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February 21-24, 2008
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Conference Program

**Thursday February 21**

6:00-7:00pm **Session 1: Welcome & Plenary Address**

- Welcome: SEAN MCDOWELL, Executive Director
- Presiding: THERESA M. DI PASQUALE, Whitman College
- Address: “Sex, Lies, and Elegiac Couplets”
  GORDON M. BRADEN, University of Virginia

7:00-8:00pm Dinner

8:30pm Opening Reception

**Friday February 22**

6:00-8:30am Breakfast

9:00-10:30am **Session 2**

- Chair: C. K. THOMAS TSENG, Chinese Culture University, Taipei
- “Equity and the Legal Fiction of Donne’s ‘Satyre II’”
  GREG KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut, Hartford

10:30-11:00am Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 noon **Session 3**

- Chair: ANNE LAKE PRESCOTT, Barnard College
- “Looking Back: Images of Reflection in Donne’s ‘Goodfriday, 1613. Riding Westward’”
  PIERS BROWN, University of Toronto

- “Dr. Donne's Art Gallery and the imago dei”
  KIRSTEN STIRLING, University of Lausanne

12:00-1:00pm Lunch
2:00-3:30pm  **Session 4**

Chair: **JACQUELINE WHIPPLE WALKER,** University of South Carolina

“Editing Donne’s Letters: Bad Dates, Lost Women, and Dashed Hopes”
**ERNEST W. SULLIVAN II,** Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

“‘Only in obedience’? To Whom?”
**DENNIS FLYNN,** Bentley College

“‘apparitions, and ghosts’: H(a)unting Donne’s Letters”
**M. THOMAS HESTER,** North Carolina State University

Respondent: **MARGARET MAURER,** Colgate University

3:30-4:00pm  **Coffee Break**

4:00-5:00pm  **Session 5**

Chair: **RICHARD PETERSON,** University of Connecticut, Storrs

“Becoming One’s Own Ghost: Poeticizing the Dead Self in Donne’s *Anniversaries*”
**ALISON KNIGHT,** University of Cambridge

“Donne’s Third *Anniversary*”
**JOHN WALL,** North Carolina State University

Respondent: **HELEN BROOKS,** Stanford University

5:15-6:30pm  **Executive Committee Meeting**

5:30-7:00pm  **Reception**

7:00-8:00pm  **Dinner**

8:30pm  **Reception**

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**Saturday February 23**

6:00-8:30am  **Breakfast**

9:00-10:30am  **Session 6**

Chair: **LAURA FEITZINGER BROWN,** Converse College

“Sacred Philology: Lancelot Andrewes and John Donne”
**CHANITA GOODBLATT,** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

“John Donne’s ‘Outward Creatures’: Texts Built of ‘Thought and Breath’”
**MARGARET DOWNS-GAMBLE,** Sandy Hook, Connecticut

“‘Halfe will be Joy, and Halfe will be Glory’: Donne’s Reconceptualisation of the Other”
**MARIA SALENIUS,** University of Helsinki
Respondent: BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

10:30-11:00am Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 noon Session 7

Chair: DONALD DICKSON, Texas A&M University

“The Derbyshire Discovery: A ‘New’ Manuscript Containing Donne’s Short Prose”
LARA CROWLEY, University of Maryland

“Nicholas Hare's 'Variety' and the Clitherow Manuscript”
MARK BLAND, DeMontfort University

Respondent: GARY STRINGER, Texas A&M University

12:00-1:30pm Lunch

12:30pm Business Meeting (during lunch)
Presiding: SEAN MCDOWELL

2:00-3:00pm Session 8: Presidential Address

Presiding: THERESA M. DIPIASQUALE

“Donne, imperfect”
JEFFREY JOHNSON, Northern Illinois University

3:00-3:30pm Coffee Break and Anti-conference begins

3:30-5:00pm Session 9

Panel Discussion on “A Valediction of the Book”

Moderator: BROOKE CONTI, State University of New York, Brockport
Panelists: D. AUDELL SHELBURNE, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
RAYMOND-JEAN FRONTAIN, University of Central Arkansas
JULIE YEN, California State University, Sacramento

5:30-7:00pm Reception

7:00pm Dinner

8:00pm Anti-conference

Sunday, February 24

6:00-8:30am Breakfast

Departure