



*John Donne*

**THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL  
JOHN DONNE SOCIETY CONFERENCE  
18 – 20 FEBRUARY 2016**

The Lod and Carol Cook Conference Center  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, LA

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*Thursday, 18 February*

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.      **Session 1: Kicking Things Off with Pain  
and Pleasure**

Welcome: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University  
Executive Director

Presiding: KATE NARVESON, Luther College  
Donne Society President

Address: “New Pleasures and Old Pains: Donne and Sensation”  
MICHAEL C. SCHOENFELDT, University of Michigan

6:30 – 7:30 p. m.      DINNER

7:45 p.m. Reception and Discussion  
Hospitality Suite

“‘The Triple Fool’: Performing Donne's Poetry in Song Settings  
Old and New”  
KATE NARVESON, Luther College

*Friday, 19 February*

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.      BREAKFAST

9:00 –10:30 a.m.           **Session 2: Comfort, Counsel, and  
Confusion**

Chair: JEANNE SHAMI, University of Regina

“The Johannine Spirit-Paraclete in Donne’s Sermons and *Holy  
Sonnets*”

PAUL CEFALU, Lafayette College

“Donne’s Defense of Preaching: Two Sermons under Pressure”  
JOHN WALTERS, Indiana University

“Whirling Grace: Turns in John Donne’s ‘Good Friday, 1613.  
Riding Westward’”

KATIE ADKISON, University of California, Santa Barbara

Respondent: TESSIE PRAKAS, Kenyon College

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.       COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.       **Session 3: Dim Eyes and Dark Faces**

Chair: ACHSAH GUIBBORY, Barnard College

“‘Dimme Eyes’: Straining Sight in ‘Thou Hast Made Me’”  
CLAIRE FALCK, Rowan University

“Seeking Face Darkly: Divine Encounter in Donne’s Holy  
Sonnets”

ABIGAIL MARCUS, University of Chicago

Respondent: KIRSTEN STIRLING, Université de Lausanne

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.       LUNCH

“Dining with Donne: The Growing Menu of the John Donne  
Society’s Digital Prose, A Report”

BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.            **Session 4: Making Space**

Chair: MEG LOTA BROWN, University of Arizona

“Posthumous Spaces: Making Room for Absence in the  
Writing of Donne”

LAURA ELIZABETH YODER, NYU

“‘Into Another World’: William Empson, Space Travel, and  
Donne’s Early Love Poetry”

JAMES BEAVER, Bryant University

“‘Love, let me Some senseless piece of this place be’:  
transformative landscape, body, and the ‘creature of place’  
in the *Songs and Sonnets*”

KADER HEGEDÜS, Université de Lausanne

Respondent: KATHERINE B. ATTIE, Towson University

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.            COFFEE BREAK

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.            **Session 5: Text and Text 2.0**

Chair: GARY A. STRINGER, East Carolina University

“How Many Lines Hath Donne’s *Computation*?”

GREGORY KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut

“Margaret Bellasis’s John Donne”

LARA CROWLEY, Northern Illinois University

Respondent: AUDELL SHELBURNE, Northeastern State  
University

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

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.            RECEPTION

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.            DINNER

8:30 p.m.                    RECEPTION

\*Optional expedition for dinner and live music.\*

*Saturday, 20 February*

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.            BREAKFAST

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.        **Session 6: Cross-Pollinations: Teaching  
Donne and Herbert Together**

Chair: JEFFREY JOHNSON, East Carolina University

“Teaching the Battle of the Jesus Shoes: Donne, Herbert and  
the Dilemmas of Humility”

ROBERT REEDER, Providence College

“Opening Donne and Herbert Through Openings”

SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

“Something Understood: Donne, Herbert and the Nature of  
Poetic Language”

RAYMOND-JEAN FRONTAIN, University of Central Arkansas

Respondent: ANGELA BALLA, University of Alabama,  
Huntsville

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.        COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.        **Session 7: Sin and Mis-Devotion**

Chair: JESSE SHARPE, The University of Houston

“What’s Wrong with Mis-devotion?”

RON HUEBERT, Dalhousie University

“Nourishing jealousies in princes and contempt in subjects”:  
John Donne and Militant English Catholicism”  
MARLA LUNDERBERG, Hope College

Respondent: JAMEELA LARES, University of Southern  
Mississippi

Noon – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH

12:30 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING (DURING LUNCH)  
Presiding: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

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

Presiding: KATE NARVESON, Luther College

“Some new pleasures??: Donne’s Lyrics and Recent Critical  
Approaches”  
HEATHER DUBROW, Fordham University

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. COFFEE BREAK / ANTI-CONFERENCE BEGINS

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Session 9: Amorous Fish: A Panel  
Discussion of “The Baite”**

Moderator: PAUL A. PARRISH, Texas A & M University

Panelists: THERESA M. DIPASQUALE, Whitman College  
DAYTON HASKIN, Boston College  
TRACY MCLAWHORN, East Carolina University

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER

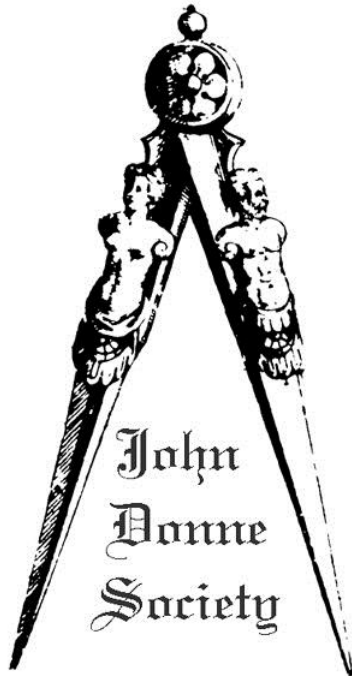
8:00 p.m. ANTI-CONFERENCE  
Festal Queen: JEANNE SHAMI, University of Regina

*Sunday, 21 February*

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST

DEPARTURES





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