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Thursday, 13 February

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  Session 1:

Welcome: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University
Executive Director

Presiding: JONATHAN F. S. POST, UCLA
President

Address: “‘Such balmes as else cure everything’: Perfumes and
Spice in Donne’s Ideas of Eden”
SOPHIE READ, Cambridge University

6:30 – 7:30 p. m.  DINNER

Friday, 14 February

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.  BREAKFAST

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Session 2: Peculiar Tropes

Chair: JEFFREY JOHNSON, East Carolina University

“Conversion and Transubstantiation in Donne’s Poems and Sermons”
JUDITH H. ANDERSON, Indiana University
“Swollen Desires: Dropsy and Donne’s Writings”
ALISON BUMKE, University of Nottingham

Respondent: JAMES KUZNER, Brown University

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

10:30 – 11:30 p.m. Session 3: Theological and Critical Conundrums

Chair: DAYTON HASKIN, Boston College

“Sacrament, Seal, Sign, and Self: Donne’s Latin Poem ‘To Mr. George Herbert’”
SHAUN ROSS, Victoria College, University of Toronto

“Indeterminacy and Assurance: Donne’s Sermons on 1 Cor.15:29”
KIM HEDLIN, The Newberry Library

Respondent: TESSIE PRAKAS, Scripps College

11:30 – 12: 30 p.m. LUNCH

12:30-1: 30 pm Done with Donne?: Donne’s Relevance in the 21st-Century Classroom: A Roundtable Conversation

SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University, moderator
DAYTON HASKIN, Boston College
CLAIRE FALCK, Rowan University
DONALD R. DICKSON, Texas A & M University
ANGELA BALLA, The University of Alabama in Huntsville
RAYMOND-JEAN FRONTAIN, University of Central Arkansas
LARA CROWLEY, Northern Illinois University

1:30-2:00 p.m. Coffee Break
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  Session 4: Unprecedented Particulars

Chair: CLAIRE FALCK, Rowan University

“Indefinite Poetics: Kimberly Johnson and John Donne”
THERESA M. DiPASQUALE, Whitman College

“John Donne’s Emblematic Ark in ‘A Hymn to Christ, At the Author’s Last Going into Germany’”
TAMARA GOEGLEIN, Franklin & Marshall College

“Sound Theology in ‘Good Friday 1613’”
KIMBERLY JOHNSON, Brigham Young University

Respondent: KIRSTEN STIRLING, University of Lausanne

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.  COFFEE BREAK

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Session 5: Donne in Context: The Virtual St. Paul’s Cathedral Project

JOHN N. WALL, North Carolina State University, Raleigh

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

Saturday, 15 February

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.  BREAKFAST
9:00 – 10 a.m.  
**Session 6: Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions**

Chair: WILLIS SALOMON, Trinity University

“Observing the Physician in Donne’s *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions*”
MANDY L. FOWLER, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

“‘So Insensible a Thing’: The Aesthetics of the Nebulous in John Donne’s *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions*”
LYDIA HEINRICHS, Trinity College, University of Cambridge

Respondent: MICHAEL C. SCHOENFELDT, University of Michigan

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Coffee Break**

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.  
**Session 7: Time, Antiquity, and Friendship**

Chair: MEG LOTA BROWN, University of Arizona

“John Donne’s ‘Measure of time’: Bending Time Through Space”
KADER N. HEGEDÜS, University of Lausanne,

“Haman and his Antiquities: A Condemnation of Suitor and Reform”
MATTHEW T. LYNCH, Indiana University

“‘For such a friendshipp whoe would not adore: Ciceronian Friendship and Virtue in Donne’s ‘Elegie to the Lady Bedford”’
KYLE DASE, University of Saskatchewan

Respondent: ARNAUD ZIMMERN, University of Notre Dame
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: JONATHAN F. S. POST, UCLA

    “John Donne’s Soulscape, or A Map to God”
    MARIA SALENIUS, University of Helsinki

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

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.      Session 9: “A Valediction: Of Weeping”
    Moderator: ACHSAH GUIBBORY, Barnard College

    “The Divers Texts of VALWEEP”
    GREG KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut, Hartford

    “Making ‘that which was nothing, all’: Lyric World-Building in
    A Valediction: Of Weeping”
    MIRIAM JACOBSON, University of Georgia

    “How to do things with Tears”
    JAMES LONGENBACH, University of Rochester

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, 16 February

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.  BREAKFAST

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