



John Donne Society 39th Annual Conference

❧ Call for Papers ❧

Thursday, 9 April, to
Saturday, 11 April 2026

The conference will take place at the University of Arizona's [Biosphere 2](#) near Tucson in the beautiful Sonoran Desert.

Individual papers on any aspect of Donne's life and work are welcome. We also welcome papers on intersections between 17-century science and literature, on authors working within or against the so-called metaphysical tradition, and on digital or creative project updates relevant to students of the seventeenth-century lyric.

Full papers preferred; substantial abstracts considered. Please submit a PDF (maximum 8-10 pages) as an email attachment. Include your institutional affiliation and mailing address in the body of your email. Please indicate clearly if you are submitting a complete panel, roundtable, or poster presentation. Each year, the conference gives two awards: the John R. Roberts Award for Best Essay by a Graduate Student and the Kate Gartner Frost Award for Best Essay by an Early Career Scholar (i.e., within the first seven years of receiving the doctorate). If eligible, please specify your interest in being considered.

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY

1 November 2025

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