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A New Beginning for the *Mormon Studies Review*

The Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship is continually striving to align its work with the academy's highest objectives and standards, as befits an organized research unit at Brigham Young University. Our areas of endeavor include the study of LDS scripture and other religious texts and related fields of religious scholarship, including the burgeoning field of Mormon studies.

To better serve these goals, last year we renamed our venerable *FARMS Review* as the *Mormon Studies Review*. For many years the *FARMS Review* has filled an important niche in the intellectual life of its many readers under the vigorous editorship of Professor Daniel C. Peterson and his associates, Louis C. Midgley, George L. Mitton, and, more recently, Gregory L. Smith and Robert White. We thank these colleagues and the many contributing writers to

the *Review* for their industry and scholarship over the past 23 years.

We are proud of the accomplishments of the *FARMS Review* and are pleased to make its past issues freely available on our website. But to better position the new *Mormon Studies Review* within its academic discipline, we are assembling a board of scholars in this field to advise us and will appoint a new editorial team. We regret that we must suspend publication during this period of reorganization and reorientation, but we are certain that our current—and many new—readers will find the new *Mormon Studies Review* a valuable scholarly resource for the discipline.

We have not yet set a launch date for the new *Review*, but we will be posting further developments on our website.

Joseph Bonyata Hired as Director of Production

We are pleased to announce that we have recently hired Joseph Bonyata as our director of publication production. Joe started his career in book publishing at Fortress Press in Minneapolis, a leading publisher in biblical studies and theology. As managing editor at Fortress, Joe was responsible for over 60 new titles a year and oversaw the digital publication of the 55 volumes of *Martin Luther's Works*, as well as a new translation of the foundational book of Lutheranism, *The Book of Concord*. Joe also headed the team that initially developed fortresspress.com. After Fortress, he published books on “planes, trains, and automobiles” at MBI Publishing in Minneapolis. Joe then served as director of editorial production for the New York trade publisher Perseus Books Group, overseeing the publication of over 200 new book titles a year.

Joe has a BA in journalism from the University of Minnesota and a Certificate in the Business of Publishing from the University of Chicago. He currently serves as a Church Service Missionary at the Provo MTC and lives in Orem with his wife, Barbara, who teaches Spanish literature at BYU, and their daughter, Isabella, and son, Elijah. Joe's oldest daughter, Alexandra, just graduated from his alma mater, the University of Minnesota.

Joe says, “I am thrilled to be a part of helping to further the mission of the Maxwell Institute. And I am so impressed by the depth, breadth, and quality of the Institute's publications. I look forward to working with my new colleagues in continuing the Institute's legacy of promoting top-notch scholarship and encouraging religious understanding and respect among humankind's many different cultures.”