

Mormon History Association Awards

Larry C. Porter, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, MHA

1966

BOOK AWARD: Robert Bruce Flanders, *Nauvoo: Kingdom on the Mississippi* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1965).

BOOK AWARD: James L. Haseltine, *100 Years of Utah Painting* (Salt Lake City: Salt Lake Art Center, 1965).

ARTICLE AWARD: D. W. Meinig, "The Mormon Culture Region: Strategies and Patterns in the Geography of the American West, 1847-1964," *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 55 (June 1965): 191-220.

1967: No awards

1968

BOOK AWARD: Klaus J. Hansen, *Quest for Empire: The Political Kingdom of God and the Council of Fifty in Mormon History* (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 1967).

ARTICLE AWARD: Leonard J. Arrington, "The Search for Truth and Meaning in Mormon History," *DIALOGUE* 3 (Summer 1968): 56-65.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AWARD: Thomas G. Alexander and James B. Allen, "The Mormons in the Mountain West, A Selected Bibliography," *Arizona and the West* 10 (Spring 1968): 365-84.

SPECIAL CITATION: To Earl E. Olson, Assistant Church Historian, in recognition of his meritorious contributions to the study of Mormon history.

1969

ARTICLE AWARD: Leonard J. Arrington and Jon Haupt, "Intolerable Zion: The Image of Mormonism in Nineteenth-Century American Literature," *Western Humanities Review* 22 (Summer 1968): 243-60.

SPECIAL CITATIONS: To the editors of *DIALOGUE* and *BYU Studies* for stimulating research and publication.

1970

BOOK AWARD: Richard Howard, *Restoration Scriptures: A Study of Their Textual Development* (Independence, Mo.: Herald House, 1969).

ARTICLE AWARD: Richard L. Anderson for several articles in the *Improvement Era*, *BYU Studies*, and *The Instructor*.

WORST BOOK: Stanley P. Hirshon, *Lion of the Lord* (New York: Knopf, 1969).

1971

BOOK AWARD: Gustive O. Larson, *The "Americanization" of Utah for Statehood* (San Marino, Calif.: Huntington Library, 1971).

ARTICLE AWARD: Dean C. Jessee, "The Writing of Joseph Smith's History," *BYU Studies* 11 (Summer 1971): 439-72.

1972

SPECIAL CITATION: To John James, Jr., librarian at the Utah State Historical Society, in recognition of meritorious service to the cause of scholarship in Mormon and Utah history.

1973

BEST BOOK AWARD: George Ellsworth, *Utah's Heritage* (Layton, Utah/Santa Barbara, Calif.: Peregrine Smith, Inc., 1973).

BEST ARTICLE AWARD: Henry J. Wolfinger, "A Re-examination of the Woodruff Manifesto in the Light of Utah Constitutional History," *Utah Historical Quarterly* 39 (Fall 1971): 238-49.

COURAGE BEST ARTICLE AWARD: Paul M. Edwards, "Sweet Singer of Israel: David Hyrum Smith," 12 (Winter 1972): 171-84.

1974

BEST BOOK AWARD: Charles Peterson, *Take Up Your Mission: Mormon Colonizing along the Little Colorado River, 1870-1900* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1973).

BEST ARTICLE AWARDS: Lester E. Bush, Jr., "Mormonism's Negro Doctrine: An Historical Overview," *DIALOGUE* 8 (Spring 1973): 11-68; and Eugene E. Campbell, "Brigham Young's Outer Cordon — A Reappraisal," *Utah Historical Quarterly* 41 (Summer 1973): 220-53.

SPECIAL CITATIONS: To Bill Russell, editor of *Courage*, Andrew Karl Larson, for long time service and for his book *Erastus Snow*; and to Alma Blair, for contributions to Mormon history and for the innovative use of films in its teaching.

1975

BEST BOOK AWARD: Dean C. Jessee, ed. *Letters of Brigham Young to His Sons* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, in collaboration with the Historical Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1974).

BEST ARTICLE BY A SENIOR AUTHOR: D. Michael Quinn, "The Evolution of the Presiding Quorums of the LDS Church," *Journal of Mormon History* 1 (1974): 21-38; and "The Mormon Church and the Spanish-American War: An End to Selective Pacifism," *Pacific Historical Review* 43 (Aug. 1974): 342-66.

BEST ARTICLE BY A JUNIOR AUTHOR: Gordon Irving, "The Law of Adoption: One Phase of the Development of the Mormon Concept of Salvation, 1830-1900," *BYU Studies* 14 (Spring 1974): 291-314.

SPECIAL CITATIONS: To Kenneth W. Godfrey, for inspiring teaching of Mormon history, for continued activity in research and publication, and for conscientious effective service as secretary-treasurer of the Association; to Kenneth E. Stobaugh, for interest in the preservation of historical sites, for generous assistance at the time of the Association's Nauvoo meeting, and for broad-minded friendliness to people of all faiths; to Ralph Tate, Jr., for donating time and expertise to the preparation of legal papers which obtained for the Mormon History Association a nonprofit corporate status; to T. Edgar Lyon, for inspiring teaching of Mormon history, for continued activity in research and publication, and for conscientious efforts to maintain integrity and historical accuracy in the projects of Nauvoo Restorations, Inc.; and to George S. Tanner, for exemplifying the serious contributions an amateur historian can make to the collecting of source materials and the writing of local and family history.

1976

BEST BOOK AWARDS: Dallin H. Oaks and Marvin S. Hill, *Carthage Conspiracy: The Trial of the Accused Assassins of Joseph Smith* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1975); and Gene A. Sessions, ed., *Mormon Democrat: The Religious and Political Memoirs of James Henry Moyle* (Salt Lake City: The James Moyle Genealogical and Historical Association, 1975).

BEST ARTICLE BY A SENIOR AUTHOR: Davis Bitton, "Ritualization of Mormon History," *Utah Historical Quarterly* 43 (Winter 1975): 67-85, and "The Making of a Community: Blackfoot, Idaho, 1878 to 1910," *Idaho Yesterdays* 19 (Spring 1975): 2-15.

BEST ARTICLE BY A JUNIOR AUTHOR: J. Christopher Conkling, "Members without a Church: Japanese Mormons in Japan from 1924 to 1948," *BYU Studies* 15 (Winter 1975): 191-214.

SPECIAL CITATIONS: To the two First Presidencies of the RLDS and LDS Churches for approving a microfilm document exchange; and to Juanita Brooks for her life of dedication, scholarship, and the courage in which she has led the way in an honest and professional approach to the study of the Mormon past.

1977

BEST BOOK AWARD: Leonard J. Arrington, Feramorz Y. Fox (deceased), and Dean L. May, *Building the City of God: Community and Cooperation among the Mormons* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Deseret Book, 1976).

BEST ARTICLE BY A SENIOR AUTHOR: Thomas Alexander, "Wilford Woodruff and the Changing Nature of the Mormon Religious Experience," *Church History* 45 (March 1976): 1-14.

BEST ARTICLE BY A JUNIOR AUTHOR: Jill C. Mulvay, "The Liberal Shall Be Blessed: Sarah M. Kimball," *Utah Historical Quarterly* 44 (Summer 1976): 205-21; "Three Mormon Women in the Cultural Arts," *Sunstone* 1 (Spring 1976): 29-39; and "Eliza R. Snow and the Woman Question," *BYU Studies* 16 (Winter 1976): 250-64.

SPECIAL CITATIONS: To Robert L. Flanders for pathbreaking scholarship dealing with the history of Nauvoo, for continued interest in promoting responsible scholarship in Mormon history, for active leadership in the Mormon History Association from its inception, and for broad-gauged ecumenism; to the editor and authors of *Mormon Sisters* for making a signal contribution in the neglected area of Mormon women's studies; for exemplifying what interested, dedicated women can accomplish on their own; for initiative in pushing their project to completion, publishing it, and distributing it to an appreciative audience; to the First Presidency of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for their generosity and cooperation in allowing sessions of the twelfth annual meeting of the MHA to be held in the Kirtland Temple; to Duane Bunnell for extraordinary service in making travel arrangements which made possible the holding of the twelfth annual meeting of the MHA in Kirtland, Ohio.

1978

BEST ARTICLE BY A SENIOR AUTHOR: Marvin S. Hill, C. Keith Rooker, and Larry T. Wimmer, "The Kirtland Economy Revisited: A Market Critique of Sectarian Economics," *BYU Studies* 17 (Summer 1977): entire issue; and Paul M. Edwards, "The Secular Smiths," *Journal of Mormon History* (1977): 3-18.

BEST ARTICLE BY A JUNIOR AUTHOR: Jeffrey L. Swanson, "That Smoke-filled Room: A Utahn's Role in the 1920 GOP Convention," *Utah Historical Quarterly* 45 (Fall 1977): 369-80.

OUTSTANDING BIBLIOGRAPHY AWARD: Davis Bitton, *Guide to Mormon Diaries and Autobiographies* (Provo, Utah: BYU Press, 1977).

SPECIAL CITATION: To Edward L. Kimball and Andrew E. Kimball, Jr., for their biography, *Spencer W. Kimball, Twelfth President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Bookcraft, 1977).

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT: David J. Whittaker, Brigham Young University.

1979

BEST BOOK AWARD: Richard H. Jackson, ed., *The Mormon Role in the Settlement of the West* (Provo, Utah: BYU Press, 1978).

BEST ARTICLES BY A SENIOR AUTHOR: Lester E. Bush, "Brigham Young in Life and Death: A Medical Overview," *Journal of Mormon History* 5 (1978): 79-104; and Eugene E. Campbell and Bruce L. Campbell, "Divorce among Mormon Polygamists: Extent and Explanations," *Utah Historical Quarterly* 46 (Winter 1978): 4-23.

BEST ARTICLE BY A JUNIOR SCHOLAR: Danel W. Bachman, "New Light on an Old Hypothesis: The Ohio Origins of the Revelation on Eternal Marriage," *Journal of Mormon History* 5 (1978): 19-32.

OUTSTANDING BIBLIOGRAPHY AWARD: Chad J. Flake, *Mormon Bibliography, 1830-1930* (Salt Lake City, Utah: University of Utah Press, 1978).

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT: Steven L. Olsen, candidate for Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

SPECIAL CITATIONS: To the late Gustive O. Larson for his service to the cause of Mormon history, his scholarly publications in that field, and for his years of service as a teacher and a friend to students; to the late Dr. T. Edgar Lyon for his service to the Mormon History Association, for his scholarly contributions to the field of Mormon history, and for his years of service as a teacher and friend to students; to the late Dr. David E. Miller for his service to the Mormon History Association, for his scholarly contributions to the field of Mormon history, and for his years of service as a teacher and a friend to students; to Brigham Young University Press for its encouragement of the art of history through publishing four fine works of Mormon history during 1978 — *Utah's History*, *The Mormon Role in the Settlement of the West*, *Anti-Mormonism in Idaho, 1872-1892*, and *Sister Saints* — as well as for its continuing involvement in the publication of *BYU Studies*; to Graceland College and its administration and staff for their generous and gracious offer to host the fourteenth annual Mormon Association meeting and for their outstanding attention to our needs and comfort.

1980

BEST BOOK AWARD: Leonard J. Arrington and Davis Bitton, *The Mormon Experience: A History of the Latter-day Saints* (New York: Knopf, 1979).

BEST ARTICLE BY A SENIOR AUTHOR: Newell G. Bringham, "Elijah Abel and the Changing Status of Blacks within Mormonism," *DIALOGUE* 12 (Summer 1979): 22-36.

BEST ARTICLE BY A JUNIOR AUTHOR: Allen D. Roberts, "Where Are the All-Seeing Eyes? The Origin, Use, and Decline of Early Mormon Symbolism," *Sunstone* 4 (May-June 1979): 22-37.

SPECIAL CITATIONS: To the *Ensign* for publication of historical articles, features, and illustrations; to the LDS Historical Department for thirty-two task papers based on the extensive documentary archives made available for scholarly research.

1981

BEST BOOK (documentary classification): Andrew Karl Larson and Katharine Miles Larson, eds., *Diary of Charles Lowell Walker*, 2 vols. (Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press, 1980).

BEST ARTICLE BY A SENIOR AUTHOR: Thomas G. Alexander, "The Reconstruction of Mormon Doctrine: From Joseph Smith to Progressive Theology," *Sunstone* 5 (July-August 1980): 24-33.

BEST ARTICLE BY A JUNIOR AUTHOR: Gary James Bergera, "The Orson Pratt-Brigham Young Controversies: Conflict within the Quorums, 1853-1868" *DIALOGUE* 13 (Summer 1980): 7-49.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT: Michael Guy Bishop, Southern Illinois University.

SPECIAL CITATIONS: To Glen M. Leonard in recognition of his conscientious production and expert work as associate editor of the first seven volumes of the *Journal of Mormon History*; and to Maurice L. Draper and Clare D.

Vlahos and twenty contributors who produced an impressive collection of essays, many on Mormon history, in *Restoration Studies I, Sesquicentennial Edition* (Independence, Mo.: Herald House, 1981).

1982

BEST BOOK AWARD: Lawrence Foster, *Religion and Sexuality: Three American Communal Experiments of the Nineteenth Century* (Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, 1981) and Stanley B. Kimball, *Heber C. Kimball: Mormon Patriarch and Pioneer* (Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 1981).

THE T. EDGAR LYON AWARD FOR BEST ARTICLE: Linda King Newell, "A Gift Given, A Gift Taken: Washing, Anointing, and Blessing the Sick among Mormon Women," *Sunstone* 6 (Sept.-Oct. 1981): 16-25.

DISTINCTION IN EDITING MORMON DOCUMENTS: Andrew Ehat and Lyndon Cook, *The Words of Joseph Smith* (Provo, Utah: BYU Religious Studies Center, 1981).

SPECIAL CITATION: To those responsible for the preservation and restoration of the Logan Tabernacle.

1983

BEST BOOK AWARD: Juanita Brooks, *Quicksand and Cactus* (Salt Lake City: Howe Brothers, 1982).

THE T. EDGAR LYON AWARD FOR BEST ARTICLE: Dean Jessee, "Return to Carthage: Writing the History of Joseph Smith's Martyrdom," *Journal of Mormon History* 8 (1981): 3-19.

THE GRACE ARRINGTON AWARD FOR HISTORICAL EXCELLENCE: Ronald Walker for superlative qualities of eight articles published in 1982.

THE WILLIAM GROVES AND WINIFRED FOSTER REESE HISTORY AWARD: Edward Leo Lyman for his dissertation, "The Mormon Quest for Utah Statehood," University of California, Riverside.

SPECIAL CITATIONS: To the Chesterfield Foundation for the high quality of its productions, specifically its collection of essays and photo essays, Lavina Fielding Anderson, ed., *Chesterfield: Mormon Outpost in Idaho* (Bancroft, Idaho: The Chesterfield Foundation, 1982); and to Larry Porter for eight years of selfless service to the Mormon History Association while serving as its Secretary-Treasurer.