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26 – 28 FEBRUARY 2015

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Thursday, 26 February

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Session 1: Plenary Address**

Welcome: SEAN H. McDOWELL, Seattle University
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Presiding: GREGORY KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut,
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Address: “An imperial Donne-aire? Poems of possessing and
dispossessing in early modern England and Ireland”
BRENDAN KANE, University of Connecticut

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. **DINNER**

7:45 p.m. Reception and A John Donne Mystery
Hospitality Suite

Reading from *Love’s Alchemy: A John Donne Mystery*
BRYAN CROCKETT, Loyola University, Maryland

Friday, 27 February

6:00 – 8:30 a.m. **BREAKFAST**

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Session 2: Re-Presenting Donne**

Chair: TRACY MCLAWHORN, East Carolina University

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Session 3: Picking up Where Donne Left Off: The Anniversaries**

Chair: JEFFREY JOHNSON, East Carolina University

“Donne’s *Anniversaries*: Loss of a Drury and the Time that
Remains”
JUDITH H. ANDERSON, Indiana University

“Donne's *Second Anniversary* as Benjaminian Baroque Allegory:
Fragmentation and the Utopian”
HUGH GRADY, Arcadia University

Respondent: THERESA DiPASQUALE, Whitman College

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Session 4: Donne Practices Religion**

Chair: ABIGAIL MARCUS, University of Chicago

“‘This choir hath all’: Donne and Musical Reform”
TESSIE PRAKAS, Kenyon College
“Seeing Double in Donne’s Devotions: Two Serpents, Two Adams and Two Interpretations of Station 10”
ROBERT REEDER, Providence College

“The declaring, the proving, the illustrating . . .”: Correcting the Marking of the Divisio in Donne’s Preached at a Christening. [Rev. 7.17]”
DANIELLE SOTTOSANTI, Fordham University

Respondent: ANGELA BALLA, University of Alabama, Huntsville

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. COFFEE BREAK

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Session 5: Textual Studies Power Hour

Chair: GREGORY KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut

“George Gerrard’s Manuscript of Donne’s Poems”
GARY A. STRINGER, East Carolina University

“for that in Man alone”: A Crux in “The Cross”
DANIELLE LAKE, East Carolina University

“Now That We’ve Gone Electric: Donne after Newport”
BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

“Donne with Citations”
JESSE SHARPE, University of Houston

5:15 – 6:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER, DANCING, OR BOTH

8:30 p.m. RECEPTION (Hospitality Suite)

Saturday, 28 February
Presiding: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  **Session 8: Presidential Address**

Presiding: GREGORY KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut

“John Donne: How and Why to Love the Ordinary”
KATE NARVESON, Luther College

3:01 – 3:30 p.m.  **Coffee Break / Anti-conference begins**

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  **Session 9: Letterlocking for Donnies**

JANA DAMBROGIO, M.I.T.

DANIEL STARZA SMITH, Lincoln College, Oxford

Appreciator: DENNIS FLYNN, Bentley University

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  **Reception**

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  **Dinner**

8:00 p.m.  **Anti-conference Reception**

Festal Queen: JEANNE SHAMI, University of Regina

**Sunday, 29 February**

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.  **Breakfast**

**Departures**