THE 2018 MESOAMERICAN CONFERENCE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16-17
CAROLYN & KEM GARDNER COMMONS & THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF UTAH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

AFTERNOON TALKS (FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
The following talks will take place at:
Carolyn & Kem Gardner Commons

1:00 PM | Introduction
Dr. Leslie Knapp | Chair, Anthropology, University of Utah

1:15-2:00 PM | “The Multidisciplinary Investigations of the Mirador Basin, Guatemala: The Legacy of Culture and Nature in the Cradle of Maya Civilization”
Dr. Richard D. Hansen | University of Utah; Director, Mirador Basin Project

2:00-2:30 PM | “Excavations on Danta Pyramid, El Mirador”
Lic. Edgar Suyuc | FARES; Co-Director, Mirador Basin Project
Marcia Chacon de Hernandez | University of San Carlos, Guatemala
Licda. Anaite Ordoñez | University of San Carlos, Guatemala

2:30-3:00 PM | “Soil Studies at El Mirador”
Dr. Richard Terry | Professor Emeritus, Brigham Young University
Dr. Daniel Bair | University of California, Davis

3:00 -3:30 PM | “Mapping and LiDAR Programs of the Mirador Basin”
Josephine Thompson | FARES

4:00-5:00 PM TOURS
Tour of Carolyn & Kem Gardner Commons
Dr. Leslie Knapp | Chair, Anthropology, University of Utah

Tour of The Maya Exhibit at The Natural History Museum of Utah
Dr. Glenn Nielsen-Grimm | Natural History Museum of Utah
Dr. Richard Hansen | University of Utah; Director, Mirador Basin Project

6:00 PM | EVENING BANQUET ($45/plate)
The Natural History Museum of Utah
Seating is limited. Please RSVP at events@cbs.utah.edu.
Payment will be taken upon arrival at the museum.

EVENING TALKS
The following talks will take place at:
The Natural History Museum of Utah

7:00 PM | “Memoirs of Research at Edzna, Aguacatal, El Mirador”
Dr. Ray Matheny | Professor Emeritus, Brigham Young University

8:00 PM | “It Takes a Village: Economy and Culture of the Early Lowland Maya”
Dr. Norman Hammond | University of Cambridge; Boston University

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

MORNING TALKS (FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
The following talks will take place at:
Carolyn & Kem Gardner Commons

10:00 AM | Introduction
Dr. Leslie Knapp | Chair, Anthropology, University of Utah

10:15-10:45 AM | “The Geology of the Mirador-Calakmul Basin”
Dr. Ross Ensley | USGS

10:45-11:15 AM | “Holocene Climate and Land Use in the Mirador Basin, Guatemala”
Dr. David Wahl | USGS; University of California, Berkeley

11:15-11:45 AM | “Looking for Paleoecological Evidence of Land Use and Climate from El Mirador-What Didn’t Work and What We are Going to Try Next”
Dr. Andrea Brunelle | Chair, Geography, University of Utah
Benjamin Marconi | Geography, University of Utah
Dr. Richard Paine | Anthropology, University of Utah

AFTERNOON TALKS
The following talks will take place at:
Carolyn & Kem Gardner Commons

1:00-1:30 PM | “Ancient Demographics of the Mirador Basin: The Problem of Invisible Structures”
Dr. Richard Paine | Anthropology, University of Utah
Dr. Richard Hansen | University of Utah; Director, Mirador Basin Project

1:30-2:00 PM | “Excavations in the Grupo Balam of the Great Central Acropolis, El Mirador”
Ana Beatriz Balcarcel | University of San Carlos, Guatemala

2:00-2:30 PM | “Isotopic Data from the Mirador Basin”
Dr. Joan Brenner-Collman | Anthropology, University of Utah

2:30-3:00 PM | “The Chultuns of the Mirador Basin”
Sara Dalton | University of Leicester, School of Archaeology and Ancient History

3:30-4:00 PM | “Water & the Built Environment: Continuity and Change in the Lives of Contemporary Maya”
Dr. Karen Kramer | Anthropology, University of Utah

4:00-4:30 PM | “Ancient Causeway Systems in the Mirador Basin”
Dr. Thomas Schreiner | University of California, Berkeley
Dr. Richard Hansen | University of Utah; Director, Mirador Basin Project
Carlos Morales | University of Sorbonne, Paris

4:30-5:00 PM | “Ancient Stucco Art from the Casa del Coral, El Mirador, Guatemala”
Lic. Douglas Mauricio | University of San Carlos, Guatemala; Mirador Basin Project

5:00-6:00 PM | Final Observations & Panel Discussion
Dr. Norman Hammond | Cambridge University; University of Boston
Dr. Ray Matheny | Professor Emeritus, Brigham Young University
Dr. Richard Hansen | University of Utah; Director, Mirador Basin Project
Dr. Leslie Knapp | Chair, Anthropology, University of Utah
Dr. Andrea Brunelle | Chair, Geography, University of Utah