

AMONG THE MORMONS

A Survey of Current Theses and Dissertations

Despite the marked decline in the number of students seeking advanced degrees, which is sending shock waves throughout American academia, interest in Mormon-related programs remains remarkably high. This trend becomes considerably more understandable when we realize that almost sixty percent of the Ph.D. dissertations and master's theses in Linda Thatcher's accompanying bibliography were completed at Brigham Young University. A sizeable number of their authors will find, or have already found, employment within the Church Educational System.

Unfortunately, proposed federal cutbacks in higher education funding and a frustratingly low number of jobs in teaching and research raise grave concerns regarding the future study of Mormonism elsewhere. If these trends continue, we may well be deprived in the future of such significant works as Edward Leo Lyman's exhaustive examination of "The Mormon Quest for Utah Statehood" (University of California, Riverside, 1981), and Warren David Hansen's analysis of how Joseph Smith's social thought fit into the currents of social and philosophical thought of his time (Rutgers University, 1980).

Equally useful, is Michael Guy Bishop's comparison of American antebellum thought on familialism and early Mormon attempts to create a family unit which might remain intact in the hereafter (Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 1981). LeAnn Cragun's examination of the Church's attempts at various times to manipulate its own history provides useful insight for the present (University of Hawaii, 1981).

DISSERTATIONS AND THESES RELATING TO MORMONS AND MORMONISM

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ARCHITECTURE

Ferrin, John Ralph. "Historical Site Survey of Southeastern Salt Lake County." M.A., University of Utah, 1981.

ATHLETICS

Cannon, Kenneth L., II. "'The National Game: A Social History of Baseball in Salt Lake City Utah, 1868-1888.'" M.A., Brigham Young University, 1982.

BLACKS

Woolsey, Ronald Clair. "Slavery Expansion and a Divided South: The Southern View of Slavery in the Territories During the Crisis Years of 1820, 1850, and 1860." M.A., California State University, Fullerton, 1978.

DEMOGRAPHY

Maxfield, Brian Waller. "Population Movement and Growth in Utah County, Utah, 1940-1980." M.S., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Spicer, Judith Lee Cox. "Fertility Change in Utah: 1960-1975." Ph.D., University of Utah, 1981.

DOCTRINE AND THEOLOGY

Stewart, Jon Syfrit. "A Protestant Response to the Beliefs of the Mormon Church in America." D.Min., Drew University, 1981.

Thacker, Brandon K. "Inspired Revisions: The Challenges of Translating Scripture." Honors Thesis, Brigham Young University, 1982.

Underwood, Grant. "Early Mormon Millennialism: Another Look." M.A., Brigham Young University, 1982.

DRAMA AND THEATRE

Bidwell, John Thomas. "History of Theatre and Theatre Curriculum at Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho." M.A., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Blaser, Edward L. "A Study of the Perceptions and Attitudes about Brigham Young University Performing Groups." M.A., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Wilson, Crae James. "The Acting Career and Directing Career of Moroni Olsen." Ph.D., Brigham Young University, 1982.

EDUCATION

Critchfield, Arthur Barry. "Religious Achievement in Young, Hearing Impaired Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Ph.D., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Douglass, Randall V. "Deterring Burn-out in the Educational System of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Ed.D., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Goo, Charles Wai Hing. "Rationale and Guidelines for a Marketing Program for Brigham Young University — Hawaii Campus with Emphasis in the State of Hawaii." Ed.D., Brigham Young University, 1982.

King, Judd Paul. "An Examination of Key Aspects of Seminary Students' Lives Which Influence Their Performance in Seminary." Ph.D., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Kunz, Calvin Seymour. "A History of the Intern Doctoral Program of the College of Education at Brigham Young University." Ed.D., Brigham Young University, 1981.

- Ladle, Douglas Steven. "LDS Weekday Adult Religious Education: An Analysis of Student Characteristics, Preferences, and Outcomes." Ed.D., Brigham Young University, 1982.
- LeMone, Larry A. "A Follow-up Study of Brigham Young University — Hawaii Campus Graduates in Industrial Education, 1960–1979." M.S., Brigham Young University, 1982.
- Moss, William Robert. "A Study of the Relationship Between Self-Reported Anxiety Among LDS Seminary Teachers and Selected Independent Variables." Ed.D., Brigham Young University, 1981.
- Nelson, John O. "The Effects of an LDS Institute Gospel-Based Personality Development Course." Ed.D., Brigham Young University, 1981.
- Stone, William Jack. "The Stewardship Model of Management: A Scriptural Documentation and an Investigation of Its Implementation Within the LDS Church Educational System." Ed.D., Brigham Young University, 1981.
- Stott, Gerald Norman. "The Impact of Education on Religiosity: A Study of Mormons and Southern Baptists." Ph.D., Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 1981.
- Thompson, Elizabeth H. "An Evaluation of the BYU Study Program Abroad Program: Attitude Changes, Scholastic Satisfaction, and Religious Involvement." M.A., Brigham Young University, 1982.

HEALTH

- Banigan, Mary Josephine. "Adolescent Pregnancy in Utah, 1905–1977." Ph.D., University of Utah, 1981.

FAMILIES

- Bishop, Michael Guy. "The Celestial Family: Early Mormon Thought on Life and Death, 1830–1846." Ph.D., University of Illinois at Carbondale, 1981.

HISTORIOGRAPHY

- Cragun, LeAnn. "Mormons and History. In Control of the Past." Ph.D., University of Hawaii, 1981.

JOSEPH SMITH

- Hansen, Warren David. "Re-establishing Community: An Analysis of Joseph Smith's Social Thought in the Context of Philosophical Tradition." Ph.D., Rutgers University, 1980.
- Peterson, Roger Kent. "Joseph Smith — Poet: A Literary Analysis of Writings Commonly Associated with His Name." Ph.D., Brigham Young University, 1982.

LANGUAGE TEACHING

- Hallen, Cynthia Leah. "LDS Language Teaching and Learning: Highlights from 1830–1982." M.A., Brigham Young University, 1982.

LOCAL HISTORY

John, Daniel Arthur. "The History of Utah 4-H." M.S., Utah State University, 1982.

McCarty, Richard Lincoln. "Sandy Town: A Mormon Confrontation with the Mohave Desert." M.A., University of Nevada at Las Vegas, 1981.

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Wooster, Robert Allen. "Military Strategy in the American West, 1815-1860." M.A., Lamar University, 1979.

MISSIONARY WORK

Buehner, Alice W. "The Communicational Function of Wearing Apparel for Lady Missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." M.A., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Jensen, Susan. "Health Problems of Selected LDS Missionaries throughout the World." M.S., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Miller, Heather Rosemary. "Conversion, the Mass Media, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Ph.D., United States International University, 1981.

Turley, Richard Eyring, Jr. "Theodore Turley: Mission Journal 1839-1840." Honors Thesis, Brigham Young University, 1982.

POLITICS

Lyman, Edward Leo. "The Mormon Quest for Statehood." Ph.D., University of California, Riverside, 1981.

Nygaard, Martin J. "Brigham Young and the Union after 1865: A Legacy of Ambivalence." Honors Thesis, Brigham Young University, 1982.

POLYGAMY

James, Kimberly Jensen. "'Between Two Fires:' Women on the 'Underground' of Mormon Polygamy." M.A., Brigham Young University, 1982.

WOMEN

Kleinke, Joan A. "The Self-Reported Problems and Support Systems of Adult Women of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Ed.D., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Neff, Karen Preece. "Attitudes Towards Women's Rights and Roles in Utah Territory, 1847-1887." M.S., Utah State University, 1982.

Stapley, Melinda Gay. "A Study of Divorced Mormon Women in Salt Lake County: The Extent to Which They Use the Agencies and Institutions Available to Help Meet Personal, Financial and Employment Needs." M.S., Brigham Young University, 1982.