***George Whitefield at 300***

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**An International Tercentenary Conference at Pembroke College, Oxford**

*Sponsored by Aberystwyth University, the Manchester Wesley Research Centre,*

*the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History, Oxford Brookes University,*

*and The Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University*

**25‑27 June 2014**

**Programme**

Wednesday 25 June

**12.00pm-2.00pm** **Arrivals and Registration**

**2.15pm** **Welcome** [Pembroke College Chapel] – Dr Geordan Hammond, Manchester Wesley Research Centre and Nazarene Theological College

**2.30pm** **Opening Keynote** (Chair: Dr Geordan Hammond)

PEMBROKE COLLEGE CHAPEL

Dr David Ceri Jones (Aberystwyth University), *George Whitefield at 300*

**3.30pm Tea/Coffee/Break**

Café area

**4.30pm** **Keynote 2** (Chair: Dr Andrew Atherstone)

LECTURE THEATRE

Prof William Gibson (Oxford Brookes University), *George Whitefield and the Church of England*

**6.00pm Dinner**

**7.30pm Session 1A: Whitefield in His British Religious Context**

(Chair: The Venerable Dr William Jacob)

HAROLD LEE ROOM

Prof Grayson Ditchfield (University of Kent), *Latitudinarian Responses to Whitefield,*

*c. 1740-1790*

Dr Geordan Hammond (Nazarene Theological College, Manchester), *From a Son to a*

*Brother: George Whitefield’s Relationship with John Wesley, 1735-1742*

Dr Peter Lineham (Massey University, New Zealand), *Whitefield’s English Calvinist*

*Methodist Association*

**Session 1B: Whitefield’s Theology** (Chair: Dr Rhys Bezzant)

ALLEN & OVERY ROOM

Dr Ian Maddock (Sydney Missionary and Bible College), *George Whitefield: Christian Perfectionist?*

Mark K. Olson (Nazarene Theological College, Manchester), *George Whitefield’s Doctrine of Conversion, 1735-1740*

Dr Tom Schwanda (Wheaton College, Illinois), *When Theology Unites and Divides: The Changing Relationship between George Whitefield and John Cennick*

Thursday 26 June

**8.00-8.45am Breakfast**

**9.00am Keynote 3** (Chair: Prof William Gibson)

LECTURE THEATRE

Prof Frank Lambert (Purdue University, Indiana), *George Whitefield and the Enlightenment*

**10.00am Tea/Coffee**

**10.30am Session 2A: Whitefield in New England**

(Chair: Dr Rachel Cope)

ANDREW PITTS ROOM

Dr Richard A. Bailey (Canisius College, New York), *‘Sinners’ in their Backyards: George Whitefield, Stephen Williams, and the First Great Awakening in the Connecticut River Valley*

Prof Kenneth Minkema (The Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University), *Impulses and Inward Feelings: George Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards and the Subjectivity of Revival*

Dr Rhys Bezzant (Ridley Melbourne; Jonathan Edwards Center Australia) *Whitefield’s Voice: Heroic, Apostolic, Prophetic*

**Session 2B: Political and Theological Opposition to Whitefield**

(Chair: Dr Peter Forsaith)

ALLEN & OVERY ROOM

Simon Lewis (University College, Oxford), *A ‘Romish Emissary’: George Whitefield and Anti-revivalist Accusations of Popery, c.1738-1750*

Kelly Yates (Nazarene Theological College, Manchester), *‘How awful it would be if a popish abjured pretender were forced on the British throne’: George Whitefield’s Response to Papal Accusations and the Jacobite Rebellion*

Dr Ian Small (Research Associate, University of York), *Whitefield, Foote, Wilkinson and Mr Squintum: The Minor in 1760*

**Session 2C: New Perspectives on the Study of Whitefield**

(Chair: Prof Frank Lambert)

HENDERSON ROOM

Dr Digby James (Independent scholar) [read by . . . ], *A Publishing Phenomenon: George Whitefield’s Journals*

Associate Prof Glen O’Brien (Booth College, Sydney), *George Whitefield, John Wesley, and the Rhetoric of Liberty*

Dr Stephanie Schnorbus (Western Nevada College), *Religion and the Impetus behind Rural School Formation: Berks County, Pennsylvania and the Great Awakening*

**12.30pm Lunch**

**1.30pm Session 3A: Whitefield in Georgia**

(Chair: Dr Geordan Hammond)

ANDREW PITTS ROOM

Peter Choi (University of Notre Dame, Indiana), *George Whitefield and Bethesda College: His Campaign for an Imperial Institution*

Philippa Koch (University of Chicago), *‘Our Lord intends to do great things for Georgia’: Transatlantic Mission and Slavery in the Writings of Whitefield and the Halle Pietists*

Prof Richard P. Heitzenrater (Duke Divinity School, North Carolina), *Follow the Money: Whitefield in Georgia*

**Session 3B: New Approaches to the Study of Whitefield**

(Chair: Prof Kenneth Minkema)

ALLEN & OVERY ROOM

Dr Jessica M. Parr (University of New Hampshire at Manchester), *Plotting Piety: Mapping George Whitefield and His Contemporaries*

Braxton Boren (New York University), *Acoustic Simulation of George Whitefield’s Audible Range*

Dr Stephen R. Berry (Simmons College, Massachusetts), *George Whitefield the Sailor*

**Session 3C: New Approaches to the Study of Whitefield**

(Chair: Dr David Ceri Jones)

HENDERSON ROOM

Dr Mark Smith (University of Oxford), *Whitefield’s Anglican Contemporaries: The Early Evangelical Parish Clergy*

Dr Adam Jortner (Auburn University, Alabama) [read by Dr David Ceri Jones], *Whitefield, Witchcraft, and the Devil*

Prof Stephen A. Marini (Wellesley College, Massachusetts), *Whitefield’s Music:*The Divine Musical Miscellany *(1754) and the Fashioning of Evangelical Sacred Song*

**3.30pm Tea/Coffee/Break**

**4.30pm Keynote 4** (Chair: Dr Boyd S. Schlenther)

LECTURE THEATRE

Prof Carla Gardina Pestana (University of California, Los

Angeles), *George Whitefield and Empire*

**6.00pm Conference dinner**

**7.30pm Session 4A: Whitefield in Scotland**

(Chair: Dr Mark Smith)

HAROLD LEE ROOM

Prof John Coffey (University of Leicester), *Sir James Erskine and the Nature of the Evangelical Revival*

Prof Keith Edward Beebe (Whitworth University, Washington), *George Whitefield in Scotland: Of Friends, Foes, and the Evangelical Divide*

Prof Kenneth B. E. Roxburgh (Samford University, Alabama), *Satan’s Ape: George Whitfield and the Opposition of the Seceders to the Cambuslang Revival*

**Session 4B: Whitefield and Susanna Wesley; Whitefield’s Afterlife in Germany**

(Chair: Dr Peter Nockles)

ALLEN & OVERY ROOM

Dr Rebecca Laird (Point Loma Nazarene University, California), *‘Dividing what Cannot Be Destroyed’: Susanna Wesley’s ‘Remarks’ on the Public Failures of Friendship between Mr. Whitefield and Her Sons*

Andrew Kloes (University of Edinburgh), *German Protestants’ Receptions and Interpretations of George Whitefield, 1740-1857*

Maximilian J. Hölzl (Cliff College/University of Manchester), *‘The Pioneer of Modern Evangelism’: George Whitefield’s Reception in Twentieth-Century German-Speaking Theology*

Friday 27 June

**8.00-8.45am Breakfast**

**9.00am Keynote 5** (Chair: Prof Isabel Rivers)

LECTURE THEATRE

Prof Mark Noll (University of Notre Dame, Indiana), *George Whitefield, Hymnody, and Evangelical Spirituality*

**10.00am Tea/Coffee**

**10.30am Session 5A: Perspectives on Whitefield in Literature and the Arts** (Chair: Prof Richard P. Heitzenrater)

ALLEN & OVERY ROOM

Dr Brett McInelly (Brigham Young University), *Performing the Revival: Whitefield,*

*Foote, and Theatrical Mimicry*

Dr Emma Salgard Cunha (Trinity College, University of Cambridge), *The Poetics*

*of Evangelical Affect: George Whitefield in the Literary Tradition of the Affections*

Dr Peter S. Forsaith (Oxford Brookes University), *Preacher, Painters and Portraits*

**Session 5B: Whitefield’s Afterlife in Britain and America**

(Prof John Coffey)

HAROLD LEE ROOM

Dr Peter J. Morden (Spurgeon’s College, London), *Whitefield and C.H. Spurgeon*

Prof Isabel Rivers (Queen Mary University of London), *George Whitefield’s Afterlife among Evangelical Dissenters and Church of England Evangelicals in the Later Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries*

Prof Harold Raser and Prof Joy Raser (Nazarene Theological Seminary, Missouri and University of Saint Mary, Kansas), *‘Song of Myself:’ George Whitefield and Benjamin Franklin, and the Shaping of American Individualism*

**12.30pm Lunch**

**1.30pm Keynote 6** (Chair: Prof Mark Noll)

LECTURE THEATRE

Dr Boyd S. Schlenther (Emertius Aberystwyth University), *‘I am content to wait till the day of judgment for the clearing up of my character’: George Whitefield’s Personal Life and Character*

**2.30pm Tea/Coffee**

**3.00pm Keynote 7** (Chair: Dr David Ceri Jones)

LECTURE THEATRE

Dr Andrew Atherstone (Wycliffe Hall, Oxford), *Commemorating Whitefield in the 19th and 20th Centuries*

**4.00pm Concluding Announcements**

**4.15pm Conclusion of the Conference**

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