

Call for Papers

Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology

Annual Meeting

October 8-10, 2015

Brigham Young University
Provo, UT

Theme: “Doers of the Word: Belief and Practice”

The Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology invites paper proposals on any aspect of Mormon belief, including its philosophical ramifications. We particularly encourage submissions on this year’s theme.

Religious faith is not merely a matter of belief but of action. Indeed, several passages in scripture suggest that true belief cannot be separated from action. In John 7:17, for instance, Jesus indicates that the practice of faith is a means of acquiring knowledge: “If any man will do [God’s] will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God.” Yet other scriptures seem to emphasize the intrinsic, perhaps independent importance of both belief and practice, as in D&C 131:6, “It is impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance.” This year’s theme examines the distinctive roles of religious belief and practice, and their profound influence on one another.

Topics falling under this theme might include but are not limited to:

- the nature of faith
- belief as a source of action
- action as manifesting faith
- action as nourishing faith
- spiritual learning through experience
- the role of ignorance in spiritual development
- theologies implicit in Mormon practices
- orthopraxy versus orthodoxy
- religious results versus religious hope
- cognitive versus embodied truth
- history as theology
- engagement with Wittgensteinian, process, or other philosophical perspectives on belief and action
- analysis of scriptural passages on this theme, such as James 1: 22-7, John 7: 17, Alma 32: 21-43, 1 Samuel 15:22, etc.

Submission deadline: September 1st, 2015

Submission details on reverse

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Papers on the conference theme are particularly encouraged, but proposals on any aspect of Mormon belief will receive full consideration.

Authors may submit either (a) a full paper, or (b) an abstract:

(a) Papers should be suitable for a reading time of 25–30 minutes (3500 words maximum). Longer papers (up to 9,000 words) may be submitted in full, with the understanding that they will be revised for presentation.

(b) An abstract should be 250-500 words in length, and summarize the claims and reasoning of the paper.

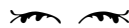
Please send submissions in PDF, RTF, or MS Word format, to SMPT Secretary Benjamin Huff at benjaminhuff@rmc.edu, by email attachment. The email should include the author's full name and contact information, and title and word count for the paper or abstract.

The Society welcomes submissions by students. Students should indicate their student status in the submission email.

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Authors will be notified of acceptance by September 10th.

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