

# John Whitmer Historical Association

## 2021 Year in Review

### Major Fundraising Event

On September 18, 2022, the John Whitmer Historical Association (JWHA) will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, honoring a half century of promoting the study of Restoration history. This celebration is 50 years in the making. The 2019 Board of Directors set a goal to raise \$50,000 ([50kforthe50th](#)) from contributions and sponsorships to support this landmark golden jubilee celebration. Funds raised will be applied to the celebration and encourage new member involvement. A portion of the funds, as designated by the donor, can be committed to our endowment preserving our future stability. As of December 31, 2021, we have commitments and pledges of \$28,005 towards our goal of \$50,000.

JWHA has an annual scholarship program to provide funds for students to attend and present at annual conferences. In the last three years, we have received \$4,541 to support our student scholars participation in the annual conference. "Giving Tuesday" has been an important part of this endeavor.

Fundraising is only a portion of what is involved to make our golden jubilee "special." It takes members and committees planning, logos, themes, and a memorable location. We encourage you to attend. September 15 – 18, 2022, Community of Christ Temple, Independence, Missouri. [Register for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference & Celebration.](#)

Not a member? [Consider joining JWHA.](#) Current members receive a discounted conference registration fee.

### 50th Anniversary Conference & Celebration

**September 15 – 18, 2022**  
**Community of Christ Temple**

### 50th Anniversary Committee

#### Honorary Members (Founders)

Alma Blair  
Paul Edwards  
Barbara Howard  
Richard Howard  
Grant McMurray  
William Russell  
W. B "Pat" Spillman

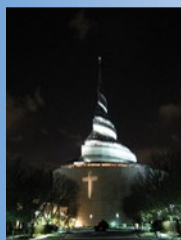
Johnston, IA  
Independence, MO  
Lee's Summit, MO  
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Grain Valley, MO  
Lamoni, IA  
Blue Springs, MO

#### Members

Casey Griffiths, Chair  
Ryan Sargent, Co-Chair  
Myra Elliott  
Rachel Killebrew  
Sherry Morain  
Kathleen Pollock  
Ronald Romig

Sarasota Springs, UT  
Pocatello, ID  
Peoria, IL  
Independence, MO  
Lamoni, IA  
Neosho, MO  
Independence, MO

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Sponsorships are available, view the 50th anniversary [partnership opportunities.](#)



*In 2022 John Whitmer Historical Association celebrates its Golden Anniversary. Fifty years of scholarly exploration on the Restoration Movement.*

Christin Mackay, President

# Nature of JWHA

The John Whitmer Historical Association (JWHA) was incorporated in the state of Missouri on April 12, 1980. The Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of Latter Day Saint history.

JWHA is governed by an Executive Committee and a Board of Directors:

**President** – Christin Mackay, Nauvoo, Illinois

**Immediate Past President** – Jill Brim, Washington, Utah

**President Elect** – Casey Griffiths, Sarasota Springs, Utah

**Executive Director** – Cheryle Grinter, Independence, Missouri

**Treasurer** – Robert Cook, Macomb, Illinois

## Directors

Myra Elliott, Peoria, Illinois

Scott Esplin – Provo, Utah

Katherine Hill – Reykjavik Iceland

Mark Staker – Salt Lake City, Utah

Megan Stanton – Madison, Wisconsin

Dan Whittemore – Denver, Colorado



JWHA is structured as a membership organization that achieves its purposes through membership, printing and distribution of various publications, hosting an annual conference and podcasts. All are welcome!

JWHA brings a unique flavor to the study of Restoration history.

JWHA encourages interest in Latter Day Saints history.

JWHA promotes communication among scholars.

JWHA supports John Whitmer Books, the publishing arm of our association.

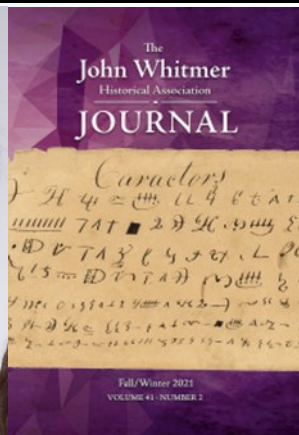
JWHA provides an institutional vehicle for the discussion and dissemination of the fruits of scholarly research.

JWHA offers scholarships to provide funds for students to attend our annual conference.

We invite you to [join JWHA](#) and consider donating to this vibrant, inclusive scholarly society.

# Journal

William D. Morain, Editor



The JWHA Journal is a member benefit, published twice a year with opportunities for scholars, young and old, professional, and armchair, to contribute their ideas, essays, and papers.

*Presenters at our meetings are customarily motivated to go on to those final steps to see that their work is preserved on the bookshelf.*

Bill Morain, Editor

[JWHA Journal Editorial Board](#)

## 2021 Virtual Conference

*Restoration Outpost:  
Ragged Edge or Oasis?*

[View Videos](#)

## 2022

*JWHA's 50th Anniversary:  
A Legacy of Restoration History*

September 15-18

[Community of Christ Temple](#)  
Independence, Missouri

## 2023

September 21 – 24

[Hangar Hotel](#)  
Fredericksburg, Texas

## 2024

September 12-15

[Dixie Conference Center](#)  
St. George, Utah

## 2025

September 18-21

[Mid-America Center](#)  
Council Bluffs, Iowa

# Annual Conferences

# Finance

**Endowment Fund** – The original gift or corpus received by JWHA cannot be used for projects or operations for any reason and must remain permanently intact. The JWHA Board is authorized to use the earnings for any purpose authorized by the donor or the Board.

| Endowment Fund | Original Corpus | Balance<br>12.31.2021 |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| JWHA Board     | \$100,000       | \$161,370             |
| Donor Created  | \$10,000        | \$12,167              |
| Total          |                 | \$173,537             |



**Dan Whittemore**  
Finance Committee Chair

## Members:

Greg Brim  
Seth Bryant  
Bill Morain

[View the 2021 Financial Statement](#)

**You can partner with JWHA by:**

- ◆ [Becoming a member](#)
- ◆ Attending the [annual conference](#)
- ◆ Donating to the [50kforthe50th](#) fundraiser
- ◆ [Sponsor an element of the 50th anniversary celebration](#)
- ◆ Making an [online donation](#)

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2021

|                               | Unrestricted     | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | Total             |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>REVENUES AND SUPPORT</b>   |                  |                        |                        |                   |
| Contributions                 | \$ 53,236        | \$ 4,000               | \$ -                   | \$ 57,236         |
| Program services              | 12,510           | -                      | -                      | 12,510            |
| Book sales                    | 7,706            | -                      | -                      | 7,706             |
| Membership dues               | 11,995           | -                      | -                      | 11,995            |
| Transfer for intended purpose | 1,000            | -1,000                 | -                      | -                 |
| Transfer of funds internally  | -13,000          | 13,000                 | -                      | -                 |
| Other                         | -                | -                      | -                      | -                 |
| Interest and dividends        | 30               | 9,376                  | 3,659                  | 13,065            |
| Capital gains                 | -                | 9,051                  | 3,375                  | 12,426            |
| Unrealized gains              | -                | 33,302                 | 12,196                 | 45,498            |
|                               | <u>73,477</u>    | <u>67,729</u>          | <u>19,230</u>          | <u>160,436</u>    |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>               |                  |                        |                        |                   |
| Program services              | 54,747           | -                      | -                      | 54,747            |
| General and administrative    | 17,260           | 3,990                  | 1,392                  | 22,642            |
|                               | <u>72,007</u>    | <u>3,990</u>           | <u>1,392</u>           | <u>77,389</u>     |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>   | 1,470            | 63,739                 | 17,838                 | 83,047            |
| Net assets, beginning of year | 20,721           | 457,544                | 155,699                | 633,964           |
| Net assets, end of year       | <u>\$ 22,191</u> | <u>\$ 521,283</u>      | <u>\$ 173,537</u>      | <u>\$ 717,011</u> |



# Annual Awards

**Joe Geisner, Chair**

## 2021 Recipients

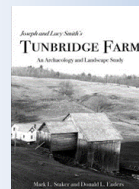
- ◆ Smith-Pettit Best Book: William L. Davis for Visions in a Seer Stone: Joseph Smith and the Making of the Book of Mormon
- ◆ Metcalfe Best Anthology: Edited by Michael Hubbard MacKay, Mark Ashurst-McGee, Brian M. Hauglid for Producing Ancient Scripture Joseph Smith's Translation Projects in the Development of Mormon Christianity
- ◆ Whittemore Best Documentary History: Dan Vogel ed., for The Wilford Woodruff Journals
- ◆ Alma Blair Best Biography: Elisa Pulido for The Spiritual Evolution of Margarito Bautista: Mexican Mormon Evangelizer, Polygamist Dissident, and Utopian Founder, 1878-1961
- ◆ Greg Kofford Best Historical Article: David J. Howlett for "Why Denominations Can Climb Hills: RLDS Conversions in Highland Tribal India and Midwestern America, 1964-2000."
- ◆ Pollock Best Historical Article: Melinda Evans for "Belva Lockwood: The "Nerviest Woman in the United States," Who Became the Latter-day Saints' Irrepressible Advocate and Friend."
- ◆ Geisner & Mogg Best Theological Article: Seth Bryant for "Holy Fools of the Restoration: Using Performance and Mimicry to Prophetically Expose Injustice."

### Book Awards Committee

John Dinger  
Brent Metcalfe  
Katherine Pollock  
Susan Staker

### Article Awards Committee

Bryce Blankenagel  
Julianne Briscoe  
John-Charles Duffy  
Nancy Ross



*John Whitmer Books published Mark Staker's **Joseph and Lucy Smith's Tunbridge Farm: An Archaeology and Landscape Study**. This high-quality title inaugurates an exciting new subject matter focus for the press. While continuing to publish academic titles on Restoration history, we are also launching a series on Restoration archaeology, to be co-edited by Seth Bryant and Kevin Bryant. Other initiatives under way at the press include expansion of marketing and publicity programs and re-release of old titles in ebook format. We're optimistic that these initiatives will increase the press's reach, reputation, and revenue.*

Chris Smith, Manager



### JW Books Editorial Board

Peter Judd  
Michael Riggs  
Steven Shields



**JW Books**  
**Christopher Smith, Manager**



# We Are Grateful

## Thank you generous donors

*who share and support our mission with their generosity. We are successful, in part, because of you.*

*Thank you to our board and volunteers for their time, talent and commitment to our success.*

With faithful financial contributions over the years, JWHA has been able to further the independent scholarly interest in the history of Community of Christ and the Restoration Movement. Financial support plays a key role in our success. In 2021 we received \$58,042 in donations to support our mission and preserve our investments for future stability.

JWHA is continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of our donors who support our mission.



## 50th Anniversary Conference & Celebration

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50 Years of Leadership

### Presidents

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Robert B. Flanders, 1973–74    | Edward A. Warner, 1999–2000     |
| Alma R. Blair, 1975            | Alma R. Blair, 2000–2001        |
| Kenneth E. Stobaugh, 1976      | Michael S. Riggs, 2001–2002     |
| William D. Russell, 1977       | Biloine W. Young, 2002–2003     |
| Barbara J. Higdon, 1978        | Mark A. Scherer, 2003–2004      |
| Paul M. Edwards, 1979          | Jan Shipp, 2004–2005            |
| Clare D. Vlahos, 1980          | Newell G. Bringhurst, 2005–2006 |
| W. Grant McMurray, 1981        | Alexander L. Baugh, 2006–2007   |
| Thomas J. Morain, 1982         | Barbara B. Walden, 2007–2008    |
| Norma Derry Hiles, 1983        | William Shepard, 2008–2009      |
| Paul M. Edwards, 1984          | Jeanne Murphey, 2009–2010       |
| Richard P. Howard, 1985        | John C. Hamer, 2010–2011        |
| Wayne Ham, 1986                | Steven L. Shields, 2011–2012    |
| Robert C. Mesle, 1987          | R. Jean Addams, 2012–2013       |
| Linda King Newell, 1988        | Lachlan Mackay, 2013–2014       |
| Maurice L. Draper, 1989–1990   | Erin B. Metcalfe, 2014–2015     |
| Roger D. Launius, 1991–1992    | Brian C. Hales, 2015–2016       |
| Isleta L. Pement, 1993–1994    | Peter Judd, 2016–2017           |
| Jessie L. Embry, 1995–1996     | Sherry Mesle Morain, 2017–2018  |
| Danny L. Jorgensen, 1996–1997  | Rachel Killebrew, 2018–2019     |
| Ronald E. Romig, 1997–1998     | Jill Brim, 2019–2021            |
| Barbara J. Bernauer, 1998–1999 | Christin Mackay, 2021–2022      |

[Learn more about our history and founders.](#)