



John Donne

**THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
JOHN DONNE SOCIETY CONFERENCE
11 – 13 FEBRUARY 2024**

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Sunday, 11 February

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

Welcome: BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan
Executive Director

Presiding: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University
President

“no copy shalbee taken”: Computationally Modelling the
Proliferation of Donne’s Verse in Manuscript
ERIN A. MCCARTHY, NIU Galway

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. BREAK

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Session 2: Bondage and Bees: Donne and
Herbert**

Chair: MEG LOTA BROWN, University of Arizona

The Life of Death in Holy Sonnet 6
JAMES KUZNER, Brown University

George Herbert and Bees
GREG KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut

Respondent: TESSIE PRAKAS, Scripps College

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. CASH BAR

7:00 – 8:00 p. m. DINNER

8:00 p.m. RECEPTION

Monday, 12 February

6:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

9:00 –10:30 a.m. **Session 3: Blood, Sacrifice, and Form**

Chair: KATE NARVESON, Luther College

Ecstatic Union and Blood Transfusion in Donne, Herbert, and
Crashaw

CLARISSA CHENOVICK, Florida Atlantic University

Five Types of Sacrificial Ambiguity: Donne, Herbert, Locke,
Lanyer, and Philips

SHAUN ROSS, University of Toronto

Incarnational Poetics: Meaning, Form, Shape and Sense in
Herbert's *The Temple*

AMBER BIRD, University of Alabama

Respondent: MARLA LUNDERBERG, Hope College

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. **Session 4: Adventuring in Words**

Chair: SUSAN MATASSA, University of Dallas

John Donne's (Metaphoric) Book

CAROL ANN JOHNSTON, Dickinson College

Apostolic Adventurers: Rereading John Donne's Sermon to the
Virginia Company: The Early History of the Virginia
Company

BRANDON TAYLOR, University of Toronto

Respondent: MARIA SALENIUS, University of Helsinki

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Session 5: Dreams and Emblems**

Chair: KIMBERLY JOHNSON, BYU

Donne's Emblematic Lyrics: For the Taking and the Making
TAMARA GOEGLEIN, Franklin and Marshall College

“More Awake in their Sleep”: Sleep and Dream Patterns and
Practices, and the “Metaphysical Imagination”

ANNE-MARIE MILLER-BLAISE, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle

Respondent: KIRSTEN STIRLING, University of Lausanne

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. COFFEE BREAK

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Session 6: Metaphysicals and Moderns**

Chair: ACHSAH GUIBBORY, Barnard College

Airy Invigilating: George Herbert and Seamus Heaney
JONATHAN F. S. POST, UCLA

“One Equall Communion and Identity”: Vikram Seth and John
Donne

RAYMOND-JEAN FRONTAIN, The Peony Pavilion, Malagar

“Love took George Herbert’s hand”: A Brief Study of Herbert’s
enduring influence on Malcolm Guite
LAUREN MCINTYRE, Pensacola Christian College

Respondent: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

5:15 – 6:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER

8:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Session 7: Evening Recital**

John Donne’s Greatest Hits
ELAINE S. NELSON, University of Birmingham

9:15 p.m. RECEPTION

Tuesday, 13 February

6:00 – 9:00 a.m. BREAKFAST

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Session 8: Glutton or Nothing: Personae
in Donne’s Letters**

Chair: HANNAH VARKEY, York University

“Thou which art I, (’tis nothing to be soe)”: John Donne’s
Epistolary “Nothing” Persona
JOEL SALT, University of Saskatchewan

Donne’s Verse Letters to Thomas Woodward: Holy Sonnets?
KYLE DASE, University of Victoria

Respondent: JESSE SHARPE, Houghton University

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. **Session 9: Sexual and Asexual Lyrics:
Carew and Cowley**

Chair: GREG KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut

“A philosophical rhymist who had only heard of another sex”:
Abraham Cowley, Asexuality, and the Metaphysics of
Metaphysical Poetry
LIZA BLAKE, University of Toronto

Carew’s Mannered Force
CONNIE SCOZZARO, Brown University

Respondent: ANGELA BALLA, University of Alabama, Huntsville

Noon – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH

12:30 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING (DURING LUNCH)
Presiding: BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Session 10: Digital Reprise**

Chair: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

The Digital Future of Donne
BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

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

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Session 11: “A Valediction of my Name in
a Window”**

Moderator: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

MARIA SALENIUS, University of Helsinki
KIMBERLY JOHNSON, BYU

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. RECEPTION

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. DINNER

8:00 p.m. ANTI-CONFERENCE: MARDI GRAS EDITION
Festal Queen: JEANNE SHAMI, University of Regina

Wednesday, 14 February

6:00 – 9:00 a.m. BREAKFAST

DEPARTURES

2023-2024 Officers

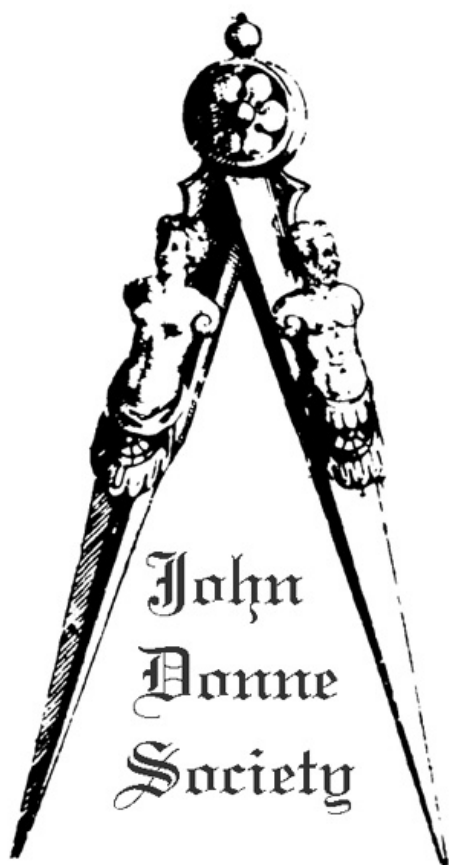
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