



Greetings

We are pleased to share with you our latest newsletter. This issue recaps the 2023 Joseph Smith Papers Conference, including remarks by President Dallin H. Oaks and keynote speaker Dr. Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp. Thank you for supporting the conference.

Sincerely,

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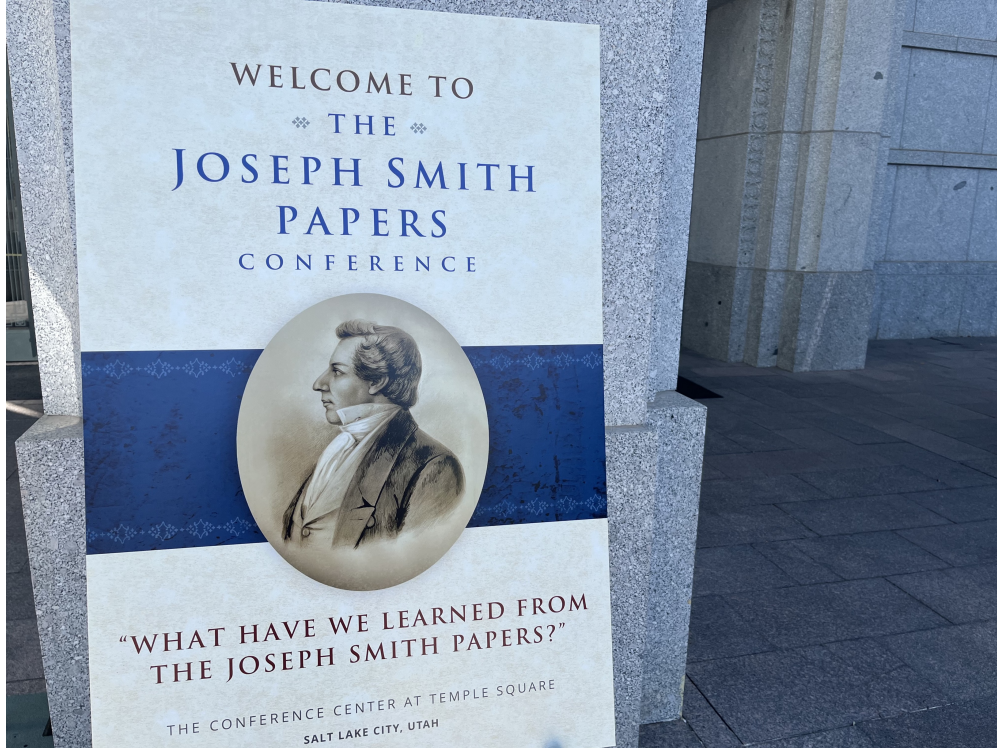
Dates of Interest

November 2023: Quarterly web update released on the [Joseph Smith Papers website](#).



2023 Joseph Smith Papers Conference in Review

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On 15–16 September 2023, over 300 attendees filled the Conference Center Theater in Salt Lake City, Utah, for this year’s Joseph Smith Papers Conference. An additional 200 attended via broadcast. The audience and panelists represented international interest in *The Joseph Smith Papers* from historians, theologians, legal scholars, educators, students, and members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Over the two-day conference, 31 speakers in 10 sessions answered the question, “What have we learned from the Joseph Smith Papers Project?”

President Dallin H. Oaks, first counselor in the First Presidency of the church, opened the conference by commending the “gold-standard research” of those who worked on the documents, calling the project a “firm foundation on which additional works can be solidly built.” President Oaks also announced the [upcoming publication of a new official biography](#) of Joseph Smith, titled *Joseph the Prophet*, to be written by Richard E. Turley Jr. with the help of a team from the Church History Department.

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