

John Whitmer Historical Association

2022 Year in Review

This was a banner year celebrating our legacy and exploring new discoveries, the John Whitmer Historical Association is looking to new horizons where old friends and new scholars can work to build on the foundations of those who came before us.

Casey Paul Griffiths, President

Nature of Organization

JWHA is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the study of Latter Day Saint history. We are governed by an Executive Committee and a Board of Directors, and our day-to-day operations are overseen by the Executive Director. We promote interest in Latter Day Saint history through education, publications, an annual conference, and podcasts. Our inclusive approach welcomes professional and armchair scholars, encouraging publication in the JWHA Journal and supporting John Whitmer Books. We provide a platform for the discussion and dissemination of scholarly research and offer scholarship programs for students. Join us in supporting this vibrant scholarly society.

Upcoming Conference



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Restoration Tales from Texas Dust

September 21 – 24, 2023

[Hangar Hotel](#)

Fredericksburg, Texas

2023 Conference Committee

Kyle Walker, Chair
Eric Rogers, Co-Chair
Brian Hales
Melvin Johnson
Stephanie Rogers
Ryan Sargent
Robyn Shahan Spears

Rexburg, ID
Salt Lake City, UT
Kaysville, UT
Mesquite, NV
Salt Lake City, UT
Pocatello, ID
Bentonville, AR



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

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 – Casey Griffiths, Saratoga Springs, Utah

President Elect – Kyle Walker, Rexburg, ID

Immediate Past President – Christin Mackay, Nauvoo, Illinois

Executive Director – Cheryle Grinter, Independence, Missouri

Treasurer – Robert Cook, Macomb, Illinois

Directors

Myra Elliott – Peoria, Illinois

Melvin Johnson – Mesquite, Nevada

Katherine Pollock – Springfield, Missouri

Ryan Sargent – Pocatello, Idaho

Jason Smith – Duncan, Oklahoma

Mark Staker – Salt Lake City, Utah

Megan Stanton – Madison, Wisconsin



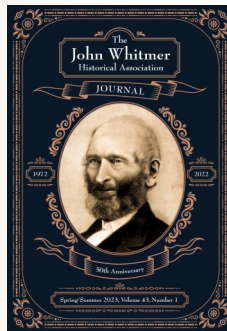
JWHA is structured as a membership organization that achieves its purposes through membership, printing and distribution of various publications, hosting an annual conference and podcasts. All are welcome!

- 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

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](#)

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

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 12.31.22
JWHA Board	\$100,000	\$136,099
Donor Created	\$10,000	\$17,167
Total		\$153,266



Ryan Sargent
Finance Committee Chair

Members:

Seth Bryant
Bill Morain
Dan Whittemore

[View the 2022 Financial Statement](#)

You can partner with JWHA by:

- ♦ [Becoming a member](#)
- ♦ Attending the [annual conference](#)
- ♦ Making an [online donation](#)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	2021 Total
REVENUES AND SUPPORT					
Contributions	\$ 53,432	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,432	\$ 57,236
Program services	61,957	-	-	61,957	12,510
Book sales	8,735	-	-	8,735	7,706
Membership dues	18,340	-	-	18,340	11,995
Transfer for intended purpose	24,639	-27,639	3,000	-	-
Transfer of funds internally	-29,000	27,000	2,000	-	-
Fundraising	853	-	-	853	-
Interest and dividends	35	734	4,561	5,330	13,065
Capital gains	-	12,826	0	12,826	12,426
Unrealized gains	-	71,898	24,230	96,128	45,498
	<u>\$ 138,991</u>	<u>\$ 84,819</u>	<u>\$ 33,791</u>	<u>\$ 257,601</u>	<u>\$ 160,436</u>
EXPENSES					
Program services	\$ 133,497	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,497	\$ 54,747
General and administrative	19,583	3,879	1,318	24,780	22,642
Unrealized Losses	-	155,367	52,744	208,111	-
	<u>153,080</u>	<u>159,246</u>	<u>54,062</u>	<u>366,388</u>	<u>77,389</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	-14,089	-74,427	-20,271	-108,787	83,047
Net assets, beginning of year	22,191	521,283	173,537	717,011	633,964
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 8,102</u>	<u>\$ 446,856</u>	<u>\$ 153,266</u>	<u>\$ 608,224</u>	<u>\$ 717,011</u>

In March 2022 \$27,000 from a large gift was transferred to the investment fund. In October the budgeted amount of \$24,639 was transferred back to the checking account to be used for operations.

In October \$2,000 was transferred from the checking account to the Endowment Fund.
In October \$3,000 was transferred from the Investment Cash Reserve to the Endowment Fund.

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 2022 we received \$53,432 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.



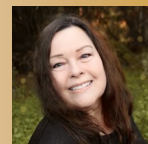
Annual Awards

Megan Stanton, Chair

2022 Recipients

- ♦ Smith-Pettit Best Book: Spencer McBride, *Joseph Smith for President: The Prophet, the Assassins, and the Fight for American Religious Freedom* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021).
- ♦ Greg and Jill Brim Best Biography: Virginia Kerns, *Sally in Three Worlds: An Indian Captive in the House of Brigham Young* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2021).
- ♦ Best Anthology: Michael Harold Paulos and Konden Smith Hansen, eds., *The Reed Smoot Hearings: The Investigation of a Mormon Senator and the Transformation of an American Religion* (Logan: Utah State University Press, 2021).
- ♦ Whittemore Best Documentary History: George D. Smith, ed., *Brigham Young, Colonizer of the American West: Diaries and Office Journals, 1832-1871* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 2021).
- ♦ Greg Kofford Best Historical Article: W. Paul Reeve, "I Dug the Graves': Isaac Lewis Manning, Joseph Smith, and Racial Connections in Two Latter Day Saint Traditions," *Journal of Mormon History* 47, no. 1 (2021): 29-67.
- ♦ Pollock Best Historical Article: Sonia Hazard, "How Joseph Smith Encountered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism," *Religion and American Culture* 31, no. 2 (2021): 137-192.
- ♦ Suzanne Geisner & Jerry Mogg Best Theological Article: Brooke R. LeFevre, "I Would Not Risk My Salvation to Any Man': Eliza R. Snow's Challenge to Salvific Coverture," *Journal of Mormon History* 47, no. 2 (2021): 48-74.
- ♦ JWHA 50th Anniversary Special Award (recipient 1): Richard Howard
- ♦ JWHA 50th Anniversary Special Award (recipient 2): David Howlett

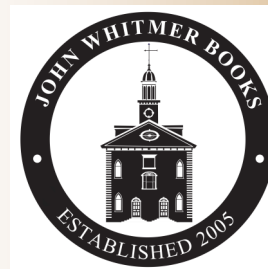
John Whitmer Books



Cheryl Bruno was appointed as the John Whitmer Books Manager.

The year was busy with manuscripts review and approval for publication. Those titles are in process and will be released in 2023.

Scan the QR Code for of a list of current titles.



JW Books Editorial Board

Jill Brim
Peter Judd
Mike Riggs
Steve Shields
Mark Staker

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Cheryl Bruno, Manager