

International Sermon Studies Association Conference

September 12 -14, 2024
Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah



Interfaith Engagement and the Sermon

Thursday, September 12

5:00pm Conference Opening Dinner
Hinckley Alumni Building – East Dining Room

Conference Welcome: Rachel Cope

University Welcome: Dr. Scott Esplin, Dean of BYU Religious Education

7:00 Keynote Address
Reynolds Auditorium – Harold B. Lee Library (1st floor)

Welcome and Introduction: Andrew C. Reed

Engaging the “Other”: Orthodox Sermons and Liturgy as Instruments of War and Peace

Dr. Nadieszda Kizenko – State University of New York, Albany

Friday September 13

BYU Museum of Art Auditorium

9:00 am – 9:15 am Introduction and Welcome

Panel I

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Maddie Blonquist, Moderator

Robert Ellison

Interfaith Teaching and Preaching in West Virginia

Mike MacKay and Rev. Daniella Lee

The Educational Eucharist: An Interfaith Experiment

Panel II

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

Elliott Wise, Moderator

Emily Murphy Cope

Óscar Romero, Liberation Theology, and the Genre of “the Sermon”

William Skiles

The Confessing Churches’ Preaching on Jewish Heroes in Nazi Germany

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm BYU Museum of Art Café Lunch

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm BYU Museum of Art Guided Tour Visit

2:30 – 3:30pm Keynote Address

Reynolds Auditorium – Harold B. Lee Library (1st floor)

Introduction: Rachel Cope

“An infant Hercules”: George Bancroft in the Pulpit

Dr. Paul E. Kerry – Brigham Young University

Panel III

3:45pm – 5:30pm Reynolds Auditorium – Harold B. Lee Library

Marin Roper, Moderator

Grace Chipman

For a Time Such as This: Interfaith Prayer, Sermons, and Speeches in the U.K.
Women's Suffrage Movement

Gerrit Dirkmaat

“That Spirit Which Has Drenched the Earth with Blood:” Joseph Smith's Sermon on
Religious Tolerance and its Impact on Latter-day Saint Theology

Bradley Havenar

Building Bridges of Belief: Rev. Jeff Hamilton, the Interfaith Alliance of Oklahoma,
and the Uniting Power of Sermonic Dialogue

Saturday September 14

Reynolds Auditorium – Harold B. Lee Library (1st floor)

Panel IV

9:00 am – 9:45 am

Moderator: Rachel Cope

The Future of Sermon Studies – A Look at the Field

Panelists: Robert Ellison, Keith Francis, William Skiles, Paul Kerry

Panel V

10:00 am – 11:30 Reynolds Auditorium – Harold B. Lee Library

Mike MacKay, Moderator

Patricia McKee

“Allergic to the Bible”: Reframing Biblical Texts for Unitarian Universalist Worship

Kyle Beshears and Stephan Taeger

Protestant Presentations in Latter-day Saint Spaces: Dwight L. Moody, Cecil B.
DeMille, and R. Albert Mohler

Keith Francis

The Sermon Goes Universal: Thinking about Sermons and Preaching in the Late-
Twentieth and Early-Twenty-First Centuries

Panel VI

11:45 pm – 1:15 pm Reynolds Auditorium – Harold B. Lee Library

Grace Chipman, Moderator

Andrew C. Reed

The Rock, the Hard Place, and Sermonic Boundary-making as Interfaith Practice

Jonah Harris

Cross-Contamination: The Mutual Influence of the Enlightenment and the First Great Awakening

Nick Hainsworth

The Limits of Interfaith Engagement: Violent Exclusivism among Myanmar's Buddhists

Concluding Remarks

Andrew C. Reed

Sunday September 15

8:45am Salt Lake City Tabernacle

VIP Audience Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square

Music and the Spoken Word Broadcast

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