

Reading Dissent and Dissenting Readers in the Reformation World, 1500-1800

The 10th Triennial Conference of the International John Bunyan Society



Northumbria University (Newcastle, UK)
7-9 July 2022



Thursday 7th July

Newcastle Cathedral, St. Nicholas Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1PF

- 1:00-3:30: **Registration.** Attendees to visit desk at the back entrance with a secure room for luggage storage). The desk will be manned by a Northumbria member of staff or student for the registration period. The café is available for early attendees to purchase lunch and refreshments.
- 1:45-2:00 **IJBS Opening Address** in the Nave
- 2:00-3:30 **Plenary Address 1:** Marie-Louise Coolahan (NUI Galway, UK)
Title: 'From Dissent to Esteem: Early Modern Readers of Women's Writing' in the Nave (open to the public). Chair: Helen Wilcox
- 3:30-4:00 **Coffee Break**
- 4:00-5:20 **Concurrent Sessions**
- Panel 1: Reading the Ministry** in the Café space. Chair: Crawford Gribben
Helen Wilcox (Bangor University, UK)
'Sucking the juice': Oliver Heywood's Reading
David Wykes (Dr Williams's Library, UK)
He had a good collection of books, 'which he did not make for Shew but [for] Use': Dissenting Ministers and their Libraries
Anne Dunan-Page (Aix-Marseille Université, France)
Chapels and Books: Evidence from Nonconformist Archives
- Panel 2: Reading Theology, Print and Polemic** in room above the Café (limited spaces, max. 22). Chair: Arlette Zinck
Rev. Susanne Gregersen (Church of Denmark, Retired)
'The Spirit, that is the Spirit and Voice of your Parish Parson, when he teaches you Jesus Christ purely and clearly' - Scripture, Authority and Dissent
Jameela Lares (University of Southern Mississippi, USA)
'There Is No Way but Or': More on Method in Milton and Bunyan
U. Milo Kaufmann (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA)
Retractions and Reconsiderations: A Critic Reflects on his Six Decades of Flawed Work on John Bunyan and Richard Baxter
- 5:30-6:15 **Evensong Performance** in the quire or nave of Newcastle Cathedral
- 6:15-7:30 **Wine Reception** at Newcastle Cathedral
- 7:30-9:00 **Evening Buffet** in the Café

Friday 8 July

Sandyford Building, Northumbria University, NE1 8QH

9:00-10:30

Concurrent Sessions

Panel 3: Denominational Reading. Chair: Anne Dunan-Page

Harriet Anne Palin (Newcastle University, UK)

'Something about Catechizing' - Philip Nye's *Beames of Former Light* (1660) and Nonconformists on Catechesis: Dead and Flat?

Nathan Sherman (University of Leicester, UK)

A Change in Kind, Not Degree: Labels, Identity and an Evaluation of 'Baptistic Congregationalists'

David Manning (University of Leicester, UK)

A Friendly Hermeneutic of Reading? Quakers and their Reading Practices

Panel 4: Allegory, Imagery and Reading. Chair: Bob Owens

Michael W. Arbino (Kent State University, USA)

Political Oppression and Religious Freedom: Henry VIII's and John Bunyan's Divergent Readings of the English Bible

Richard Angelo Bergen (British Columbia, Canada)

Memory in 'Dark Clouds' and 'Swaddling Clouts': *The Pilgrim's Progress* and the Memorial Arts

Rev. Allan Wilcox (Acting Ministry Area Leader of Bro Eryri, Gwynedd)

Blake's Illustrations to *The Pilgrim's Progress*: The Artist as Dissenting Reader?

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30

Plenary Address 2: Crawford Gribben (Queen's University Belfast, UK)

Title: 'Reading Dissent in Late Seventeenth-Century England: Edward Stillingfleet's Reading of John Owen'. Chair: N. H. Keeble

12:30-1:30

Lunch

1:30-3:00

Concurrent Sessions

Panel 5: Roundtable: Reading and Editing Bunyan. Chair: Vera J. Camden

Andy Draycott (Biola University, USA)

Bob Owens (The Open University, UK)

N. H. Keeble (Stirling University, UK)

Panel 6: Reading, Religion and Location. Chair: David Gay

Niall Allsopp (University of Exeter, UK)

Puritan Preaching and Mobilization in Civil War Exeter: The Case of John Bond

Annie Stephenson (University of Exeter)

Thirty-Six Questions to Change your Life: Joseph Alleine's Puritan Practice of Self-Examination

David Parry (University of Exeter, UK)

Piety and Polemic in some Exeter Dissenting Sermons

3:00-3:30

Coffee Break

3:30-4:45

Concurrent Sessions

Panel 7: Women as Readers. Chair: Rachel Adcock

Naomi Pullin (University of Warwick, UK)

'Comfort in reading good Books': Nonconformist Women Readers and Writers in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries

Vera J. Camden (Kent State University, USA)

Mary Franklin's *Experience*: Gender, Genre and Grace

Panel 8: Reading and Abolitionism. Chair: Andy Draycott

Rev. Janet Wotton (Director of Studies for the Congregational Federation, Retired)

Seditious Reading by Dissenting Abolitionists and Enslaved People

John Coffey (University of Leicester, UK)

Dissenting Reading and the Demerara Slave Rebellion

4:45-5:45

IJBS Business Meeting. All are welcome. Light refreshments provided.

7:00-9:30

Conference Dinner

Blackfriars Banquet Hall, Friars Street, Newcastle, NE1 4XN.

Saturday 9 July

Sandyford Building, Northumbria University

9:00-10:30

Concurrent Sessions

Panel 9: Reading, Persecution and Imprisonment. Chair: Jameela Lares

David Gay (University of Alberta, Canada)

Walls and Gates: Inversions and Conversions in Bunyan's *The Holy City*

Arlette Zinck (The King's University, Edmonton, Canada)

Bunyan's Dissenting Prison Imaginary

Sophie Aldred (Worcester College, University of Oxford, UK)

'Not the Body but a Parte of the Body', Lord John Robartes and Polemics Against Priestcraft 1660-1685

Panel 10: Devotional Reading and Writing. Chair: Naomi Pullin

Jose Saunders (University of York, UK)

'See the truth of the worde I had gathered': The Reading and Writing of Nehemiah Wallington

Bob Owens (The Open University, UK)

'A Reading and Giving of the Sense': The Practice of Reading Aloud in Dissenting Culture

N. H. Keeble (Stirling University, UK)

'Self-confidence and self-conceit make fools of all men': Reading and Writing 'Self' in Puritan and Nonconformist Texts

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30 **Plenary Address 3:** Nicholas Seager (Keele University, UK)
Title: 'Pamphleteering and Dissent in Queen Anne's England'. Chair: John Coffey

12:30-1:30 **Lunch**

1:30-4:30 **Conference Trips and Activities**

Excursion to Tynemouth Priory

English Heritage, free for members / Adults: £6.90 / Concessions: £6.20 [a group discount may be available], plus Metro All-Day travel, £5.40.

OR

Visit to Newcastle Castle

Adults: £8.75 / Concessions: £7.75 [a group discount may be available]

6:00-9:00 **Dinner at a local restaurant**