Our Mission

The mission of the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies is to promote the study of the Intermountain West by sponsoring research, publication, teaching, and public programs in a variety of academic disciplines including history, geography, sociology, anthropology, politics, economics, literature, art, folklore, range science, forestry, and popular culture.

A Brief History of the Center

The Charles Redd Center for Western Studies was created in 1972 when area and ethnic studies were expanding across the United States. New areas of study included Mormon, women’s, African American, Chicano, and Native American studies. Scholars interested in those fields created new professional organizations, journals and conferences. To support these new areas of study, universities established research centers. In this climate, several history professors approached the administration at Brigham Young University and proposed a research center that would promote and enhance western studies on the campus.

At about the same time, Charles and Annaley Redd, prominent southeastern Utah ranchers and philanthropists, donated funds to Brigham Young University. The Redds had lived in Provo when their children were in high school so they could attend Brigham Young High. A neighbor and BYU physics professor, John Gardner, was instrumental in convincing the Redds to donate to BYU. Because of the Redds’ deep roots in the West and their interest in western history, they agreed to endow the Lemuel Hardison Redd, Jr., Chair of Western History and the University agreed to create a western studies center.

Over the history of the Redd Center, the Redd Foundation, a non-profit organization established by Charles and Annaley Redd, and others have substantially strengthened the endowment of the Chair and provided additional support for Center programs. In the 1980s, Karl D. Butler, a plant pathologist, farming consultant and former president of the National Farmers’ Co-op, donated funds and encouraged his sister Hazel Butler Peters and her husband, William Howard Peters, civic leaders in Glendale, California, to bequeath funds to the Redd Center. In 1986 those funds were used to establish the John Topham and Susan Redd Butler Research Endowment, named in honor of Karl and Hazel’s parents.

Since its establishment, the Charles Redd Center has promoted the study of the Intermountain/Mountain West through publications, lectures, classes, and oral history. Research grants are awarded annually to faculty members on and off BYU campus, students from BYU and other universities, museums and professional organizations and independent scholars.
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Personnel

Faculty:

Brian Q. Cannon, Director

Administrative:

Jessie L. Embry, Associate Director

Staff:

Mary Nelson, Office Specialist

Student Employees:

Whitney Call, Alexander Christman, Brett Dowdle, Charlotte Palfreyman Smith, Meisha Slight

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* Summer Award for Off-Campus Upper Division and Graduate Students
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* Annaley Naegle Redd Assistantship Award
* Public Programming Award
* Charles Redd Fellowship in Western American History Award
In 2011 the Redd Center continued its tradition of underwriting the scholarship of dozens of professors, students and independent scholars; funding prizes for articles and National History Day projects; supporting museum exhibits; and helping to fund other public programs in western studies. The monetary value of these awards exceeded $112,000. In the Winter Semester we sponsored lectures at BYU by English professor emerita Michon Mackedon, Western History Association past president John Wunder, Notre Dame history professor Patrick Mason and restoration ecologist William Jordan of the University of Wisconsin. During the Fall Semester the Center sponsored a screening of the documentary *Harvest of Loneliness* with film maker and Chicano historian Gilbert Gonzalez, a book talk by photography professors Greg MacGregor and Siegfried Halus, a lecture by historian Mark Harvey, a reading by prize-winning writer Barry Lopez and a book talk on Mormons and presidential politics by Newell Bringhurst and Craig Foster. Art historian and BYU Museum of Art curator Diana Turnbow reported on research she conducted with support from the Redd Center on Dorothea Lange’s photographs of three Mormon towns at a luncheon we hosted for our western studies faculty affiliates. Professor John Turner returned to the Center as a visiting scholar during the summer to continue his work on *Brigham Young: Pioneer Prophet of an American Faith*, under contract with Harvard Press. The manuscript is now in press, and Professor Turner is scheduled to speak on his book this coming September. Kári Bjarnason, curator of special collections at the Library of Vestmannaeyjar in Iceland, spent a month at the Center as a visiting scholar researching Icelandic immigration to Utah. In August we hosted a stimulating Redd Center seminar on immigration to the Far West; seventeen professors and doctoral students from across the nation gathered at BYU to discuss and critique one another’s work and to consult with academic editor John Alley of Utah State University. Following the seminar, the authors revised their papers, based upon feedback they received at the seminar, with a view toward publication of the papers in an edited volume on western immigration.

We continued to partner with many professional organizations in sponsoring a variety of awards and activities. One new initiative that came to fruition in 2011 was our partnership with the Utah Humanities Council in sponsoring a book talk at the Utah Humanities Book Festival: the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies guest author lecture, given in October by journalist Christopher Corbett. Our new partnership with the Buffalo Bill Historical Center resulted in the creation of a Cody Digital Archive editorial internship at BYU under the direction of English professor Frank Christianson. The Center’s partnership with Phi Alpha Theta culminated in the awarding of the first Charles Redd Center–Phi Alpha Theta Best Book in Western History award. The award winner was Adam Arenson of the University of Texas at El Paso for *The Great Heart of the Republic: St. Louis and the Cultural Civil War*. The generosity of interviewees, photographers and donors resulted in the successful completion of an oral history project under Jessie Embry’s direction on the public lands of San Juan County. A book summarizing the results of the project, *San Juan County Public Lands*, edited by BYU student Charlotte Palfreyman Smith, was published late in 2011.
In 2011 I was appointed president of the Agricultural History Society. I also was asked to serve as an editorial advisor to the Rural Initiative of the Bill Lane Center for the American West at Stanford University. I continued to serve on the editorial boards of *BYU Studies* and *Agricultural History* and reviewed manuscripts for several university presses and journals. I completed and submitted for publication a manuscript entitled, *Passage to Affluence: Utah’s First Fifty Years of Statehood*, co-authored with Charles S. Peterson, as well as two articles. In October I discussed the Redd Center’s initiatives with K-12 educators as part of a panel, “Serving the West’s Varied Publics: Ideas from the Centers of the West,” at the Western History Association’s annual meeting. In the fall BYU announced that I had been awarded the Wells and Myrtle Cloward Teaching and Learning Fellowship. I taught four history classes during the year and served on the thesis committees of several graduate and honors students.

I express appreciation to Associate Director Jessie Embry for her good judgment and patience and for her dedication and tireless work on behalf of the Center. I am grateful to our office specialist Mary Nelson for her behind-the-scenes efforts to make the center function smoothly and to publicize the Center’s programs through various means including its website. I am grateful to our board members. In 2011 John Sillito and David Magleby concluded their terms of service on the Advisory Board. I appreciate their many years of service to the Center. We welcomed Paul Starrs, Regents and Foundation Professor of Geography at the University of Nevada, as a new board member at our annual meeting in March. Becky Redd Lambert, the Redd Foundation’s capable representative on our board, rotated off the board at the end of 2010 and was replaced by Kathy Redd Mullins, who assisted us by deftly judging applications for the 2011 Redd Assistantships.
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Jessie L. Embry

Publications

Article

In-House Publication
Charles Redd Center History

Articles in Process
“YMCA” and “Semi-professional Baseball,” Sports Encyclopedia. (Written in 2007 but just being published.)
Article on specialized units for a Mormon Atlas (with A. LeGrand Richards)
Article on Ab Jenkins for a Popular Mormon Culture Encyclopedia (with Ronald Shook; scheduled for publication 2012).

Articles Written
Nine articles for an encyclopedia on Politics in the West.
An article on polygamy for a Mormon World volume.

Article Submitted
New Ways of Proselyting” Radio and Missionary Work” to Church History Symposium.

Book Manuscript Submitted
Oral History Seminar resubmitted to the University of Arizona Press.

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Jessie L. Embry

Presentations


“Enjoying San Juan County Public Lands,” Utah State Historical Society Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, September 10, 2011

Presentation Proposals Accepted


Presentation Proposed

Canadian Sports, Mormon History Association, Calgary, Alberta, June 28-July 1, 2012

Oral History

Completed interviews for the LDS Placement Program Host Families Oral History Project

Presented Downtown Provo History and LDS Provo Tabernacle Oral History Project for Redd Center Board approval.

Worked with Nu Skin and LDS Historic Sites

Worked with BYU Institutional Review Board to approve Downtown Provo Oral History Project.

Worked with Dixie College personnel to transcribe oral histories

Worked with Ron Smith and Simon Fass to transcribe tabernacle interviews

Wrote proposal, received grant, prepared material, trained interviewees, conducted interviews, processed interviews, and assisted in preparation of booklet, San Juan County Public Lands Oral History Project
Book Distribution
Worked with Howard Gross, LaVerne Tate, and others to distribute the San Juan County Public Lands booklet.
Worked on distributing Spanish copies of *In His Own Language: Mormon Spanish Speaking Congregations in the United States* by asking Meisha Slight to contact BYU Spanish professors and talked to stake leaders in Provo stakes.

Classes Taught
Directed Readings, Spring and Summer 2011 (Justin Bray)
History 390R, Public History: Oral History as a Case Study, Fall 2011

Individual Classes Taught
John Sillito, Methods Class, May 24, 2011; Public History Class, October 26, 2011 (Both presentations on oral history.)
Juanita Beavers and others, Freedom Academy, Conducting Oral History Interviews, November 14, 2011

Research Used
Dan Bubb used research on aviation in the West for his dissertation and forthcoming book on the federal government and aviation in Las Vegas.
Andrew Magnusson published an article and finished a dissertation using information from the Utahns in Iran Oral History Project.

Assistance
- Answered LDS Placement Program questions from Lawrence Ruzow, DNA-People’s Legal Services, Inc.
- Trained Jadyn Cherry, Donna Lee Bowen’s student employee, on how to do oral history
- Answered question, Jeff Greetsen, on polygamy
- Discussed how to do oral history with Ardyth Gunnell Cannon
- Helped Hannah Anderson and Brandon Cui with history fair papers
- Shared LDS Church in Iran research with Fred Woods
- Contacted the Utah State Legislature on historic preservation
- Discussed how to do oral history and discussed African American with Nick Vigil, Richard Kimball’s History 200 student
Assistance (cont’d)

- Shared oral history interviews with Jayme Burdick, University of Texas-Austin student
- Shared information on Iran research with Andrew Magnusson, a graduate student at the University of California-Santa Barbara
- Helped Freedom Academy with setting up an oral history project and training
- Shared oral histories and information with Matthew Capone, History 490 student, on Placement
- Shared ideas about African American Mormons and LDS polygamy with visiting Muslim scholar Debra Majeed.
- Discussed LDS Indian Placement Program with Alysa Landry, reporter for the Farmington, New Mexico Daily Times.
- Interviewed by Destiny Yarbro about ERA and Mormons for a History 490 paper.
- Researched homes for the Provo Landmarks Tour
- Talked to Barbara Morgan from the Church History and Doctrine Department about research possibilities and oral history.
- Met with Young Women General Board committee on the history of girls’ camp and recreation in the LDS Church.
- Talked to Jennifer Brinkerhoff from Ancient Scripture Department about oral history and research interests.
- Shared information about Franklin Neighborhood with Tamarra Kemsley, a Daily Universe reporter.
- Worked with Reed Murray from the Central Utah Project to give ideas about an oral history project about the water project.
- Plus many other single contact assistance on oral history, Redd Center oral history projects, and Mormon history topics.

Redd Center Assignments

- Contacted Michon Mackedon about her lecture.
- Arranged dinners and lunch for Michon Mackedon
- Selected classes interested in Michon Mackedon’s lecture and emailed professors
- Wrote press releases and thought of others to attend Mackedon’s lecture
- Read information and contacted candidates for the Dean of Family, Home, and Social Sciences
- Helped in hiring office assistant
- Arranged dinner with John Sillito, Patrick Mason, and others studying Mormons in the South
Redd Center Assignments (cont’d)

- Hosted luncheon for John Wunder
- Served as liaison with Redd Family and Redd Foundation
- Assigned in arrangements for the Redd Center annual meeting
- Audio-checked and edited transcript for annual meeting
- Arranged Utah Valley Utah State History Fair at BYU
- Judged Utah Valley Utah State History Fair at BYU
- Judged Utah State History Fair and selected Redd Center winners
- Completed paper work to add PlSc 311 to Western Studies Minor
- Helped organize Immigration Seminar
- Assigned with arrangements for Gilbert Gonzalez’s film screening and hosted luncheon
- Prepared paperwork for a Western Studies lecture class through American Studies
- Assisted in planning and attended Redd Center Western Studies Faculty luncheons
- Worked with director on ideas for internships, contacted possible organizations and forwarded information to director
- Coordinated activities for Siegfried Halus and Greg McGregor lecture
- Planned Hole-in-the-Rock Trail meeting for February 2012
- Coordinated some activities for Newell Bringhurst and Craig Foster lecture

College Assignments

College judge for the “Making a difference” contest, University Entrepreneur Week, September 26-30, 2011

University Activities

- Attended American Studies Faculty luncheons
- Attended curriculum meeting for American Studies
- Attended American Studies opening social
- Attended History Department socials
- Attended University Fall meetings
- Attended College Staff/Administrative Staff monthly meetings and lunch activities
Awards
Justin Bray, History 490 student, won the top award at the Religious Education Student Symposium, February 18, 2011 and the Juanita Brooks Paper Award with the Mormon History Association, 2011.

Hannah Anderson, first place, junior paper, Utah History Fair and first place, junior paper, National History Fair

Improvement
Writing Matters Workshops, May 16, 18, 2011

Writing Matters Luncheon, September 30, 2011; November 15, 2011

Community Service
Treasurer, Utah Valley Historical Society.

Provo City Landmarks Commission, January-July 2011
During 2011 Jessie Embry continued to be involved in oral history projects and writing based on those interviews.

**NEW ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS**

*History 390R—Public History: Oral History as a Case Study*

The History Department approved a class for Fall Semester 2011 to discuss oral history and its uses in public history. The class members helped develop a new Redd Center oral history project on downtown Provo and the Provo Tabernacle. The students did a few interviews and Jessie Embry will hire interviewers in Winter 2012 to complete the project.

*LDS Indian Placement Program Host Families Oral History Project*

Jessie Embry continued an oral history project, LDS Indian Placement Program Host Families, to look at the experiences of the Mormon families who took Native Americans into their homes. Interviewers conducted approximately 170 interviews. Embry completed the interviews by taking several trips and making telephone calls. By the first of 2012 the interviews will be ready to send to the L. Tom Perry Special Collections. Embry gave two presentations using these interviews and will write an article.

*Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Oral History Project*

Jessie Embry completed her in-house history of the Redd Center and distributed it to board members.

*San Juan County and Public Land Use*

The Charles Redd Center conducted an oral history project on how residents of San Juan County enjoy the public lands. The Western Conservation Foundation gave the Center a grant to cover the expenses of the interviews and a booklet with interview quotes. Jessie Embry hired two student researchers and interviewers, Brett Dowdle and Charlotte (Carly) Palfreyman Smith. Embry trained Smith in editing oral history. Smith edited most of the interviews and edited the booklet. Embry also conducted interviews, did additional research to add more native voices to the booklet, and completed the final processing of the interviews. She coordinated the production of the booklet. She also planned two programs in San Juan County where the booklets could be distributed and attended those programs. She is working with a public relations firm to determine other ways to distribute the booklet. While WCF had asked for only a few interviews, the Redd Center completed 36. The project was very successful, but was also very time consuming.
All of the Redd Center oral histories are housed in the L. Tom Perry Special Collections in the Harold B. Lee Library where researchers use them for a variety of projects. The special collections staff makes the transcripts and tapes available to all. While it is impossible to know all the researchers who use the information, Jessie Embry continues to use the interviews for her research.

**Provo Utah South Stake Oral History Project**

Some of that information will be used in a book Jessie Embry is co-authoring with Farina King on Mormon Navajos. Embry and her co-author, Meisha Slight, also used the interviews in their paper for the Redd Center seminar on immigration.

**LDS Hispanic American Oral History Project**

Marketing Jessie Embry’s book on Mormon Spanish-speaking congregations in the United States has been a challenge, but Embry tried to find other possibilities that have not been successful yet.

**LDS Native American Oral History Project**

Jessie Embry continues to work with Farina King on a book on Mormon Navajos.
The Center will offer research and public programming awards this year, including a Visiting Scholar Appointment.

The Center will continue its funding of Young Scholar Awards.

The Oral History Program will continue to produce interviews on western history projects under Jessie Embry’s direction. A key project in 2012 focuses on Historic Downtown Provo and the Provo Tabernacle. Transcripts and audio files will be transferred to the L. Tom Perry Special Collections Library where they will be catalogued and made available to researchers to the extent permitted by the interviewees. The Center will solicit recommendations from its advisory board regarding topics for future oral history projects.

The Publication Grant program will continue to provide funding to presses publishing scholarly books regarding the Intermountain West.

The Center will continue to assist state history fairs in promoting the work of elementary and secondary school students by offering prizes for the best projects and papers related to the American West.

Center personnel will continue publishing books and articles and presenting papers at conferences.

The Center will sponsor lectures named in honor of our benefactors Annaley Naegle Redd and William Howard and Hazel Butler Peters. On February 16 Maria Montoya will deliver the Redd Lecture. The Center will also sponsor additional public lectures and events. Two are currently scheduled for Winter Semester: a San Juan Mission Symposium on February 17 and a book talk by Richard Francaviglia on March 29 on his new book Go East, Young Man: Imagining the American West as the Orient.

The Center will honor its existing commitments for article and paper prizes and will entertain proposals for new awards related to western studies in any academic discipline.

The Center will sponsor two luncheons for its BYU affiliates in western studies to promote collegiality and discussion of western studies topics.

The Center will continue to provide honoraria and travel funds for guest lecturers in western studies who visit BYU to speak to classes or to deliver public lectures.

The Center will continue its partnership with the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in supporting the Cody Digital Archive editorial internship at BYU under the direction of English professor Frank Christianson.

The Center will continue its outreach to K-12 teachers by funding four $500 fellowships to enable teachers to attend the 2012 Western History Association meeting in Denver. Teachers produce lesson plans based in part upon what they have learned at those meetings, and those lesson plans will be posted on the Center’s website.

The Center will pursue publication of papers from its 2011 seminar on immigration to the far west with the University of Utah Press.

Based upon highly favorable recommendations from external reviewers for the University of Arizona Press, the Center hopes to have a contract soon with the press to publish the papers from its 2008 oral history seminar.
The Center will promote its recent publication regarding public lands in San Juan County.

The Center will cooperate with Larry St. Clair, director of the Bean Life Science Museum, to inaugurate joint sponsorship of a public program at the museum related to the American West.

The Center will co-sponsor a conference in Salt Lake entitled Women and the LDS Church: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives in September 2012. Co-sponsors include the LDS Church History Department, the American West Center at the University of Utah, the Religious Studies program at Utah State University, and Utah Valley University.

The Center will co-sponsor a conference in October 2012: The Rural West: Toward a Regional Approach to Common Issues. Co-sponsors are the Bill Lane Center for the American West at Stanford, the American West Center at the University of Utah and the Rural Development Center at Utah State University.

The Center will support the Western Studies minor in the form of internship/capstone grants for students and enrichment funds for American Studies 300: Literature and Culture of the American West. Center personnel will continue to investigate internship possibilities and work with American Studies to publicize and facilitate those opportunities.

The Center will organize and conduct a 1-credit lecture series class for American Studies, Presentations on Western American Studies, during the fall 2012 semester. The course has been approved by the administration and is included in the 2012 university catalog. Redd Center award winners will share their research with students registered in the class and with other interested members of the university community.
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Lectures, Prizes, and Events

Lectures


April 7, 2011: William Jordan, “Restoration Ecology,” co-sponsored with the College of Humanities


October 12, 2011: Barry Lopez, book reading, co-sponsored with the Department of English

October 20, 2011: Greg Mac Gregor and Siegfried Halus, “In Search of Dominguez and Escalante: Photographing the 1776 Spanish Expedition through the Southwest”

November 10, 2011: Mark Harvey, “Bernard DeVoto’s West: Frontier, Region, and Crucible of the Nation”


Prizes

The Center sponsored the Charles Redd Center Award for Western Studies, awarded by the Southwest Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association, for the best graduate student paper in Western Studies. The award of $300 went to Alex Young for “The Vigorous New Vernacular: Westward Expansion and the Politics of Irony in Mark Twain’s Roughing It.”

The Center sponsored the Western Museum Association Award for Exhibition Excellence. The award of $500 went to the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum for its “Ansel Adams: A Portrait of Manzanar” exhibition.

The Center sponsored the Arrington-Prucha Prize, awarded by the Western History Association, for the best article of the year in Western American Religious History. The award of $500 went to Dave Hall for his article, “A Crossroads for Mormon Women: Amy Brown Lyman, J. Reuben Clark, and the Decline of Organized Women’s Activism in the Relief Society” Journal of Mormon History 36 (Spring 2010).

The Center sponsored the Jensen-Miller Prize, awarded by the Western History Association, for the best article in the field of women and gender in the North American West. The award of $500 went to Jennifer Thigpen for her article, “You Have Been Very Thoughtful Today: The Significance of Gratitude and Reciprocity in Missionary-Hawaiian Gift Exchange.”

The Center funded four Charles Redd Center Teaching Excellence Awards, enabling school teachers to attend the Western History Association’s annual convention. The award winners were Bianca Wilson Cole, Julie Haddix, Jonathan Koop, and Jared McBrady.
Prizes (cont’d)

The Center sponsored the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Award for the best general interest article of the year appearing in the *Utah Historical Quarterly*. The award of $500 went to Sister Kathryn Callahan for her article, “Sisters of the Holy Cross and Kearns-St. Ann’s Orphanage” *Utah Historical Quarterly*(78:3)2010.

The Center sponsored the Beatrice Medicine Award in American Indian Studies at the Native American Literature Symposium. The award of $250 went to Scott Lyons for his article, “X-Marks: Native Signatures of Assent” published by the University of Minnesota Press in 2010.

The Center sponsored the Morning Star Award in Creative Writing at the Native American Literature Symposium. The award of $250 went to Tacey Atsitty for her article, “Downpour.”

The center sponsored the Charles Redd Center–Phi Alpha Theta Best Book in Western History Award. The award of $500 went to Adam Arenson for *The Great Heart of the Republic: St. Louis and the Cultural Civil War*.

The Center sponsored awards for the Arizona National History Day state competition, the Colorado History Day, and history fairs in Idaho, New Mexico, and Utah.

Events

March 15, 2011: Utah Valley Regional History Fair at BYU.

March 30, 2011: Winter semester luncheon for BYU faculty affiliates. Museum curator, Diana Turnbow, recipient of a Redd Center faculty research award, presented on “Dorothea Lange and Ansel Adams: Three Mormon Towns.”

August 9-10, 2011: “Immigration to the Far West” Seminar with John Alley of the Utah State University Press.

Visiting Scholars

The Redd Center hosted Professor John Turner, of the University of South Alabama, and Kari Bjarnason, curator of the Special Collections Library of Vestmannæyjar, Iceland, as its 2011 visiting scholars. Professor Turner is writing a biography of Brigham Young to be published by the Harvard University Press in 2012. Professor Bjarnason worked closely with BYU professor of Church History, Fred Woods, to research Icelandic immigration to Utah.
Selling Atoms in the Desert

Thursday
January 27, 2011
Harold B. Lee Library Auditorium
11:00 AM

Michon Mackedon
Professor Emerita
Western Nevada Community College

Drawing on rich and original source material, Professor Mackedon will examine selected elements of a marginalizing discourse employed to spin and sell those atomic projects to Nevadans and other denizens of the American West.
The fact that two Mormons are vying for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination has attracted significant attention in American society at large. But this is not the first time Mormons have sought the presidency. Since Joseph Smith’s candidacy in 1844, nine Mormons have pursued nomination for the presidency, including George Romney, Mo Udall, and Orrin Hatch. These nine individuals’ political views ranged from ultra-conservative to ultra-liberal and underscore the complex, multi-faceted nature of Mormonism itself as it has evolved into a world religion. This lecture provides a historical context for Mormons and presidential politics by examining these previous candidacies.

Newell C. Bringham is emeritus professor of history and political science at the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, California and past president of the Mormon History Association. Craig L. Foster, the author of numerous articles and books in Mormon history, is a research specialist in the Family History Library. Bringham and Foster are the authors of *The Mormon Quest for the Presidency*.

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NOVEMBER 30TH 3:00 PM
Harold B. Lee Library Auditorium
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Redd Center Awardees

John Topham and Susan Redd Butler BYU Faculty Research Awards

This award supports research by BYU faculty members and is designed to illuminate some aspect of the American experience in the Intermountain West.

In 2011, the Redd Center received 4 applications for the BYU Faculty Awards. For the 2011-2012 academic year, awards were made to the following 2 individuals:

Val Brinkerhoff, Dept. of Visual Arts, Brigham Young University, “Parowan Gap Photographs”

Susan Rugh, Dept. of History, Brigham Young University, “No Vacancy: A Cultural History of the American Roadside Motel”

Total granted for 2011-2012 BYU Faculty: $5,000

John Topham and Susan Redd Butler Off-Campus Faculty Research Awards

This fellowship award supports the study of the Intermountain West (defined as Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming).

In 2011, the Redd Center received 25 applications for the Off-Campus Faculty Awards. For the 2011-2012 academic year, awards were made to the following 14 individuals:

James Ayres, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Arizona, “The Manufacturing and Marketing of Railroad Ties in the Uinta Mountains of Utah, 1867-ca. 1940”


John Beusterien, Dept. of Classical & Modern Languages & Literature, Texas Tech University, “Animals in Spanish New Mexico”

Simon Fass, Dept. of Public Policy & Public Affairs, University of Texas at Dallas, “Memory and Meaning: Tabernacles of the Intermountain West”


Mark Harvey, Dept. of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, North Dakota State University, “Bernard DeVoto, Western History, and the Public Lands”

Adam Jortner, Dept. of History, Auburn University, “Witchcraft Trials and Modernity in 1854 New Mexico”
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**John Topham and Susan Redd Butler Off-Campus Faculty Research Awards (cont’d)**

Timothy LeCain, Dept. of History and Philosophy, Montana State University, “The Fertile Stones: An Environmental History of the Southeast Idaho Phosphate Mining and Fertilizer Industry”

Clyde Milner, Director, Heritage Studies, Arkansas State University, “The West Becomes America: Pioneer Memory, Public Celebration, and National Heritage”

John Monnett, Dept. of History, Metropolitan State College of Denver, “Climate Change and the Struggle for the Northern Plains and Intermountain Basins, 1856-1868”

Quincy Newell, Dept. of Religious Studies, University of Wyoming, “African American and Native American Mormons in 19th-Century Utah Periodicals”


Richard Quartaroli, Library Special Collections, Northern Arizona University, “Dock Marston: Dean of Colorado River Historians”

Steven Sabol, Dept. of History, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, “The Touch of Civilization: American Colonization of the Sioux and Russian Colonization of the Kazakhs”

**Total granted for 2011-2012 Off-Campus Faculty: $17,200**

**Summer Awards for Upper Division and Graduate Students**

This award for upper division and graduate students helps promising students begin serious research on the American West.

In 2011, the Redd Center received 8 applications for Upper Division and Graduate Student Awards from BYU students. Another 40 applications were received from off-campus students. For the 2011-2012 academic year, awards were made to the following 5 BYU students:

Michele Bendall, Dept. of Sociology, Brigham Young University, “Undocumented Immigrants and Crime: An Analysis of Utah Jails and Prisons”

Jessica Gamez, Dept. of Anthropology, Brigham Young University, “Multiracial/Multicultural Young Adult Navajos on Identity & Acculturation”
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**Summer Awards for Upper Division and Graduate Students (cont’d)**

Bryan Hamilton, Dept. of Biology, Brigham Young University, “Use of stable isotopes to quantify feeding and reproduction in the Great Basin rattlesnake (Crotalus lutosus)”

Amy Johnson Gooch, Dept. of Wildlife and Wildlands Conservation, Brigham Young University, “Feral horse (Equus caballus) impacts on pronghorn antelope (Antilocapra americana) use of watering holes on the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge”

Julie Miller, Dept. of Wildlife and Wildlands Conservation, Brigham Young University, “A Study of the American Black Bear (Ursus americanus) in Utah”

For the 2011-2012 academic year, awards were made to the following 19 off-campus students:


Ryan Bergstrom, Dept. of Geography, Kansas State University, “Perceptions of Sustainability in Amenity-driven Communities of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem”

Erica Bigio, Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona, “A fire history reconstruction of the western San Juan Mountains, Colorado, using tree-ring and alluvial sediment methods”

Chris Blanchard, Center for Urban Studies, Portland State University, “Economic development in the post-War Intermountain West”

Stephanie Capaldo, Dept. of History, University of Arizona, “Smoke and Mirrors: Smelter Pollution and the Cultural Construction of Environmental Justice in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands”

Thomas Evans, Dept. of Earth Sciences, Montana State University, “Fluvial Transport and Deposition of Bones”

Lindsey Feldman, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Arizona, “Oral Histories of Modern Ranching in Southern Arizona and Historical Perspectives of the West: Who is at Work on the Range?”

Matthew Fockler, Dept. of Earth Sciences, Montana State University, “The National Forest Imperative: A Historical Geography of National Forest Landscapes, Land Use, and Policy, Northern Rockies, Montana”

Rachel Guberman, Dept. of History, University of Pennsylvania, “The Real Silent Majority: The New Metropolitan Politics in the Rocky Mountain West”
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Off-Campus Upper Division and Graduate Students (Cont’d)


Michael Lee, Dept. of History, University of Colorado, Boulder, “Guggenheim for Governor: Antisemitism, Race, and the Politics of Gilded Age Colorado”

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Jason Strykowski, Dept. of History, University of New Mexico, “Impossible Heights: Miners, Climbing, Skiing and the Development of the Western Mountain”

Total granted for All 2011-2012 Upper Division and Graduate Students: $28,850

Independent Research and Creative Works Awards

The Independent Research and Creative Work Award is open to individuals who are not connected to an academic institution as a faculty member or student and are interested in researching some aspect of the American experience in the Intermountain West.

In 2011, the Redd Center received 5 applications for the Independent Research and Creative Work Awards. For the 2011-2012 academic year, awards were given to the following 3 individuals:

Bruce Carpenter, “The Historical Writing of Joseph Fish”

Paul Jensen, “All in a Day’s Ride: Life Along Horse Creek in the Wyoming Range – From Legendary Mountain Men to Early Homesteaders”

Rebekah Monahan, “Utah at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago”

Total granted for 2011-2012 Independent Research and Creative Works: $2,650
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Annaaley Naegle Redd Research Assistantships

The Annaaley Naegle Redd Assistantship is open to professors at BYU, who can then employ graduate and undergraduate students. It provides for the students an opportunity to work closely with leading scholars in Western American Studies. Grants of up to $12,000 enable faculty members to hire students of their choice to work as research assistants on significant projects dealing with Western American studies. Preference is given to applications that show clear benefits in terms of mentoring and acquisition of skills for students who are hired as research assistants.

In 2011, the Redd Center received 9 applications for the Annaaley Naegle Redd Assistantship Awards. For the 2011-2012 academic year, awards were given to the following 3 individuals:

Matthew Bekker, Brigham Young University, “Reconstruction of Avalanche Occurrence and Risk Assessment in the Southern Wasatch Front from Tree Rings”

Craig Coleman, Brigham Young University, “Outcrossing and Variability in the Cheatgrass Invasion of the Intermountain West”

Fred Woods, Brigham Young University, “Icelanders Gather to Utah (1855 to 1914)”

Total granted for 2011-2012 Annaaley Naegle Redd Research Assistantships: $27,000

Public Programming

The Public Programming Award is open to any organization that is planning a conference, museum exhibit, or lecture series focusing on the Intermountain West.

In 2011, the Redd Center received 17 applications for the Public Programming Awards. For the 2011-2012 academic year, awards were given to the following 11 individuals/organizations:


American West Center, “At Work in the West and the Rest of the US”

Arizona State University, “A Symposium on Shared Histories: Japanese American Internment on American Indian Lands in Arizona 1942-1945”

Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park, “Fairfield District Schoolhouse and Early Education in Utah and the Rural West”

Museum of Peoples and Culture, Brigham Young University, “Museum of Peoples and Cultures 50th Anniversary Symposium”
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Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nations, “Remembering Washakie: Phase 1 Oral History Project”

Pikes Peak Library District, “Behind the Lens: Photography in the Pikes Peak Region” and “Framing Community/Exposing Identity: Photographs of Life at the Foot of Pikes Peak”

Utah Humanities Council, “Intermountain West author to present at the 14th annual Utah Humanities Book Festival”

Utah Museum of Fine Arts, “LeConte Stewart: Depression Era Art”

The Western Literature Association, “Bodies, Rest, and Motion: Stasis and Mobility in the North American West” – the 46th Annual Conference of the Western Literature Association, October 5-8, 2011, Missoula, MT


Total granted for 2011-2012 Public Programming: $21,100

Charles Redd Fellowship Awards in Western American History

In 2005, the Redd Center established the Charles Redd Fellowship in Western American History sponsored by the L. Tom Perry Special Collections and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies. The fellowship is designed to facilitate access to Western American manuscript collections in Special Collections and has been greeted with excitement and enthusiasm by researchers.

In 2011, the Redd Center received 5 applications for the Charles Redd Fellowship in Western American History. For the 2011-2012 academic year, awards were given to the following 2 individuals:

Zeb Baker, Dept. of History, Georgia Southern University, “‘For the Lucre of the Great Society’: Brigham Young University, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Rise of the Black Athlete”

Mindi Sitterud, Dept. of History, University of Arizona, “Labor, Religion, and Community Dynamics in Utah’s Coalfields”

Total granted for 2011-2012 Fellowships in Western American History: $2,200
MOLLIE AND KARL BUTLER YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD

In 2003, the Redd Center established the Mollie and Karl Butler Young Scholar Award in Western Studies to promote significant scholarship in Western American Studies by faculty members at the assistant or associate professor levels at BYU. The award acknowledges outstanding academic promise, based upon a faculty member’s record of research, teaching, and university citizenship. The award carries an annual $3,000 salary stipend and $5,000 research support for three consecutive years.

In 2011, the Redd Center received 6 applications for the Mollie and Karl Butler Young Scholar Award. In 2011, the following individual received a Young Scholar Award:

Brad Barber, Department of Theater and Media Arts, Brigham Young University

The Mollie and Karl Butler Young Scholar Award has previously been awarded to:

Richard Gill, Department of Biology, 2009
Jerry Johnson, Department of Biology, 2008
Samuel Otterstrom, Department of Geography, 2007
Jay Buckley, Department of History, 2006
Jeff Durrant, Department of Geography, 2005
Dennis Cutchins, Department of English, 2004
Susan Rugh, Department of History, 2003

PUBLICATION GRANTS

The Redd Center offers publication grants ranging from $1,000 to $3,000 to presses to help offset the costs of publishing Intermountain West titles. Grants permit presses to improve the quality of the publication and/or make the book more affordable.

In 2011, the Redd Center awarded publication grants to the following presses:


**University Press of Kansas**, for *Lessons from an Indian Day School: Negotiating Colonization in Northern New Mexico* by Adrea Lawrence

Matthew Bekker, Dept. of Geography
   “Reconstructing Path Earthquake Occurrence in the Intermountain West”

James Swensen, Dept. of Visual Arts

Diana Turnbow, BYU Museum of Art
   “Dorothea Lange and Ansel Adams: Three Mormon Towns”
Durwood Ball, Dept. of History, University of New Mexico
“Forgoing the Sinews of Army Bureaucracy: Lieutenant Colonel Edwin V. Sumner in the Ninth Military Department, 1851-1853”

Erika Bsumek, Dept. of History, University of Texas
“The Concrete West: Engineering Society and Culture in the Arid West, 1900-1970”

Daniel Davis, Special Collections & Archives, Utah State University
“Creating a New West: The Photographs of A.J. Russell and the Union Pacific Railroad, Then and Now”

Kirstin Erickson, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Arkansas
“Inscribing Heritage: Pilgrimage, Popular Religion and the Struggle Over Place in Northern New Mexico”

Mark Harvey, Dept. of History, North Dakota State University
“Bernard DeVoto’s American West: Land, History, and Culture”

Jennifer Jensen, Dept. of Geography, Texas State University-San Marcos
“Evaluating the utility of laser altimetry to characterize post-fire vegetation response in a sagebrush-steppe ecosystem”

Christopher Morgan, Dept. of Anthropology, Utah State University
“Wind River High-Altitude Archaeology”

Andrea Radke-Moss, Dept. of History & Geography, Brigham Young University-Idaho
“Montana Women at the Chicago World’s Fair of 1893”

Rachel Sailor, Dept. of Art, University of Wyoming
“Ansel Adams, the Sierra Nevada and the Legacy of the Nineteenth Century Landscape Photography”
Michelle Bendall, Dept. of Sociology
“Do Undocumented Immigrants Commit More Crime? An Examination of the Utah Criminal Justice System”

Bryan Hamilton, Dept. of Biology
“Use of stable isotopes to quantify feeding and reproduction in the Great Basin rattlesnake (Crotalus lutosus)”

Amy Johnson Gooch, Dept. of Wildlife & Wildlands Conservation
“Feral horse (Equus caballus) impacts on pronghorn antelope (Antilocapra americana) use of watering holes on the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, Nevada”

Julie Miller, Dept. of Wildlife & Wildlands Conservation
“A Study of the American Black Bear (Ursus americanus) in Utah”
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Matthew Alexander, William P. Clements Dept. of History, Southern Methodist University

James Allison, Corcoran Dept. of History, University of Virginia
“Sovereignty and Survival: American Energy Development and Indian Self-Determination”

Michael Bennion, Dept. of History, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Ryan Bergstrom, Dept. of Geography, Kansas State University
“Perceptions of Sustainability in Amenity-driven Communities of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem”

Erica Bigio, Dept. of Geosciences and Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona
“A fire history reconstruction of the western San Juan Mountains, Colorado using tree-ring and alluvial sediment methods”

Chris Blanchard, Dept. of Urban Studies, Portland State University
“Economic Development in the Post-War Intermountain West”

Stephanie Capaldo, Dept. of History, University of Arizona
“Smoke and Mirrors: Smelter Pollution and the Cultural Construction of Environmental Justice in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands”

Thomas Evans, Dept. of Earth Sciences, Montana State University
“The Effect of Bone Shape and Density on the Transport and Deposition of Skeletal Material in Fluvial Systems”

Lindsey Feldman, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Arizona
“Oral Histories of Modern Ranching in Southern Arizona and Historical Perspectives of the West: Who is at Work on the Range?”

Matthew Fockler, Dept. of Earth Sciences, Montana State University
“The National Forest Imperative: A Historical Geography of United States Forest Service Landscapes, Northern Rockies, Montana”

Rachel Guberman, Dept. of History, University of Pennsylvania
“The Real Silent Majority: The new Metropolitan Politics in the Rocky Mountain West”
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Christian Heimburger, Dept. of History, University of Colorado, Boulder
“Nikkei Labor during Internment in Amache, Topaz, and Minidoka”

Michael Lee, Dept. of History, University of Colorado, Boulder
“Guggenheim for Governor: Antisemitism, Race, and the Politics of Gilded Age Colorado”

Marinella Lentis, Dept. of American Indian Studies, University of Arizona
“Art Education in Federal Boarding Schools: Tool of Assimilation, Tool of Resistance”

Julie Reeder, Dept. of History, George Mason University
“Progressive Preservers: Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the Creation of a Usable Past”

Natalie Rose, Dept. of History, Michigan State University
“Building Up Generations of Mormons: Girls, Women, and the Transitional Church, 1869-1930”

Ian Stacy, Dept. of History, University of Montana-Missoula
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Paula Harline
“The Polygamous Wives Writing Club: A Mormon Woman Confronts the Past”

Lily Havey
“Research at Amache, a World War II Relocation Camp for Japanese Americans”

Paul Jensen
“All in a Day’s Ride”

Richard Street
“Subversive Images: Leonard Nadel’s Photo Essay on Braceros in 1956”
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2010–2011 Assistantship Award Recipients and Reports

Steven Petersen, Dept. of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
“Characterizing Wild Horse Habitat Use and Distribution”

Sam St. Clair, Dept. of Plant & Wildlife Services
“Mechanisms & Consequences of Conifer Expansion in Aspen Forests of Utah”

Carol Ward, Dept. of Sociology
“The Effects of Traditional Cheyenne Cultural Participation and Language on Tribal College Student Schooling Outcomes”
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2010–2011 Public Programming Award Recipients and Reports

Boise Art Museum
2010 Idaho Triennial

Gilbert Gonzalez
“Harvest of Loneliness: The Bracero Program”

Montana Historical Society
Montana History Conference—“Land of Many Stories”

Museum of Peoples & Cultures, Brigham Young University
Educational Materials for the Exhibition “Beneath Your Feet: Discovering the Archaeology of Utah Valley”

Natural History Museum of Utah
“The Weavers’ Voices”

Obert C. and Grace A. Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah
Mormon Studies Graduate Research Fellowship Endowment Drive

Utah Museum of Fine Arts
“Painting Utah’s Mount Olympus”

Western Literature Association
“Voices from the Literary West”

Wild Utah Project
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2010-2011 Charles Redd Fellowship in Western American History Award Recipients and Reports

Stephen Finley, Dept. of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Louisiana State University
   “Sojourners in a Strange Land: The Religious and Social Lives of African American Latter-day Saints”

Paul Gutjahr, Dept. of English, Indiana University
   “The Book of Mormon: a Biography”

Tamsen Hert, Special Collections, University of Wyoming
   “History of Yellowstone Park Hotels, Lodges & Camps”

Sarah Keyes, Dept. of History, University of Southern California
   “Beyond the Plains: Migration to the Pacific and the Reconfiguration of America, 1820-1900”