End.” Sunstone Symposium, August 1, 2014.

Papers Presented

- 2021 “Mormons and Mining: A Historical Case Study on Money, Moral Institutions, and Moral Hazard.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 22, 2021.
- “Admission 25 Cents: The Exhibition of the Abraham Papyri and the Occultation of the Golden Plates.” John Whitmer Historical Association Conference, October 22, 2021.
- 2019 “Selling the Book of Mormon for Profit: Reassessing Profit Motive in the Religious Economy.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 25, 2019.
- “Contextualizing Joseph Smith’s Proposal to Nancy Rigdon.” Sunstone Symposium, August 3, 2019.
- 2017 “Joseph Smith Didn’t Set Out to Start a Church (Let Alone a New Religion).” Sunstone Symposium, July 28, 2017.
- “‘Chastising’ Shoshones and Goshutes, 1850–1851.” Mormon History Association Conference, June 3, 2017.
- Panel discussion on Orson Scott Card. Association of Mormon Letters Conference, April 22, 2017.
- 2015 “Managing the Book of Abraham Crisis: A History.” Sunstone West Symposium, February 3, 2015.
- 2014 “Adoption of Ecstatic Native American Practices in Early Mormon Ohio.” Association for Mormon Letters Conference, April 12, 2014.
- “The Book of Mormon and the Myth of the Frontier.” Sunstone Symposium, August 2, 2014.
- “Playing Lamanite: Ecstatic Performance of a Re-imagined Indian Identity in Early Mormonism.” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, May 30, 2014, and Mormon History Association Conference, June 7, 2014.
- 2013 “J. Dunham Lamanite: Early Mormon Leader, Mystic, and Indian Ambassador.” Sunstone Symposium, August 1, 2013.

- 2012 “Anti-Islamic Sentiment and Media Framing during the 9/11 Decade.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, November 10, 2012.
- “B. H. Roberts’s 1909 General Conference Address on Post-Second Manifesto Polygamy.” Sunstone Symposium, July 28, 2012.
- “Book of Mormon Archaeology and the Construction of the ‘Lunatic Fringe’: Jose Davila, John Brewer, and the Ancient Records of Central Utah.” Sunstone West Symposium, February 4, 2012.
- 2011 “The Contested Meaning of Democracy in Early Mormonism and Methodism.” Sunstone Symposium, August 3-6, 2011.
- “Early Mormonism as an Apocalyptic, Charismatic Missionary Movement for the Conversion of the American Indians.” American Academy of Religion Western Region Conference, March 28, 2011.
- “Rediscovering Joseph Smith’s ‘Discovery Narrative’ in Southern Utah.” Annual Summer Symposium on Mormon Culture, August 18, 2011.
- “‘Right of the Firstborn’: Lineage and Heredity in the Theology of Joseph Smith.” Sunstone West Symposium, March 19, 2011.
- 2010 “‘The Great Spirit Has Told Us That You Are the Man’: American Indian Delegations to Joseph Smith at Nauvoo.” Sunstone West Symposium, March 27, 2010.
- “Indian Israelites: American Indians in the Religious Vision of Joseph Smith.” Life and Thought of Joseph Smith Seminar, February 19, 2010.
- “Instrumental Mysticism: The Inspired Fictionalization of the United Firm Revelations.” Sunstone Symposium, August 6, 2010.
- “The Record of Joseph as Oral Scripture.” Mormon History Association Conference, May 29, 2010.
- “What Hath Oxford to Do with Salt Lake?” Claremont Mormon Studies Student Association, Conference, April 24, 2010.
- 2009 “Adam, Abraham, and Joseph: The Egyptian Alphabet as a Source for the Book of Abraham.” Claremont Mormon Studies Student Association Conference, October 15, 2009.
- “The Myth of the Missing Book of Abraham Papyrus.” Sunstone West Symposium, March 28, 2009, and Sacramento Sunstone Study Group, July 12, 2009.
- “Sacred Sci-Fi: The Fiction of Orson Scott Card as Mormon Mythmaking.” Sunstone Symposium, August 14, 2009.

“Sibling Rivalry: Why Mormons and Pentecostals Just Can’t Seem to Get Along.” Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology Conference, May 22, 2009.

2008

“Indigenous Agency and the Emergence of Pentecostalism in India.” Conference on Faith and History, September 19, 2008.

“Joseph Smith in Hermeneutical Crisis.” Sunstone Symposium, August 9, 2008.

Respondent

2012

“The Iroquois as the Lamanite: An Argument for a Contemporary Reading of the Book of Mormon.” Sunstone Symposium, July 28, 2012.