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FAIR hosts their 15th Annual Conference in Provo, August 1-2, 2013.

The Foundation for Apologetic Information and Research (FAIR), a group dedicated to defending The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints against criticisms and providing faithful answers to controversial topics within Mormonism, will be holding its fifteenth annual FAIR Mormon Conference on August 1–2, 2013.

The conference, which will take place in a new location this year at the Utah Valley Convention Center in Provo, will feature both individual presentations and panel discussions on topics ranging from Mormon feminism, the visions of Joseph Smith, Book of Mormon geography, Mormonism and politics and Mormon apologetics. Presenters include researchers with the Joseph Smith Papers Projects, professors at Brigham Young University and individual Mormon intellectuals and researchers.

According to FAIR’s website, the purpose of the conference is to explore Mormon issues relating to “history, science, or theology . . . to help discuss issues that are sometimes challenging to testimonies and faith. . . . This year’s conference is geared toward providing information and answers needed to faithfully deal with criticisms leveled against the Church and gospel.”

Scott Gordon, president of FAIR, explains why he felt the conference was worth attending: “In today’s Internet world, these are topics that we should be familiar with,” Gordon said. “It is difficult to have a conversation with our friends without these issues coming up. Attending the FAIR conference will help us become better prepared for defending our faith. We hope to make this conference something that people will talk about for some time.



**2013 Annual FAIR Conference**

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mormon Apologetics Conference  
 Thursday & Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Utah Valley Convention Center  
 220 West Center Street | Provo, UT 84601

Join us at this year's new location!

For more information and to register, go to [FAIRLDS.org](http://FAIRLDS.org)

*Presentations will include:*

- Dan Peterson— Toward a More Effective Apologetics
- Rosalynde Welch— Disenchanted Mormonism
- Ron Barney— Joseph Smith's Visions
- Mark Wright— Heartland as Hinterland: The Mesoamerican Core and North American Periphery of Book of Mormon Geography
- Robert Kirby— Why It is Important to Laugh at Ourselves
- Morris Thurston— "Kidnapping" at Palestine Grove: Missouri's Final Attempt to Extradite Joseph Smith
- Don Bradley— The Original Context of the First Vision Narrative: 1820s or 1830s
- Michael R. Ash— Shaken Faith Syndrome, Part Deux
- Panel Discussions— Women's Issues • The Loss and Rekindling of Faith

Tickets are available online for a discount at [www.fairlds.org/fair-conferences/2013-fair-conference/conf13a](http://www.fairlds.org/fair-conferences/2013-fair-conference/conf13a)  
 Tickets also available at the door

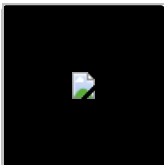
FAIR is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing well-documented answers to critics of LDS (Mormon) doctrine, belief and practice.

Full conference registration with lunch both days (or a single day) is available until July 28. Registration will be slightly more expensive at the door on the day of the conference. Student discounts are available. Hotel accommodations for the conference are also available through the Provo Marriot Hotel and Conference Center. For those unable to attend the conference in person, a live streaming option is available for purchase.

For more information, including full pricing information and access to previous conference proceedings, visit <http://www.fairlds.org/fair-conferences/2013-fair-conference/conf13a>

\* The author is a volunteer with FAIR.

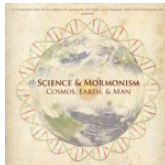
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