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NEWS FROM BYU STUDIES

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BYU Studies Increases Contest Prizes

To continue the tradition of outstanding poetry and personal essays that have appeared in *BYU Studies* in the past, and in recognition of the growing excellence of Latter-day Saint creative writers, beginning in 2022, the Clinton F. Larson Poetry Contest and the Richard H. Cragcroft Personal Essay Contest, each sponsored by BYU Studies, will offer the following awards:

First Prize	\$1,500
Second Prize	\$1,000
Third Prize	\$500
Honorable Mention	\$100

Contest winners and finalists are usually published in issues of *BYU Studies Quarterly* during the subsequent year.

The deadline for entering the contests is January 31, 2022. Complete instructions are available on the BYU Studies website.

Student Employees Contribute to BYU Studies

BYU Studies employs several students to help us produce quality products. Without their efforts we certainly could not achieve the standards of excellence we aspire to. In our editorial work, student interns are invaluable. *BYU Studies Quarterly* is one of the few scholarly journals that source checks everything. We want to make sure what we publish is as accurate as possible, so our interns check facts, quotes, and other details. They also do some copy editing, proofreading, and what we call the “final format” of each article or essay—a checklist that ensures the articles not only read well but also look good on the printed page. Our current editorial interns are Andrea Marie Candland, Tina Hawley, Brooke James, Abigail Tree, and Elena R. Welch.

We also employ students to help with marketing, website and database maintenance, and podcast production. Lauren Rands and Anne Brenchley lead our marketing efforts. They manage our social media presence, send out weekly emails, and brainstorm ways to further our mission. Tau Doxey, Youngchan Kim, Jakob Klobčič, and Camila Ngô make up the backbone of our web presence. They are also responsible for maintaining the database that keeps track of our print subscribers. Our podcast team consists of two audio engineers, Katie Johnson and Mamie Tonnies, and three voice artists—Susanna Bezooyen, Elizabeth Tagg, and Langi Tuifua. We appreciate all these students and what they contribute to BYU Studies.

New Book: *Artifacts Speak*

Our newest publication is *Artifacts Speak: Revisiting Old Stories about Treasured Latter-day Saint Heirlooms*, edited by Glen M. Leonard, former director of the Church History Museum. History lovers will enjoy these eleven articles by historians and museum curators. The book verifies facts about dozens of Church artifacts including Smith family houses, physical evidence and weapons of Carthage Jail, bells, watches, Nauvoo and pioneer cannons, and pioneer odometers. This book seeks to present a more complete and accurate history of these

objects than has been told in the past. It will be available by the end of July from BYU Studies, softcover, 500 pages, for \$24.95, but can be preordered with the form on the reverse side.

New Book: *Epistle to the Hebrews*

The latest volume in the New Testament Commentary series is available now. *Epistle to the Hebrews* is a verse-by-verse commentary by Richard D. Draper and Michael D. Rhodes. It incorporates the early Greek texts and Latter-day Saint scripture and includes a New Rendition alongside the King James text. This book will help us all in our study of Jesus’s role as High Priest and Savior, which is the major theme of Hebrews. Hardcover, 854 pages, \$29.99, also ebook, available from BYU Studies website.

We Need Your Old *Ensigns*

At BYU Studies, we have an almost complete set of *Ensign* magazines, but we are missing a few issues. We use these very often to source check articles. In the past, if we were missing an issue that was cited in an article, we could send our interns to the BYU library to check the quote. Unfortunately, perhaps because magazine content is now available on the Church’s website, the library has moved all its *Ensign* magazines from the stacks to special collections, where they are much more difficult to access. The Church’s online offering doesn’t help us much, because for most of the years, the magazine content appears only in html format, not PDF. We need to identify page numbers, though, which do not appear in the html versions. So, if you have old *Ensigns* that you no longer need, please check for the following issues, and call us at (801) 422-6691 if you would like us to send you a prepaid mailer.

We are missing these issues: December 1971, January 1972, May 1972, September 1972, October 1972, December 1972, January 1973, March 1973, May 1973, October 1973, January 1973, February 1974, March 1974, August 1974, September 1974, May 1975, July 1976, June 1980, April 1983.

Summer Discounts on Selected BYU Studies Books

BYU Studies regularly discounts selected titles as a service to our subscribers. The prices for the four books featured below are available only by sending us the accompanying order form by mail or by phoning in your order.

Discoveries: Two Centuries of Poems by Mormon Women, edited by Susan E. Howe and Sheree M. Bench

122 pages, hardcover, \$14.95 \$5.00

This beautiful gift book presents fifty-two poems that trace Latter-day Saint women’s life experiences. The poetry stirs readers to remember, to ponder, often to laugh, sometimes to weep, yet always to rejoice.

Learning in the Light: Selected Talks at BYU, by John S. Tanner

252 pages, hardcover, \$24.95 \$12.00

The talks collected in this volume are drawn from John S. Tanner’s later years at Brigham Young University, where he served as academic

vice president, prior to his appointment as president of BYU–Hawaii. The talks contain a record of how, as an administrator, he sought to keep the dream of BYU alive. More broadly, Tanner speaks to a vision of learning that has been central to Latter-day Saint doctrine and practice from the earliest days of the Church.

***Martin Harris: Uncompromising Witness of the Book of Mormon*, by Susan Easton Black and Larry C. Porter**

590 pages, hardcover, \$24.95 \$20.00

The first comprehensive biography of Martin Harris reveals the compelling story of a man who had seen angels and knew Joseph Smith was a prophet but who nevertheless struggled to keep his faith in the prophetic calling of Joseph Smith and the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ. His is a story of fascination with worldly honors, flirtations with apostasy, and pride that nearly cost him the

joy of his later years in the West. It is the biography of a witness who clung tenaciously to his testimony of the Book of Mormon.

***A Trial Furnace: Southern Utah's Iron Mission*, by Morris A. Shirts and Kathryn H. Shirts**

524 pages, hardcover, \$29.95 \$5.00

In April 1850, Church leaders established an Iron Mission in southern Utah, where iron ore, coal, and timber were plentiful. Between 1851 and 1858, this colony of hardworking Saints tried many smelting techniques, yielding objects such as pots, crankshafts, and bells. Despite sustained, even heroic, efforts, the iron missionaries did not succeed. *A Trial Furnace* chronicles the lives of people who transcended the practical, finding in their wilderness crucible an inner strength and resilience more durable than the iron they came south to find.

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