

## JMP Conference Speakers 2025

**Jerry Spanos** is a clinical social worker and the founder of Heritage, a school and treatment center for at-risk adolescents. With his focus on relationships and communication Jerry is a mentor, advocate and role-model who inspires, empowers and genuinely loves others.

**Michelle Stone** is the creator of the podcast and youtube channel, "132 Problems: Revisiting Mormon Polygamy," which offers an in-depth examination of polygamy within the Mormon tradition.

**Cheryl Bruno** is an independent scholar of Mormon history who has written three books, including the biography of early Mormon figure William Marks.

**Maxine Hanks** is a theologian, author, and lecturer researching gender in religion, especially Christian and Mormon theology.

**Barbara Jones-Brown** teaches history at the University of Utah. She is an author and researcher on the tragic Mountain Meadows Massacre; past Executive Director of the Mormon History Association, and current Director of Signature Books.

**Lyuba Basin** is the Rare Books Librarian at the J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah. Prior to completing a graduate degree in Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, Lyuba was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to teach English in Argentina. There she developed her pedagogy in teaching with rare materials and artists' books. Lyuba's personal passion is the materiality of the book and its relationship to historical, political, and cultural contexts.

**Mary Ann Clements** is a blogger, independent scholar, and is credentialed as a Certified Genealogist.

**Peter Brown** is Chief Deputy Clerk & Auditor for San Juan County. He has been an independent Mormon History researcher and blogger since 2015.

**Don Bradley** is an author and historian specializing in the beginnings of the Restoration. He was the primary researcher for Brian Hales' well-known series, "Joseph Smith's Polygamy."

**Jasmine Bradley** With familial background and influence of the Community of Christ on one side, as well as "Lamanite" socialization shaped by the Margarito Bautista movement on the other side, she has seen a large variety of opinions and lifestyles regarding polygamy, and its complexities.

**Whitney N. Horning** is a 7th-generation Mormon, whose ancestors followed Brigham Young to Utah. She is the author of four books on Mormon historical and theological topics.

**Margaret Toscano** is an Associate Professor of Classics & Comparative Studies at the University of Utah. She has been speaking, writing, and publishing about Mormon feminism since 1984.

**Charlotte Erickson** is owner of the blog "Speaking of Polygamy". She is a plural wife, mathematician, and musician; and helps run the annual Restoration Torah Conference.

**J Celene Anderson** is a film industry professional with trained expertise in media, dramaturgy, and storytelling. She has developed numerous films delving into the narrative perspectives of Utah women in the late 19th century.

**Clair Barrus** is a retired cloud platform engineer with a passion for skiing, hiking, and Mormon history.

**Jeremy Hoop** is an American actor, musician, and filmmaker known for his work in independent Latter-day Saint-themed films. His Youtube channel StillMormon examines early Mormon leaders and their marital practices.

**Todd Compton** has written a number of award-winning books on Mormon polygamy and southern Utah history. He is perhaps best known for his "In Sacred Loneliness: The Plural Wives of Joseph Smith."

**Gwendolyn Wyne** received a Master of Library and Information Studies degree (MLIS) from UCLA. She writes and speaks on women's opportunities and responsibilities in theology and culture.

**Taylor Petrey** is professor and chair of religion at Kalamazoo College. He is the author of four books and Editor-in-Chief of *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*.