

# HEATHER J. STONE—SCHOLAR

## QUOTES

- It is a matter of showing how the space of the possible is larger than the one we are assigned. –Alain Badiou
- If I had an hour to solve a problem and my life depended on it, I would use the first 55 minutes determining the proper questions to ask. –Albert Einstein

## OVERVIEW

A rigorous and thoughtful researcher in the dissertation stage of completing a PhD (ABD status). Dual enrollment in the Departments of Communication and Writing/Rhetoric Studies in the College of Humanities at the University of Utah.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Communication strategies people use when personal identity conflicts with social expectations in membership groups such as congregations, work teams, and classrooms.

Secondary: Organizational and technological innovation in education.

## QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES

Oral history, Rhetorical Criticism, Archival Research, Secondary: Coding, Participant Observation, Interviews, Topic Modeling

## DISSERTATION

Working Title: “Young Mormon Women as Insiders/Outsiders: Exploring Tensions of Organizational Membership in Tight-Knit Communities, 1975-2000”

I am using oral history and rhetorical analysis to study group membership and individual identity among LDS young women in the American West in the late twentieth century. I plan to interview twenty-five women who relocated as Mormon teenagers to predominantly LDS communities between 1975 and 2000. I am specifically wondering how members of tight-knit religious communities reacted when newcomers entered the group, and how newcomers navigated these situations.

Committee: Dr. Kimberly Mangun (Chair), Dr. James A. Anderson, Dr. Robin E. Jensen, Dr. Natalie Stillman-Webb, Dr. W. Paul Reeve

## PUBLICATION

Mormon historiography bibliography accepted for digital publication by *Mormon Studies Review* (2016). Available at <https://atom.lib.byu.edu/soms/advanced/>.

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### WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “‘A Crater in the Mind’: Seismic Shifts in LDS Ideologies of Mental Illness.” Analysis of the <eternal mind> ideograph in historical and contemporary LDS discourse about mental illness.
- What is Digital Humanities, and Why is Everyone Defining it?” Collaborative project with Elizabeth Callaway, Adam Halstrom, and Jeffery Turner to use digital research tools and methodology to analyze Digital Humanities as a genre.
- “Ambiguity, Prescription, and Metaphor: Virtue Rhetoric and Young Latter-day Saint Women.” Analysis of LDS Church Personal Progress Program virtue value, its connection to Evangelical purity culture, and potential implications for young women.

### AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS

- Recipient of Graduate Student Research Grant, \$500, Communication Institute, University of Utah (2016).
- Recipient of university-wide Floyd O’Neil Fellowship in Western American Studies and \$2,000 award, American West Center, University of Utah (2016).
- Recipient of the Oral History Association non-presenter scholarship, \$500 (2016).
- Selected as semifinalist for “The Decline of Traditional Organizations,” TedxSaltLakeCity (2016).
- Nominated, James A. Anderson Excellence in Research Award, U. of U. Dept. of Communication (2014).
- Selected to participate in six-week BYU Cultural History Summer Seminar and awarded \$3,000 stipend (2014). Studied with scholars Drs. Richard and Claudia Bushman and produced original paper for public symposium.
- Paid research assistant for Dr. Kimberley Mangun doing historical research on the *Birmingham World* African-American newspaper, its editor, and the Civil Rights Movement (2013-14).

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

I’ve presented my research at regional, national, and international academic conferences in Communication and History disciplines.

Panel Chair/Discussant, “Mormonism & the Domestic Sphere,” Western Association of Women Historians Conference (May 2016).

Presenter, “Remembering Membership: How Young LDS Women Constructed Social & Religious Position in the 1980s,” LDS Church History Symposium (Mar. 2016). *Methodological innovations with oral history and rhetorical analysis.*

Presenter, “Joining the Club: How Moving to Utah Affected LDS Young Women in the 1980s,” Mormon History Association Annual Conference (Jun. 2015). *Oral history research exploring rhetorical strategies used by LDS young women to negotiate social and religious position.*

Presenter, “African-American Newspapers & Brown v. Board of Education: Six Decades of Mediated Commemoration,” Making Sense of Memory and History Pre-Conference, International Communication Association (May 2014). *Media history research examining commemorative journalism and social memory.*

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Presenter, “A Case Study: Working Women at Hill Air Force Base 1966,” American Journalism Historians Association Conference (Sep. 2013). *Historical media research on working women in the federal service immediately before the U.S. Executive Order prohibiting sex discrimination was signed.*

Presenter, “Obama & Boehner Sequester Discourse: Private Sphere Encroachment on Public Argument?” Alta Argumentation Conference (Aug. 2013). *Discourse analysis of political speeches.*

Presenter, “Naming & Silence: Critical Discourse Analysis of U.S. History Curriculum in Texas,” Central States Communication Association Conference (Apr. 2013). *Discourse analysis of Texas U.S. History curricula.*

### AFFILIATIONS

American Journalism Historians Association (AJHA)

Coordinating Council for Women in History (CCWH)

International Communication Association (ICA)

Mormon History Association (MHA)

Oral History Association (OHA)

Rhetoric Society of America (RSA)

Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH)