



John Donne

**THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
JOHN DONNE SOCIETY CONFERENCE
9 - 11 FEBRUARY 2023**

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Thursday, 9 February

3:30 –4:30 p.m. **Session 1: Invited Address**

Welcome: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University
Executive Director

Presiding: MARIA SALENIUS, University of Helsinki
President

Address: “Donne’s ‘A Litanie’ and Liturgical Work”
SUSANNA B. MONTA, University of Notre Dame

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. BREAK

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Session 2: “Upon the translation of the
Psalms” at 400**

Chair: KATHY OVERHULSE SMITH, Indiana University,
Bloomington

“Musicum Carmen”: Temporal Singers and Extemporal Song
FRANCES M. MALPEZZI, Arkansas State University

Singing Our Part: Donne, Poetry, and the Completion of the
Circle

RAYMOND-JEAN FRONTAIN, University of Central Arkansas

Respondent: ROBERT W. REEDER, Providence College

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. CASH BAR

7:00 – 8:00 p. m. DINNER

8:00 p.m. RECEPTION

Friday, 10 February

6:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

9:00 –10:30 a.m. **Session 3: Form and Context**

Chair: JESSE SHARPE, Houghton College

Prayer's Parentheticals: The role of poetic syntactic interruption
in John Donne's *A Litany*

TYLER DUNSTON, University of Michigan

The Hidden Architecture of Donne's "Batter my Heart" and its
French Foundation

EZRA SIBYL BENISTY, University of Lausanne

Material Presence and the India of "allmighty Vertu" in John
Donne's "If as myne is thy life a slumber bee."

KYLE DASE, University of Victoria

Respondent: LARA M. CROWLEY, Northern Illinois University

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Session 4: Exploration and Travel**

Chair: KIRSTEN STIRLING, University of Lausanne

"My America": the new-found-lands of John Donne and Anne
Bradstreet

TESSIE PRAKAS, Scripps College

Planted Preaching: Donne as Feoffee to the *Cestui Que* Use of the
Virginia Company
ANGELA BALLA, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Respondent: JEANNE SHAMI, University of Regina

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

During lunch: Donne Digital Initiatives Report
BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Session 5: The Body Poetic**

Chair: GREGORY KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut, Hartford

Violence, Masculinity, and Generativity in “Loves Warre”
GINA FILO, Southeastern Louisiana State University

Making Babies: Pregnancy and Reproduction in Donne’s *Songs
and Sonets*
ACHSAH GUIBBORY, Barnard College

Respondent: THERESA M. DIPASQUALE, Whitman College

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. COFFEE BREAK

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Session 6: Sensuous Verse**

Chair: MARLA LUNDERBERG, Hope College

“His Greatnesse clothed in our fraile attire”: Texts and Textiles in
Lanyer and Donne
KIMBERLY JOHNSON, Brigham Young University

Disembodied Spirits in Donne's *Songs and Sonnets*
JAMES ROSS MACDONALD, University of the South

“Deerest loue, I doe not goe”: Musical Connections Between
John Donne, Lady Mary Woodhouse Killigrew and Sir
Constantijn Huygens
MARY ELAINE S. NELSON, University of Birmingham

Respondent: KATE NARVESON, Luther College

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, 11 February

6:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Session 7: *Ars Praedicandi***

Chair: MEG LOTA BROWN, University of Arizona

“So it be inanimate with . . . fervent charity”: Making Meaning of
Martyrdom
MARLA LUNDERBERG, Hope College

“Why does God command so base and unclean a thing?”:
Questioning Circumcision in Donne’s 1624 New Year’s Day
Sermon

ALISON KNIGHT, Royal Holloway, University of London

“Spiritual Senses”: Rhetoric, Perception, and Indeterminacy in
John Donne’s Sermons

YAAKOV A. MASCETTI, Ben Ilan University

Respondent: BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Session 8: The Book of Nature**

Chair: KIMBERLY JOHNSON, Brigham Young University

The Brazen Serpent and Jesuit Theories of Meditative Vision in
Donne’s *Devotions*

CLARISSA CHENOVICK, Florida Atlantic University

“Many shells, many crusts, many films, many coats”: John
Donne’s Pearls

CATHERINE EVANS, University of Manchester

Respondent: BROOKE CONTI, Cleveland State University

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 9: Presidential Address**

Presiding: MARIA SALENIUS, University of Helsinki

Donne's Verbal Relish

SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

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

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Session 10: “Of The Crosse” (a.k.a., “The Crosse”)**

Moderator: MARIA SALENIUS, University of Helsinki

GREGORY KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut, Hartford

JESSE SHARPE, Houghton College

KIRSTEN STIRLING, University of Lausanne

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7:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER

8:00 p.m. ANTI-CONFERENCE

Festal Queen: JEANNE SHAMI, University of Regina

Sunday, 12 February

6:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

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