



THE BIBLE,
NARRATIVE,
AND
MODERNITY

MARCH 26 - 28, 2015
NOTRE DAME CONFERENCE CENTER
MCKENNA HALL, ROOM 200



THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

- 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Rolling Arrivals
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Reception Dinner (*By Invitation Only*)
- 7:30 p.m. Poetry Reading at Hammes Bookstore (*Open to the Public*)
Dr. Brett Foster, Wheaton College
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FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Graduate Student Breakfast (*By Invitation Only*)
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee Reception
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Morning Keynote Lecture (*Open to the Public*)
“Hoping for a Protestant Burial’:
Centlivre, Farquhar, and the Politics of Protestant Comedy”
Dr. Misty Anderson, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Graduate Student Workshop (*Registered Participants Only*)
“Rocks and Belief”
Dr. Misty Anderson, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Faculty Roundtable (*Open to the Public*)
“Exploring Religion and Literature Methodologies”
Dr. Misty Anderson, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Dr. Richard Gibson, Wheaton College
Dr. Timothy Larsen, Wheaton College
Dr. Romana Huk, University of Notre Dame
Dr. Susannah Monta, University of Notre Dame
Dr. Timothy O’Malley, University of Notre Dame
Dr. Henry Weinfield, University of Notre Dame
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dinner (*By Invitation Only*)
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SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Faculty Breakfast (*By Invitation Only*)

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Reception

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Morning Keynote Lecture (*Open to the Public*)

“Victorians and the Bible Beyond Belief”

Dr. Timothy Larsen, Wheaton College

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Graduate Student Workshop (*Registered Participants Only*)

“Nineteenth-Century Spiritual Autobiography:
Carlyle, Newman, Mill”

Dr. Richard Gibson, Wheaton College

Dr. Timothy Larsen, Wheaton College

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Faculty Roundtable (*Open to the Public*)

“Teaching the Bible Outside Theology”

Dr. Misty Anderson, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Dr. Richard Gibson, Wheaton College

Dr. Timothy Larsen, Wheaton College

Dr. Gary Anderson, University of Notre Dame

Dr. Margaret Doody, University of Notre Dame

Dr. Mark Noll, University of Notre Dame

Dr. James VanderKam, University of Notre Dame

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The mission of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies is to enrich the intellectual culture of Notre Dame by creating an integrated, interdisciplinary home for students and faculty to explore the evolving ideas, cultures, beliefs, and institutions that shape Europe today.

The Bible, Narrative, and Modernity joins an already rich interdisciplinary project at Notre Dame that seeks to reimagine the relationship between Religion and Literature. Focusing on the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, this symposium seeks to challenge the common characterization of this period as increasingly secular. This view claims that a combination of archaeological and geological research, Darwinian biology, and German biblical criticism created a crisis of faith. Over the course of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, this crisis transformed European, and especially British, societies into something more middle-class, nationalist, aesthetically “realist,” and secular. Literary scholars of these periods have embraced and repeated the same narrative. By examining the Bible as narrative and the role it plays in shaping eighteenth- and nineteenth-century literature, this symposium challenges this common narrative of secularization, while exploring a range of religion and literature methodologies in the scholarship of these two periods.



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