Videos of New Perspectives on Joseph Smith and Translation Conference

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Dr. Philip Barlow, a professor of Religious Studies at USU where he holds the Leonard J. Arrington Chair of Mormon History and Culture, hosted the conference and also participated in panel discussions.

Aug. 18, 2017 -- Mormon scholars from around the nation gathered at Utah State University in March to present what turned out to be a successful, informative and popular conference called “New Perspectives on Joseph Smith and Translation.”

The conference’s title refers to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints founder’s distinctive practice of “translating” what are now considered to be Mormon scriptures.

Videos of the two-day conference’s presentations are now online. The collection of videos includes presentations by Mormon scholars like Richard Bushman, the biographer of Joseph Smith, and Terryl Givens, a prolific writer on Mormon issues and the James A. Bostwick Chair in English at the University of Richmond.

The videos can be viewed at faithmatters.org, which along with the USU Department of History/Religious Studies sponsored the conference.

Check out a full list of conference speakers.