

VOX SCHOLARIUM

NEWSLETTER OF THE GUILD OF SCHOLARS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



View of the richly colorful landscape of New Mexico

Annual conference to take place in-person on October 27-30, 2022

After a long period during which we all learned how to co-exist with the COVID-19 virus, the Guild emerges and once again announces plans for its annual meeting to take place in-person at the Norbertine Abbey in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 27-30, 2022. Most of the information needed for this meeting is contained in this issue of the *Vox Scholarium* but will only be supplemented in the summer and fall by reminder e-mails. New options for interesting, educational side trips are part of the exciting part of this annual meeting and will be explained in this issue of the *Vox*.

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The 2022 meeting of the Guild of Episcopal Scholars will be held Oct. 27-30 at the Norbertine Abbey on Coors Blvd. in Albuquerque N.M. Because there are a number of planned activities, we are starting the program a day early to allow as many people to participate as possible.



At the abbey, we will have many new visitors' quarters and a new meeting room just being completed this year. We hope to have evening prayer most days with the monks in the chapel, and perhaps Sunday worship as well.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 27

- Arrival, possible pickup at the Sunport
- Two shorter talks: Jameela Lares and Ed Hansen
- Service of Evening Prayer.

Friday, October 28

- Service of Morning Prayer
- Tour bus to Santa Fe for stops at various places off the plaza, possibly including the Georgia O'Keeffe museum or the New Mexico Museum of Art, the Palace of the Governors, and either the Loretto Chapel or the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.
- Lunch at a restaurant near the Plaza
- Organ concert by Maxine Thevenot at the Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque, followed by a
- Reception at the Cathedral
- Service of Evening Prayer

Saturday, October 29

- Bus trip to the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History for a guided tour
- Lunch at the Pueblo Cultural Center with dance performed by Pueblo Indians
- Return to the Abbey
- The third and fourth talks: Rowena McClinton and Will Polik
- Annual Meeting of the Guild of Scholars
- Dinner
- Service of Evening Prayer

Sunday, October 30

- Breakfast
- Service of Holy Eucharist
- The fifth talk: John Singleton
- Dismissal and departure for the airport

Information about the five speakers and their talks can be found on the following pages.



Please note the new format called “Short Talks” which we are testing this year. Short talks are meant to be brief (20 to 30 minutes with questions) reviews outlining some aspect of the presenter’s current research. If successful, short talks might supplement our standard presentation format at future meetings.

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Speakers at the Annual Meeting in October 2022**Short Talks**

Jameela Lares, Distinguished Professor of the Humanities, University of Southern Mississippi:

"Rightly Dividing: Different Narrative Methods in Bunyan and Milton."

Abstract: Two important seventeenth-century English works, *Paradise Lost* by John Milton (1608-1674) and *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan (1628-1688), can be usefully compared in terms of method, a key term in the seventeenth century. Milton's method is either/or, evident in the pervasive bifurcations of *Paradise Lost*, where Milton often provides contrary options by means of or, positioning the second option as the correct one. By contrast, Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* already has a defined direction that does not admit an or. There is only one viable road to the Celestial City, the King's Highway. In Bunyan's allegory, the difficulty is not making choices but in staying on the road. In contemporary terms, Bunyan's allegory is path dependent, or one that bases current decisions on past ones, whereas Milton epic considers alternatives.

Speaker: Jameela Lares is in her 28th year at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she researches and teaches on John Milton and Renaissance literature, the history of rhetoric, literary study of the Bible, and children's and young adult literature. Her publications include *Milton and the Preaching Arts* (Pittsburgh: Duquesne University Press, and Cambridge: James Clarke, 2001); *Paradise Lost, Books XI and XII*, Variorum Commentary on the Poems of John Milton, ed. Paul J. Klemp (Duquesne University Press, 2012); a translation and edition of Milton's *Artis Logicae Plenior Institutio* (1674) for the Complete Works of John Milton (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2023); and numerous articles and reviews in various academic journals.

Ed Hansen, Geological and Environmental Sciences Department, Hope College

"The Power and Beauty of Coherent Structures in Airflow on the Lee Slopes of Dunes"

Abstract: Airflow in the lee of sand dunes is relatively disorganized compared to the flow on the windward slopes and is often characterized as turbulent. The energy of the wind on the lee-slope is also much lower than on the windward side and is normally ignored in the study of dunes. During high-energy events, wind energy on the lee slope can exceed the threshold values for sand transport, although even under these conditions, lee-slope winds play a relatively minor role in the development of dune forms. During high energy events, airflow along the lee-slope shows a number of coherent sand-transporting structures within the general turbulence. In this talk I will try to show that this "organization within chaos" has a beauty and fascination that makes these structures worthy of study despite their limited "practical" value.

Speaker: Ed Hansen is Professor emeritus in the Geological and Environmental Science Department at Hope College where he taught for 35 years. He is currently the director of the Midstates Consortium for Math and Science. Ed received his PhD from the University of Chicago and for the first half of his career he focused on metamorphic geology with field areas in Southern India, California, Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Sweden. He began doing research on Great Lake's sand dunes in 1999 which gradually became the major focus of his work. He has been a member of the Guild of Scholars for roughly 20 years, was president of the Guild for 3 years and is now serving as interim president.

Long Talks

Rowena McClinton, Professor Emerita of History, Southern Illinois University, Evansville:

Abstract: "History of Moravian Roots and Their Missionary Missions in North America, 1735-1846"

The story of Moravian missionary work is one of persistence and a stubborn will to evangelize among the heathen. On October 17, 1799, the United Brethern (Unitas Fratrum), called Moravians in America, came together in Salem, North Carolina, to reconsider a mission among the Cherokees, a southeastern tribe. Moravians regarded the Native Americans as men while other European settlers continued to class the Indian as an animal with some human traits. At this particular meeting in 1799, Abraham Steiner was extraordinarily enthusiastic about making the journey into Cherokee territory. When queried about his strong show of interest, he answered by saying that the command, "Go ye into all the world" did not include the clause "if they call you." Thus, the Moravians displayed in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries a zealous desire to preach to the Cherokee Nation whether invited or not. This missionary impulse, planted in the hills and valleys of Bohemia and along the Moravia River in what is now the Czech Republic, gave rise to a network of missions throughout the world, but particularly in the North American continent.

Speaker: Two-volume publication, translated from German script, *The Moravian Springplace Mission to the Cherokees, 1805-1821* (Nebraska, 2007) and the *Abridgment* (Nebraska, 2010) to the two volumes are multi-faceted, and span a broad spectrum of scholarship: history of the early Republic, religious studies, history of borderland conflicts and contested lands, African American studies with emphasis on early nineteenth-century slavery in Georgia, history of the antebellum South, American Indian and Indigenous studies. In November of 2022, the University of Nebraska Press will publish three volumes of the John Howard Payne Papers housed in the Newberry Library, where I have been a Scholar-in-Residence since 2000. These volumes collectively address the political dilemmas American Indians faced while challenging their rights to remain in their ancestral domains.

William Polik, Hofman Professor of Chemistry, Hope University: "Development and Implications of a Quantum Mechanical Worldview."

Abstract: The theory of quantum mechanics was developed in the early 1900's as scientists struggled to explain new phenomena they were observing. The result is a highly successful, yet often counterintuitive, manner of interpreting the physical world about us. Key ideas underlying quantum mechanics will be presented at a conceptual level, together with reference to the debates at the time. The manner by which available models and mathematical methods led to the particular form and terminology of quantum theory will be reviewed. Some remaining open questions will be summarized. A brief example from my current research will be presented. Looking more broadly, the application of quantum ideas to "nonquantum" situations, from biology to psychology, will be illustrated.

Speaker: Dr. William Polik graduated from Dartmouth College in 1982 and received his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from UC Berkeley in 1988. He then joined the faculty at Hope College, where he is the Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Professor of Chemistry. He has 76 publications, given 121 invited seminars, organized 62 symposia and workshops, and received 55 grants and awards for \$2.5 million. Dr. Polik has received numerous research and teaching awards, including an NSF Presidential Young Investigator award, being named both an AAAS and an ACS Fellow, receiving the Hope College Provost's Award for Teaching Excellence, and receiving the Hope College's Academic Computing Innovation Award. Beyond teaching, service, and administration, Dr. Polik invented the "open-cavity teaching laser" and "CO₂ triple point demonstration" and is also the co-developer of WebMO, a web-based interface for computational chemistry which is in use at over 3,000 academic and research institutions worldwide.

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John Singleton, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Los Alamos and Oxford University:

“All That is Gold Does Not Glitter: the Quantum Mechanics of Metals”

Abstract: None of the properties of metals can be explained without quantum mechanics. When you grasp the hard, cold keys in your pocket, you are pushing against an extraordinarily energetic gas of quantum-mechanical particles. It is the pressure exerted by this gas of electrons that gives metals their strength. Though one tends to think of huge “atom-smashing” (to quote P.G. Wodehouse) accelerators - such as the Large Hadron Collider at CERN - as the source of our knowledge about subatomic particles, in practice, the development of an understanding of homely metals in the first half of the Twentieth Century has been one of the most stringent tests of quantum mechanics to date.

Gold seems to have been used in jewelry from about 6000 BCE; several metals and their applications in weapons, ornaments, currencies, buildings and musical instruments are mentioned in ancient literature such as the Greek legends and the Old Testament. Despite these early references, a complete understanding of metallic properties had to wait until the twentieth century. It was driven by many parallel discoveries made in the previous two centuries.

The seeds of enlightenment were nevertheless already scattered 3000 years ago in the above-mentioned cultures. The Hebrew idea of “dust” and the Greek *ἄτομος* were early descriptions of the ultimate, indivisible particles of matter from which everything is made. This train of thought eventually resulted in the discovery of subatomic particles such as electrons and protons in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Similarly, the idea that solids are made up of three-dimensional arrays of atoms held together by “bonds” gradually took shape.

I plan to give a brief review of the history and terminology, and then describe the astonishing quantum mechanical behavior of electrons that leads to metallic properties using a variety of analogies (e.g., the quantum interstate), jokes, literary references, and parables.

Speaker: BA and D.Phil. in Physics at Oxford University; research fellowship sponsored by Philips Electronics; Saraff scientist at the High Field Magnet Laboratory, Katholieke Universiteit Nijmegen, the Netherlands; Lecturer (tenured professor), Oxford University, founder of Oxford Correlated Electronic Systems Group; supervised D. Phil. students, postdocs and undergrads; Fellow and Tutor, Corpus Christi College, managed experimental teaching laboratories and helped keep Russian research institutes and universities running during the 1990s; promoted to Reader in Physics (Distinguished Professor) in 1997. Moved to National High Magnetic Field Laboratory in Los Alamos NM 2002; elected Los Alamos Laboratory Fellow, Fellow of the American Physical Society and Fellow of the Institute of Physics. Research includes spectroscopy, magnetometry, very high magnetic fields, actinides, magnetic-field-induced phase transitions, Kondo insulators, organic conductors, organic magnets and accelerated superluminal sources of radiation. He has 6 patents on antenna technology, and has co-authored around 500 papers in academic journals (approximately 10,000 citations, h-index 59), written a widely used undergraduate condensed-matter-physics textbook and edited an electromagnetism text. His other interests include church music (organist and choir director), creation myths, theology, philosophy and the evolution of science and music in the Christian West. He enjoys climbing mountains, cycling, keeping chickens, and making all of the family’s bread.

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Projected Costs of the Annual Conference of the Guild of Scholars

The Abbey hasn't figured the exact cost of meals yet - they're taking in bids from various local chefs - but they estimate about \$100-110 per day for meals. Of course, on Friday we will eat during the trip to Santa Fe and on Saturday on the trip to the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. Given that, here are the projected **costs of meals**:

Friday dinner	\$50
Saturday breakfast	\$30
Saturday dinner	\$60
Sunday breakfast	\$30
Sunday bag lunch	<u>\$25</u>
Total	\$195

Costs of lodging at the Norbertine Abbey:

All rooms have sink and vanity in the room.

- Room with 1 twin bed, shared bath - \$55 /person/night (7 available)
- Room with two twin beds, shared bath - \$50/person/night (6 available)
- Room with 1 twin bed, private bath - \$70/night (4 available)
- Room with 2 twin beds, private bath - \$75/night - single occupancy
- \$120/night - double occupancy
(14 available)

When all costs are finalized, **we will send out a registration form** for you to download, use to indicate your choices, and return to our Treasurer Alec Valentine with a check for the appropriate amount.

**Guild Business Meeting October 2022
Tentative Agenda**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting
3. Report of Membership Committee and Approval of New Members
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Corresponding Secretary's Report
7. Election of Officers
 - a. President
 - b. Corresponding Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
8. Proposal to appoint a webmaster to maintain the Guild's revised website
9. Mission Statement
10. New Business

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Announcements

- This year **special guests** at the conference will include Rev. Lawrence Dena, Retired Bishop of the Anglican Church of Malindi, Kenya, and his wife Jane.
- Jameela Lares, our recording secretary, has set up a **private Facebook** page just for us in order to facilitate conversations when we are not meeting face to face. Since it is currently private, you will not find it by searching Facebook, but Jameela will add you if you write her at Jameela.Lares@usm.edu.” Note that she says “currently private,” as the Guild members may at some point want to make it more accessible to attract new members.
- Bob Benson, our Corresponding Secretary, working with a web developer, has updated our website. Check out the new look at the same URL as the old webpage: www.guildofscholars.org.
- Ed Hansen is currently serving a one-year term as the interim president of the Guild of Scholars. His term ends at the conclusion of our October meeting and he will not service another. Nominations, including self-nominations, for the president’s position are welcome. Send nominations to hansen@hope.edu.
- Our Corresponding Secretary, Bob Benson, will also end his three-year term at the October meeting. The duties of his office will revert to the duties previously assigned to the Corresponding Secretary. Bob has agreed to remain as editor of the *Vox Scholarium*; so this will not be assigned to the Corresponding Secretary. Additionally, a new webmaster will need to be found to maintain our website since the duty of webmaster will also no longer be part of the work of the Corresponding Secretary. Nominations and self-nominations for the position of Corresponding Secretary and/or webmaster should be sent to Ed Hansen at hansen@hope.edu.

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Welcome to the New Members of the Guild of Scholars of the Episcopal Church 2021!

Mary Cayton is Emeritus Professor of History at Miami University, Ohio. Her main interest is social, cultural and intellectual history of the nineteenth century United States. She has edited encyclopedias on these subjects and published a book on Emerson.

Janel Curry is a geographer who taught at Central College and Calvin College, served as Dean of Research and Scholarship at Calvin College, as Provost at Gordan College and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Medaille College.

Lofton Durham is associate professor of Theater at Western Michigan University. He is both a professional director and a scholar specializing in Medieval theater.

Clair Francomano is professor of medical and molecular genetics at Indiana University School of Medicine. Her main interest has been on hereditary disorders of connective tissue and skeletal dysplasia and has published over 1320 peer-reviewed papers on this and similar subjects.

Shannon Gayk is associate professor of English at Indiana University. Her specialty is Medieval Literature. She has written one book and edited several collections of essays and papers on this subject.

Joseph Jones is emeritus professor in the Department of Hispanic Studies, University of Kentucky. His main scholarly interest is early Spanish literature.

Margaret Jones is emeritus professor in the Department of Hispanic Studies, University of Kentucky. Her main scholarly interest is Spanish Literature.

Christopher Kaiser is emeritus professor of Historical and Systematic Theology at Western Theological Seminary. In addition to a PhD in Christian Dogmatics, he has a doctorate in astrophysics. The relationship between science and Christian faith has been one of his main themes. He is the author of four scholarly books.

Laura Knoppers is professor of English at Notre Dame University. Her primary research interest is 17th century literature, particularly Milton. She has written or edited 9 books on this subject and was editor of *Milton Studies* from 2009 until 2018.

Hannah Matis is associate professor of Church History at Virginia Theological Seminary. She recently published a book: *The Song of Songs in the Early Middle Ages*.

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News of Members

Nick Birns, who teaches at New York University, is co-author, along with Louis Klee, a Junior Research Fellow at Clare College, Cambridge, of *The Cambridge Companion to the Australian Novel*, to appear later this year from Cambridge University Press. Providing a clear, lively, and accessible account of the novel in Australia, the chapters of this book survey significant issues and developments in the Australian novel, offer historical and conceptual frameworks, and provide vivid and original examples of what reading an Australian novel looks like in practice. The book begins with novels by literary visitors to Australia and concludes with those by refugees. In between, the reader encounters the Australian novel in its splendid contradictoriness, from nineteenth-century settler fiction by women writers through to literary images of the Anthropocene, from sexuality in the novels of Patrick White to Waanyi writer Alexis Wright's call for a sovereign First Nations literature. This book is an invitation to students, instructors, and researchers alike to expand and broaden their knowledge of the complex histories and vital present of the Australian novel. The book is an excellent reference source on a subject of growing interest to researchers.

We are always happy to receive news of members! Please send your information to Bob Benson (bensonra@miamioh.edu), editor of the *Vox Scholarium*. Please include your current academic or other affiliation and the publishing house or periodical in which your work is found. If you are an exhibiting or performing artist, please indicate sites and dates of shows or concerts. Please send images in .jpeg, .gif, .pdf, or .png format.

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