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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Claremont Graduate University <i>Religion</i>	2009 - 2015
Master of Arts (M.A.) Wheaton College <i>History of Christianity and Religion in North America</i>	2007 - 2008
Bachelor's Degree Fresno Pacific University <i>Biblical Studies</i>	2003 - 2006
Professional Certificate HarvardX <i>Data Science</i>	2019 - 2021
Verified Certificate edX <i>MathTrackX: Polynomials, Functions and Graphs</i>	2024 - 2024
Verified Certificate Harvard Online <i>Introduction to Computer Science</i>	2024 - 2024
Verified Certificate MITx Courses <i>Introduction to Computer Science and Programming Using Python</i>	2021 - 2021

Publications

- Bradley, D., & Smith, C. (2024). Of Generations and Genders: Fanny Alger and the Adoptive Origins of Ritual Sealing. In *Secret Covenants: New Insights on Early Mormon Polygamy*.
- Smith, C. (2024). A Revelation to Get Him a Wife: Joseph Smith's Marriage Proposals to Emma Hale and to Prospective Plural Wives. In *Secret Covenants: New Insights on Early Mormon Polygamy*.
- Smith, C. (2023). A People's History of Book of Mormon Archaeology: Excavating The Role of "Folk" Practitioners in the Emergence of a Field. *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, 56(3). <https://www.dialoguejournal.com/articles/a-peoples-history-of-book-of-mormon-archeology-excavating-the-role-of-folk-practitioners-in-the-emergence-of-a-field/>
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- Smith, C. (2022). Frontier Religion: Mormons and America, 1857–1907. *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 90(1). <https://doi.org/10.5406/26428652.90.1.11>
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- Smith, C. (2021). The Whites Want Every Thing: Indian-Mormon Relations, 1847–1877. *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 89(2).
- Smith, C. (2020). Review of Jonathan A. Stapley, *The Power of Godliness: Mormon Liturgy and Cosmology. Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft*, 15(1). <https://doi.org/10.1353/mrw.2019.0047>
- Smith, C. (2019). Worthy of Their Hire? Mormon Leaders' Relationship with Wealth. *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, 52(4). <https://www.dialoguejournal.com/articles/worthy-of-their-hire-mormon-leaders-relationship-with-wealth-d-michael-quinn-the-mormon-hierarchy-wealth-and-corporate-power/>
- Smith, C. (2019). Review of Charles Randall Paul, *Converting the Saints: A Study of Religious Rivalry in America*. *Church History*, 88(2).
- Smith, C. (2017). Moroni and the Swastika: Mormons in Nazi Germany. *The John Whitmer Historical Association Journal*, 37(1).
- Smith, C. (2016). Mormon conquest: Whites and natives in the intermountain West, 1847–1851. In *The Claremont Graduate University*. <https://www.proquest.com/openview/e7c9ce4cf7a4ffda39fbc7e7d6e70573/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=18750>
- Smith, C. (2015). Playing Lamanite: Ecstatic Performance of American Indian Roles in Early Mormon Ohio. *Journal of Mormon History*, 41(3). <https://doi.org/10.5406/jmormhist.41.3.131>
- Smith, C. (2015). The Book of Abraham Crisis: A History. *Sunstone Magazine*, 179. https://www.academia.edu/17563394/The_Book_of_Abraham_Crisis_A_History
- Smith, C. (2013). Anti-Islamic Sentiment and Media Framing during the 9/11 Decade. *Journal of Religion and*

Society, 15. <https://cdr.creighton.edu/bitstream/handle/10504/64317/2013-3.pdf>

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- Cook, A., & Smith, C. (2010). The Original Length of the Scroll of Hôr. *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, 43(4). <https://doi.org/10.5406/dialjmormthou.43.4.0001>
- Smith, C. (2009). The Dependence of Abraham 1:1-3 on the Egyptian Alphabet and Grammar. *The John Whitmer Historical Association Journal*, 29. https://www.academia.edu/2357346/The_Dependence_of_Abraham_1_1_3_on_the_Egyptian_Alphabet_and_Grammar
- Smith, C. (2009). In Defense of a "Christian" Pluralism. *Journal for the Renewal of Religion and Theology*, 5. <https://web.archive.org/web/20120306071542/http://renewtheology.org/paperCSmith0709>
- Smith, C. (2008). Why Gay Marriage Is an Issue of Rights, Not of Morality. *The Pub*, 4(1).
- Smith, C. (2008). Review of Jeremy M. Bergen, Paul G. Doerksen, and Karl Koop, eds., *Creed and Conscience: Essays in Honour of A. James Reimer*. *Direction Journal*, 37(2). https://www.academia.edu/2357367/Review_of_Creed_and_Conscience_Essays_in_Honour_of_A_James_Reimer

Presentations

Papers Presented

AI-Assisted Coordination: Solving Incentive Misalignment in Real Time. (2025). AI for Collective Sensemaking Unconference.

LLMs from the Command Line: A Simple, Ugly, Overpowered Tool. (2025). Google DevFest Troy.

Enterprise-Grade Evals in 15 minutes with Open-Source Tools. (2024). Google DevFest Troy.

Mormons and Mining: A Historical Case Study on Money, Moral Institutions, and Moral Hazard. (2021). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.

Admission 25 Cents: The Exhibition of the Abraham Papyri and the Occultation of the Golden Plates. (2021). John Whitmer Historical Association Conference.

Selling the Book of Mormon for Profit: Reassessing Profit Motive in the Religious Economy. (2019). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.

Contextualizing Joseph Smith's Proposal to Nancy Rigdon. (2019). Sunstone Symposium.

Joseph Smith Didn't Set Out to Start a Church (Let Alone a New Religion). (2017). Sunstone Symposium.

'Chastising' Shoshones and Goshutes, 1850–1851. (2017). Mormon History Association Conference.

Panel discussion on Orson Scott Card. (2017). Association of Mormon Letters Conference.

Managing the Book of Abraham Crisis: A History. (2015). Sunstone West Symposium.

Adoption of Ecstatic Native American Practices in Early Mormon Ohio. (2014). Association for Mormon Letters Conference.

The Book of Mormon and the Myth of the Frontier. (2014). Sunstone Symposium.

Playing Lamanite: Ecstatic Performance of a Re-imagined Indian Identity in Early Mormonism. (2014). Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, May 30, 2014, and Mormon History Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

J. Dunham Lamanite: Early Mormon Leader, Mystic, and Indian Ambassador. (2013). Sunstone Symposium.

Anti-Islamic Sentiment and Media Framing during the 9/11 Decade. (2012). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference.

B. H. Roberts's 1909 General Conference Address on Post-Second Manifesto Polygamy. (2012). Sunstone Symposium.

Book of Mormon Archaeology and the Construction of the 'Lunatic Fringe': Jose Davila, John Brewer, and the Ancient Records of Central Utah. (2012). Sunstone West Symposium.

The Contested Meaning of Democracy in Early Mormonism and Methodism. (2011). Sunstone Symposium.

Early Mormonism as an Apocalyptic, Charismatic Missionary Movement for the Conversion of the American Indians. (2011). American Academy of Religion Western Region Conference.

Rediscovering Joseph Smith's 'Discovery Narrative' in Southern Utah. (2011). Annual Summer Symposium on Mormon Culture.

'Right of the Firstborn': Lineage and Heredity in the Theology of Joseph Smith. (2011). Sunstone West Symposium.

'The Great Spirit Has Told Us That You Are the Man': American Indian Delegations to Joseph Smith at Nauvoo. (2010). Sunstone West Symposium.

Indian Israelites: American Indians in the Religious Vision of Joseph Smith. (2010). Life and Thought of Joseph Smith Seminar.

Instrumental Mysticism: The Inspired Fictionalization of the United Firm Revelations. (2010). Sunstone Symposium.

The Record of Joseph as Oral Scripture. (2010). Mormon History Association Conference.

What Hath Oxford to Do With Salt Lake? (2010). Claremont Mormon Studies Student Association, Conference.

Adam, Abraham, and Joseph: The Egyptian Alphabet as a Source for the Book of Abraham. (2009). Claremont Mormon Studies Student Association Conference.

The Myth of the Missing Book of Abraham Papyrus. (2009). Sunstone West Symposium, March 28, 2009, and Sacramento Sunstone Study Group.

Sacred Sci-Fi: The Fiction of Orson Scott Card as Mormon Mythmaking. (2009). Sunstone Symposium.

Sibling Rivalry: Why Mormons and Pentecostals Just Can't Seem to Get Along. (2009). Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology Conference.

Indigenous Agency and the Emergence of Pentecostalism in India. (2008). Conference on Faith and History.

Joseph Smith in Hermeneutical Crisis. (2008). Sunstone Symposium.

Panels Organized

Author Meets Critics: Joseph and Lucy Smith's Tunbridge Farm: An Archaeology and Landscape Study. (2021). John Whitmer Historical Association Conference.

Does the LDS Church Do More Harm or More Good? (2016). Sunstone Symposium.

Four Views of the Book of Mormon. (2016). Sunstone Symposium.

Four Views of Joseph Smith: Historians Debate the Prophet Puzzle. (2015). Sunstone Symposium.

Worlds Without End. (2014). Sunstone Symposium.

Respondent

The Iroquois as the Lamanite: An Argument for a Contemporary Reading of the Book of Mormon. (2012). Sunstone Symposium.

Awards & Fellowships

Best Open-Source Hack AECTech Hackathon, Thornton Thomasetti	2023
3rd Place, Epson Connect Hackathon Challenge #2 Seiko Epson Corporation	2023
Best Anthology John Whitmer Historical Association	2023
Research Fellowship Brigham Young University Charles Redd Center	2018
Best Dissertation Mormon History Association	2017
Travel Grant Mormon History Association	2017
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship Utah State University	2017
Best History Piece Latter-day Main Street	2015
CGU-Tanner Graduate Student Research Fellowship Claremont Graduate University and University of Utah Tanner Humanities Center	2015
Dissertation Fellowship Claremont Graduate University	2015
Travel Grant Association of Mormon Letters	2014
Research Fellowship Annual Summer Seminar on Mormon Culture, Brigham Young University	2011
New Voices Award for New Writers Dialogue Foundation	2010
Howard W. Hunter Scholarship Claremont Graduate University	2009
Provost's Award Wheaton College	2008
Tyndale Scholarship Wheaton College	2008