

Call For Papers

Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology

Sixth Annual Meeting
21–23 May 2009

Held in cooperation with the Howard W. Hunter Chair of Mormon
Studies and the Claremont Mormon Studies Student Association

Claremont Graduate University
Claremont, California

Theme: “Upon All Nations—Religious Pluralism”

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

While claiming exclusive authority, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints also takes a strikingly inclusive view of other religious traditions as loci of revealed truth and of God’s work. For example, in 2 Nephi 29:7 God says, “I bring forth my word unto the children of men, yea, even upon all nations of the earth.” We will explore the contours and implications of distinctively Mormon views of pluralism, as well as the particular questions for pluralism raised by the LDS church. Possible topics falling under this theme include:

- The Holy Spirit’s work in differing spiritual traditions
- Cooperation between religious groups
- Interreligious dialogue
- The place of pluralism within the church
- Missionary work and respect for other faiths
- Differences in teaching and/or practice within or among distinct historical dispensations (e.g. Adamic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Lehitic)
- The relationship of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to other Christian denominations
- Comparative theology
- Analysis of LDS texts on religious pluralism—e.g. Jacob 5, 2 Nephi 29, and Alma 29
- Implications of continuing revelation for religious pluralism
- The role of religion in public life

Submission deadline: 13 February 2009

Proposals may be a full paper or a précis of about 1000 words.

Submission details on reverse.

Submission Information

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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) a *précis*:

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

(b) A *précis* should be about 1000 words in length, and summarize the argument of the paper.

Please send submissions by email attachment in RTF, PDF, or MS Word format to Benjamin Huff at BENJAMINHUFF@RMC.EDU.

*Include author’s full name, contact information, title, and word count for the paper or *précis*.*

The Society welcomes submissions by students. At least one program slot is set aside for an outstanding student paper. *Students should indicate student status.*

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Authors will be notified of acceptance by 5 March 2009

For more information, visit the SMPT website, [HTTP://WWW.SMPT.ORG](http://www.smpt.org)
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The Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology promotes disciplined reflection on Latter-day Saint beliefs, including constructive engagement with the broader traditions of philosophy and theology. All of the Society’s publications, conferences, and other forums for discussion demonstrate respect for both the commitments of faith and the standards of scholarship.