BYU ICELAND CONFERENCE PROGRAM September 10, 2015 (Thursday)

Conference papers will be presented at the BYU Varsity Theatre in the Wilkinson Student Center (WSC)

9:00 a.m. — Welcome and Announcements. Greetings by Dr. Sandra Rogers, international vice president at Brigham Young University.


9:45 a.m. — Guðmundur Hálfdanarson is Jón Sigurðsson's professor of history at the University of Iceland —“Setting for the second half of the 19th century history in Iceland.”

10:15 a.m. — Inga Lára Baldvinsdóttir, photo curator at the National Museum of Iceland—“19th century Iceland as seen in Sigfús Eymundson’s photographs.”

10:45 a.m. — Markús P. Þórhallsson, graduate student at the University of Iceland —”Freedom of religion and the first civil marriage in Iceland.”

11:15 a.m. —Halldór Guðmundsson, Director of Harpa Concert Hall and Conference Centre as well as author, —“An allegory of disillusion - an Icelandic reading of Paradise reclaimed by Halldór Laxness.”

11:45 a.m. — Mark Mendenhall, J. Burton Frierson Chair of Excellence in Business Leadership, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga—“An Ambivalent Expatriate: The Life of Runólfur Runólfsson.”

12:15–1:25 p.m. — Lunch (on your own)
*For your convenience, the BYU Cougareat Food Court has 10 different dining options and is only a one-minute walk from the Varsity Theatre.

1:30 p.m. —Matthew K. Heiss, archivist in the Church History Department, Salt Lake City—“The Translation of the Book of Mormon into Icelandic.”

2:00 p.m. — Richard Williams and Lacey Neilson, president and vice president of the Icelandic Association of Utah— “History of Iceland Days in Spanish Fork, Utah.”

2:30 p.m. — Steven L. Olsen, senior curator for Historic Sites, Church History Department— "Commemorating the Legacy of the Icelandic Saints."

3:00 p.m. — Sóley Renee Mathiesen, Icelandic LDS Church member—“The re-emergence of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Iceland, 1975-2015.”

3:30 p.m. — Sunna Olafson Furstenau, President of Icelandic Roots —“Icelandic Roots: Connecting Our Shared Stories.”

4:00 p. m. — Free time/dinner on your own

7:00 p.m. — Evening of Entertainment, Varsity Theatre, WSC
Join the BYU Folk Ensemble for an uplifting evening of music and dance. Watch documentary film, Fire on Ice, with Icelandic sub-titles.

8:30 p.m. — Refreshments, Room 3224 WSC (for registered attendees, guest lecturers, and sponsors).