2026 CHARLES REDD CENTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Notification and instruction emails with awarded amounts will be sent out to all applicants in early May

ANNALEY NAEGLE REDD ASSISTANTSHIP (BYU FACULTY)

Roger Harrison, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Brigham Young University, *Detection and Quantification of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Utah Air*

Randy Klabacka, Biology, Brigham Young University, *Whiptail Lizards of the Intermountain West: An Untapped Natural Resource for Understanding Mitonuclear Compatibility*

Rob Sowby, Civil and Construction Engineering, Brigham Young University, *Data Centers in the West: Water Impacts and Accountability*

Paul Stavast, Anthropology/Museum of Peoples and Cultures, Brigham Young University, *Documenting State Laws in the Intermountain West Impacting Curation and Preservation of Museum Collections*

Joseph Stuart, History, Brigham Young University, *Researching at the Crossroads of Race, Religion, and Lived Experience: Genealogy and the Century of Black Mormons Project*

Mike Taylor, English, Brigham Young University, *Sustaining Reciprocal Relations with Indigenous Communities*

ANNALEY NAEGLE REDD STUDENT AWARD IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

Melodie Jackson, American Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, *Black Mormon Women at the Altar: Food, Racial Exclusion, and Religious Belonging within Mormonism in the US*

Victoria McKeller-Peoples, History, Pennsylvania State University, *Building a Black West: Land, Leisure, and Liberation in the Intermountain West, 1880–1930*

CHARLES REDD FELLOWSHIP AWARD IN WESTERN AMERICAN HISTORY

Joanna Brooks, English & Comparative Literature / Academic Affairs, San Diego State University, *Daily Journalling in the Rural LDS Intermountain West: The "Thots" of AR Lyman*

Jennifer Depew, History, Stanford University, *Spirits of '76: Memories of the American Founding in American Politics, 1976–2016*

Erik Freeman, History Department, Idaho State University, *Sitting Bull Called Him Brother: Frank Grouard and the Politics of Race and Belonging in the American West*

Charles Langley, N/A, N/A, *Examination of the Eve Ball Archive for References to Apache Medicine and Religious Practices*

Benjamin Park, History, Sam Houston State University, *W. Cleon Skousen and the LDS Origins of the Religious Right*

CLARENCE DIXON TAYLOR AWARD

Michael L. B. Forvil, Neuroscience and Africana Studies, Brigham Young University, *Patterns and Continuity: Documenting African American History in Carbon County, Utah, and The Roots of Racial Terror Lynchings in American Society*

Erik J. Freeman, History, Idaho State University, *Geneva Steel and Utah Valley University: Industrial and Educational Transformation in Utah County During the Twentieth Century*

CLARENCE DIXON TAYLOR RESEARCH GRANT

Christopher Jones, History, Brigham Young University, *African Americans in Carbon County, Utah, 1900–1950*

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORKS AWARD

B. Erin Cole, *Yellow Dust: A Graphic History of Living with Uranium on Colorado's Western Slope*

John Dinger, *Latter-day Saints and the Courts in Territorial Idaho*

Laura McPhee, *Silence So Deep It Rings: A Chronicle of the High Desert West*

Brian Mueller, *Frontier Conservatism: The Western Origins of the New Right*

Brent Rogers, *Another Bloodstain on the Soil: The History of a Marriage, a Consequential Murder, and a Mystery in the Nineteenth-Century Great Basin*

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES GRANT

Steven Ricks (Music), **Stephen Tuttle** (English), and **Brent Barson** (Design)
Dominguez–Escalante 250

Michelle Kesler (Music), **Liz Gibbons Bailey** (Biology), and **Keely Song Glenn** (Dance),
Promoting and Assessing Stewardship Commitment through Interdisciplinary Natural History and Creative Works

Steven L. Petersen (Plant and Wildlife Sciences), **Brady Moon** (Mechanical Engineering), and **David Burchfield** (Geography, BYU–I)
Bird Diversity in Great Basin Bristlecone Pine Forests of Utah

JOHN TOPHAM AND SUSAN REDD BUTLER BYU FACULTY AWARD

Doug Atkinson, Political Science, *Inequality, Conscription, and the Expansion of American Democracy*

Ryan Cordner and Frederick Akinbo, School of Medicine, *Epidemiology of Parasite Infections among Refugees in Utah County*

Steven Peck, Biology and as Fellow of the Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, *Soundscape, Landscape, and Ecological Aspect of Sites in Southern Neveda and Idaho*

Aaron Skabelund, History, *Remembering Topaz: Memory Activists and Narratives of Confinement at the Japanese American Central Utah Relocation Center*

Lori Spruance, Public Health, *Open-Campus Policies and the Role of Schools as Food Infrastructure in the Intermountain West*

Fred Woods, Church History & Doctrine, *Saints by State: Arizona and New Mexico*

JOHN TOPHAM AND SUSAN REDD BUTLER OFF-CAMPUS FACULTY AWARD

Valerie Freeman, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Oklahoma State University, *English in Idaho*

Cory Haala, History and International Studies, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, *Border Blockades and Wars on Wheat: Northern Plains Protest and Politics in the Age of Free Trade*

William Holly, Idaho Society of Fellows & Department of History, University of Idaho, *"The Mountain is Part of Us": Tourism and American Indian Sacred Land in Northern Arizona*

Hannah Jung, Religious Studies, University of Alabama, *Mind Your Own Business: Secrecy and the Unmaking of Polygamy 1882–1933*

Sarah Payne, History, Colorado State University, *Invisible Stewards: Concessionaire Labor and the Architecture of Work in the National Parks*

Ernesto Sagás, Race, Gender, and Ethnic Studies, Colorado State University, *Latinx Migration to Wyoming's Powder River Basin*

Robert Walls, Institute for Indigenous Knowledge, Indiana University, *Beyond the Words of Joseph: Alphabetic Literacy and the Emergence of a Public Voice in Indigenous Idaho*

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING AWARD

516 ARTS, *Kincentric Ecologies*

Better Days, *Highlighting Utah Women's Legacy of Leadership at the Museum of Utah Opening festival and Utah Women Making History Student Event*

Moab Museum, *Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Trail at the Moab Museum*

High Desert Museum, *250 in the West Lecture Series*

Mormon History Association, *Annual Conference Reception, Documentary Screenings, and Roundtable*

BYU Humanities Center and Global Women's Studies, *Celebrating Women Who Built BYU Walking Tour, Volumes 1 & 2*

Nevada Humanities, *Sagebrush to Sandstone: Creative Workshops and Literary Walks*

Salazar Rio Grande del Norte Center at Adams State University, *2027 Rio Grande State of the Basin Symposium*

RESEARCH AWARD FOR BYU UPPER DIVISION AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Connor Biser, Biology, Brigham Young University, *Pest of the West: Sequencing of the Genome of the Pinyon Ips (Ips confusus) Bark Beetle*

Mei Chen, Biology, Brigham Young University, *Persistent pollutants in Great Salt Lake: Assessing Environmental Health Risks from Exposed Lakebed Sediments*

Charles Finlayson, Biology, Brigham Young University, *The Effect of Anthropogenic Light at Night on the Juvenile Great Basin Whiptail Lizard's Response to Predators*

Curtis Garlick, Plant and Wildlife Sciences, Brigham Young University, *Development and Use of a Novel Seed Drill for the Revegetation of the Sagebrush Steppe*

Halle Jarman, Public Health, Brigham Young University, *Open-Campus Policies and the Role of Schools as Food Infrastructure in the Intermountain West*

Gabriela Jijon, Biology, Brigham Young University, *Examining Silk Diversity in Caddisflies of the Intermountain West through Silk Proteomics*

Megan White, Plant and Wildlife Sciences, Brigham Young University, *Monitoring Rare Endemic Plant Species and Alpine Habitat Use by Ungulates and Human Recreation in the La Sal Mountains*

RESEARCH AWARD FOR OFF-CAMPUS UPPER DIVISION AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Annika Cobb, Environmental Science, Policy and Management, University of California Berkeley, *Energy, Politics, and Uncertainty in the Rocky Mountain West*

Drew Gamboa, History, Washington State University, *Children of the Sun: Migrant Childcare During the Farm Workers and Chicana/o Movements, 1966–1980*

Lauren Jarnach, History, University of Oxford, *Visions and Revisions: Writing the Body Politic in the Post-Civil War Frontier*

Lani Kasten-Coffman, History, West Virginia University, *Family of Saints: Contested Kinship within Latter-day Saint Missions to the First Peoples of the Great Basin, 1850–1870*

Jonathan Laska, History, University of Nebraska Lincoln, *From the Front Range to Main Street: Community Identity, Connections, and Development in Southern Colorado*

Spencer McConkie, History, University of Oregon, *The Environmental Creation of Utah's Dixie*

Dale Mize, History, University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign, *Rebranding Red Meat: U.S. Beef Production and Consumption 1945–1995*

Valerie Orlemann, Anthropology, Utah State University, *The Making of Emery Gray Ware: An Exploration of the Materials, Production Choices and Distribution of a Fremont Ceramic Variant*

Emmie Pluym, School of Forestry, Northern Arizona University, *Western Harvester Ant Effects on Mycorrhizal Colonization and Plant Vigor*

Anna Snyder, Law Center, Georgetown University, *A Law unto Themselves: A History of the Mormon Welfare State, 1930–1975*

VISITING FELLOWS

Martha Swift, Humanities, St Catherine's College, University of Oxford, *The World and the Western*

Baligh Ben Taleb, American Indian Studies, San Francisco State University, *Slow Violence, Legal Dispossession, and Indigenous Sovereignty: The Dann Sisters and the Western Shoshone Land Struggle*

BUTLER YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD (BYU FACULTY)

Ruth Kerry, Geography, *Environmental Stewardship in the West*

Rachel Wood, Biology, *Salt Lake Wetlands and Watersheds*