Thirty-First Annual
John Donne Society Conference
18 – 20 February 2016

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Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA
THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL
JOHN DONNE SOCIETY
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

18 – 20 February 2016
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**

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. DI PASQUALE, 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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