The Color of Christ: How has art affected racism in the Church?

By Emily Andersen

Christian churches around the world have produced a lot of artistic representations of Jesus over the years, and the most commonly depicted figure is Jesus Christ. Recent protests about racial issues in the United States have once again put to question some of the best-known depictions of Christ, which usually portray him as white.

The history of white Jesus

According to BYU professor Mark Ellison, who specializes in early Christian art, the most well-known images of Jesus came from Rome around 200 A.D. "They depicted a miracle worker, a shepherd, a teacher, according to the customs of third-century Rome," Ellison said. "Most of the time, depictions of Jesus reflect the culture of the art-"ists more than historical details about Jesus himself."

Ellison said over time, the European depiction of Jesus became very common, and that was the artistic history early members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints inherited.

According to BYU history professor Christopher Jones, the Church didn't start making depictions of Jesus until the early 20th century, and images likely weren't used very often in the early Church because many of the members came from diverse backgrounds and religions that believed using pictures was inappropriate.

When other religions started using images of Jesus, the Church followed suit. Jones and others have said that Jesus looked like those on accounts of the Gospels and other early church histories.

Jones noted that in all of the first-hand accounts of Jesus' appearance, Smith referred to God and Jesus being surrounded by light or fire but that this didn't obviously refer to skin color. There was also very little evidence for other details, however, from a convert named Alon-son Moore who sat with Joseph Smith in his home while Smith told him about the First Vision. Moore recorded that Smith described Jesus as "having white complexions and "big eyes."

Some scholars will likely be surprised that the depiction of Jesus was easy for members to accept because that was what the majority of the members of the Church looked like then. It became an image among church members at the time and has stuck around since then.

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Depictions of Jesus today

Jones said in the last 20-30 years the predominant image of Jesus has started to shift as the Church has gone worldwide, and many artists are now "either trying to portray a more historically accurate Jesus or trying to portray Jesus ambiguously enough that Christians or Latter-day Saints, regardless of their own race or ethnicity, could see themselves in Jesus and could see themselves in themselves."

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How will students handle housing contract cares? by Kenzie Holbrook

Concerns about new COVID-19 outbreaks have arisen at the prospect of students moving back to Provo Fall Semester, but what will happen if one or more students is symptomatic or infected with COVID-19?

A statement from the BYU Off-Campus Housing Office said students living in on-campus housing who are diagnosed with COVID-19 or exposed to the virus are encouraged to work with their landlords and follow the direc-
tions of local health authorities.

Real Estate Market

Hundreds of thousands of university students live in off-campus housing, which is also referred to as off-campus housing, students are not required to move out of the apart-ments. However, if a student is not living in the apartment at the time

The recommunity is sick and is then unable to live in the property during the quarantine’s questionnaire, they will likely get a rent credit for the portion of the time they could not be there, Maughan said.

We added that while it would be nice to allow roommates without the virus to relocate to another unit, the challenge is in the have to get into the apartment where the sick roommate is to get their belongings.

The Daily Universe reached out to several other management companies including Long Real Estate and Rockwell Prop-erty Management declined to com-
ment. Redstone Residential and Aspen Ridge Management did not respond, and Mountain View Management said there were too many unknowns at this time for them to answer questions.

According to a statement from the Office of Residence Life, if someone living in on-campus housing contracts COVID-19 they will not be required to move.

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Medically high-risk students concerned about fall

BYU students who are immunocompromised or otherwise at high risk for catching COVID-19 have a particular set of concerns as Fall Semester begins.

BYU stated on its COVID-19 web-page that all students in high-risk categories, including older adults and those who are pregnant, are strongly encouraged not to travel and not to participate in campus during fall semester 2020.

But many of these students, who are at high risk for COVID-19 have other concerns for the upcoming semester.

Senior Kira Clauson was diag-"nosed with endometriosis in 2015. According to the Office on Women’s Health, endometriosis “hap-pens when tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows outside of the uterus.”

Although endometriosis is not an immunodeficiency, Clauson said it still complicates her life and requires her to use immune system.

Clauson moved to North Caro-lina with her husband once the pandemic began. She had to go through all the same classes online after the move, and she said she was only able to visit her family throughout the coming semester in North Carolina.

“I am happy that I have so many options to choose from while staying in North Carolina for the foreseeable future,” she said.

Clauson said only the coronavirus cares for the class remotely. She said that students who live far away “I hope that they understand the importance of training and resources to make online learning as effective as possible.”

Senior Sarah Pollock has been on immunosuppressive medications for several years. She was 15. Her medication cures her medical conditions, but it also means she has the side effects.

“My chronic illness lets me to be surrounded by startling pain and feeling vulnerable,” she said. “I have to deal with the side effects of my medication, but I have to seriously.

Pollock said she referred her master’s program has planned to be entirely online for fall, and she is grateful for the options that BYU has provided her.

Clauson’s only concern is the possibil-ity of her husband having to go to campus. “He has three classes that he needs to take to graduate on time that are not offered in an online format,” she said.

Pollock when recently visited campus, it was nearly empty. Sometimes, more than twenty feet of her without a mask or a small wake up call for her about the

“Campus is a germ hotspot,” she said. “You have to touch dozens that are not necessarily shared that day and people are closer than six feet all the time."

Her husband, Peter, reached out to the other departments that do not offer online classes and was reassured that the three have responded. The two students have similar academic and personal exceptions for him to access the course.

Pollock recognizes the risks of her husband going to campus if he has to. “He will be cautious, of course, but this is a situation where I have to rely on others to do their part.”
Fauci optimistic COVID-19 vaccine will be widely available

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Once a coronavirus vaccine is approved as safe and effective, Americans should have widespread access within a reasonable time, Dr. Anthony Fauci assured lawmakers Friday.

Appearing before a House panel investigating the nation’s response to the pandemic, Fauci expressed “cautious optimism” that a vaccine would be available, particularly by next year. “I believe, ultimately, over a period of time in 2021, that Americans will be able to get it,” Fauci said, referring to the vaccine.

There will be a priority list for who gets early vaccinations. “I don’t think we will have everybody getting it immediately,” Fauci explained. But “ultimately, within a reasonable time, the plans allow for any American who needs the vaccine to get it,” he added.

White House signals support for $600 jobless benefit

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WASHINGTON — The White House appears keen to endorse a temporary extension of a $600 per week supplemental unemployment benefit as the popular boost to both the economy and family budgets is about to expire. The idea is a prominent feature of top-level White House planning on a major election season. COVID-19 response teams.

After late-night talks failed to produce a breakthrough, the two sides took their case to the media Friday morning, with White House chief of staff Mark Meadows appearing before reporters on short notice at the exact moment House Speaker Nancy Pelosi appeared at her weekly news conference. Meadows accused Democrats of witholding their support, saying Presi- dent Donald Trump has instructed me to keep trying to extend the supplemental jobless benefit.

Democratic leaders counter that $600 weekly supplemental unemployment is a key element in the $3-trillion-plus stimulus package they are pushing for Congress to pass — and that Trump/Republicans are trying to siphon from commercial media companies.

The statistics are slyly complete, the authors say, but the remainder are taking longer. Rapid, widespread testing is critical for news siphoned from commercial media companies. Census head wasn’t told about Trump district drawing order

U.S. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham on Friday said he was not informed ahead of time about President Donald Trump’s order seeking to exclude people at risk of fraud from the process of redrawing congressional districts.

Dillingham said the order made giving Google and Facebook three months to negotiate with the Census Bureau playing a role in the order. The bureau is collecting the headcount data that will be used to redraw the districts.

Some educators of color rush push for police-free school zones

School district supervisors are moving to remove police officers from campuses, but some Black and Indigenous educators are calling the push prompted by the national reckoning over racial inequity and police brutality.

Some say the system is harboring a complex mix of policies, some of which have been enacted by the industry-funded National School Safety and Security Center, an arm of the National School Safety and Security Foundation.

The industry-funded National School Safety and Security Foundation, which has received millions of dollars from companies that make and sell security products, is a prominent feature of top-level White House planning on a major election season.
Experience design and management students prepare for changes

By KENZIE WOOLBURG

Editor’s note: This story is part of a series that explores the lasting impacts of the COVID pandemic and how things have changed on and off campus.

COVID-19 has heavily impacted the hotel industry. Hotels have had guests, sporting events have lost screaming fans and concerts have had big crowds.

Those whose careers revolves around providing “experiences” are having to implement long-term changes. Students in the experience design and management class in the Marriott School of Business—which covers planning things like week-endings and corporate events as well as hospitality and tourism—are learning the ropes.

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Long-term effects in the major

Chief Student Experience Officer Ariadna Mateu was hired in February, just before the school shut down. Her role is to design, plan and implement strategies that enhance student outcomes during their time on campus. “Not only distance or self-distancing could still be collaboration and creativity across our department,” Mateu said.

Mateu and experience design and management professor Mu Duerden agreed that there is a need to institute more intentional plans to build community within the major among students and between students and faculty. “Whether or not we are on campus, it’s not going to be the same,” Mateu said. “We’re going to need to institute more intentional plans to build community.”

Duerden said.

If travel restrictions continue, there will be a rethinking of what because of the restrictions that might be imposed, Mateu said. “We will have to rethink the experiences design and management looks like, which is a big part of the experiences design and management major,” she said.

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Lasting real-world consequences

Professor Brian Hill said one of the biggest impacts and the slowest thing to come back will be major events like sporting events and concerts. “Maybe there will be a bit of a trip as we’re going into the recession, but coming out of that and adjusting to kind of a new normal, I think businesses will really rely on a new way of thinking,” Hill said. “They’re going to need more creative and innovative people who can help them to make those transitions and hopefully they’ll look to our students to do that.”

Mateu said there could be a big shift when it comes to this new experience industry. “I think if things don’t change and the vaccine is not found, there’ll be interesting outcomes to that, and one of them is how we monetize an industry.”

Duerden said.

Garfield said the changes to the sports industry is that planners will have to think about how they can get the sports fans to start watching the games online while still being able to monetize the events.

Mitch Harper, sports reporter and radio host at KSL, said the media outlets and TV companies understand that they need to start streaming the games because they are big money makers.

“Now there’s a lot more time spent at home, so we have TV companies and media outlets know that the viewership could be off the charts,” Harper said.

Jessica Ballard, who teaches event planning and hospitality management at UVU, said she believes that while all the industries were hit really hard, the event industry has been more severely impacted.

“While there might be industries that are open but still struggling because they can’t bring in their typical amount of revenue, there are industries like this with event planning that they are not open period,” Ballard said.

Garfield said she often gets asked if live events will go away for good, even after the pandemic. She said events are definitely going to come back. “People need live events,” she said. “Virtual does not replace those experiences that you can get from live interaction.”

But some changes may perma-

nently change. Ballard said it’s a big possibility that concerts and food service will continue to wear masks, people will be seeing more hand sanitizer stations at big events, and compa-

nies are likely going to change their cancellation and refund policies to account for a public health concern.

Garfield said all of the industries being talked in the major are being impacted, but he believes hotels have faced the most negative impact. “The ban on large travel, or if they want to get away with their fam-

lies, they’ll drive two or three hours to have a great experi-

ence,” Garfield said. “But the business traveler or group travel-

ers are not traveling at all so that has a big impact not only domestically, but internationally, but also locally.”

Garfield also said there could be a new market for hotels in the future as a result of the virus. “If those companies continue they have enough work from home, they may start renting out conference centers or hotels for meetings or to have a month of either offices or buildi-

ings for an entire month.”

“Sure the pandemic is front and center, but two to five years from now I think people will be out travelling again,” he said. “They might be a little bit more cautious, but we’ll be travelling again.”

Police Beat

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PROVO

PARKING VIOLATION

JULY 29 – A bicycle was stolen from a parking lot near Paul Ream Avenue.

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PARKING VIOLATION

JULY 24 – A stolen from a parking lot near Provo.

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**VIRAL CAMPUS QUESTIONS**

**Will scooter rentals and BYU shuttles be available Fall Semester?**

*By KENZIE HOLBROOK*

BYU has decided to move classes online after Thanksgiving to prevent COVID-19 spread. This decision was made for single students whose housing contract and/or address rent payments if students choose to stay home for the holiday.

An email from the BYU Off-Campus Housing Office says, "In light of COVID-19, we have reevaluated to review our individual agreements and that you sign and list students for clarification on rent charges between Thanksgiving and break week, not lessening."

In an email sent out to tenents, Logan Center members, and Peace and Conflict Resolution Center members, to do our part to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19.

The Daily Universe is answering student, staff and parents' questions about how the coronavirus will impact the BYU community during Fall Semester 2020 in a series of stories, Submit questions at durecteconsult.com. Scan the Cosmo icon with the app to read a Spanish translation of this story.

**What will the Testing Center look like this fall?**

*By KENZIE HOLBROOK*

The Testing Center is open for Fall Semester for the first time since it closed in March, but some things will look a little different.

When COVID-19 testing was introduced, reality was lacking, with 19 testing and treatment. So it can distance myself from the fall just because I enjoy driving most days." I'm not too concerned at the moment about the safety measures or lack thereof with COVID-19 symptoms who are a safe and socially distant form of transportation," said LaRocco. She said that scooters are an ideal mode of transport, according to Bradley. We will do our best to keep student desks after the next student takes the scooter. It will be longer due to physical distancing, some have a car, "the crowds are down and we are not being political," said Bradley. "I will probably not take it in the fall just because I enjoy driving even—so no need to worry—because it's not that far to the next student takes the scooter. If they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, they will most likely ride the shuttle. They continue to offer locker access along busy routes, namely near Wyview Park, Canyon Commons, and King Henry Apartments. LaRocco said these locker basins will run right behind the normal basins 28 a.m. to accommodate the greatest demand during those times.

"We continue to have an ongoing conversation about how to keep students safe in places that are closed, as well as those that are open," LaRocco said. "We want to make sure that our students will be able to social distance, and that the offices will maintain the same social distancing rules that are in place in the office.

"We have asked our students not to risk their health by using the shuttles," said LaRocco. "We are implementing these new practices," Bradley said. "Every time a LINK employee gets on, he is a driver; we are not in a position to judge". The office said students are a safe and socially distant form of transportation, but he will arrange a time to come to the Testing Center before the next student takes the scooter.

"Whether a tenant stays or moves out a form found on the CPCR website, students can request keeping their contracts and listing them as "in good standing," so that they can stay in their home. Additional adjustments will be made for off-campus housing contracts.

"The biggest change at the Testing Center is the return of COVID testing, and the other offices, including the Counseling Center and At BYU. The CPCR testing office has been testing students at the BYU Student Health Center, which also offers COVID-19 treatment.

**Does the BYU student health plan cover COVID-19 testing and treatment?**

*By KARINA ANDREWS*

The BYU Student Health Center offers COVID-19 testing and treatment for free this semester. The student health plan does not cover the cost of COVID-19 antibody testing, but LaRocco said they hope to start offering it before Fall Semester begins. Some tests were given at any location contracted under the student health plan are covered.

"We're just looking to make sure that our patients and staff are as safe as possible," said LaRocco. "We're doing everything we can to make sure that our offices are clean and safe for students." The Testing Center and At BYU in general is a heightened awareness that it is up to all of us to be good community members and to do our part to keep each other and ourselves safe," Bradley said. BYU said that the BYU community should wear face coverings and be courteous with physical distancing where needed and instructed. "We hope to model good citizenry and to provide with the testing environment that is safe for sure and for students," Bradley said. BYU said that the Testing Center is open for Fall Semester with the appropriate and necessary precautions to implement with the critical lessons learned during the first semester. The appropriate physical distancing, sanitization, effective and improved coordination with faculty members.

"We can begin scheduling their tests for Fall Semester starting on Aug. 1. Bradley said the demand for testing at the University Center doesn't usually start for about one to two weeks before the fall semester begins, although technically tests could be scheduled on the first day of the semester.

"With the current "stay-at-home" orders continuing, some may be adaptations to school life and to the new COVID-19 testing procedures," Bradley said.
Do you think TikTok should be banned in the US due to privacy concerns with China?

Yes. TikTok is just like any social media platform. It's an avenue for porn and child sexual exploitation.

— Back to school

Aside from being a news media outlet, The Daily Universe also provides an online platform for students to share their views on various topics through an online forum. The platform allows students to express their opinions on topics ranging from current events to personal experiences, fostering a sense of community and encouraging open dialogue among its readers. The forum's purpose is to engage students in thoughtful discourse, thereby enriching their understanding of diverse perspectives and fostering critical thinking skills. 

The Daily Universe is committed to providing a platform where students can share their views and engage in constructive conversations, contributing to a vibrant and dynamic community. The online forum is available for students to participate and contribute to the discussion, ensuring a diverse range of voices and perspectives are represented. This open dialogue helps students to develop informed opinions, encourages critical thinking, and promotes a culture of intellectual curiosity and engagement. 

The Daily Universe's commitment to fostering open discourse and encouraging student participation is a reflection of its dedication to promoting a vibrant campus community. Through the online forum, students have the opportunity to engage with peers, faculty, and staff, fostering a sense of belonging and contributing to a collective understanding of the issues that affect their academic and personal lives. 

The platform's success is a testament to the importance of student voice in shaping the discourse around important issues, ensuring that diverse perspectives are considered and that students have the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations. The Daily Universe continues to strive towards creating a platform that empowers students to contribute to the community and fosters a culture of open-mindedness and critical thinking.
The Cougar football team has already lost five games from its 2020 schedule. Due to COVID-19 cancellations, three of BYU's remaining fall sports teams received extensions and the beginning of their seasons pushed back until Sept. 24 by the West Coast Conference. For many BYU students, the uncertainty around when college sports will return will fill the fall season.

For a number of BYU students, the absence of college sports this fall would mean one less reason to return to the familiar routine of their daily stresses of school.

"I wish I would be dedicated to college sports were canceled," said Allison Yeakle, a BYU volleyball player. "I love playing volleyball, but I think I would probably feel like a lot of other people, and I would feel stressed without college sports because, normally, it makes me feel relaxed."

If college sports are canceled this fall, what are BYU students and sports enthusiasts to do?

Although a full-sports cancellation will likely mean a significant loss of options for BYU students, there are still a number of recreational options available for fans of BYU sports, including golf courses, tennis courts, and track fields. These facilities are open to the public, and there are no admission fees.

The return of these professional sports leagues would give BYU students a chance to watch games from their favorite teams. BYU fans could choose to watch games from their favorite teams by subscribing to a streaming service or by attending a game in person at LaVell Edwards Stadium.

The ideal conference for BYU to join, based on the level of competition and fan aspirations, is the Big 12, which features some of the most top-notch athletes in college football.

The most experienced of the bunch at junior Lopini Katoa, who led the running back group with four touchdowns last season, and has 21 total rushes in his BYU career. Katoa also has a pair of rushing touchdowns in his first year, both of which were scored by BYU. BYU is no stranger to a significant number of BYU students, and many fans are excited about the possibility of joining the Big 12 Conference and playing in the conference's premier games.
Pandemic propels classmates to pursue grad school

By KENZIE HOLBROOK

BYU students Ashley Paget and Dallas Anderson were both frantically scrambling to find a job when the pandemic hit in March. They were supposed to be graduating in just a couple of months, but the job market for their degree of applied communications was almost non-existent within a matter of days.

Paget and Anderson, who studied experience design and management, both planned on graduating with bachelor’s degrees in April. Anderson graduated on time, but because Paget had one University Core class left, she chose to extend her graduation until August so she could work on campus through the summer while she figured things out. “I was kind of in a panic,” Paget said. “No one knows what’s happening and I need a job because I’m graduating.”

Paget and Anderson, who both planned on attending grad school at this coming fall, had been looking at some grad schools before the pandemic hit, but since then, unfortunately, they’ve both been unable to find work.

Papet applied for the University of Oregon’s MBA program with an emphasis in sports business. She was encouraged because four to five years of work experience after an undergrad was the average amount of time the program required, and she had an experience. She ended up talking to the head of admissions at the University of Oregon and told them she had no work experience. He responded saying that these are unprecedented times and as long as she had a strong resume and did well in the interview, she should be fine.

A few days later Papet heard back from the University of Oregon saying she got accepted to attend grad school this coming fall. “I just feel like things have fallen into place,” she said.

Anderson had been looking at some grad schools before the pandemic happened, but he also said the pandemic is what really solidified his choice in attending grad school at this time. “With borders closing and schools may be shifting to online learning for the fall, it just gave me the mindset maybe I should say I don’t have to go to grad school, maybe I just take a chance and see if I can get in,” Anderson said.

Another motivation for Anderson was the prospect of lower student loan rates because of the impacts of the pandemic.

Anderson also applied to the University of Oregon and got accepted there for an academic scholarship and plans to attend in the fall along with Papet. Both Papet and Anderson applied to the University of Oregon without paying the application fee and with the GMAT being waived because of the pandemic.