Thirty-Sixth Annual John Donne Society Conference
9 – 11 February 2023

The Lod and Carol Cook Conference Center
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA
Thirty-Sixth Annual John Donne Society Conference Program

9 – 11 February 2023
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. DIPIASQUALE, 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

“Shearest 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 uncleane a thing?”:
Questioning Circumcision in Donne’s 1624 New Year’s Day Sermon
ALISON KNIGHT, Royal Holloway, University of London

“Spirituall Senses”: Rhetoric, Perception, and Indeterminacy in John Donne’s Sermons
YAAKOV A. MASCETTI, Ben Ilan University

Respondent: BRENTE 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

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, 12 February*

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.  **Breakfast**

**Departures**
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