

CURRICULUM VITAE

Royal Skousen

Fundamental Scholarly Discoveries
and Academic Accomplishments

listed in an addendum
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plus an additional statement regarding
the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project
from November 2014 through December 2017

2 January 2018

- in 2017
- in 2018
- * in progress

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born 5 August 1945 in Cleveland, Ohio
married to Sirkku Unelma Härkönen, 24 June 1968
7 children

education

- 1963 graduated from Sunset High School, Beaverton, Oregon
- 1969 BA (major in English, minor in mathematics), Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
- 1971 MA (linguistics), University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois
- 1972 PhD (linguistics), University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

teaching positions

- 1970-1972 instructor of the introductory and advanced graduate courses in mathematical linguistics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois
- 1972-1979 assistant professor of linguistics, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
- 1979-1981 assistant professor of English and linguistics, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
- 1981-1986 associate professor of English and linguistics, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
- 1986-2001 professor of English and linguistics, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
- 2001- professor of linguistics and English language, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
- 2007-2010 associate chair, department of linguistics and English language, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

visiting positions

- 1981 linguistics, visiting professor, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California (linguistic evidence, phonological theory)
- 1982 linguistics, Fulbright lecturer, University of Tampere, Finland (probabilistic linguistics, phonological theory)
- 2001 linguistics, research fellow, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, The Netherlands (analogical modeling, quantum computing)

consulting

- 1978-1982 Houghton Mifflin, Boston (grades 1-8 spelling program: 1st edition, 1982; 2nd edition, 1985)
- 1979-1980 Weidner Communications, Provo, Utah (structure of English)
- 1984 WordPerfect Corporation, Orem, Utah (first spelling checker for WordPerfect [version 4.0])
- 1984-1985 International Telephone and Telegraph, Shelton, Connecticut (probabilistic linguistics and English spelling and pronunciation)
- 1986 Genealogical Department, LDS Church, Salt Lake City, Utah (spelling of names)
- 1989 Collins Publishers, Edinburgh, Scotland (British-American vocabulary differences)
- 1989-1999 LDS Church Scriptures Committee (text of the Book of Mormon)
- 1992 Novell, Provo, Utah (graphics in technical writing)
- 2002 American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (standards for high school English teachers)
- 2003 American Diploma Project (knowledge requirements for graduating high school seniors)
- 2012- Joseph Smith Papers, lead editor for the three volumes of the Book of Mormon manuscripts (photographs with facsimile transcripts)

awards, lectureships, fellowships, and grants

- 1964 freshman mathematics award, mathematics department, Brigham Young University
- 1969 first prize, Hart-Larson poetry contest, English department, Brigham Young University (“Shocking Spiel”)
- 1969-1972 NDEA fellowship, title IV, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 1974 summer research award, University Research Institute, University of Texas, Austin (acquisition of phonology)

- 1976-1977 Spencer Foundation, Chicago (probabilistic descriptions of English spelling)
- 1985-1986 James L. Barker lectureship in language and linguistics, College of Humanities, Brigham Young University (linguistically difficult passages in the scriptures)
- 1999-2000 Karl G. Maeser Research and Creative Arts Award, Brigham Young University
- 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2016 Mormon History Association, Best Documentary Editing, presented to Royal Skousen and Robin Jensen, editors, for “Joseph Smith Papers, Revelations and Translations, volume 3: Printer’s Manuscript of the Book of Mormon”, published by the Church Historian’s Press, 2015

professional organizations

- National Association of Scholars
President, Utah Association of Scholars (1999-)

current research interests

textual criticism (editor, Book of Mormon critical text project)
 probabilistic and stochastic approaches to linguistics
 analogical modeling of language
 quantum computing
 natural statistics
 phonological theory
 English spelling
 Finnish morphology
 left-to-right processing grammars of English
 English usage
 history of the book

foreign languages

Finnish [fluent]
 German, French [reading knowledge, some speaking]
 Greek (koine), Latin, Old English, Swedish, Hebrew [reading knowledge]

computer languages

Perl
 C/C++
 Pascal / Delphi

courses taught

phonology
 introduction to linguistics
 mathematical linguistics [logic and automata theory]
 phonetics
 historical linguistics
 language acquisition
 history of linguistics
 English spelling
 morphology
 Finnish structure
 Finnish literature
 probability and statistics
 English syntax
 technical writing
 structure of English
 traditional grammar
 introduction to literature
 language and literature
 history of the English language
 introduction to the English language
 English usage
 textual criticism
 analogical modeling
 history of the book

editorial boards

- 1993- *Journal of Quantitative Linguistics*
 Associate Editor, 2003-
- 1987-1997 *Computers and the Humanities*

acted as referee

research proposals: National Science Foundation

manuscript reviews:

Language

Oxford University Press

Cambridge University Press

Prentice-Hall

St. Martin's Press

Computers and the Humanities

Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies

BYU Studies

Journal of Quantitative Linguistics

Lingua

John Benjamins

Cognition

Acta Linguistica Hungarica

Interpreter: A Journal of Mormon Scripture

Language and Cognition

community service related to field

The Great Grammar Debate (with Don Norton), English Society, Brigham Young University, January 1989, Provo, Utah

participation in international meetings

invited participant in symposium on psychological reality of phonological descriptions, Ninth International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, 1979, Copenhagen, Denmark

chaired phonology section, Ninth International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, 1979, Copenhagen, Denmark

chaired phonology section, Tenth International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, 1983, Utrecht, The Netherlands

program committee, International Conference on New Methods in Language Processing, 14-16 September 1994, Centre for Computational Linguistics, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, Manchester, United Kingdom

program committee, Second International Conference on Quantitative Linguistics, 20-24 September 1994, Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia

plenary speaker, First Scandinavian Conference on Finnish Language and Literature, 27 May 1994, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden (plus an hour-long computer demonstration)

plenary speaker, Third International Conference on Quantitative Linguistics, 27 August 1997, Helsinki, Finland

chaired session, Third International Conference on Quantitative Linguistics, 27 August 1997 Helsinki, Finland

dissertations supervised at the University of Texas at Austin

James Robert Scott, *Morphology in Historical Change*, 1975.

Leon Franklin Kenman, *The Phonetics of Standard Russian Unstressed Vowels together with a Critical Survey of Phonological Interpretations of akanje-ikanje*, 1975.

Ernesto Baldomero Lombeida-Naranjo, *Ecuadorean Highland Quechua Phonology*, 1976.

Salem Ghazeli, *Back Consonants and Backing Co-Articulation in Arabic*, 1977.

Steven Roy Chandler, *The Induction of Linguistic Generalizations*, 1979.

theses supervised at Brigham Young University

Richard T. Stephens, *English Usage: Basic Competency Defined*, 1980.

Judy Wilson, *Spelling Difficulty of Paired Suffixes: ant/ent, ance/ence, anc/ency, able/ible*, 1986.

Kent Chauncey, *Automatic Recognition of Relative Clauses with Missing Relative Pronoun*, 1989.

Delys Waite Cowles, *A Lexical Approach to the Development of Voiced Fricatives in English*, 1990.

Timothy W. Hiatt, *Can Authors Alter their Wordprints: James Joyce's Ulysses*, 1993.

Jon Nielson, *Authorship of the King James Version of The Bible*, 1994.

Renée Bangerter, *Since Joseph Smith's Time: Lexical Semantic Shifts in the Book of Mormon*, 1998.

Jari J. Vesterinen, *Analogical Modeling of Finnish Nominals*, 2001.

Daniel William Jewell, *The Negative Adjectival Prefix in English*, 2001.

PRESENTATIONS

[• means that the talk was an invited one, + means that my expenses and/or an honorarium was also paid by the inviters]

- 1. “On Finnish Vowel Harmony”, Urbana Conference on Phonology, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois, 24 April 1971, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
- 2. “Empirical Restrictions on the Power of Transformational Grammars”, Conference on the Formal Aspects of Cognitive Processes, University of Michigan, 19 March 1972, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 3. “On Capturing Regularities”, Chicago Linguistic Society, 15 April 1972, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- 4. “The French Verbal System”, Conference on Diachronic Romance Linguistics, 22 April 1972, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
- 5. “Restrictions on Phonetically-Plausible Rules in Phonology”, Linguistic Society of America, December 1972, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 6. “Surface Rules in Phonology”, Conference on the Expanding Domain of Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, University of Texas, 26 March 1973, Austin, Texas.
- 7. “On Analogy”, Linguistic Society of America, 30 December 1973, San Diego, California.
- 8. “The Phonology of Drunkenness” (with Leland Lester), Chicago Linguistic Society, 18 April 1974, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- 9. “Deterministic Versus Probabilistic Descriptions of Behavior”, 3rd International Conference of Nordic and General Linguistics, 5 April 1976, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
- 10. “Probabilistic Induction of Finnish Morphological Relations”, Trans-Atlantic Finnish Conference, University of Texas, 10 April 1976, Austin, Texas.
- 11. “Probabilistic Induction of the Phoneme”, Deseret Language and Linguistics Society, 30 March 1977, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 12. “Empirical Interpretations of Psychological Reality”, 9th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, 11 August 1979, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 13. “English Spelling and Phonological Representation”, Linguistic Society of America, 28 December 1979, Los Angeles, California.

14. “English Spelling and Phonological Representation”, Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 27-28 March 1980, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- + 15. “Nominative Singular and Stem Relationships in Finnish”, 2nd International Conference on Finnish Studies in North America, 12 April 1980, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- + 16. “The Principle of Homogeneity in Linguistic Theory”, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan, 14 April 1980, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
17. “Probabilistic Descriptions of Finnish Morphology”, 5th International Fenno-Ugric Congress, 21 August 1980, University of Turku, Turku, Finland.
18. “Systemic Versus Atomistic Approaches to Language Description”, Linguistic Society of America, 28 December 1980, San Antonio, Texas.
19. “Probabilistic Descriptions of Finnish Morphology”, Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 26 March 1981, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 20. “The Effects of Spelling on Phonemic Representation”, Department of Linguistics, University of California at San Diego, 17 April 1981, La Jolla, California.
- + 21. “Probabilistic Descriptions of Language”, University of Oulu, 26 March 1982, Oulu, Finland.
- + 22. “Probabilistic Descriptions of Language”, University of Helsinki, 5 April 1982, Helsinki, Finland.
- + 23. “Probabilistic Descriptions of Language”, University of Turku, 3 May 1982, Turku, Finland.
- + 24. “Probabilistic Descriptions of Language”, University of Jyväskylä, 5 May 1982, Jyväskylä, Finland.
25. “Analogical Descriptions of Probabilistic Language Behavior”, Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 8 April 1983, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
26. “Spelling Errors as Evidence for Phonemic Analysis”, 10th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, 4 August 1983, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
27. “Analogical Descriptions of Variation”, 12th Conference on New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English, 28 October 1983, University of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
28. “An Analogical Description of Morphological Variation in Finnish”, 13th Conference on New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English, 26 October 1984, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- + 29. “Analogical Descriptions of Language”, Technical Seminar Series, ITT Advanced Technology Center, 13 December 1984, Shelton, Connecticut.
- 30. “An Analogical Description of Morphological Variation in Finnish”, Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 15 February 1985, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 31. “The Dialect of the Kalevala”, Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies, 4 May 1985, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
- + 32. “Through a Glass Darkly: Trying to Understand the Scriptures”, Barker lecture, College of Humanities, Brigham Young University, 2 October 1985, Provo, Utah.
- + 33. “An Analogical Non-Rule Approach to Language Description”, Alberta Conference on Linguistics, 19 October 1985, Banff, Alberta, Canada.
- + 34. “Natural Statistics in Linguistic Description”, Department of Linguistics, University of Alberta, 21 October 1985, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- + 35. “An Analogical Description of Morphological Variation in Finnish”, 3rd International Conference on Finnish Studies in North America, 25 April 1986, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 36. “An Analogical Description of Finnish Morphology”, 6th International Conference of Nordic and General Linguistics, 19 August 1986, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland.
- 37. “Analogical Descriptions of Language”, Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 26 March 1987, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- + 38. “Computational Derivation of Analogical Sets”, seminar, Cogent Research, 22 July 1987, Beaverton, Oregon.
- 39. “An Alternative Critical Text of the Book of Mormon” (paper plus panel discussion with John W. Welch and Lyle L. Fletcher), Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 17 March 1988, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- + 40. ““Miss Stopp, can I go to the bathroom?”: The Travails of a Modern Grammarian”, Eris Society, 12 August 1988, The Snowmass Club, Aspen, Colorado.
- 41. “Real-Time Morphology: Symbolic Rules or Analogical Networks” (with Bruce L. Derwing), Berkeley Linguistics Society, 17-19 February 1989, University of California, Berkeley, California.
- 42. “Early Textual Errors in the Book of Mormon”, Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 13 March 1989, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

43. "Progress Report on the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project", Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 22 February 1990, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
44. "The Book of Mormon Critical Text Project", Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 7 March 1991, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
45. "New Fragments from the Original Manuscript of the Book of Mormon", Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 20 February 1992, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 46. "Translating, Copying, and Publishing the Book of Mormon: New Findings from the Critical Text Project", Joseph Smith Symposium, Brigham Young University, 22 February 1992, Provo, Utah.
- + 47. "Analogy: A Non-Rule Alternative to Neural Networks", The Reality of Linguistic Rules, 21st Annual Linguistics Symposium, University of Wisconsin, 12 April 1992, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
48. "Productivity and the English past tense: a test of Skousen's Analogy Model" (with Bruce L. Derwing), The Reality of Linguistic Rules, 21st Annual Linguistics Symposium, University of Wisconsin, 12 April 1992, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- + 49. "A Critical Text Analysis of the Book of Mormon", Eris Society, 7 August 1992, The Aspen Inn, Aspen, Colorado.
- 50. "The Original Language of the Book of Mormon: Upstate New York Dialect, King James English, or Hebrew?", Association for Mormon Letters, 23 January 1993, Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah.
51. "Hebraisms in the Original Text of the Book of Mormon", Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 1 April 1993, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
52. "Critical Methodology and the Text of the Book of Mormon", Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 4 March 1994, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 53. "Textual Variants in the Isaiah Quotations in the Book of Mormon", Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, 20 May 1995, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- + 54. "Analogical Modeling of Finnish Morphology", 1st Scandinavian Conference on Finnish Language and Literature, Stockholm University, 27 May 1994, Stockholm, Sweden.
55. "Fragments from the 'American Dead Sea': Reconstructing the Original Text of the Book of Mormon", Deseret Language and Linguistics Society, 9 March 1995, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

- + 56. “Fragments from the ‘American Dead Sea’: Reconstructing the Original Text of the Book of Mormon”, Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center, 13 March 1995, Claremont, California.
- + 57. “Fragments from the ‘American Dead Sea’: Reconstructing the Original Text of the Book of Mormon”, University of Judaism, 14 March 1995, Los Angeles, California.
- 58. “John Gilbert's 1892 Account of the 1830 Printing of the Book of Mormon”, Pioneers of the Restoration, Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, and Religious Education, Brigham Young University, 8 March 1997, Provo, Utah.
- 59. “Conjectural Emendation of the Book of Mormon Text”, Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 20 February 1997, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 60. “Analogy: Learning Language without Rules”, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, 13 March 1997, Orlando, Florida.
- + 61. “Applying Analogical Modeling to Language Problems”, Department of Linguistics, University of Washington, 11 April 1997, Seattle, Washington.
- 62. “Translating the Book of Mormon: Evidence from the Original Manuscript”, Ancient Scriptures and the Restoration, Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, and the Smith Institute for Church History, Brigham Young University, 7 June 1997, Provo, Utah.
- 63. “Natural Statistics in Language Modeling”, 3rd International Conference on Quantitative Linguistics, 27 August 1997, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland.
- + 64. “Developments in Analogical Modeling”, Department of Computational Linguistics, University of Trier, 11 December 1997, Trier, Germany.
- + 65. “Reducing the Exponential Explosion for Analogical Modeling”, Round Table on Algorithms for Memory-Based Language Processing, 12 December 1997, Corsendonk, Turnhout, Belgium.
- 66. “Language Without Rules”, Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 3 April 1998, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 67. “The Analogical Modeling Research Group: Reviews and Prospects”, Deseret Language and Linguistic Society, 18 February 1999, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 68. “Basic Description of Analogical Modeling”, Conference on Analogical Modeling of Language, 22 March 2000, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 69. “Issues in Analogical Modeling”, Conference on Analogical Modeling of Language, 23 March 2000, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

70. “Predicting the Finnish Past-Tense Analogically”, Conference on Analogical Modeling of Language, 24 March 2000, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
71. “Quantum Analogical Modeling of Language”, Conference on Analogical Modeling of Language, 24 March 2000, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- + 72. “Quantum Computing of Analogical Modeling of Language”, Morphology Workshop, 12 June 2001, Max Planck Institute of Psycholinguistics, University of Nijmegen, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.
- + 73. “Quantum Analogical Modeling of Language”, 21 June 2001, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland.
- 74. “History of the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project”, 20 October 2001, FARMS symposium, The Original Text of the Book of Mormon: Findings from the Critical Text Project, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 75. “The Systematic Text of the Book of Mormon”, 20 October 2001, FARMS symposium, The Original Text of the Book of Mormon: Findings from the Critical Text Project, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 76. “Counting the Changes in the Book of Mormon Text”, 2002 FAIR Conference, 10 August 2002, Foundation for Apologetic Information and Research, Utah Valley State College, Orem, Utah.
- + 77. “Analogical Modeling: Exemplars, Rules, and Quantum Computing”, 14 February 2003, Berkeley Linguistics Society, University of California, Berkeley, California.
- + 78. “Recovering the Original Text of the Book of Mormon: Findings from the Critical Text Project”, 21 July 2005, forum address, Brigham Young University Idaho, Rexburg, Idaho.
- + 79. “Expanding Analogical Modeling into a General Theory of Language Prediction”, 23 September 2006, conference on Analogy in Grammar: Form and Acquisition, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany.
- 80. “Recent Trends in Analogical Modeling of Language”, 2 October 2006, Department of Linguistics, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland.
- 81. “Oliver Cowdery as Book of Mormon Scribe”, 10 November 2006, conference at Brigham Young University on *Oliver Cowdery: Restoration Witness, Second Elder*. Provo, Utah.
82. “Quantum Computing of Analogical Modeling of Language”, Symposium on Quantum Interaction, 26-28 March 2007, American Association for Artificial Intelligence, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

- 83. “Restoring the Original Text of the Book of Mormon”, 2010 FAIR Conference, 5 August 2010, Foundation for Apologetic Information and Research, Sandy, Utah.
- 84. “Restoring the Original Text of the Book of Mormon”, Book of Mormon Lands Conference, 5 November 2011, Book of Mormon Archaeological Forum, Salt Lake City, Utah. [some different material from the previous]
- 85. “The Manuscripts of the Book of Mormon”, 21 February 2012, LDS Church Historical Department, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 86. “The Printed Editions of the Book of Mormon”, 28 February 2012, LDS Church Historical Department, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 87. “The Original Text of the Book of Mormon”, 6 March 2012, LDS Church Historical Department, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 88. “Do we need to make changes to the Book of Mormon text?”, 2012 FAIR Conference, 2 August 2012, Foundation for Apologetic Information and Research, Sandy, Utah.
- 89. “Three Lectures on the Book of Mormon: The Original and Printer’s Manuscripts”, Maxwell Institute and the Harold B. Lee Library, 26 February 2013, Hinckley Center, BYU, Provo, Utah.
- 90. “Three Lectures on the Book of Mormon: The Printed Editions”, Maxwell Institute and the Harold B. Lee Library, 5 March 2013, Hinckley Center, BYU, Provo, Utah.
- 91. “Three Lectures on the Book of Mormon: The Nature of the Original Text”, Maxwell Institute and the Harold B. Lee Library, 12 March 2013, Hinckley Center, BYU, Provo, Utah.
- + 92. “A History of the Printed Editions of the Book of Mormon: From the Original Manuscript to the Yale Edition”, 2013 A. Dean Larsen Book Collecting Conference, 22 March 2013, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, BYU, Provo, Utah.
- + 93. “Restoring the Original Text of the Book of Mormon”, 13th Annual Mormon Studies Conference, “The Expanded Canon: Perspective on Mormonism and Sacred Texts”, 4 April 2013, Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah.
- 94. “Hypotheses and Evidence in Book of Mormon Research”, Book of Mormon Lands Conference, 19 October 2013, Book of Mormon Archaeological Forum, Provo, Utah.
- + 95. “Exemplar-Based Linguistics”, University of Illinois, Department of Linguistics, invited lecture, 21 April 2014, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

- + 96. “Linguistics and Textual Criticism, Or, Why linguists should do textual criticism!” University of Illinois, Department of Linguistics, invited lecture, Distinguished Alumnus Award, 22 April 2014, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
- 97. “Issues in Scripture Translation”, Translation, Interpretation and Localization Fair, Brigham Young University, 10 October 2014, Provo, Utah.
- 98. “A theory! A theory! We have already got a theory, and there cannot be any more theories!” Exploring the Complexities in the English Language of the Book of Mormon, sponsored by BYU Studies and the Interpreter Foundation, Brigham Young University, 14 March 2015, Provo, Utah.
- 99. “These were days never to be forgotten”: The Witnesses to the Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon”, with Robin Jensen of the Joseph Smith Papers. Brigham Young University, 8 September 2015, Provo, Utah.
- 100. “Transcribing the Printer’s Manuscript of the Book of Mormon”, John Whitmer Historical Association, 24 September 2015, Independence, Missouri
- 101. “The History of the Text of the Book of Mormon”, a presentation on volume 3 of the critical text, at the annual meeting of the Brigham Young University Academy, BYU Studies, 12 March 2016, Church History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 102. “Editing Out the ‘Bad Grammar’ in the Book of Mormon”, with Stanford Carmack, sponsored by BYU Studies, the Interpreter Foundation, the Department of Linguistics, and the College of Humanities, Brigham Young University, 6 April 2016, Provo, Utah.
- 103. “Bad Grammar or Early Modern English? The Language of the Original Text of the Book of Mormon”, with Stanford Carmack. FAIR talk, August 2016, Provo, Utah.
- 104. “A New Edition: *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon*”, sponsored by BYU Studies, the Interpreter Foundation, and the Department of Linguistics, Brigham Young University, 12 April 2017, Provo, Utah
- 105. “Poetic Structures and Textual Criticism of the Book of Mormon”, John W. Welch’s conference celebrating the discovery of chiasmus in the Book of Mormon 50 years ago, 15 August 2017, sponsored by BYU Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

books

1. *Substantive Evidence in Phonology: The Evidence from Finnish and French*. Mouton: The Hague, The Netherlands, 1975. [135 pages]
2. *Analogical Modeling of Language*. Kluwer: Dordrecht, The Netherlands, 1989. [224 pages]
3. *Analogy and Structure*. Kluwer: Dordrecht, The Netherlands, 1992. [388 pages]
4. *The Original Manuscript of the Book of Mormon: Typographical Facsimile of the Extant Text*. Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, Brigham Young University: Provo, Utah, 2001. [559 pages]
5. *The Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon: Typographical Facsimile of the Entire Text in Two Parts*. Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, Brigham Young University: Provo, Utah, 2001. [991 pages]
6. *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon, Part One: Title Page, Witness Statements, 1 Nephi 1 – 2 Nephi 10*. Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, Brigham Young University: Provo, Utah, 2004. [660 pages]
7. *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon, Part Two: 2 Nephi 11 – Mosiah 16*. Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, Brigham Young University: Provo, Utah, 2005. [610 pages]
8. *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon, Part Three: Mosiah 17 – Alma 20*. Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, Brigham Young University: Provo, Utah, 2006. [671 pages]
9. *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon, Part Four: Alma 21-55*. Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, Brigham Young University: Provo, Utah, 2007. [697 pages]
10. *The Allegory of the Olive Tree*, edited by Royal Skousen. Tryst Press (letterpress book by Rob and Georgia Buchert): Provo, Utah, 2007. [32 pages]
11. *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon, Part Five: Alma 56 – 3 Nephi 18*. Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, Brigham Young University: Provo, Utah, 2008. [713 pages]

12. *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon, Part Six: 3 Nephi 19 – Moroni 10; Addenda.* Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, Brigham Young University: Provo, Utah, 2009. [636 pages]
13. *The Book of Mormon: The Earliest Text.* Yale University Press: New Haven, Connecticut, 2009 (first printing) / 2010 (second corrected printing) / 2014 (third printing, unchanged from the second). [848 pages]
14. *The Book of Mormon: The Earliest Text.* Print Replica Kindle edition from Amazon.com, 2013 (an exact reproduction of the 2010 second printing of the Yale edition of the Book of Mormon, with search and highlight capabilities). [848 pages]
15. *The Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon, part 1: 1 Nephi 1 – Alma 35, and part 2: Alma 36 – Moroni 10; edited by Royal Skousen and Robin Scott Jensen. The Joseph Smith Papers, Revelations and Translations, volume 3, parts 1 and 2.* The Church Historian's Press: Salt Lake City, Utah, 2015. [1,024 pages]
16. *Grammatical Variation, parts 1 and 2. The History of the Text of the Book of Mormon, volume 3 of the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project.* Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies and Brigham Young University Studies: Provo, Utah, 2016. [1,304 pages]
- 17. *Analysis of Textual Variance of the Book of Mormon, second edition, in six parts.* Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies and Brigham Young University Studies. Provo, Utah, 2017 [4,012 pages]
- 18. *The Nature of the Original Language, parts 3 and 4, The History of the Text of the Book of Mormon, volume 3 of the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project.* Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies and Brigham Young University Studies: Provo, Utah, 2018 [to appear in spring 2018]
- 19. *The King James Quotations and Spelling in the Manuscripts and Editions, part 5, The History of the Text of the Book of Mormon, volume 3 of the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project.* Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies and Brigham Young University Studies: Provo, Utah, 2018 [to appear in fall 2018]
- * 20. *The Transmission of the Text, part 6, and Book of Mormon Textual Criticism, part 7, The History of the Text of the Book of Mormon, volume 3 of the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project.* Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies and Brigham Young University Studies: Provo, Utah, 2019 <in preparation>
- * 21. *The Original Manuscript of the Book of Mormon, edited by Royal Skousen and Robin Scott Jensen. The Joseph Smith Papers, Revelations and Translations, volume 5.* The Church Historian's Press: Salt Lake City, Utah, 2019 <in preparation>

- * 22. *A Complete Electronic Collation of the Book of Mormon* (on CDs, online, and a few printed copies in archival form in various research libraries), volume 5 of the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project. The Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, Brigham Young University Studies: Provo, Utah, 2020 <in preparation>

articles

1. "Consonant Gradation in Finnish", *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences* 1 (1971): 67-91. Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois: Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
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Joseph and Oliver skipping rocks

Mary Whitmer about ready to turn them out

“Printing the Book of Mormon”, parts I and II (episodes 420-421)

new information on taking the printer’s manuscript to Canada in February 1830

the 1830 typesetter setting from the original manuscript for one-sixth the text

about half as many transmission errors for this part of the text

John Gilbert using the printer’s manuscript at home for two nights to add

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to report and discuss the latest investigations into a wide range of linguistic elements in the Book of Mormon, including expressions that do not appear to have been in use in the nineteenth century

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9:15 a.m. Stanford Carmack, JD, Stanford University; PhD, University of California at Santa Barbara (historical syntax); independent scholar

Exploding the Myth of Unruly Book of Mormon Grammar: A Look at the Excellent Match with Early Modern English

The grammar of the Book of Mormon has been naively criticized since its publication in 1830. The supposedly bad grammar is a match with language found in the Early Modern English textual record. Syntactic usage, especially past tense with *did* and the *command* construction, points only to that era. Book of Mormon language exhibits well-formed variation typical of the 16th and 17th centuries.

10 a.m. Jan J. Martin, Assistant Visiting Professor of Ancient Scripture, BYU

Charity, Priest, and Church versus Love, Elder, and Congregation: The Book of Mormon’s connection to the debate between William Tyndale and Thomas More

Thomas More and William Tyndale were staunch opponents but they did agree on two things: (1) that language and theology were inseparable, and (2) that errors of language could lead to serious errors in theology. These two commonalities fueled their famous debate about Tyndale’s translation of the Greek words *presbuteros*, *ekklēsia*, and *agapē* into English as *elder*, *congregation*, and *love*. Though three centuries separate the Book of Mormon from More and Tyndale, that gap will be closed as the Book of Mormon’s use of *charity/love*, *priest/elder*, and *congregation/church* are analyzed within a sixteenth-century context.

10:45 a.m. 15-minute break

11:00 a.m. Nick Frederick, Assistant Professor of Ancient Scripture, BYU

“Full of grace, mercy, and truth”: Exploring the Complexities of the Presence of the New Testament within the Book of Mormon

While it has often been observed that the language of the New Testament plays a key role in the English text of the Book of Mormon, how the New Testament appears in the Book of Mormon has not been thoroughly explored. This presentation will offer some preliminary suggestions on how we can adequately identify New Testament passages within the Book of Mormon, as well as examining the variety of ways the New Testament text is woven throughout the pages of the Book of Mormon.

11:45 a.m. Royal Skousen, Professor of Linguistics and English Language, BYU; and editor of the Book of Mormon critical text project, 1988 – present

“A theory! A theory! We have already got a theory, and there cannot be any more theories!”

Three common views regarding the translation of the Book of Mormon, still held by some, can be summarized as follows: (1) as Joseph Smith translated, ideas came to his mind and he expressed those ideas in his own language and phraseology; (2) as a result, the original English language of the Book of Mormon is based on Joseph’s upstate New York dialect, intermixed with his own style of biblical English; and (3) the Book of Mormon deals with the religious and political issues of Joseph’s own time. In this paper I will draw upon the work of the Book of Mormon critical text project to argue that all of these views are essentially misguided and are based on a firm determination to hold to preconceived notions, no matter what the evidence.

12:45 p.m. concluding remarks by John W. Welch, Robert K. Thomas University Professor of Law, BYU; and Editor in Chief, BYU Studies

The videos of the conference have been posted on YouTube by the Interpreter Foundation (10 April 2015):

<http://www.mormoninterpreter.com/events/2015-exploring-the-complexities-in-the-english-language-of-the-book-of-mormon/conference-videos/>

The link to Skousen’s presentation is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4V5TZKyrMqg>

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11. “Fragments from the American Dead Sea: Reconstructing the Original Text of the Book of Mormon”, *Deseret Language and Linguistics Society: Selected Papers from the Proceedings, Twenty-First Annual Symposium, 9-10 March 1995*, edited by Jeffrey S. Turley and Karen Lusby, 3-12. Deseret Language and Linguistics Society, Provo, Utah, 1995.

Book of Mormon critical text project

electronic facsimile transcripts of the original and printer's manuscripts (1,424 pages of transcript)

electronic versions of 21 editions of the Book of Mormon

1830 (Palmyra), 1837 (Kirtland), 1840 (Cincinnati)

1841, 1849, 1852 (British editions)

1858 (Wright)

1874R, 1892R (RLDS editions)

1879, 1888 (large print, Salt Lake City), 1902 (Kansas City), 1905 (Chicago),

1906 (large print, Salt Lake City), 1907 (pocket edition, Salt Lake City),

1911 (large print, Chicago)

1908R, 1953R (RLDS editions)

1920, 1981

1966R (RLDS modernization)

computerized collations for the entire text

lists every variant for the two manuscripts
and 20 editions (excluding 1966R)

2,099 printed pages in all

original analysis of the entire text (1995-1999)

discussion of variation in the text, 3,650 pages

1,471 suggested changes to the current text

videos, tapes, and transcripts made by FARMS

“Textual Criticism of the Book of Mormon”, series of 20 videos and tapes of BYU class taught Winter 1994 semester.

“The Critical Text of the Book of Mormon”, 1994.

“Textual Variants in the Isaiah Quotations in the Book of Mormon”, 1995.

“John Gilbert's 1892 Account of the 1830 Printing of the Book of Mormon”, 1997.

“Translating the Book of Mormon: Evidence from the Original Manuscript”, 1997.

Fundamental Scholarly Discoveries and Academic Accomplishments by Royal Skousen
from about 1970 to the present (1 January 2018); first placed online in 2014

- * Several items are marked with small asterisks, which means that each of these findings has not yet appeared in print (although evidence for these discoveries can be found in my academic papers and personal papers, now being submitted to special collections in the Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University).

Linguistics

The failure of formal (internal) evidence in linguistics; the discovery of substantive (external) evidence in linguistics, plus its application to phonology and morphology.

All phonological and morphological rules must be derived from surface-based forms.

Abstract representations derive from morphological rules coupled with the existence of actual phonological rules in the language.

- * Syntactic processing is based on surface forms and occurs in time, with processing of the text, so to speak, from left to right (the direction of writing). [See one large file in my papers, plus a four-page handout in my lecturing file called NLP.] A summary of this approach will appear in chapter 8 of my QAM book, with a demonstration of how Analogical Modeling will deal with basic sentence types in natural language processing.

show in principle how to deal with syntax

begin with instances of surface (nonabstract) sequences in linear order (in time)

referred to as “left-to-right surface” syntax

natural language processing (NLP): the way speakers process the language

show how an exemplar-based system deals with the five basic sentence types in English in contrast to a transformation system of one base type and four derived types

the five basic types: a minimal “left-to-right surface” grammar based on exemplars

(1) declarative: John looked at Mary.

(2) imperative: Look at Mary.

(3) yes-no question: Did John look at Mary?

(4) wh-question of subject: Who looked at Mary?

(5) wh-question of object: Who(m) did John look at?

develop the basic syntax from exemplars

show predictability of both contiguous and noncontiguous relationships

waiting for closure:

the finite verb

binding of preceding nominals

pronominalization

Analogical Modeling of Language

Language properties can only be derived from a language theory that is based on learning and using examples, not learning and using rules. The best exemplar-based approach for describing the general properties of language is Analogical Modeling.

Analogical Modeling is used to show the properties of one-way leakage for $an > a$ and the turbulent drift in historical change (also for $an > a$).

The discovery of cases of Analogical Modeling where nearest neighbors will not work, but gang effects further away take over (for example, *sorti* in Finnish).

- * The discovery of how abstract representations derive from Analogical Modeling, not from morphological rules. [This finding replaces the argumentation from rules found in my Goyvaerts paper from 1981, “Analogical Sources of Abstractness”. The analogical analysis will appear in the chapter devoted to abstract representations in my QAM book, chapter 7.]

my original proposal (in “Analogical Sources of Abstractness”, 1981)
 children’s replacement of concrete representations with abstract ones
 the more frequent and general “morphological rules” get extended
 removing the less frequent and more specific “morphological rules”

a complete reworking of my 1981 paper on the sources of abstractness
 now rules are replaced by exemplars
 AM directly predicts abstract phonemic representations in language acquisition
 removing concrete representations in favor of abstract ones
 we end up with abstract representations but only when there are pronunciation rules
 that mask the abstractness

summarizing properties for abstract representations in English
 show the drift that will occur
 show the elimination of the minor subtypes in favor of the major type
 show the errors that occur along the way while drift towards regularity is occurring
 no need to worry about whether voicing is distinctive for sonorants and vowels

The Mathematics and Statistics of Analogical Modeling

The advantages of a quadratic-based measure of information over the standard logarithmic one.

The natural relationship of the quadratic measure of uncertainty for continuous distributions.

The proof that optimal descriptions (correct rules and the least number of rules) minimizes the probability that the description is accidental.

Methods of measuring the overall effect of a variable in predicting an outcome.

The failure of rule approaches to describe language behavior, to be replaced by exemplar-based approaches.

Using exemplars to show how people might learn and use probabilistical rules (but only indirectly).

The concept of natural statistical tests, ones that do not rely on probability distributions, and the discovery of several different kinds of natural statistics.

The discovery of the natural statistic for Analogical Modeling that uses no statistical calculation at all.

The demonstration that Analogical Modeling can predict the processing time found in various identification tasks, thus obviating claims that analogy cannot in general predict processing times.

The proof that imperfect memory set at $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ makes Analogical Modeling equivalent to standard statistical tests, which means that one can replace levels of significance in decision making with different levels of imperfect memory. The notion of level of significance is equivalent to making correct predictions by remembering only a certain fraction of the data.

Quantum Computing of Analogical Modeling

The correct analogical approach for describing language applies to each possible true rule (but to none of the false rules) and each with a probability proportional to the frequency squared of that rule.

The discovery that in Analogical Modeling the heterogeneity of each supracontext can be determined independently of any other supracontext but with the same unconditional application of decision procedures in determining the heterogeneity for each supracontext.

The conversion of decision procedures into reversible operators, with the use of such operators to predict heterogeneity in Analogical Modeling.

By restricting qubits to only 0 and 1, a quantum computer can do any regular computer algorithm, but with the advantage of parallel processing. Quantum Analogical Modeling (QAM) is a quantum algorithm that allows for an exponential speedup, but is much more general than Shor's or Grover's algorithms. In other words, as long as one retains qubits in the real states 0 and 1, one can use the parallelism of quantum computing to solve general algorithmic problems.

Analogical Modeling reduces the exponentiality of various algorithmic problems to polynomial time and space (memory). In a straight-forward but laborious method, heterogeneity can be even determined in linear time and space. In the conceptually simplest method, the algorithm works in quadratic time and space.

Scriptural Studies

Establishing the need for LDS readers to have an English Bible translation with modern English meanings. Thus far the best one I have found is the English Standard Version (ESV), from its 2011 revision.

William Tyndale is responsible for 5/6ths of the specific words in the New Testament translation of the King James Bible and 3/4ths of the words in the part of the Old Testament that he translated.

There are serious problems with the Joseph Smith Translation that prevent it from being fully canonized for LDS readers.

- * The Book of Abraham was a revelation given to Joseph Smith, who later (mistakenly thinking it was a translation from the papyri he had in his possession) tried to connect the revealed text to the papyri by inserting two sentences, verse 12c and verse 14, into Abraham 1. The secondary nature of these two inserted sentences can be directly observed in the photos of folios 1a and 1b in the document identified as Ab2. Verse 12c is totally inserted intralinearly, not partially (as incorrectly represented in the accompanying transcription – and without comment). Verse 14 is not written on the page as are other portions of this part of the text (instead, it is written flush to the left), which implies that it is a comment on the papyri and that it was added to the revealed text. Overall, these results imply that all the facsimiles from the papyri (1-3 in the published Pearl of Great Price) should be considered extracanonial and additions to the revealed text of the Book of Abraham, not integral parts of the original text of the book.

Textual Criticism of the Book of Mormon

Production of the first, complete transcriptions of the Book of Mormon manuscripts (the original and the printer's manuscripts, O and P) from photographs and the actual documents. Published in 2001 in three books, as volumes 1 and 2 of the critical text of the Book of Mormon.

The published discovery of new fragments of O: the Wilford Wood fragments (from 58 pages of O) and the Ada Cheney fragments (from 4 pages of O).

The discovery that from Helaman 13 through the end of Mormon the 1830 edition was set from O, not P, and later the discovery that this was because in February 1830 Oliver Cowdery and others took a completed P with them to Canada in order “to secure a copyright” to the Book of Mormon in the British realm, and thus the 1830 typesetter used O to set the text for this part of the Book of Mormon.

The discovery that one must distinguish between strict copyists and editors in determining tendencies in textual change. For editors, the text over time gets longer and easier. But for strict copyists, the text over time gets shorter and more difficult. The transmission of the Book of Mormon text from O to P and from P to the 1830 edition clearly shows the Book of Mormon text getting shorter and more difficult.

The creation of electronic versions for 20 printed editions of the Book of Mormon (from 1830 through 1981), mostly by scanning the text using optical character recognition.

A computerized collation of the 20 editions and the two manuscripts, plus the identification of each kind of textual variant; to be published as volume 5 of the critical text of the Book of Mormon.

The discovery of 606 new readings in the text that have never been published in any standard edition of the Book of Mormon (LDS or RLDS).

The discovery of 241 changes in the text that will show up in translations of the Book of Mormon (that is, these differences alter the meaning).

The discovery of about 15 name changes for the text.

The discovery in the original text of Hebrew-like expressions (at least, non-English expressions in the original text) that have subsequently been removed by editing of the text. This characterization has recently been nuanced: the extra *and*'s only show up where the preceding subordinate clause involves some sort of parenthetical or extra clause.

The first publication of a complete analysis of all the various types of textual changes (both in substantives and accidentals) in the history of the Book of Mormon text, with the following basic results:

accidentals	
adding the word <i>chapter</i>	273
adding chapter and verse numbers	9,677
paragraphing	1,420
punctuation	41,619
periods for numbers	6,620
spelling ampersands	15,577
spelling of <i>etc</i>	18
spelling of common English words	7,982
scribal slips in manuscripts	1,780
typos in editions	2,087
capitalization	19,455
total	106,508
substantives	
spelling of names	541
spelling of homophones	420
editing of the text	3,837
unintentional changes in the text	5,567
total	10,355

The discovery that the vocabulary of the Book of Mormon dates from about 1540 through 1740; it is not based just on the vocabulary in the 1611 King James Bible alone but more generally represents Early Modern English usage; similarly, the discovery that the nonstandard syntactic structure of the Book of Mormon can be traced to Early Modern English usage, in most cases, or to Hebrew-like constructions that have never been acceptable in English.

I first published some of my ideas on the vocabulary in 2005 when I discussed the phrase *pleading bar* (under Jacob 6:13 in ATV 2:1047-1052), then I treated it more fully in 2006 with respect to the word *sermon* (under Mosiah 19:24 in ATV 3:1389-1395). My research assistant Renee Bangerter entertained the hypothesis first in her BYU MA thesis (August 1998), “Since Joseph Smith’s Time: Lexical Semantic Shifts in the Book of Mormon”. She discusses *sermon* under *ceremony* and also *counsel* for *counsel with*. Christian Gellinek suggested *pleading bar* to me on 25 September 2003. It took a little while for me to get used to the idea of Early Modern English vocabulary.

The discovery that the Book of Mormon text is cognizant of the linguistic debate between William Tyndale and Thomas More over how to translate the New Testament. The Book of Mormon follows the decisions made in the 1611 King James Bible, but treats them from Tyndale’s point of view. Moreover, the Book of Mormon text appears to be more of a post-reformation text, at least in terms of its translation.

Alexander Campbell claimed in his early review of the Book of Mormon (in 1831) that Joseph Smith’s golden bible was simply commenting on the religious issues of the early 1800s in America. To the contrary, there is considerable evidence that the issues and the cultural milieu of the text date more from the late 1600s than the early 1800s, during a time when the conflicts between the low-church Protestants, high-church Anglicans, and Catholics had been basically resolved (or at least reached a kind of peaceful truce in England). References to “secret combinations” and to “standing at the bar of God to be judged” can be more reasonably traced to this period, not to the early 1800s or to biblical usage. The translation issues that Thomas More viciously attacked William Tyndale over were, more or less, settled on in the King James Bible (1611), yet the Book of Mormon takes those translation issues to their final conclusion by explicitly resolving the conflict by (1) declaring *charity* to be the “pure love of Christ”, (2) allowing for both elders and priests as offices in the church, and (3) explicitly stating that the word *church* refers to both congregation and God’s organization.

The discovery that the text was given to Joseph Smith word-for-word and that he could see the words of English, which he read off to his scribe.

The discovery that Joseph Smith could see the spelling of the names, which for the strange Book of Mormon names he typically read off the spelling letter-for-letter when the name first appeared.

The discovery that the phraseology in the original text is extremely consistent, with over 131 changes that make the original text read more consistently.

The restoration of 34 unique readings to the text, which is unusually low when compared with the preceding finding.

The realization that conjectured readings have entered the text at all stages of its history; about one fourth of these conjectures appear to represent the original reading of the text. We get the following summary of total number of conjectures made to the text:

Oliver Cowdery in the manuscripts	131
John Gilbert, the 1830 typesetter	167
Joseph Smith (1837 and 1840 editions)	217
Orson Pratt (1849 and 1879 editions)	17
Franklin and Samuel Richards (1852 edition)	17
German Ellsworth (1905 and 1911 editions)	8
James Talmage (1920 edition)	130
1981 scriptures committee	10
2009 Yale edition	139

The grammatical editing of the text appears to be human editing. The textual restoration that has occurred in the editing of the printed editions relies on recovery work from the earliest textual sources or from conjectural emendation, but not from new revelation.

There is only one revealed stage in the history of the Book of Mormon text: this is when Joseph Smith received the text by means of the Nephite interpreters or by the seer stone. All other stages show human transmission of the text.

Publication of a third account of Moroni showing the golden plates to Mary Whitmer, the mother of five witnesses of the Book of Mormon plates. This account, courtesy of Carl Cox, comes from the Christian Whitmer line and describes how Mary was going to order Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery from her home because they were not offering to help with the chores and instead were skipping rocks on a nearby pond.

- * Identifying who counts as a bonafide witness of how the Book of Mormon was translated and what aspects of their witness can be accepted as eye-witness testimony. Here follows my reply to JJJim's statement posted on amazon.com under the Yale edition of the Book of Mormon; there he makes several comments regarding the witnesses of the translation process, and I have added this response on amazon.com:

There were six bonafide witnesses, all of which refer to Joseph Smith placing the instrument of translation in a hat (apparently to obscure the light) and then reading off the English text to his scribe, with the scribe reading back every so often what he had written down so they could check the transmitted text. Each of the six witnesses either wrote down their account in their own hand or gave interviews that were soon published (within weeks or a few months). They are: Emma Smith, Martin Harris, Michael Morse (Emma's brother-in-law and never a Mormon), Joseph Knight Senior, David Whitmer, and Elizabeth Ann Whitmer (David's sister, and later the wife of Oliver Cowdery). The translation process took place in the open, so others could see what was going on. There was no curtain separating Joseph from his scribe. The plates were not used but were in the vicinity (Emma said they were wrapped up, nearby on the table).

Joseph Smith could dictate for hours, with the scribe taking down the dictation. (We can figure out that they would have averaged about six hours a day transmitting the text, if they did it continuously, without any breaks, but we know they took breaks.) Joseph had no papers, manuscripts, or books (and apparently no Bible) available for consulting. Two instruments were used by him: the (Nephite) interpreters that came with the plates (two clear stones) and a seer stone that Joseph Smith possessed. Most accounts refer to Joseph using the seer stone, but Martin Harris said Joseph could use either instrument but he found the seer stone “more convenient”. The interpreters were later referred to as a Urim and Thummim.

Emma Smith and David Whitmer referred to the spelling out of the Book of Mormon names, for which there is evidence in the original manuscript (the spelling out of Zenoch and Coriantumr, for instance). Emma also refers to Joseph’s spelling out in the beginning of difficult-to-pronounce words of English (probably when he dictated the lost 116 pages in the spring of 1828), but there is no strong evidence for this kind of spelling out of regular words in any of the extant portions of the original manuscript (28 percent of our current text). Biblical names are clearly not controlled for and are regularly misspelled. Even later instances of Book of Mormon names are often misspelled. And there is little, if any, evidence for the spelling of regular English words. Perhaps scribe 3 (who may be Christian Whitmer) was assisted once in spelling the word “genealogy”. Nonetheless, virtually all of the six witnesses believed that the instrument would not allow the transmission to go on unless the scribe got it down correctly, even to the spelling of English words. This is an assumption made by these witnesses since the original manuscript itself is full of spelling errors. And there are actual readings in the manuscript that are clearly wrong, spelling aside, such as “ishmael and also his hole hole” (written by scribe 3) in 1 Nephi 7:5. The correct reading here (whether “his household” or “his whole household”) was never written down by scribe 3, yet the transmission went on.

The witnesses believed in some kind of miraculous “iron clad” control of the text, but they were all wrong on this account. They must have been influenced by Joseph’s spelling out of the Book of Mormon names, thus leading them to think that no error was permitted in the manuscript. But since they could not compare the manuscript with what Joseph was actually seeing, their conclusion on this matter was speculative – and in fact wrong. None of the witnesses ever viewed through the instrument what Joseph Smith was seeing, thus any claims that they made about what Joseph was seeing (such as the appearance of a character and its translation in “bright roman letters”, and so so on) cannot be confirmed. They were not witnesses of what Joseph was seeing, although they all believed he was reading off an English text.

When we consider the testimony of these six witnesses, we can only accept what they could have actually seen themselves, not what they supposed Joseph was seeing. When we restrict their testimony to those events they could actually witness, there is general agreement. And the witnesses cover the entire process, from the dictation of the lost 116 pages in the spring of 1828 in Pennsylvania through to the completion of the book at the Whitmer home in June 1829. In the very beginning, when Joseph Smith was apparently working alone, without any scribe, and trying to figure out the process, he was copying off characters from the plates and then getting a translation. In those very early days (prior to even Emma Smith and Martin

Harris acting as his scribes for the lost 116 pages in the spring of 1828), Joseph had the plates out in the open and was working with them but behind a curtain. (No one was yet permitted to see the plates.) But once Joseph figured out how to do it all, he did not use the plates directly but instead relied on dictating the text to a scribe. And apparently this process occurred from near the beginning of the 116 pages to the end of the translation (finishing with the small plates of Nephi and the words of Mormon). Yet throughout the process, the plates were nearby, in the vicinity of the translator.

The publication of 6 large books from 2004 to 2009, *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon* (referred to as ATV); here the original text of the Book of Mormon is determined, to the extent possible. Here follows a comment from Grant Hardy's 2006 review of the first book in this series:

By contrast [to the Anchor Bible commentary], most commentaries on the Book of Mormon move rather quickly from the details of the text to larger theological issues. We just assume that we have all the words we need and that we know what they mean. That cavalier attitude is about to change. Royal Skousen, building on the foundation of his definitive work on the original and printer's manuscripts, called O and P, has begun to publish a commentary on the text of the Book of Mormon that will forever change the way Latter-day Saints approach modern scripture. Two hundred years from now – long after people have stopped reading anything on the Book of Mormon now in print – students of the Book of Mormon will still be poring over Skousen's work. What he has accomplished is nothing short of phenomenal.

Grant Hardy, "Scholarship for the Ages", *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies* 15:1 (2006), 43-53.

The first edition is now available online at <MormonInterpreter.org>.

In early 2017, a second edition of volume 4 of the critical text, *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon* was published by the Foundation for Ancient Research and Modern Studies and Brigham Young University Studies.

The publication in 2009 of *The Book of Mormon: The Earliest Text* by Yale University Press. The second, corrected, printing appeared in 2010; the Kindle version, based on that second printing appeared in 2013. The third printing, identical to the second, appeared in 2014; and now a fourth printing, also identical, appeared in 2017. Yale University Press intends to publish a fifth printing in 2018 or 2019; this printing will implement 49 additional changes to the text (about half of these will alter how we read the text). Nearly all of these additional changes are discussed in the second edition of ATV.

As of 9 December 2017, the Yale edition of the Book of Mormon is in 657 libraries around the world, according to <http://byu.worldcat.org/title/book-of-mormon-the-earliest-text/>.

When the Yale edition is compared against the 1981 LDS edition, we find a total of 4,632 substantive differences, of which 2,241 are non-grammatical.

The use of sense-lines throughout the Yale edition, thus following in principle how Joseph Smith dictated the text by phrases and clauses to his scribe but also in making the text easier to read.

The online publication on 7 October 2014 by the *Interpreter: A Journal of Mormon Scripture* of volume 4 of the critical text, *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon*, a read-only version provided without cost to all readers. All six parts, in PDF format, are searchable. This electronic publication, permitted to the author by his 1998 agreement with FARMS, thus frees the critical text analysis from its physical printed form.

A conference on the original English-language text of the Book of Mormon, its language, concepts, and teachings, held on Saturday, 14 March 2015, at Brigham Young University, 251 Tanner Building, jointly sponsored by BYU Studies and by the Interpreter Foundation:

“Exploring the Complexities in the English Language of the Book of Mormon”

John W. Welch, editor in chief, *BYU Studies*, final remarks

Daniel C. Peterson, professor of Islamic Studies and Arabic, BYU, and president of the Interpreter Foundation, conducting and remarks after presentations

Royal Skousen, professor of Linguistics and English Language, BYU; editor of the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project (1988-present); editor of *The Book of Mormon: The Earliest Text* (Yale University Press, 2009):

The Early Modern English vocabulary in the Book of Mormon, and the cultural and doctrinal history of the Post-Reformation in England and its role in the Book of Mormon narrative.

Stanford Carmack, independent linguistics scholar, JD from Stanford University, PhD in Spanish linguistics from University of California at Santa Barbara and BA in linguistics from Stanford:

The nonstandard grammar of the original Book of Mormon and its occurrence in Early Modern English, as well as evidence that some Book of Mormon usage cannot date from the early 1800s.

Jan Martin, assistant professor in the College of Religion, BYU; wrote PhD at the University of York in England, 2011, “Establishing an English Bible in Henry VIII’s England: Translation, Vernacular Theology, and William Tyndale”:

The translation vocabulary introduced by Tyndale in his 1526 translation of the New Testament from the Greek and the strong Catholic reaction from Sir Thomas More,

based on his reading of the Latin Vulgate, plus evidence that Tyndale's usage was common for his time.

Nick Frederick, assistant professor in the College of Religion, BYU; PhD on the New Testament in the Book of Mormon at Claremont (need title):

The use of biblical phraseology, especially the King James New Testament phraseology, throughout the Book of Mormon text, not just in biblical paraphrases but specifically interwoven throughout the text as the familiar biblical style of religious language.

The online publication of the conference proceedings by the Interpreter Foundation occurred on 10 April 2015:

<http://www.mormoninterpreter.com/events/2015-exploring-the-complexities-in-the-english-language-of-the-book-of-mormon/conference-videos/>

The link to Skousen's presentation is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4V5TZKyrMqg>

A complete analysis of the grammatical emendation of the Book of Mormon text (of 1,304 pages), appears as parts 1 and 2, *Grammatical Variation*, of volume 3 of the critical text, *The History of the Text of the Book of Mormon*. This publication includes the collaborative work of Stanford Carmack.

Parts 3 and 4 of volume 3 will cover the nature of the original language of the Book of Mormon, with an analysis of its vocabulary, the meanings of its words, and the types of phrases and syntactic constructions it permits. As with parts 1 and 2, parts 3 and 4 include the collaborative work of Stanford Carmack.

In part 5 of volume 3, a comparison between the King James Bible and those portions directly quoted in the Book of Mormon will be thoroughly delineated. A complete analysis of the spelling variation in the Book of Mormon text will also appear as part 5 of volume 3 of the critical text.

Part 6 of volume 3 will cover the history of the text, from the manuscripts to the early printed editions, and then on to the later printed editions, with changes in format and language character. This part will include a thorough discussion of the types of change, including conjectural changes, in the history of the text.

And part 7 of volume 3 will outline the history of the modern critical text project of the Book of Mormon, including the FARMS critical text project (from 1984-86) and the current project (beginning in 1988).

There will also be volume 5, a computerized collation of all the textual variation in the history of the Book of Mormon text, including all cases of conjectural emendation.

A willing admission that mistakes have been made in the history of the critical text project; thus there has been a concerted effort to publish cases where I have changed my mind. This attempt to correct errors can be found in the addenda section of the first edition of volume 4 of the critical text, at the end of the last of the six parts. In addition, there is my 19 October 2013 presentation at the Book of Mormon Archaeological Foundation, devoted entirely to this subject. Moreover, I have always tried to acknowledge those who have helped me in this project and made suggestions, especially for emendation.

An agreement with the Joseph Smith Papers for me to act as the lead editor for three volumes that will produce photographs of the two manuscripts of the Book of Mormon, plus reproduce the equivalent of my transcripts of O and P (originally published in 2001). The printer's manuscript, with photos and the equivalent of my 2001 transcript, was published as two volumes in August 2015. Included in the introduction were photographs of the original seer stone used to translate the text of the Book of Mormon. The original manuscript, with photos and the equivalent of my 2001 transcript, will be published in 2019 (according to the timetable set by the Joseph Smith Papers).

A Review of the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project
from November 2014 to December 2017

Royal Skousen, editor

independent fund raising

raising of \$136,000 from November 2014 through the summer of 2015 to pay for the typesetting of volume 3 independently of BYU

raising of \$96,400 from September 2017 through December 2017 to pay for part 7 in volume 3, plus the additional typesetting for volume 3; externally donated funds will be used to pay for this extra part 7

publications

August 2015, publication of *Facsimile Edition of the Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon*, volume 3 in two parts, of the Revelations and Translations series in the Joseph Smith Papers, edited by Royal Skousen and Robin Scott Jensen (Salt Lake City, Utah: The Church Historian's Press), 1014 pages: includes Skousen's transcript of the printer's manuscript, adjusted to Dean Jessee's transcription system, along with color photographs of every page of the printer's manuscript, plus the first published photographs of the seer stone used by Joseph Smith to translate the Book of Mormon (pages xx-xxi of part 1)

spring 2016, publication by FARMS and BYU Studies of parts 1 and 2 of volume 3, *Grammatical Variation*, with the collaboration of Stanford Carmack, 1290 pages: lists and discusses all of the grammatical editing that the Book of Mormon has undergone, from its transmission through the manuscripts and all printed editions from 1830 through 1981

spring 2017, publication by FARMS and BYU Studies of the second edition of volume 4 of the critical text, *Analysis of Textual Variants*, in six parts, 4106 pages

winter 2018, parts 3 and 4 of volume 3 in progress, *The Nature of the Original Language*, with the collaboration of Stanford Carmack, approximately 1350 pages; 26 out of 27 sections have now been typeset and currently undergoing a reading proof by BYU Studies editors (12 have been completed); a preliminary version of section 12 on ARCHAIC SYNTAX by Stanford Carmack is being revised by Royal Skousen and should be finished by the end of this year; Skousen will then write the introduction to parts 3 and 4; and when that is typeset, the two parts will be paginated as one; the last step is to prepare the index for parts 3 and 4 (the index will appear at the end of part 4); these two books should be published by FARMS and BYU Studies in the spring of 2018

fall 2018 (estimated date), publication of part 5 of volume 3 by FARMS and BYU Studies; this part will deal with two subjects: the King James quotations in the Book of Mormon and the spellings in the manuscripts and editions; about 80 percent of these two parts have already been typeset and proofed

2019 (estimated date), parts 6 and 7 of volume 3 will be published by FARMS and BYU Studies; part 6 deals with the textual history of the Book of Mormon text, from the manuscripts through the printed editions; part 7 deals with the history of the Book of Mormon critical text project and the principles of textual criticism as applied to the Book of Mormon; the research is complete for part 6 but only about 10 percent has been written and typeset; similarly for part 7, with about 25 percent written and typeset

2019, scheduled publication date by the Joseph Smith Papers for the *Facsimile Edition of the Original Manuscript of the Book of Mormon*, edited by Royal Skousen and Robin Scott Jensen; use of Skousen's transcript, adjusted to Dean Jessee's transcription system; multispectral imaging is being used by the JSP to get enhanced black and white photographs of all the extant fragments of the original manuscript; Skousen will be the editor making sure the fragments (for 28 percent of the original manuscript) are all put in the right places in the final photo-shopped photographs

2019 or 2020, *A Complete Electronic Collation of the Book of Mormon* (on CDs, online, and one printed copy in archival form in the BYU library's special collections), volume 5 of the Book of Mormon Critical Text Project, to be published by FARMS and BYU Studies; formatted in WordCruncher (to be made available online through the College of Humanities at BYU)

award

2016, Mormon History Association, Best Documentary Editing, presented to Royal Skousen and Robin Jensen, editors, for "Joseph Smith Papers, Revelations and Translations, volume 3: Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon", published by the Church Historian's Press, 2015

formal presentations (either invited or pre-arranged by the publisher)

14 March 2015, "A theory! A theory! We have already got a theory, and there cannot be any more theories!" Exploring the Complexities in the English Language of the Book of Mormon, sponsored by BYU Studies and the Interpreter Foundation, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

8 September 2015, "These were days never to be forgotten": The Witnesses to the Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon", with Robin Jensen of the Joseph Smith Papers, sponsored by BYU Studies and the Maxwell Institute, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

24 September 2015, "Transcribing the Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon", John Whitmer Historical Association, Independence, Missouri

12 March 2016, "The History of the Text of the Book of Mormon", a presentation on volume 3 of the critical text, at the annual meeting of the Brigham Young University Academy, BYU Studies, 12 March 2016, Church History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah

- 6 April 2016, “Editing Out the ‘Bad Grammar’ in the Book of Mormon”, with Stanford Carmack, sponsored by BYU Studies, the Interpreter Foundation, the Department of Linguistics, and the College of Humanities, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
- 4 August 2016, “Bad Grammar or Early Modern English? The Language of the Original Text of the Book of Mormon”, with Stanford Carmack. FAIR Mormon talk, Provo, Utah
- 12 April 2017, “A New Edition: *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon*”, sponsored by BYU Studies, the Interpreter Foundation, and the Department of Linguistics, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
- 15 August 2017, “Poetic Structures and Textual Criticism of the Book of Mormon”, Jack Welch’s conference celebrating the discovery of chiasmus in the Book of Mormon 50 years ago, sponsored by BYU Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

status of the Yale edition of the critical text

2009, *The Book of Mormon: The Earliest Text* (New Haven: Yale University Press), 848 pages, with an introduction by Grant Hardy; the text is set in sense-lines; there are over 600 changes in the text that have never before appeared in any standard printed edition of the Book of Mormon; many of these are listed in the appendix (719 significant textual changes in the history of the text are found there)

each printing 2,500 copies, all hardback

- 2009 (first printing)
- 2010 (second, corrected printing)
- 2014 (third printing, unchanged)
- 2017 (fourth printing, unchanged)

Yale University Press estimates, given the current rate of sales, that there will be a fifth printing in 2018 or 2019 (again in hardback); this printing will implement 49 additional changes (about half of these alter how we read the text); most of the substantive changes are discussed in the second edition of volume 4, *Analysis of Textual Variants*.

2013, Yale University Press published a Print Replica Kindle edition available from Amazon.com (an exact reproduction of the 2010 second printing of the Yale edition of the Book of Mormon, with search and highlight capabilities)

2016, the Library of America published (with permission from Yale University Press) Alma 24 from the Yale text, with its sense-lines, in Lawrence Rosenwald’s edited volume *War No More: Three Centuries of American Antiwar and Peace Writing*, pages 21-27; the introduction includes an accurate evaluation of whether the Anti-Nephi-Lehies should be considered antiwar advocates

as of 9 December 2017, the Yale edition of the Book of Mormon is in 657 libraries around the world, according to <http://byu.worldcat.org/title/book-of-mormon-the-earliest-text/>