

# A Survey of Current Dissertations and Theses

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“KNOWLEDGE IS A COMFORTABLE AND NECESSARY RETREAT and shelter for us in advanced age,” Lord Chesterfield told his son in 1747, but “if we do not plant it while young it will give us no shade when we grow old.” It is clearly evident that a number of emerging Mormon scholars have recently taken this counsel to heart.

Charles Millard Turner’s book length study of Joseph Smith III presents an insightful perspective on Smith’s leadership as the first president of the RLDS Church as well as his life-long crusade against Utah Mormonism. The complex and multiple reasons that led to the establishment and dissolution of the Mormon community of Winter Quarters, Missouri, are detailed by Richard Edmond Bennett.

Music enthusiasts should read Fern Denise Gregory’s descriptive survey, “J. Spencer Cornwall: The Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle Choir Years, 1935–1957.”

By exploring how the powerful familism found in Mormon doctrine has survived its origins largely intact, Larry Kent Langlois develops some interesting prospects for Mormon families in the future. Marie Cornwall examines the processes by which Mormons develop and maintain their religious beliefs through socialization and continued interaction with others.

Mormonism’s political prowess is ably discussed in Roger Milton Barrus’s examination of the early political development of Utah and in Michael Q. Croft’s evaluation of the Church’s influence on the state’s politics during the past four decades. Charles W. Watson provides a biographical sketch of John Willard Young’s efforts to secure statehood for Deseret in 1887.

Other facets of Utah history are covered by Thomas Robert Carter’s study of folk architecture in the Sanpete Valley, 1850–1890 and by Larry Morgan Logue’s description of the early beliefs and demographic behavior in early St. George. Linda Jeanne Mealey provides an analysis of the relationship between the socio-economic status of early Mormon immigrants and their marital

status and fertility; and Cynthia Jane Sturgis details the bureaucratization and social change in Sevier County between 1900 and 1930.

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- Carter, Thomas Robert. "Building Zion: Folk Architecture in the Mormon Settlements of Utah's Sanpete Valley, 1850-1900." Ph.D. diss., Indiana University, 1984.

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- Miller, Ronald Floyd. "Character Education and Development of Moral and Spiritual Values: Implementation in Graduate Department of Physical Education Sports at Brigham Young University, 1979-1983." Ph.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1984.

#### BIRTH CONTROL

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- Madsen, Carol Cornwall. "A Mormon Woman in Victorian America." Ph.D. diss., University of Utah, 1985. Biography of Emmeline B. Wells.
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- Beckstead, Benjamin Gary. "Reducing Student Disruptive Behavior in Classrooms Through Norm Setting: A Study of Secondary Religious Education." Ed.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1984.
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- Crandall, Dorothy J. "The Relationship Between Teenage Preference for Rock Music and Their Attitude Toward Education, Church and Family." Ed.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1984.
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- Hill, David Henry. "Perceptions of Parents and Teachers of a Bi-Weekly Report System in Selected LDS Daytime Seminaries." Ed.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1984.
- Hunter, Linette Su'apa'ia Alapa. "An Analysis of the 1961-1970 Women Graduates of the Church College of Hawaii: Their Professional Status and Factors that Affect Their Aspirations for Administrative Leadership Roles." Ed.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1985.
- Peterson, Erlend D. "The Brigham Young University Touch-Tone Telephone Data Entry and Computer Voice Response Registration System: An Analysis of Student Acceptability." Ed.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1985.
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- Reynolds, Robert Wesley. "Level of Marital Adjustment and Spiritual Well-Being among Latter-day Saints." M.S. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1985.
- Thalman, Gayleen Wayman. "Religious Activity and Time Use of 149 Utah Husbands." M.S. thesis, Utah State University, 1982.

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