

MORMON ENVIRONMENTALISM



Join us for a panel discussion:

Monday, March 10, 2008

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Olpin Union Theater

The University of Utah

Free and open to the public

From the biblical "stewardship" vs. "dominion" conflict to the carefully constructed "creation care" vs. environmentalism debate: religion and the environment are tough subjects with historical tensions. Within the context of frontier expansionism Brigham Young brought a devastated people to a devastated land teaching his people of holistic thinking interweaving the spiritual with the temporal with an emphasis on care and responsibility toward God's gifts. Young's foundation was a progressive doctrinal and ethical stance on the forward edge of nineteenth century norms creating a boon to many within the modern LDS church seeking to formulate a uniquely Mormon environmental ethic. What is a modern Mormon religious environmental ethic? What are the tensions today between the desert landscape and Young's vision of Zion?

Mormon History Association and The University of Utah's American West Center and Environmental Humanities program, invite you to hear and respond to presenters Bryan Wallis, a graduate student in the Environmental Humanities program at the University of Utah, and George Handley, a Humanities Professor of Brigham Young University, as they address Brigham Young's vision and what it means to be a Mormon Environmentalist today. Tom Carter of the University of Utah, Tom Alexander of Brigham Young University, and Lawrence Culver of Utah State University will respond as a formal panel, with Paul Reeve moderating. All are invited to share in the conversation.

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