

The Howard W. Hunter Chair of Mormon Studies in the School of Religion at Claremont Graduate University is pleased to sponsor a conference on:

Parallels and Convergences: Mormon Thought and Engineering Vision

Location:

Claremont Graduate University, 150 E. 10th Street, Claremont, CA 91711

Important Dates:

Abstract deadline: 2008 December 1 (extended abstract)

Conference: 2009 March 7 (Saturday)

Topics:

The Howard W Hunter Chair is interested in expanding the discussion of Latter-day Saint (LDS) perspectives on the attributes of God and the potential of man through a variety of innovative directions. One of the directions to be explored is whether there is a possible resonance between Mormon and engineering thought. An assumption can be made that, according to LDS understanding, God is the architect of the Creation and the engineer of our bodies and spirits. Man, on the other hand, is believed to be capable of growing to become like God. The theological question is: where does engineering fit in the convergence of these two realms?

Papers for *Parallels and Convergences: Mormon Thought and Engineering Vision* should present scholarly discussions that explore scriptural background and LDS philosophy, set in the context of engineering and technology.

Topics can include, but are not limited to:

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| Agency | Intelligence | Artificial Intelligence |
| Spirit World | Engineering Spirits | Simulations |
| Mortality | Engineering Bodies | Genetic Engineering |
| Immortality | Life Extension | Nanotechnology |
| The Atonement | Transfiguration | Robotics |
| Eternal Life | Progression | Self-replicating Systems |
| Resurrection | Genome / Genealogy | DNA Reverse Engineering |
| Plurality of Gods | Worlds without End | Engineering Worlds |
| Creation | Terraforming | Cosmoforming |

Extended Abstracts:

An extended abstract should be a complete summary of the proposed paper, possibly with a paragraph for each major section. Figures and a reference list are especially encouraged. An abstract template is available on the conference webpage (see below).

Extended abstracts are due on 1 December 2008, submitted via email:

<abstracts@mormonism-engineering.org>.

The conference committee will select a limited number of abstracts for development into full papers based on thematic compatibilities and the overall promise of illuminating the conference theme.

Webpage: <http://www.mormonism-engineering.org> **Queries:** <info@mormonism-engineering.org>