

Instituting Calvin: Society, Culture, and Diaspora

18-21 June, 2009

Victoria University in the University of Toronto

Thursday 18 June

5:00 pm Opening Reception for rare book exhibition (Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, Robarts Library) – *by invitation*

Calvin by the Book

7:30 pm Evening presentation (Victoria College Chapel)

Calvin Seerveld (Institute for Christian Studies) and Stephanie Martin (York University)

Genevan Psalms in Historical Context

Friday 19 June

9:00 am Plenary (Victoria College Chapel)

Alister McGrath (Oxford University)

The Shaping of Reality: Calvin and the Formation of Theological Vision

Friday Session 1: 11:00-12:30

A. Calvinists Rewriting Medieval Traditions

Chair: Robert Sweetman (Institute for Christian Studies)

(Emmanuel 302)

Ward R. Holder (Saint Anselm College)

Calvin and Tradition: Tracing Expansion, Locating Development, Suggesting Authority

Nicholas Must (Wilfrid Laurier University)

The Production of the Manipulus florum in Calvinist Geneva: Reception and Alteration

B. Interior/Exterior: Piety, Preaching, and Politics

Chair: Alan Hayes (University of Toronto)

(Victoria 212)

Richard Bailey (Queen's University)

Christ is Righteousness Within: Quaker-Puritan Debates in Seventeenth Century England

Susan Bell (Wycliffe College, University of Toronto)

'The Country Parson' or 'The Faithful Shepherd': George Herbert, Richard Bernard, and the Politics of Preaching

Sandra Freeman (Independent Scholar)

Lives Examined: Confessions of Faith in Early Massachusetts Bay Settlers

Lunch 12:30-2:00

Friday Session 2: 2:00-3:30

A. The Language of Politics in England

Chair: Helen Vreugdenhil (Redeemer University College)
(Emmanuel 108)

Catherine Harris (University of Sydney)

Calvinism and Ciceronian moral philosophy in the Elizabethan res publica

Jason White (University of Guelph)

From Political Calvinism to Militant pan-Protestantism: Vindiciae Contra Tyrannos and Late Elizabethan Foreign Policy, 1585-1603

Scott Kindred-Barnes (Toronto School of Theology)

Anticipating Liberty: What has Roger Williams to do with Calvin's Political Theology?

B. Culture, Theology, and Discipline

Chair: Chris Nighman (Wilfrid Laurier University)
(Victoria 212)

Emily Winerock (University of Toronto)

Calvinists and Ecclesiastes 3.4: Ecclesiastical Patronage and Persecution of Dancing in Early Modern Scotland and England

Rebekah Smick (Institute for Christian Studies)

Rethinking Calvin's approach to the arts: a theology of art or a Calvinist aesthetic?

John Witvliet (Calvin College, Calvin Theological Seminary)

John Calvin's Theology of Liturgy

Break 3:30-4:00

Friday Session 3: 4:00-5:30

A. The Politics of Language in France

Chair: Jane Couchman (York University)
(Emmanuel 205)

Jeannine Olson (Rhode Island College)

The Colloquy of Poissy and the Augsburg Confession through the Correspondence of Nicholas Des Gallars, a Reformed Delegate

Adam Duker (The University of Notre Dame)

The Protestant Israelites of Sancerre: Jean de Léry and the Confessional Demarcation of Cannibalism

Paul Cohen (University of Toronto)

Pentecost in Gascony: Calvinist and Catholic Missionaries in the Vernacular Battleground of Southwestern France, 16th-17th Centuries

7:30 pm Concert (Knox College Chapel)

Emily Brink (Calvin College), John Derksen (Knox College), and Stephanie Martin (York University)

Saturday 20 June

9:00 am Plenary: (Victoria College Chapel)

Serene Jones (Union Theological Seminary)

My Three Calvins: Politics and Religion Revisited – U.S. Style

Saturday Session 1: 11:00-12:30

A. Calvinism and Social Context

Chair: James Estes (University of Toronto)

(Emmanuel 302)

Anne-Laure Van Bruaene (Ghent University)

Building a Second Geneva: Civic Calvinism and the Ghent Calvinist Republic, 1557-1584

Edwin Bezzina (Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial University)

To Marry in Difficult Times: The Practice of Marriage among the Protestant Minority of Loudun, France, 1598-1685

Franco Pierno (University of Toronto)

L'esthétique calviniste et son influence sur la langue

italienne. Une approche historic-linguistique des textes en italien publiés à Genève pendant les années de Jean Calvin

B. Orthodoxy and Beyond in the 18th and 19th Centuries

Chair: Greta Kroeker (University of Waterloo)

(Victoria 212)

Otto Selles (Calvin College)

Instituting and Enforcing Calvinism's Margins: The Multipliers of Montpellier (1719-1723): An Eighteenth-Century Huguenot Sect

Dale Van Kley (Ohio State University)

Reformist Catholicism, Approximate Protestantism, and the Limits of Religious Toleration in the Dutch Republic: Pierre Le Clerc and the Provincial Council in Utrecht, 1757-1769

Kurt Anders Richardson (McMaster University)

The Institutes in the Glaubenslehre: Schleiermacher's Appropriation of Calvin

Lunch 12:30-2:00

Saturday Session 2: 2:00-3:30

A. Diasporic Calvinism

Chair: Brian Clarke (University of Toronto)

(Victoria 212)

David Whitford (United Theological Seminary)

A Calvinist Heritage to the 'Curse of Ham'?: Assessing the Accuracy of a Claim about Racial

Subordination

Peter Bush (Westwood Presbyterian Church)

Canadian Calvinists and the Native Peoples of Canada, 1850-1925

Kuk-Won Shin (Chongshin University and Seminary)

Balancing the Extremes: A Tale of Korean Calvinism

B. Othering Radicals: Calvinists and Anabaptists in the Dutch Republic

Chair: Michael Driedger (Brock University)

(Emmanuel 205)

Mirjam Veen (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

An Anabaptist image of John Calvin and the Calvinists

Piet Visser (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Mennonites and Calvinists in Friesland: Struggles in the 17th Century

Gary Waite (University of New Brunswick)

Mennonites and Calvinists: views on Each Other and the Religious Other

Saturday Session 3: 4:00-5:30

A. Neo-Calvinism and the Invention of Tradition

Chair: Nicholas Terpstra (University of Toronto)

(Emmanuel 108)

John Roney (Sacred Heart University)

Calvin Among the Romantics: the Rediscovery of Calvin in Nineteenth-Century Europe

Keith Sewell (Dordt College)

Abraham Kuyper's (mis)use of the 'French Revolution' in his Stone Lectures on Calvinism: Roots, Motivations, and Consequences

Herman Paul (Leiden University)

'We Calvinists': A Case-Study in Narrative Self-Identification

6:00 pm BBQ dinner (Victoria College)

7:30 pm Plenary (Victoria College Chapel)

Marilynne Robinson

Calvinism and Classic American Literature