

John Donne Society Newsletter

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Upcoming Donne Sessions at the 2012 MLA Convention

At the upcoming **2012 Modern Language Association Convention** in **Seattle (5–8 January)**, the John Donne Society will sponsor two sessions on Donne, one in collaboration with the International Spenser Society and the other under its own auspices.

45. Spenser, Donne, and the Work of Poetry

In collaboration with the International Spenser Society

Thursday, 5 January, 1:45–3:00 p.m., 619, WSCC

Presiding: **Sean H. McDowell**, Seattle Univ.

Speakers: **Judith H. Anderson**, Indiana University; **Theresa M. DiPasquale**, Whitman College.; **Heather Dubrow**, Fordham University; **Anne Lake Prescott**, Barnard College.; **Melissa E. Sanchez**, University of Pennsylvania

A conversation about the poetic relations between Edmund Spenser and John Donne. The focus will be on comparing the poet's attitudes toward the work of poetic making and the shaping of poetic fictions to structure knowledge, perception, and experience; their trans-formations of inherited poetic genres and poetic traditions; and their understanding of the moral or reformatory work of poetry.



Seattle, WA, as seen from the Space Needle. Mt. Rainier is hazy in the distance.

239. Revising Donne

Friday, 6 January, 12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., 310, WSCC

Presiding: **Margaret A. Maurer**, Colgate University

1. "Donne and Rhapsody," **Piers Brown**, University of York
2. "Revising Donne in Manuscript and Print," **Tracy McLawhorn**, Texas A&M University
3. "'Cribated and Recribated and Post-Cribated': The Revisionist Contributions of the Oxford Edition of the Sermons of John Donne," **Peter E. McCullough**, University of Oxford, Lincoln College

Update on the 27th Donne Conference in Leiden

Plans are taking final shape for the **27th John Donne Conference, 26 – 29 June, 2012**, in Leiden, the historic city that Donne visited as part of the Doncaster embassy to Holland in 1619–1620. Rich in the history both of Protestantism and of the formation of the Netherlands as a nation-state, Leiden is an ideal setting for us to continue our ongoing conversations about Donne, not only because of Donne's brief connection with it, but also because it was an important place for other important seventeenth-century English writers as well, especially Richard Crashaw and Sir Thomas Browne. The conference will be held on the campus of the **University of Leiden** in the **Scaliger Institute** (<http://scaligerinstitute.leidenuniv.nl>).

The program committee, chaired by JDS President **Raymond-Jean Frontain**, is nearly finished with its deliberations, and notifications about the status of submissions should go out in early January. The main base of accommodations for conference attendees will be the **Golden Tulip Leiden Centre** (<http://www.goldentulipleidencentre.nl/>) and the **Tulip Inn Leiden Centre** (<http://www.tulipinnleidencentre.nl/>). Both hotels are within walking distances of the Scaliger Institute (approx. 10–15 minutes walk). The price per room is €105 (Tulip) and €125 (Golden Tulip), and up to two people may share a room. Breakfast is an additional €16 per night. To obtain the conference rate, registrants must contact the chosen hotel directly and book their reservations with a special code (**118618**) before 1 February.

For those who may be interested in exploring a bed and breakfast instead, here is a helpful link with possibilities: <http://www.bedandbreakfast.nl/plaats/Leiden/en>.



A conference room at the Scaliger Institute where the sessions will be held.

Distinguished Publication Awards

The **John Donne Society Awards for Distinguished Publication in Donne Studies for 2009** went to **Piers Brown** for “Donne’s Hawkings” (*Studies in English Literature, 1500-1900* 49.1 [Winter 2009]: 67-86) and to **Thomas Festa** for “The Metaphysics of Labor in John Donne’s Sermon to the Virginia Company” (*Studies in Philology* 106.1 [Winter 2009]: 76-99). Congratulations for such strong work!

New Officers

At the 2011 Business Meeting of the JDS, **Judith H. Anderson** was elected by acclamation to serve as Second Vice President, which means she will become president in 2012. In addition, **Helen Brooks**, **Makiko Okamura**, and **Peter E. McCullough** have been elected to serve three-year terms (2011-2013) on the Executive Committee.

John Donne Society 28th Anniversary Conference

❧ Call for Papers ❧

Thursday, 21 February, to
Saturday, 23 February, 2013

The Lod and Carol Cook Conference Center
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Individual papers on any aspect of Donne's life and work are welcome. Please note that only full papers, not simply proposals, will be considered.

COMPLETE PAPERS (1 copy, 8-11 pages maximum, as an email Word attachment; please include your e-mail and mailing addresses in the body of the email submission). All graduate student essays accepted for presentation will be considered for the **John R. Roberts Award for Best Essay by a Graduate Student.**

ALL PAPERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY

October 15, 2012 TO:

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Dues Renewal

If you have not renewed your membership for **2011**, you can do so at any time. Please send a check payable to the John Donne Society in the appropriate amount to:

Professor **Greg Kneidel**

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The dues are: Professors, \$50; Associate Professors, \$40; Assistant Professors, \$30; Adjuncts, Independent Scholars and Retirees, \$20; and students \$10. Membership includes a one-year subscription to the *John Donne Journal*.

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Send any information you would like to see included in future installments of the **JDS Newsletter** to **Sean McDowell**. Here's to a happy, healthy, productive new year for us all!