

JILL MULVAY DERR

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PERSONAL DATA

Born: 8 September 1948 to William Arnold and Ruth Brinton Mulvay, Salt Lake City, UT

Married: C. Brooklyn Derr, 1977

Children: Bentley, Danielle, Yvette, Zachary

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Master of Arts in Teaching (Literature), 1971

University of Utah, Bachelor of Arts, English, 1970, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi
Elementary and high schools, Salt Lake City, Utah

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Managing Director, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History, Brigham Young
University, 2003-

Associate Professor, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History, Brigham Young
University, 1998-

Research Historian, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Church History, Brigham Young University,
1992-1998, 1987-1989

Instructor, Brigham Young University Department of Organizational Behavior, Provo, Utah, "Work,
Family, and Career," with C. Brooklyn Derr, 1986

Historian (free lance) working by contract on a history of the Relief Society of The Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Janath R. Cannon; and a history of LDS Social Services; 1980-
1987

Instructor, Brigham Young University Honors Program, Provo, Utah, "Utah Women's History," 1977-
1978

Research Historian, History Division, Historical Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day
Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1974-1979

Grade and high school teacher, Boston Massachusetts Public Schools, 1971-1973

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Women's Voices: An Untold History of the Latter-day Saints. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1982;
redesigned paperbound edition, January 2000. With Kenneth W. Godfrey and Audrey M.
Godfrey.

Women of Covenant: The Story of Relief Society. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1992; paperbound
edition, Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, and Provo, Utah: BYU Press, 2000. With Janath R.
Cannon and Maureen Ursenbach Beecher.

Articles

- "Mrs. Smith Goes to Washington: Eliza R. Snow Smith's Visit to Southern Utah." Juanita Brooks Lecture Series. St. George, Utah: Dixie State College of Utah, 2004. 32 pp.
- "The Lion and the Lioness: Brigham Young and Eliza R. Snow." BYU Studies 40, no. 2 (2001): 55-101.
- "Relief Society." In Encyclopedia of Latter-day Saint History, ed. Arnold K. Garr, Donald Q. Cannon, and Richard O. Cowan. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2000. 992-97.
- "Snow, Eliza R." In Encyclopedia of Latter-day Saint History, ed. Arnold K. Garr, Donald Q. Cannon, and Richard O. Cowan. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2000. 1148-50.
- "Form and Feeling in a Carefully Crafted Life: Eliza R. Snow's 'Poems of Poems.'" Journal of Mormon History 26, no. 1 (Spring 2000): 1-39.
- "Joseph F. Smith: Following the Prince of Peace." Ensign 30 (January 2000): 37-43. With Heidi S. Swinton. Also published in Liahona 24 (February 2000): 30-42 [and the Church's International Magazine in various languages].
- "To Nurture and Be Nurtured: The Friendships of Eliza R. Snow." In May Christ Lift Thee Up: Talks from the 1998 Women's Conference Sponsored by Brigham Young University and the Relief Society, 87-108. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1999.
- "'I Have Eaten Nearly Everything Imaginable': Pioneer Diet." In Nearly Everything Imaginable: The Everyday Life of Utah's Mormon Pioneers, ed. Ronald W. Walker and Doris R. Dant, 222-48. Provo, Utah: Brigham Young University Press, 1999.
- "Paper Drapes that Look Like Silk." Ensign 27 (June 1997): 18-22. With Carol Cornwall Madsen.
- "Facing New Frontiers within Themselves [Women at Winter Quarters]." Church News, 1 March 1997, 11-12.
- "The Significance of 'O My Father' in the Personal Journey of Eliza R. Snow." BYU Studies 36, no. 1 (1996-97): 84-126.
- "Brigham Young and the Awakening of Mormon Women in the 1870s." In Lion of the Lord: Essays on the Life and Service of Brigham Young, ed. Susan Easton Black and Larry C. Porter, 312-37. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1995.
- "An Inheritance in Zion." In Women and Christ: Living the Abundant Life, ed. Dawn Hall Anderson, Susette Fletcher Green, and Marie Cornwall, 93-102. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1993. With Maureen Ursenbach Beecher.
- "Tenderness in the Dance: Sesquicentennial Reflections on Relief Society." BYU Today 46 (July 1992): 31-40. With Maureen Ursenbach Beecher.
- "Sisterhood." In Encyclopedia of Mormonism, ed. Daniel H. Ludlow, 3:1319-20. New York: Macmillan, 1992. With Janath R. Cannon.
- "Relief Society." In Encyclopedia of Mormonism, ed. Daniel H. Ludlow, 3:1199-1206. New York: Macmillan, 1992. With Janath R. Cannon.
- "Resolving Differences/Achieving Unity: Lessons from the History of Relief Society." In As Women of Faith: Talks Selected from the BYU Women's Conferences, ed. Mary E. Stovall and Carol Cornwall Madsen, 122-47. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1989. With Janath R. Cannon.
- "Commentary" on "Women Dreaming: The Religiopsychology of Indian-White Marriage and the Rise of Metis Culture" by J. Peterson. In Western Women: Their Land, Their Lives, ed. Lillian Schlissel, Vicki L. Ruiz and Janice Monk, 73-76. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1988.
- "Changing Relief Society Charity to Make Way for Welfare, 1930-1944." In New Views in Mormon History: Essays in Honor of Leonard J. Arrington, ed. Maureen Ursenbach Beecher and Davis Bitton, 242-72. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1987.
- "Strength in Our Union: The Making of Mormon Sisterhood." In Sisters in Spirit: Mormon Women in Historical and Cultural Perspective, ed. Maureen Ursenbach Beecher and Lavina Fielding Anderson, 153-207. Urbana IL: University of Illinois Press, 1987.

- “An Endowment of Power: The LDS Tradition.” Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought 17 (Autumn 1984): 17-21.
- “Outside the Mormon Hierarchy: Alternative Aspects of Institutional Power.” Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought 15 (Winter 1982): 21-43. With C. Brooklyn Derr.
- “One Woman’s Perspective.” Exponent II 7 (Spring 1981): 5.
- “Sisters and Little Saints: One Hundred Years of Mormon Primaries.” In The Mormon People: Their Character and Traditions, Charles Redd Center Monographs in Western History no. 10, 75-101. Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1980.
- “The Creative Woman, Past and Present.” Exponent II 5 (Spring 1979): 3.
- “The Latter-day Saints and Women’s Rights, 1870-1920: A Brief Survey.” Task Papers in LDS History, no. 29. Salt Lake City: Historical Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1979. With Maureen Ursenbach Beecher and Carol Cornwall Madsen.
- “Woman’s Place in Brigham Young’s World.” Brigham Young University Studies 18 (Spring 1978): 377-95.
- “These Three Women: They Presided Over Relief Society in the Twentieth Century.” Ensign 8 (February 1978): 66-70. With Susan S. Oman.
- “Women in Early Utah.” In Utah’s History, ed. Richard D. Poll, 337-56. Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1978. With Ann Vest Lobb.
- “The Nauvoo Generation: Our First Five Relief Society Presidents.” Ensign 7 (December 1977): 36-43. With Susan S. Oman.
- “Eliza R. Snow and The Woman Question.” Brigham Young University Studies 16 (Winter 1976): 250-64. Reprinted in Battle for the Ballot: Essays on Woman Suffrage in Utah, 1870-1896, ed. Carol Cornwall Madsen, 74-90. Logan, UT: Utah State University Press, 1997. Also in Life in Utah: Centennial Selections from BYU Studies, ed. James B. Allen and John W. Welch, 219-36. Provo, UT: BYU Studies, Brigham Young University 1996.
- “The Liberal Shall Be Blessed: Sarah M. Kimball.” Utah Historical Quarterly 44 (Summer 1976): 205-21. Also in Sister Saints, ed. Vicky Burgess-Olson, 21-40. Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1978. Reprint as monograph; Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1982.
- “Three Mormon Women in the Cultural Arts.” Sunstone 1 (Spring 1976): 29-39.
- “Zion’s Schoolmams.” In Mormon Sisters: Women in Early Utah, ed. Claudia L. Bushman, 67-87. Cambridge, MA: Emmeline Press Limited, 1976. Reprint; Salt Lake City: Olympus Publishing Company, 1980.
- “The Two Miss Cooks: Pioneer Professionals for Utah Schools.” Utah Historical Quarterly 43 (Fall 1975): 396-409. Also in Sister Saints, ed. Vicky Burgess-Olson, 242-58. Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1978.
- “Our Foremothers and the 1870 Franchise.” Exponent II 1 (December 1974): 14.

Book Reviews

- Review of Brigham Young’s Homes edited by Colleen Whitley. Utah Historical Quarterly 71, no. 2 (Spring 2003): 184-85.
- Review of The Personal Writings of Eliza Roxcy Snow edited by Maureen Ursenbach Beecher. Mormon Historical Studies 2, no. 1 (2001): 193-98.
- Review of Women of Principle: Female Networking in Contemporary Mormon Polygyny by Janet Bennion. The Journal of Religion 80, no. 2 (April 2000): 336-37.

AWARDS

- BYU Women's Research Institute Award for Best Article in Women's Studies, for "The Significance of 'O My Father' in the Personal Journey of Eliza R. Snow," given by the Mormon History Association, May 1997.
- Frankie and John Orton Award for LDS Literature, for Women of Covenant: The Story of Relief Society, 1993.
- Deseret Book Excellence in Writing Award, for Women of Covenant: The Story of Relief Society, 1992.
- Mormon History Association Award for the Best Article in Mormon History by a Young Scholar, 1977, for "Three Mormon Women in the Cultural Arts"; "The Liberal Shall Be Blessed: Sarah M. Kimball"; and "Eliza R. Snow and the Woman Question."
- First prize, professional division, Bicentennial Biographies Contest, sponsored by the Salt Lake Tribune, Utah Historical Society, and Utah Bicentennial Commission, 1976, for "The Liberal Shall Be Blessed: Sarah M. Kimball."
- Research fellowship, History Division, Historical Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1973-74.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Organization and Community Participation

- Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Book of Mormon Studies, 2002-
- Chair, Mormon History Association Nominating Committee, 2001-2002
- Chair, "Lives of the Saints: Writing Mormon Biography and Autobiography," Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History annual symposium, 17 March 2001
- Participant, "A Home of Her Own" (The Story of the Beehive and Lion Houses), KUED television production, November 2000.
- Council Member, Mormon History Association, 1999-2000
- President, Mormon History Association, 1998-99
- President-Elect, Mormon History Association, 1997-98
- Chair, "O My Father, 1845-1995," seminar sponsored by Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Church History and BYU Museum of Art, 15 September 1995
- Book Review Editor, Brigham Young University Studies, 1993-95
- Member, Mormon History Association Program Committee, 1992-93
- Member, Alpine Historic Preservation Commission, 1988-89, 1991-
- Member, Mormon History Association Nominating Committee, 1983-84
- Council Member, Utah Women's History Association, 1980-83
- Board of Editors, Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, 1980-82
- Project Director, "Vital Questions in Mormon History," lecture series sponsored by the Mormon History Association and the Utah Endowment for the Humanities, 1979-80
- Assistant Editor, Journal of Mormon History, 1977-86
- Council Member, Mormon History Association, 1977-80
- Member, Advisory Board, Women's History Archives, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, 1977-79
- Member, "Women in Utah History" Task Force, IWY Conference, June 1977
- Project Co-director, "Utah Women: Roots and Realities," lecture series sponsored by the Utah Endowment for the Humanities and the Salt Lake City General Retrenchment Society, 1975-76, with Dixie S. Huefner

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

- “The Tuning of the Key: Joseph Smith and the Definition of Women’s Religious Authority.” AAR/SBL Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Regional Meeting, Provo, Utah, 27 March 2004.
- “Mrs. Smith Goes to Washington: Eliza R. Snow Smith’s Visit to Southern Utah.” Juanita Brooks Lecture Series, Dixie State College of Utah, St. George, Utah, 24 March 2004.
- “A Wary Heart Becomes ‘Fix’d Unalterably’: Eliza R. Snow’s Conversion to Mormonism.” Mormon History Association, Kirtland, Ohio, 23 May 2003.
- “The Future of Mormon (Theological) Studies.” Panelist at Yale University Divinity School conference, “God, Humanity, and Revelation: Perspectives from Mormon Philosophy and History,” New Haven, Connecticut, 27-29 March 2003.
- “Eliza R. Snow and the Delimitation of Mormon Women’s Religious Authority, 1868-87.” American Society of Church History, Chicago, Illinois, 3 January 2003.
- “Mrs. Smith Goes to Washington: Eliza R. Snow Smith’s Visit to Southern Utah, 1880-81.” Mormon History Association, Tucson, Arizona, 17 May 2002.
- “Eliza R. Snow and the ‘Palestine Tourists’ in Europe, 1872-73.” Mormon History Association, Aalborg, Denmark, 1 July 2000.
- “Mormon Women’s Cooperative Enterprises, 1868-1896.” Communal Studies Association, St. George, Utah, 25 September 1999.
- “Form and Feeling in a Carefully Crafted Life: Eliza R. Snow’s ‘Poem of Poems.’” Presidential Address, Mormon History Association, Ogden, Utah, 22 May 1999.
- “Brigham Young and ‘The Female Portion of Our Community.’” Brigham Young: Images and Realities symposium, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 20 March 1999.
- “Rancor and Ridicule: The Anti-Government Poems of Eliza R. Snow.” Mormon History Association, Washington, DC, 23 May 1998.
- “The Lion and the Lioness: Brigham Young and Eliza R. Snow.” Historical Perspectives on Brigham Young Symposium, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 20 March 1998.
- “Eliza R. Snow and Woman’s Primeval/Millennial Equality.” American Academy of Religion, Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2 May 1997.
- “‘I Have Eaten Nearly Everything Imaginable’: Pioneer Diet.” Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Church History, Everyday Life in Pioneer Utah Symposium, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 28 March 1997.
- “Paradise Regained: Eliza R. Snow and Woman’s Primeval/Millennial Equality.” Mormon History Association, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, 22 June 1995.
- “‘The Earth Renew’d’: Mormon Millennialism in the Poetry of Eliza R. Snow, 1835-1887.” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Illinois, 21 November 1994.
- “‘Genius Emancipated’: Personal and Literary Evolution in the Poetry of Eliza R. Snow, 1826-1856.” Mormon History Association, Park City, Utah, 21 May 1994.
- “Satellite Societies: Relief Society Connections in Alpine, Utah.” Mormon History Association, St. George, Utah, 16 May 1992.
- “Hiram and Sarah M. Kimball and Family.” Mormon History Association, Quincy, Illinois, 12 May 1989.
- “‘Zion’s Poetess’: Giving Women a New Voice.” Mormon History Association, Logan, Utah, 6 May 1988.
- “Jane Benbow and other Latter-day Saint Women at Herefordshire.” Mormon History Association, Oxford, England, 7 July 1987. With Charlotte England.
- “Changing Relief Society Charity to Make Way for Welfare, 1930-1944.” Mormon History Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2 May 1986.

- “Relief Society Rootedness: The Enduring Impact of Nauvoo, 1842-1921.” Mormon History Association, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 11 May 1984. With Maureen Ursenbach Beecher and Carol Cornwall Madsen.
- “Altars of the Home, Churches of the Community.” Southwest Institute for Research on Women, University of Arizona, Tuscon, Arizona, 14 January 1984. With Jacqueline Peterson and Raquel Rubio Goldsmith.
- “A Circle of Caring: The Family of George A. Smith.” Women’s History Symposium, Brigham Young University, 1 April 1981.
- “Outside the Mormon Hierarchy: Alternative Aspects of Institutional Power.” Mormon History Association in conjunction with the New York State Historical Association, Canandaigua, New York, 2 May 1980. With C. Brooklyn Derr.
- “Mormon Sisterhood, 1900-1920.” Utah Women’s History Association Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, 18 November 1978.
- “The Making and Unmaking of Mormon Sisterhood, 1867-1920.” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, 23-25 August 1978.
- “Sisters and Little Saints: One Hundred Years of Mormon Primaries.” Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Lecture Series, Brigham Young University, 9 March 1978.
- “Women in the Church, 1930-Present.” LDS Church History Symposium, Brigham Young University, 19-20 August 1977. With Maureen Ursenbach Beecher.
- “Brigham Young as Feminist.” American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, Flagstaff, Arizona, 13 August 1977.
- “Eliza R. Snow and the Woman Question.” Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, Brigham Young University, 29 March 1974.

Lectures and Conferences

- “Brigham Young’s Counsel to Women.” BYU lecture series on Brigham Young: Prophet, Colonizer, Patriarch, Provo, Utah, 28 September 2001.
- “Pondering the Destiny of Daughters of God: Poems of Eliza R. Snow, 1850-1857.” BYU Education Week lecture, Provo, Utah, 23 August 2001.
- “Dynamic Devotion: The Remarkable Leadership of Eliza R. Snow.” International Society of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers annual convention, Salt Lake City, Utah, 6 October 2000.
- “‘If I Could Arouse One Sister’: The Energizing Leadership of Eliza R. Snow.” Second Annual Women’s Leadership Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 4 March 2000.
- “Eliza R. Snow’s Letters to Martin Luther Holbrook, 1866-67.” LDS Church Historical Department Staff Inservice Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, 16 February 2000.
- “To Nurture and Be Nurtured: The Friendships of Eliza R. Snow.” Relief Society/BYU Women’s Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 20 April 1998.
- “Every Principle that Tends to Elevate Woman: Reading the Discourses of Eliza R. Snow.” Brigham Young University, 19 March 1998, Women’s Month lecture.
- “Aspects of Life Among Practicing Mormons in Early Utah.” Mormon History Association, Omaha, Nebraska, 23 May 1997, commentator.
- “Utah Women Activists.” Mormon History Association, Snowbird, Utah, 17 May 1996, commentator.
- “The Making of ‘Zion’s Poetess,’ Eliza R. Snow, 1826-1856.” Sons of Utah Pioneers, Brigham Young Chapter, 21 September 1995.
- “Reason and Rejoicing: Eliza R. Snow’s Personal Probing of Mormon Doctrine.” Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Church History and BYU Museum of Art Seminar, “‘O My Father,’ 1845-1995,” BYU Museum of Art, 15 September 1995.

- “Women in Religion.” College of Eastern Utah, Seventeenth Annual Women’s Conference, Price, Utah, 22 April 1994, panel presentation.
- “The Political Protest Poetry of Eliza R. Snow.” Utah State Historical Society, Utah Valley Chapter, 11 January 1994.
- “Mormon Leaders and the Church Hierarchy: Two Twentieth Century Stories.” Mormon History Association, Lamoni, Iowa, 22 May 1993, commentator.
- “Relief Society Charity.” Utah State University LDS Institute Forum Address, 12 November 1992.
- “The Relief Society History: An Observer Responds—the Authors Reply.” Brigham Young University, The LDS Relief Society and Mormon Women: Cross Disciplinary Considerations Conference, 23 October 1992. With Peggy Pascoe, Janath Russell Cannon, and Maureen Ursenbach Beecher.
- “Women of Covenant: Relief Society after 150 Years.” BYU Women’s Conference, 7 May 1992, fireside address. With Maureen Ursenbach Beecher.
- “Voices of Suffrage.” Utah Governor’s Commission for Women and Families, Utah State Capitol, 31 March 1992, panel presentation.
- “Redefining Relief Society, 1901-1921: From ‘Aunts’ to ‘Board Members.’” BYU Women’s Research Institute Brown Bag Lecture Series, 5 March 1992.
- “Resolving Differences/Achieving Unity: Lessons from the History of Relief Society.” Brigham Young University Women’s Conference, 13 March 1987. With Janath R. Cannon.
- “Significant Connections: Women’s Clubs and Societies in Utah.” Women in Utah History Lecture Series sponsored by Utah Women’s History Association, Utah State Historical Society, Utah Centennial Foundation and Utah Endowment for the Humanities, Salt Lake City and Alpine, Utah, 9 January and 17 April 1986.
- “The Story of Relief Society.” Relief Society Legacy Lecture, Salt Lake City, 14 March 1984. With Janath R. Cannon.
- “Women’s Clubs Today.” Utah Women’s History Association, annual conference, Salt Lake City, 12 March 1983, chair and commentator.
- “Wisdom and Power: Approaches to Relief Society Leadership, 1842-1882.” Brigham Young University Women’s Conference, 18 February 1983.
- “Woman’s Place in Brigham Young’s World.” Sons of Utah Pioneers/Utah Endowment for the Humanities Lecture Series, Salt Lake City, 1 December 1982.
- “The Pioneer Woman Speaks.” Daughters of Utah Pioneers National Convention, Salt Lake City, 1 October 1982.
- “Young Women of Mormondom.” Women’s History Symposium, Brigham Young University, 25 March 1982, commentator.
- “Sarah M. Kimball.” Relief Society Legacy Lecture at the dedication of the Hiram and Sarah Kimball Home in Nauvoo, Illinois, 11 March 1982.
- “In Search of Sisterhood.” Brigham Young University Women’s Conference, 18 February 1982.
- “Ties that Bind: Mormon Sisterhood.” Honors Program Flea Market, Brigham Young University, 15 October 1981.
- “Utah’s First Ladies.” Utah Women’s History Association, lecture, Governor’s Mansion, Salt Lake City, 23 January 1981.
- “Women on the Utah Valley Frontier.” A readers’ theater. Women in Utah History Lecture Series sponsored by the Utah Women’s History Association, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, BYU Women’s History Archives, and Utah Endowment for the Humanities, Brigham Young University, 20 March 1980. With Donlu Thayer.
- “Mormon Women: Three Perspectives.” University of Utah Women’s Conference, 26-27 October 1979. With Marilyn Warenski and Sonia Johnson.
- “Utah’s Heritage of Women.” Utah Heritage Foundation Lecture Series, Salt Lake City, 12 October 1976.