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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University, 2016-Present

- Taught Doctrine & Covenants, Teachings of the Living Prophets, the Eternal Family, and Foundations of the Restoration (Religion C 200, 225, 324, 325, 333).
- Served as a members of several academic committees, including Chair of Student Symposium Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Committee.
- Served as a committee member on several Masters and PhD committees in the College of Religious Education, and the College of Education.
- Chair of BYU Religious Education Student Symposium Committee, 2017-Present.
- Executive Board of LDS Educator's Association, 2017-Present.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University, 2014-2016

- Taught Doctrine & Covenants, Teachings of the Living Prophets, the Eternal Family, and Foundations of the Restoration (Religion C 200, 225, 324, 325, 333).
- Served as a members of several academic committees, including Chair of Student Symposium Committee, Living Prophets Curriculum Committee.
- Served as a committee member on several Masters and PhD committees in the College of Religious Education, and the College of Education.

Teacher and Administrator, Brigham Young University Continuing Education, 2002-Present

- Teacher and Session Director in BYU Continuing Education Programs, including Especially for Youth and Education Week.

Instructional Designer, LDS Church Educational System – 2013-2014

- Writer and editor on forthcoming volume on the history of Seminaries and Institutes of Religion. Extensive work with Church History Library conducting research on LDS history, and work on an online exhibit devoted to the history of LDS religious education. Also served as a director of S&I Legacy project, supervising a team dedicated to historical research.
- Writer for Institute Curriculum Team, including work on Missionary Preparation Manual, "Answering Student's Questions" website, Online Updates Committee, and S&I Social Media Committee.
- Writer for Seminary Curriculum Team, including work on Old Testament teacher and student manuals.

Adjunct Professor, Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University, 2011-2014

- Taught courses including Doctrine & Covenants 324-325.

Instructor, LDS Church Educational System – 2002-2014

- Pleasant Grove Seminary 2001-02
- Alta Seminary 2002-2008
- Jordan Seminary 2008-2011
- Mountain View Seminary 2011-2013
- Instructor, Sandy, Jordan, and Orem Institutes of Religion, 2003-2013

Historical Researcher / Writer, LDS Church Educational System - 2007-Present

- Collected, carried out, and transcribed historical interviews with figures from LDS History.
- Wrote and provided photographs for the Centennial History of the Seminary Program.
- Writer and Editor on published volume detailing the history of LDS Education.

Research Assistant, Department of Educational Leadership and Foundations, BYU – 2009-2012

- Collected, carried out, and transcribed historical interviews with figures from LDS History.

Historical Consultant, Education in Zion Project, Brigham Young University – 2007-2008

- Assisted in conceptualizing and designing Education in Zion exhibit.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Foundations

Brigham Young University – Received August 2012

- Dissertation – "The Globalization of Latter-day Saint Education"

M.A. in Religious Education

Brigham Young University – Received April 2007

- Thesis – "Joseph F. Merrill: Latter-day Saint Commissioner of Education, 1928-1933"

B.A. in History

Brigham Young University – Received April 2002

AWARDS

- Mormon History Association - Best International Article 2015 for "Isolationism, Exceptionalism, and Acculturation: The Internationalization of Mormon Education in Mexico," (with Scott C. Esplin, Barbara Morgan, and E. Vance Randall), in *Journal of Educational Administration and History*, 2014.

BOOKS

- *By Study and Also By Faith: A History of the Seminary and Institutes of Religion of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, (with Kenneth W. & Audrey M. Godfrey, and Randall L. Hall), Salt Lake City: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2015.
- *What You Don't Know About the 100 Most Important Events in Church History*, (with Susan Easton Black and Mary Jane Woodger), Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2017.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Getting to Know *Saints*: The Story of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," *Religious Educator*, Vol. 19, No. 2, 2018.

- "A Renewal of the Faith: The Origins and Progress of the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," *Journal of Mormon History*, Vol. 43, No. 3, Summer 2018.
- "A Sojourn Among the Children of Aaron," *Journal of Mormon History*, Vol. 43, No. 1, January 2018.
- "The Book of Mormon Among the Saints: Evolving Use of the Keystone Scripture," in *The Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon: A Marvelous Work and Wonder*, ed. Dennis L. Largey, Andrew H. Hedges, John Hilton III, Kerry Hull, (Salt Lake City, Provo: Deseret Book and Religious Studies Center, 2015).
- "The Glory of God is Intelligence: Exploring the Foundations of Latter-day Saint Religious Education," (with Scott C. Esplin and E. Vance Randall), *Religious Education*, Vol. 111, No. 2 March-April 2016, 153-170.
- "Isolationism, Exceptionalism, and Acculturation: The Internationalization of Mormon Education in Mexico," (with Scott C. Esplin, Barbara Morgan, and E. Vance Randall), forthcoming in *Journal of Educational Administration and History*, 2014.
- "Colegios Chilenos de los Santos de los Ultimos Dias: The History of Latter-day Saint Schools in Chile," (with Scott C. Esplin, Barbara Morgan, & E. Vance Randall), *Journal of Mormon History*, Vol. 40, No. 1, (Winter 2014).
- "Life at a Church Academy: The Story of the Murdock Academy in Beaver, Utah," *Mormon Historical Studies*, 14:2 (Fall 2013).
- "A Godsend for the Salvation of Modern Israel: The Creation of the Seminary Program," (with Brett D. Dowdle) in *Joseph F. Smith: Reflections on the Man and His Times*, ed. By Craig K. Manscill and Brian D. Reeves, (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, 2013).
- "A Century of Seminary," *Religious Educator* Vol. 13, No. 3 (2012), also published by Church Educational System, available at <https://si.lds.org/training/talks/history/a-century-of-seminary?lang=eng>.
- "The Church Educational System: A Conversation with Roger G. Christensen," *Religious Educator*, Vol. 13, No. 2, (2012).
- "The Church of the Lamb," in *The Things Which My Father Saw: Approaches to Lehi's Dream and Nephi's Vision*, ed. Daniel Belnap, Gaye Strathearn, and Stanley A. Johnson, (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, 2011).
- "Joseph F. Merrill and the Transformation of Church Education," in *A Firm Foundation: Church Organization and Administration*, ed. David J. Whittaker and Arnold K. Garr (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 2011), 377-403.
- "The Seminary System on Trial: The 1978 Lanner v. Wimmer Lawsuit," *Journal of Mormon History*, Vol. 37, No. 2, (Spring 2011).
- "The Chicago Experiment: Finding a Voice and Charting a Course for Religious Education in the Church," *BYU Studies*, Vol. 49, No. 4, (2010).
- "The First Institute Teacher," *Religious Educator*, Vol. 11, No. 2, (2010).
- "Joseph F. Merrill and the 1930-31 LDS Church Education Crisis," *BYU Studies*, Vol. 49, No. 1, (2010).
- "John Taylor: Adopted Son of America," in *John Taylor: Champion of Liberty*, ed. Mary Jane Woodger, (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, 2009), 1-20.

- "Universalism and the Revelations of Joseph Smith," in *The Doctrine and Covenants: Revelations in Context*, ed. Andrew H. Hedges, J. Spencer Fluhman, and Alonzo L. Gaskill, (Provo, Utah: Religious Studies Center, 2008), 168-187.
- "The First Seminary Teacher," *Religious Educator*, Vol. 9, No. 3, (2008).

BOOK REVIEWS

- "Shifting Borders and a Tattered Passport: Intellectual Journeys of a Mormon Academic," Armand L. Mauss, *Journal of Mormon History*, 49:3 (Summer 2014).
- "Tiny Zion: Harvest Hills, An Intentional Zionite Community," Bryan L. Monte, *Journal of Mormon History*, Vol. 43, No. 3, (September 2017).

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- "The 100 Most Important Events in Church History," BYU Education Week, August 2017.
- "A History of Mormonism in 100 Objects," BYU Education Week, August 2017.
- "Kia Ngwari: The Evolution of a Mormon Village in New Zealand," Pacific History Association Conference, Guam, June 2016.
- "The Book of Mormon Among the Saints: Evolving use of the Keystone Scripture," Sperry Symposium, October 2015, Provo, Utah.
- "A Covenant and a Deed Which Cannot Be Broken: Examining Two Modern-day Consecration Movements," John Whitmer Historical Association Conference, September 2015, Independence, Missouri.
- "The 100 Most Important Events in Latter-day Saint History," BYU Education Week, August 2015.
- "A Sanctuary in the Desert: The History and Development of the House of Aaron," Mormon History Association Post-Conference Tour, June 2015.
- "A Tale of Two Schools: Latter-day Saint Educational Efforts in Kiribati and Indonesia," Pacific Historical Association Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, December 2014.
- "Jupiter Ascendant: The Educational Contributions of Joseph F. Merrill," Utah History Conference, Salt Lake City, September 2014.
- "The Last Frontier: Latter-day Saint Schools in South America," Mormon History Association, San Antonio, Texas, June 2014.
- "Go Ye Into All the World: International Pioneering in Church Education," BYU Church History Symposium, March 2014.
- "The Globalization of Latter-day Saint Education," Mormon History Association, Layton, Utah, June 2013.
- "A Godsend for the Salvation of Modern Israel: The Creation of the Seminary Program," BYU Church History Symposium, 2012.
- "The Church of the Lamb," BYU Sperry Symposium, October 2011.
- "Life at a Church Academy," Mormon History Association, Independence, Missouri, May 2010.
- "The Chicago Experiment: Finding a Voice and Charting the Course of Religious Education in the Church," BYU Studies Symposium, March 2010.
- "Joseph F. Merrill and the Transformation of the Church Educational System," BYU Church History Symposium, February 2010.

- "Joseph F. Merrill: Latter-day Saint Commissioner of Education," Seminary and Institutes Research Forum, August 2009.
- "John Taylor: Adopted Son of America," BYU Church History Symposium, October 2008.
- "In Search of the Smith Family Religion: Universalism and the Revelations of Joseph Smith," BYU Sperry Symposium, October 2008.
- "Joseph F. Merrill and the Church Education Crisis of 1930-31," Mormon History Association, Sacramento, California, May 2008.
- "Exploring the Book of Mormon," BYU-Idaho Book of Mormon Symposium, February 2008.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
- History of Education Society
- John Whitmer Historical Association
- Mormon History Association
- Religious Education Association
- Utah State Historical Society
- Pacific History Association

REFERENCES

- E. Vance Randall, Brigham Young University, Department of Educational Leadership and Foundations.
- Thomas R. Valletta, Managing Director, Seminary and Institutes Curriculum.
- Robert Ewer, Seminary and Institutes History Project Manager.
- Robert C. Elzey, Utah Valley Central Area Director, Seminaries and Institutes.
- Robert L. Millett, Office of Religious Outreach, Brigham Young University.

Additional references available upon request.