The 2015 Conference on John Milton

October 15-17, 2015

Sponsored by the English Department
Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

All conference activities will be held at the Doubletree Hotel-Murfreesboro.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 15
Reception
Salons A-C

Friday, October 16
Official Welcome and Plenary Address
Salons A-C

Maria Bachman, English Department Chair
(Middle Tennessee State)

Sharon Achinstein (Johns Hopkins)
“‘High Enterprise’: Milton and the Genres of Scholarship”

Coffee Break
10:00-10:15 a.m.

Milton: Sources and Influence
Veterans Room

Maggie Kilgour (McGill)
“The Mighty and Miltonic Line of Marlowe”

Randy Ingram (Davidson)
“When a Miltonist Went to India: Thomas Babington Macauley’s ‘Milton’ and ‘Minute on Indian Education’”

Barry Cole (Alabama)
“The Mocked Hearth: Jesus’ Home as a Shunned Space in Milton’s Paradise Regained”
Milton: Religious Views 10:15-11:30 a.m.
Salon A

Brooke Conti (Cleveland State)
“The Cowl Doesn’t Make the Monk: Milton’s Monasticism”

George Ramos (Western Ontario)

Hugh Wilson (Grambling State)
“The History of Britain: Milton’s Casual Disparagement of ‘Arian Doctrine’ in 1670”

Milton and the Spirit 10:15-11:30 a.m.
Salon B

Hayley Langton (Brigham Young)
“Milton and the Spirit: An Intermediary between Reason and Law”

David Urban (Calvin)
“Milton’s Emphasis on the External Scripture in His Major Poems”

David Ainsworth (Alabama)
“Samson and the Spirit: A Breath of Fresh Air”

Milton: Artistic/Literary Influence 10:15-11:30 a.m.
Salon C

Angelica Duran (Purdue)
“By shading Pencil drawn’: Spanish Illustrations of Paradise Lost”

Wendy Furman-Adams (Whittier)
“Heavy Milton: Terrance Lindall’s Paradise Lost, 1979-2015”

Lara Dodds (Mississippi State)
“Milton and Robots”

Coffee Break 11:30-11:45 a.m.
Milton: Political Views I  11:45 a.m-1:00 p.m.
Veterans Room

John Leonard (Western Ontario)
“Sonnet 8 and the Muse’s Power / To Save”

Brendan M. Prawdzik (Pennsylvania State)
“Beating the Fool: Animadversions, The Apology, and Colasterion”

Alex Garganigo and Charlotte Smart (Austin)
“Comus and Coronation”

Milton: Influence  11:45 a.m-1:00 p.m.
Salon A

Sarah Ritcheson (Miami)
“Apocalypse Now: Restoration Elegy and the Violence of Mourning”

Laura DeFurio (Alabama)
“The Politics of Unruly Women in Paradise Lost and Order and Disorder”

William John Silverman, Jr. (Southern Virginia)
“Tasting the Fruit: Miltonic Echoes in Latter-Day Scriptures”

Milton and Gender  11:45 a.m-1:00 p.m.
Salon B

Todd Butler (Washington State)
“Milton, Deliberative Liberty, and the Law of Spousal Privileges”

Melissa Welshans (Syracuse)
“‘Where no shadow stays thy coming’: Typology and the Female Life Cycle in Book 4 of Paradise Lost”

John Jarzemsky (Hunter)
“A Madwoman in the Garden: Reconsidering Miltonic Allusion in Christina Rossetti’s ‘Goblin Market’”

Learning in the Miltonic Classroom  11:45 a.m-1:00 p.m.
Salon C

Margaret Thickstun (Hamilton)
“Teaching Paradise Lost through Oral Performance”

John Mulryan and Sandra Mulryan (St. Bonaventure)
“Milton’s Contribution to St. Bonaventure University’s Core Seminar Course ‘The Intellectual Journey’”

Ryan Netzley (Southern Illinois)
“Digression, Sublimity, and Learning in Milton’s Lycidas”

Lunch Break (on your own)  1:00-2:30 p.m.
Milton and Marriage 2:30-3:45 p.m.
Veterans Room

David Bradshaw (Warren Wilson)
“For nothing is better than this’: Homeric homophrosynê and Miltonic Companionate Marriage”

Sarah Van der Laan (Indiana)
“Milton’s Italian Lessons: From the Odyssey to Paradise Lost via Gerusalemme liberata”

Ben Rashkovich (Columbia)
“First Loves: Sex and Marriage between Adam and Eve”

Milton and Biography 2:30-3:45 p.m.
Salon A

Elisabeth Liebert (Louisiana State-Shreveport)
“Katherine Woodcock’s Childhood”

Edward Jones (Oklahoma State)
“Political Diplomacy, Personal Conviction, and the Fraught Nature of Milton’s Letters of State”

David Lee Vaughan III (Oklahoma State)
“The Case for Tuendam: Reading Milton’s State Papers as Miltonic”

Milton’s Influence in the Restoration and 18th Century 2:30-3:45 p.m.
Salon B

Warren Tormey (Middle Tennessee State)
“One what thou hast of vertue, summon all’: Claiming Hortulian Virtues in Paradise Lost”

Anthony Welch (Tennessee)
“Missive Fires . . . and Hand Granadoes’: Epic Warfare after Milton”

Nicholas Allred (Rutgers)
“Paradise Finding Aids”

Milton and Chastity 2:30-3:45 p.m.
Salon C

Arlo Henry McCullah Hall (Middle Tennessee State)
“Thrice upon Thy Rubied Lip”: Virtuous (Dis)Enchantment at Ludlow”

J. Aaron Moore (Texas)
“A Thousand Fantasies’: Conceiving Sin in Milton’s Masque”

Karen Dodson (North Georgia)
“And all the faded roses shed’: The Rose Garland as a Chastity Test in Paradise Lost”
Coffee Break 3:45-4:00 p.m.

Milton’s Serpent 4:00-5:15 p.m.
Veterans Room

Thomas Festa (SUNY–New Palz)
“Snaky Justice in *Paradise Lost*”

Clay Greene (Yale)
“The Universe of Death**: Death and the Book 10 Transformation”

Tim Rosendale (Southern Methodist)
“Blame and Agency in *Paradise Lost* Book 10”

Milton and Vision 4:00-5:15 p.m.
Salon A

Danielle A. St. Hilaire (Duquesne)
“‘Darkness Visible’: Seeing through Disability in *Paradise Lost*”

Emily E. Stelzer (Houston Baptist)
“Euphrasy, Rue, Polysemy, and Repairing the Ruins”

Stacy Dearing (Purdue)
“‘Of things invisible to mortal sight’: Witnessing in *Samson Agonistes*”

Milton: Crime and Punishment 4:00-5:15 p.m.
Salon B

Kristin Deiter (Tennessee Tech)
“Before and after Milton’s Imprisonment: The Tower of London in *Eikonoklastes* and *Paradise Lost*”

Jessica Hall (East Tennessee State)
“Cold War: Surveillance, Espionage, and Propaganda in *Paradise Lost*”

Brett A. Hudson (Middle Tennessee State)
“The Early Modern Prison in Milton’s *Paradise Lost*”

Milton: Political Views II 4:00-5:15 p.m.
Salon C

Michael Kieser (U.S. Military Academy)
“The Gordian Knot and the Accidental Ascension of the Bastard in Milton’s ‘At a Vacation Exercise’”

Ben LaBreche (Mary Washington)
“Not Ready, Never Easy: Popular Sovereignty and Natural Law”

Jason A. Kerr (Brigham Young)
“Consent and the Restoration Monarchy: The Political Theologies of Milton’s *Readie and Easie Way* and Baxter’s *Holy Commonwealth*”
Open Bar 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Salons A-C

Dinner (Casual Attire) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

Milton and Matter 9:00-10:15 a.m.
Veterans Room

- David A. Harper (U.S. Military Academy)
  “Milton and the Monist Material Text”

- J. Antonio Templanza (Yale)
  “Theodicy without Mirrors: On the Matter of Chaos in Paradise Lost”

- R. Bradley Holden (Yale)
  “Why Milton is not a Materialist”

Milton: Seventeenth-Century Contexts 9:00-10:15 a.m.
Salon A

- Manuel Cárdenas (McGill)

- Maura Brady (LeMoyne)
  “Haunted Places, Sacred Spaces in Milton’s Poetry”

- Everett Wade (Memphis)
  “Whitewashing Samson: Samson Agonistes and the Judges Narrative in the Seventeenth Century”

Milton: Unfolding Providence 9:00-10:15 a.m.
Salon B

- Peter Smith (Western Carolina)
  “The Word Became Dream: Milton and Oneiric Prophecy”

- Christopher Koester (Indiana)
  “The Changing Use and Meaning of Shade in Paradise Lost”

- Sam Hushagen (Washington)
  “Typology and Milton’s Masterplot”
Milton: Poetry of Tension and Debate  9:00-10:15 a.m.
Salon C

Peter E. Medine (Arizona)
“Milton’s Lycidas: Argument and Counterargument”

Mary Grace Elliott (New Hampshire)
“Milton’s Use of Paradoxes to ‘Justify the Ways of God to Men’”

Judith H. Anderson (Indiana)
“Miltonic Analogy”

Coffee Break  10:15-10:30 a.m.

Poetic Milton: Early and Late  10:30-11:45 a.m.
Veterans Room

Lisa Ulevich (Georgia State)
“Poetry to Leave Behind: Epitaphium Damonis”

William Shullenberger (Sarah Lawrence)
“Milton’s Final Sonnet”

Stephen B. Dobranski (Georgia State)
“Why Does Heaven Need a Wall? Images of Divine Fortification in Paradise Lost”

Milton’s Angels  10:30-11:45 a.m.
Salon A

Catherine Gimelli Martin (Memphis)
“Milton’s Stripling Cherub: A Minor/Major Materialist Heresy”

Timothy Windsor (CUNY)
“Raphael’s Passional Catabasis: A Close Reading of the Edenic Section of Book 5”

Joshua Held (Trinity International)
“Raphael’s Failed Peroratio in Paradise Lost: Conflicting Models of Inner Strength in Homer and Paul”

Milton and Learning  10:30-11:45 a.m.
Salon B

James Ross Macdonald (U of the South)
“’Backwardest Scholars’: Prelapsarian Learning in Milton and St. Avitus”

D. Geoffrey Emerson (Alabama)
“Breastplates and the Substance of Truth and Matter in Paradise Lost”

Gardner Campbell (Virginia Commonwealth)
Milton and Logic 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Salon C

Russell Hugh McConnell (Alabama)
“God’s Grammar: Parsing Omniscience in *Paradise Lost*”

Matt Smith (Alabama)
“The Paradigm of Temptation in John Milton”

Emma Wilson (Alabama)
“Re-Visiting Milton’s (Logical) God: Empson 2015”

Coffee Break 11:45 a.m.-noon

Plenary Address 12:00-12:45 p.m.
Salons A-C

David Loewenstein (Pennsylvania State)
“Writing in the Aftermath of Civil War: *Paradise Lost*, Virgil, and the Politics of Contemporary History”

Official Closing 12:45 p.m.
Kevin J. Donovan (Middle Tennessee State)
Charles W. Durham (Middle Tennessee State)
Kristin A. Pruitt (Christian Brothers University)
Registration
The registration fee of $130 includes the catered opening reception on Thursday, October 15; coffee and pastry on Friday and Saturday, October 16-17; and dinner on Friday, October 16. It also includes a souvenir teeshirt. The registration fee may be paid by check, money order, or bank draft. We cannot accept payment by credit card. Please make checks payable to “The Conference on John Milton” and mail with the registration form to Kevin Donovan, Department of English, P.O. Box 401, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

Accommodations
Travel: Murfreesboro is located 35 miles south of Nashville International Airport. KeyTransportation, LLC will provide transportation between the airport and the conference site (the Doubletree Hotel in Murfreesboro) for the special conference rate of $90 (round-trip). To arrange airport shuttle service, use the hotlink at the conference website, or send an e-mail message to <keytransportshuttle@juno.com> or call 615-217-7433; be sure to ask for the conference rate. Car rental service is also available at the airport.

Lodging: All conference activities will be held at the Doubletree Hotel; the conference rate there is $90 (plus tax) per room. For reservations, you can go directly to the Doubletree website: <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/tennessee/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-murfreesboro-MBTDTDT/index.html>; to obtain the conference rate, enter Group Code CJM. Or call 615-895-5555.

The Doubletree will hold rooms at the conference rate until September 18. We strongly encourage you to make reservations as soon as possible. Other area motels are listed below.

Saturday Evening Dinner at Cortner Mill:
Once again we are organizing a trip to Cortner Mill, a picturesque country restaurant, for conference participants who are staying over Saturday night. The cost of dinner is $30. We will provide bus transportation for those who don’t wish to take their cars.
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Microtel Inn
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151 Chaffin Place
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

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(615) 893-8170
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2230 Old Fort Parkway
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

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(615) 849-9000
165 Chaffin Place
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

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(615) 867-5000
127 Chaffin Place
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

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1970 Old Fort Pkwy, Murfreesboro
(615) 217-2757

Farmers Family Restaurant
1958 Old Fort Pkwy, Murfreesboro
(615) 867-7717

Milano II Italian Restaurant
114 E College St, Murfreesboro
(615) 624-7390

The Alley on Main
223 W Main St, Murfreesboro
(615) 203-3498

Bonefish Grill
505 N Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro
(615) 217-1883

The Chop House
541 N Thompson Ln, Murfreesboro
(615) 849-9339

Bar Louie
The Avenue Murfreesboro, 2615 Medical Center Pkwy
(615) 410-4120

Mimi's Cafe
The Avenue Murfreesboro, 2625 Medical Center Pkwy
(615) 893-1352

Five Senses Restaurant
1602 W Northfield Blvd #515, Murfreesboro
(615) 867-4155

LongHorn Steakhouse
The Avenue Murfreesboro, 2821 Medical Center Pkwy
(615) 890-4187

Coconut Bay Cafe
210 Stones River Mall Blvd, Murfreesboro
(615) 494-0504

Chili's Grill & Bar
The Avenue Murfreesboro, 2741 Medical Center Pkwy
(615) 849-3229
REGISTRATION FORM

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(Feel free to wait until the conference to pay for the dinner/bus.)

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