

Dear fellow Donne scholars,

We invite you to attend the thirty-third annual John Donne Society Conference, **27 – 30 June 2018**, at the Université de Lausanne, Switzerland. The Conference is sponsored by the Faculté des lettres at the Université de Lausanne, the University of Connecticut, Seattle University, *The John Donne Journal*, and the Donne Variorum Project. Thanks to the superb leadership of Donne Society President Kirsten Stirling (who also is taking on the role of Local Arrangements Chair this year), the efforts of the program committee, and the contributions of scholars from around the globe, we have an exciting program in store. (See the attached draft.)

Tarnya Cooper (Curatorial and Collections Director, National Trust, U.K.) will begin the program with a keynote address on “Visual culture, a sense of place and John Donne’s c. 1595 portrait.” Kimberly Johnson, Josh Bell, Meg Day, and Jay Hopler will offer their insights into “John Donne’s Legacies in Contemporary Poetry.” We will have paper sessions on “Wandering and Wondering”; “Sight, Sound, Sermons”; “Forms of Knowledge”; “Public and Private Spaces”; “Small Words”; the Holy Sonnets; “Donne Discovered”; “Reviewing, Remapping, Reconceiving Donne”; “Donne’s First Readers”; and “Donne in our World.” Incoming Donne Society President, Brent Nelson (University of Saskatchewan) will answer the tantalizing question, “Was John Donne Curious?”, during his 2018 Presidential Address. Finally, we will conclude with a panel discussion on “Song: Go and Catch a Falling Star,” the 31st such pedagogical colloquium at the conference. In sum, the program will be full of Donnean riches.

The second attachment describes the accommodations options and registration and other fees for the conference. All conference presenters must be members of the John Donne Society in good standing to attend. To begin or renew your membership, please follow the instructions on this link: <http://johndonnesociety.org/#Membership>.

We hope to see you in Lausanne in June!

Cordially,

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Executive Director

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Secretary/Treasurer