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Baton Rouge, LA*

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Conference Program

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Thursday February 21

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

Welcome: SEAN MCDOWELL,
Executive Director

Presiding: THERESA M. DIPASQUALE,
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

"The Politics of 'To his Mistress going to bed,'
According to One Manuscript Verse Collector"
JOSHUA ECKHARDT, Virginia Commonwealth
University

"Preventing the Sun: Space Systems and the
Somerset Epithalamion"
CLAIRE FALCK, University of Wisconsin,
Madison

Respondent: GRAHAM ROEBUCK, McMaster
University

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

Respondent: ANN HURLEY, Wagner College

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

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. DIPASQUALE

“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