

THE EVANS BIOGRAPHY AWARDS CEREMONY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 101, Utah State University, Logan

8:30AM | Light Continental Breakfast

9:00AM | Evans Biography Awards Presentation



EVANS BIOGRAPHY AWARD WINNER

Dr. Terryl L. Givens

Stretching the Heavens: The Life of Eugene England and the Crisis of Modern Mormonism



EVANS HANDCART AWARD WINNER

Judy Y. Kawamoto

Forced Out: A Nikkei Woman's Search for a Home in America

9:30AM | Panel Discussion

In Search of the Past: Finding Human Stories of the Mountain West in Objects, Archives, and Memory

with Arrington Lecture presenter, Dr. Benjamin Pykles, and Evans Biography Award Winners, Dr. Terryl L. Givens & Judy Y. Kawamoto

Panel discussion followed by a book signing with the authors
All events free and open to the public!

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The Evans Biography Awards—established by the Evans family in 1983 to honor David Woolley Evans and Beatrice Cannon Evans—encourage the best in research and writing about the individuals who shaped the Interior West through the awarding of two biennial prizes for excellence in biography, autobiography, and memoir.

Dr. Terryl L. Givens is a senior research fellow at the Neal A Maxwell Institute of Religious Scholarship at Brigham Young University. Until 2019, he was a professor of literature and religion at the University of Richmond, where he held the James A. Bostwick Chair in English. With access to Eugene England's extensive personal materials as well as over 200 boxes of archived documents, Givens authored the winner of the 2022 Evans Biography Award about Eugene England, a man with depth of thought and character, an original thinker who left an indelible legacy with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints community, and theological thought generally.

Judy Kawamoto is a retired psychotherapist who specialized in clinical social work in higher education. Kawamoto's 2022 Evans Handcart Award winning book is a moving memoir that sheds light on "voluntary evacuation," a mostly unknown and understudied Japanese American experience during World War II. Kawamoto shares her family's flight from their home in Washington to Wyoming and their later moves to Montana and Colorado, and the influence of those experiences on the rest of her life. Her story resonates with many who lost everything and their continual search for a home.

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