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Employment

Brigham Young University, Department of Ancient Scripture, Associate Professor,
July 2013– present

Education

Ph.D. English, Brandeis University, 2011
M.A. Women's Studies, Brandeis University, 2011
M.A. English, Brigham Young University, 2003
B.A. American Studies and Marriage, Family, & Human Development, Brigham Young University, 2001

Awards

Robert J. Matthews Excellence in Teaching Award, College Teaching Award, 2021

Mormon History Association award for Best Article in Mormon Women's History, 2021.
“Refiguring the Archive: Women and the Book of Mormon Translation.” *Producing Ancient Scripture: Joseph Smith's Translation Projects in the Development of Mormon Christianity*. co-authored Rachel Cope. (University of Utah Press 2020)

Loretta C Gledhill Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellowship, University Teaching & Mentoring Award, 2019-2021

Mormon History Association award for Best Article in Mormon Women's History, 2020. “Poetic Representations of Mormon Women in Late-Nineteenth-Century Frontier America” *Representing Rural Women* (Lexington Books 2019)

Association for Mormon Letters award for Best Work of Criticism, 2020, “Poetic Representations of Mormon Women in Late-Nineteenth-Century Frontier America” *Representing Rural Women* (Lexington Books 2019)

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor, Ancient Scripture, Brigham Young University, 2019-present

- REL A 303, The Old Testament at the Jerusalem Center
- REL A 302, The Old Testament (1 Kings-Malachi)
- REL A 301, The Old Testament (Genesis-2 Samuel)
- GWS 330, Women in the Scriptures
- REL A 211, The New Testament Gospels
- REL A 275, Teachings and Doctrines of the Book of Mormon
- REL A 275 online, Teachings and Doctrines of the Book of Mormon

Assistant Professor, Ancient Scripture, Brigham Young University, 2013-2019

- REL A 121, The Book of Mormon (1 Nephi-Alma 30)

- REL A 122, The Book of Mormon (Alma 31-Moroni)
- REL A 275, Teachings and Doctrines of the Book of Mormon
- REL A 211, The New Testament Gospels

Publications

Books/Edited Collections

Divine Aid: Theological Introduction to the Doctrine & Covenants (Maxwell & Deseret Book)
accepted for publication Fall 2024

Book of Mormon Studies: An Introduction and Guide (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, 2022) co-authored with Joseph Spencer, Nick Frederick, and Daniel Becerra

Beyond Biography: Sources in Context for Mormon Women's History. Eds. Rachel Cope, Amy Easton-Flake, Keith A. Erikson, and Lisa Olsen Tait. New Jersey: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press 2017.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles & Book Chapters

“Nineteenth-Century Biblical Interpretation in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,” *The Bible and the Latter-day Saint Tradition.* Eds. Taylor Petrey, Cory Crawford, and Eric Eliason. (University of Utah January 2023)

“Recognizing Responsibility and Standing with Victims: Studying Women of the Old Testament” *Covenant of Compassion: Caring for the Marginalized and Disadvantaged in the Old Testament.* Eds. Avram R. Shannon, Gaye Strathearn, George A. Pierce, and Joshua M. Sears (Sperry Symposium RSC 2021)

“Theology of the Afterlife in Mormon Women's Late-Nineteenth-Century Poetry” *Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers and Theologies of the Afterlife: A Step Closer to Heaven.* Eds. Emily Hamilton-Honey and Jennifer McFarlane Harris (Routledge 2021)

“The Bible in the *Millennial Star* and the *Woman's Exponent*: Biblical Use and Interpretation in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Late Nineteenth Century,” *BYU Studies* 60.1 (Winter 2021)

“Knowing the Book Better: Orson Pratt, George Reynolds, and Janne M Sjødahl on the Book of Mormon” *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies* vol 30 (2021)

“Refiguring the Archive: Women and the Book of Mormon Translation.” *Producing Ancient Scripture: Joseph Smith's Translation Projects in the Development of Mormon Christianity.* co-authored Rachel Cope. Eds. Michael Hubbard Mackay, Mark Ashurst-McGee, and Brian Hauglid. (University of Utah Press 2020)

“Mormon Women and Scripture in the Nineteenth Century” *The Routledge Handbook on Mormonism and Gender* Eds. Amy Hoyt and Taylor Petrey (Routledge April 2020)

- “Seeing Moroni and the book of Ether through a Study of Narrative Time” *Illuminating the Jaredite Records* (RSC, 2020)
- “Literary Works in the *Revolution* and the *Woman’s Journal*: Clarifying History,” *American Journalism: Women’s Suffrage and the Media Special Issue* 35.2 (April 2019)
- “Poetic Representations of Mormon Women in Late-Nineteenth-Century Frontier America” *Representing Rural Women* Eds. Whitney Womack Smith and Margaret Thomas-Evans (Lexington Books 2019)
- “Arise from the Dust, My Sons, and Be Men”: Masculinity in the Book of Mormon” *The Book of Mormon: Americanist Approaches*. Eds. Jared Hickman and Elizabeth Fenton. (Oxford University Press 2019)
- “Merging Mormon Women & Women of Genesis: Hannah Tapfield King’s *Women of the Scriptures*” *Women’s History Review*, 27:7 (December 2018) 1103-1122.
- “Marcan Christology: Narrating the Christ,” in *The Person and Work of Jesus in the New Testament*, ed. Eric Huntsman, Lincoln Blumell, and Tyler Griffin (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, September 2018).
- “Infant Salvation: Book of Mormon Theology within a Nineteenth-Century Context.” *He Came Among Them in Disguise: Uncovering the Richness of Abinadi’s Discourse*. Ed. Shon D. Hopkin. (Provo, Utah: Religious Studies Center 2018). 233-262.
- “Constructing Self & Society: Poetry in the *Woman’s Exponent*,” *Beyond Biography: Sources in Context for Mormon Women’s History* Eds. Rachel Cope, Amy Easton-Flake, Keith A. Erikson, and Lisa Olsen Tait. (New Jersey: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2017). 113-140.
- “Biblical Women in the *Woman’s Exponent*: Nineteenth-Century Mormon Women Interpret the Bible.” *Bible in American Life*. Eds. Philip Goff, Arthur E. Farnsley II, and Peter J. Thuesen. (Oxford University Press, 2017). 89-100.
- “Beyond Understanding: Narrative Theory as Expansion in Book of Mormon Exegesis.” *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies* (Spring 2016) 116-38.
- “A Multiplicity of Witnesses: Women and the Book of Mormon Translation Process.” *The Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon: A Marvelous Word and a Wonder*. Eds. Dennis L. Largey, Andrew H. Hedges, John Hilton III, and Kerry Hull. Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center Fall 2015 133-53. (co-authored with Rachel Cope).
- “Suffrage Caricatures: Henry James’s *Bostonians* and the British Popular Press.” *Symbiosis: A Journal of Anglo-American Literary Relations* 19.1 (April 2015). 47-73.
- “Harriet Beecher Stowe’s Multi-faceted Response to the Nineteenth-Century Woman Question.”

New England Quarterly 86.1 (March 2013). 29-59.

“Revealing Parables: A Call to Action within the *Doctrine and Covenants*.” *You Shall Have My Word: Exploring the Text of the Doctrine and Covenants*. Eds. Scott Esplin, Richard O. Cowan, and Rachel Cope. (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center 2012). 149-66.

“A Shared Historicist Enterprise: Mormon History through a Literary Lens.” *Journal of Mormon History* 38.2 (Spring 2012). 114-19.

“Mormon Women and the Problem of Historical Agency (A Roundtable Discussion).” *Religious Educator* 12.2 (Fall 2011). 144-46.

“Lehi’s Dream as a Template for Understanding Each Act of Nephi’s Vision.” *The Things Which My Father Saw: Approaches to Lehi’s Dream and Nephi’s Vision*. Eds. Dan Belnap, Gaye Strathearn, and Stanley A. Johnson. (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, 2011). 179-98.

Invited Entries

“Letter 80” American Values, Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters is a national, nonpartisan campaign created from the conviction that scholars who study and teach our diverse religious traditions have something important to say about our shared American values and pressing issues of our day. For 100 days—from January 20 to April 29, 2021—scholars sent a letter a day to President Biden, Vice President Harris, and Members of the 117th Congress. I was the sole LDS contributor asked to be a part of this project.

“Review Essay Richard E. Turley Jr. and Brittany A. Chapman, *Women of Faith in the Latter Days*.” *Mormon Studies Review* (2015). 150-59.

Book Reviews

“Book Review Jana Riess, *Flunking Sainthood*.” *BYU Studies* 54.2 (2015): 189-91

Presentations—Professional Meetings

“Divine Aid in the Doctrine & Covenants” Mormon History Association, Rochester, New York June 2023

“Poetical Exegesis in the Writings of Emily Hill Woodmansee.” Mormon History Association, Logan, Utah June 2022

“Biblical Women as Answer to Nineteenth-Century Woman Question: Stowe’s Woman in Sacred History.” American Literature Association. Chicago, May 2022

“Poetry in the *Woman’s Exponent*: An Ecology of Connection, Imagination, and Possibilities.” Society for the Study of American Woman Writers, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2021

- “Recognizing Responsibility and Standing with Victims: Studying Women of the Old Testament” (Old Testament Sperry Symposium October 2021)
- “Exploring Self: Interpretation of Biblical Women in the Relief Society Magazine (1915-1970),” co-authored with my research assistant, Kayla Bach. Mormon History Association, Park City, Utah, June 2021
- “Theology of the Afterlife in Mormon Women’s Late-Nineteenth-Century Poetry,” American Academy of Religion, virtual, December 2020
- “Imperial Focalization: The Art of Control in Edith Wharton’s *The Old Maid* and Nella Larsen’s *Passing*,” Edith Wharton Conference June 2020. Cancelled due to Covid
- “Teaching Masculinity in 1830s America: Conduct Books and The Book of Mormon,” Keynote address Book of Mormon Studies Association, Logan, Utah, October 2019
- “Literary Works in the *Revolution* and the *Woman’s Journal*: Clarifying History,” American Journalism History Association, Salt Lake City, Utah October 2018
- “Reconfiguring the Archive: Women and the Social Production of the Book of Mormon,” Faith and History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 2018
- “Marcan Christology: Narrating the Christ,” Sperry Symposium, Brigham Young University, October 2018.
- “Literature and Spiritual Inquiry,” Mormon Arts Festival, New York City, June 2018
- “Poetic Representations of Mormon Women in Utah Territory 1872-1896,” C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists, Albuquerque New Mexico, March 2018
- “Women’s Deployment of the Bible in Late Nineteenth-Century America,” American Historical Association, Washington DC, January 2018
- “Latter-day Saint Biblical Use and Interpretation as Exhibited in Church Periodicals 1880-1900.” Society of Biblical Literature, Boston November 2017
- “Biblical Women in the Woman’s Exponent: Female Interpreters in Late-Nineteenth-Century Mormonism.” Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio November 2016
- “Constructing Self & Society: Literary Works in the *Woman’s Exponent*,” Church History Symposium, March 2016
- “Harriet Beecher Stowe’s Popular Exegesis: Window to biblical women and nineteenth-century woman question.” Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2015

- “A Multiplicity of Witnesses: Women and the Translation Process,” Sperry Symposium, Brigham Young University, October 2015
- “Women of Genesis on a Pedestal: Hannah King’s Mormon Exegesis.” Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego, November 2014
- “Biblical Women in the *Woman’s Exponent*: The Bible in Nineteenth-Century Mormonism.” The Bible in American Life Conference at the Center for the Study of Religion and America Culture. Indiana University Purdue, August 2014
- “Refiguring the Archive: Women and the Book of Mormon Translation.” Joseph Smith’s Translation Projects Conference. Laura F. Willis Center for Book of Mormon Studies, August 2014.
- “Stowe’s *Woman in Sacred History*: Biblical Exegesis for the Consumer Culture.” Northeastern Modern Language Association. Harrisburg, PA, April 2014
- “Persuading a Nation: Suffrage & Antisuffrage Novels.” Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association. Vancouver, WA, October 2013
- “Women in the Book of Mormon: What Has Been Done & Where Should We Go.” Future of Book of Mormon Studies Think Tank. Laura F. Willis Center for Book of Mormon Studies, August 2013.
- “Fiction as Political Discourse: Literary Works in the Revolution and the Woman’s Journal.” Northeastern Modern Language Association. Boston, MA, March 2013
- “Picturing Citizenship & Persuading a Nation: Early Suffrage Press in 1870s America.” Society for the Study of American Women Writers. Denver, Colorado, October 2012.
- “Repressing/Depressing Women in Post-War America: John Cheever’s *The Wapshot Chronicle*.” Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association. Boston, MA, April 2012.
- “Narrative and Propaganda: Teaching the Call for Women’s Rights.” Northeastern Modern Language Association. Rochester, New York, March 2012.
- “Imagining the Vote: Suffrage and Antisuffrage Fiction as a Creative Force.” Women and Creativity Conference. Provo, Utah. November 2011.
- “Lehi’s Dream as a Template for Understanding Each Act of Nephi’s Vision.” Sperry Symposium. Provo, Utah. October 2011.
- “Anti-Suffragists’ Vision of the New Woman in Turn-of-the-Century Popular Fiction.” Society for the Study of American Women Writers. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2009

"Battle for Image: Suffrage Images in Late Nineteenth-Century Popular Press." Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association. Snowbird, Utah, October 2009.

"Containing and Controlling Voices in Edith Wharton's 'The Old Maid.'" Northeastern Modern Language Association. Buffalo, New York, March 2008.

"Perceptions and Positionality in Eudora Welty's *Delta Wedding*." Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association. Boston, Massachusetts, April 2007.

"Reading Billy Budd as Black: Race and Reconstruction in Herman Melville's *Billy Budd*." Nineteenth-Century Studies Association. Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, March 2007.

"Objects of Art in Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* and Henry James's *The Golden Bowl*." Edith Wharton Society. London, England, July 2003.

Presentations—Public Lectures & Podcasts

"Recognizing Responsibility and Standing with Victims: Reading the Old Testament with the Women of the Scriptures." Global Women's Studies Fall Colloquium, Sept. 2022

"Learning from our Foremothers: Nineteenth Century Women in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Tuesday-Friday Series of Classes—BYU Education Week 2022

"Expanding Understanding of Eve." Y Religion Podcast, January 2022

"Women Expounding Scripture." Y Religion Podcast, April 2022

"Editors & Authors of the Gospels and the Book of Mormon." Four Course Lecture Series—Aspen Grove Family Camp July 2020

"Studying 1 Nephi 1-18 through a Narratological Perspective." Book of Mormon Scripture Roundtable, Fall 2019

"Nineteenth Century LDS Women Witnessing, Teaching, and Aiding." Four Course Lecture Series—Aspen Grove Family Camp June 2019

University & Professional Service

Program Committee for Mormon History Association, Rochester, NY 2023, June 2022-2023

Diversity Recruitment Chair for Ancient Scripture, 2022-2024

Search Committee for Ancient Scripture Hiring, 2016-2024

GWS Executive Board, 2020-present

Selection Committee Member for De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History, Society of Biblical Literature, 2021-present

Committee Member to Revise the College Rank & Status Document Spring/Summer 2021

Mentor for Transfer Faculty, 2021-2022

Associate Editor, *Journal of Book of Mormon*, 2017-2020

Committee Member for Religious Education Dean Search, Fall 2018

Committee, Society of Biblical Literature: Recovering Female Interpreters Group 2014-2020
Deans Advisory Council 2016-2018
Committee, Designing online Book of Mormon course RelA 275 2016-2017
Coordinator for RelA 275 In-Service Teaching 2016-2017
Conference Committee, Church History Symposium, Brigham Young University, 2014-2017
Grant Proposal Reviewer for University Women's Research and Wells' Research Grants, 2016
Committee, Curriculum for new Book of Mormon course RelA 275 2014-2016
Conference Committee, Mormon Historical Association Conference, 2014-2015
Book of Mormon Academy Member, 2013-present
Committee, Student Religious Education Symposium, Brigham Young University, 2013-2014

Professional Organizations

Society of Biblical Literature
American Academy of Religion
Society for the Study of American Women Writers
Mormon Historical Association
Mormon Scholars in the Humanities