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A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Greetings from the ASCH Office at Baylor University! As this newsletter is the first of the year, let me also wish all members a successful year in all their academic pursuits – research, teaching, or writing...

The main event in the life of the ASCH since the last newsletter was the Winter Meeting in San Diego, January 7-10. For the Society, the meeting was a great success – and not only because of the fantastic weather! (Take a look at the pictures from the conference on the Society's web site.) For example, more than 150 people registered for the conference. Add walk-ins from the American Historical Association meeting and more than 200 people attended the various sessions. (The average number of registrants is usually closer to one hundred.) Events such as the breakfast for Women in Theology and Church History and the Distinguished Career Award were very well attended and I heard only good things about the paper sessions. The only 'fly in the ointment' was that some presenters were unable to get to San Diego due to the inclement weather in the Mid-West and on the East Coast.

As members would expect, there was the usual news from the various administrative meetings – the budget is balanced (with much effort), the editors of *Church History* continue to receive a large number of submissions and produce a first-class journal, and the Society has a new president and president-elect. Usual but unique news was the winners of the Society's book prizes, one of them being John Van Engen, a former ASCH president. New news: the Spring 2011 meeting will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan; membership in the Society is free to members over the age of 70 who chose not to receive *Church History*; the Outler and Schaff prizes have been increased to \$2,000; and membership dues will increase by \$5 in 2011.

Thinking of the changes at the Winter Meeting, I want to say a special "Thank you" to all the members of the standing committees of the Society, particularly those who have ended their term of service. Members of the Council or the Finance Committee work voluntarily. Their only recompense is the satisfaction of contributing to the life of the Society. Committee members: you have made my job a great deal easier – thanks!

I want to end with a couple of "don't forgets." First, the deadline for submitting individual papers and panels for the 2011 Winter Meeting in Boston is March 15. Second, keep sending suggestions for improvements to the web site. (The full site, with all the bells and whistles, will be online in May.) I look forward to hearing from you.

Keith A. Francis
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT: RICHARD HEITZENRATER

The snow in North Carolina seems a world away from the sun we experienced at our annual winter meeting in San Diego. In spite of a few winter delays and cancellations for the bad weather across the country, a large group did make it to the west coast and enjoyed the fine sessions as well as the beautiful weather. We appreciate the good work of our relatively new executive secretary, Keith Francis, and his staff in dealing with the many details of that venture.

There is no spring meeting this year, as you know. But we are hoping in the future to come up with some new ways for members to participate in the programs of the Society with more frequency and less travel. We also hope to increase participation through electronic media as well as new public relations ventures with other societies and membership initiatives with graduate students, retiring teachers, and others who may not have had occasion to join with us or stay with us in the past. We would covet any ideas that you might have in order to make our Society more user-friendly to the membership.

A continuing challenge will be to re-create financial stability in the Society, which we have discovered relies heavily upon our membership, since our largest single source of continuing support is from the annual dues. We have also formed a long-range financial planning committee to make suggestions for improved guidelines and policies toward the careful use and investment of our funds.

We hope that you remember—the ASCH is a strong organization because of you and hundreds of people like you. Your leaders look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Richard P. Heitzenrater
Duke University

ASCH NEWSLETTER WELCOMES NEW CO-EDITOR

We are pleased to welcome a new member to the ASCH newsletter editorial staff. Beth Georgian becomes the third co-editor. Her introduction, as well as a word from all of us, is below.

INTRODUCTION: CO-EDITOR BETH GEORGIAN

Greetings from the newest member of the ASCH newsletter editing team. I am a PhD student at the University of Delaware, finishing my dissertation *A Church In Crisis? Paradoxes in the Rise of American Methodism, 1777-1835*. My other research interests include religion, illness, and medicine as well as early nineteenth-century print culture and the rise of religious celebrities. My interests outside of work include organic gardening and canning, historical reproduction embroidery, animal rescue, and volunteering in ways that use my financial skills. I would like to thank Candy Gunther Brown for her warm welcome to the ASCH and for this opportunity, and my co-editors, David Scott and Courtney Lyons, for their help in showing me how to put together a newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you with comments or suggestions about the newsletter; please contact me at georgian@udel.edu

Beth Georgian

A WORD FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Greetings from the Chair of the Membership Committee! After a fruitful meeting in San Diego, we are excited to move forward into 2010. There have been a number of improvements in management of the membership database from the office of the Executive Secretary. We now have a much clearer sense of who the dues paying members of the Society are. If you have not paid your dues (or noticed that you have stopped receiving /Church History because you are not current with your dues), this is a reminder to do so! The Society's new website will make it easy to pay your dues online. The membership committee welcomes suggestions for how we can better meet the needs of our current membership and reach out to other potential members. The Society has introduced two new membership categories. Graduate students who have already enjoyed their two complimentary years of membership may continue their membership for a reduced rate as long as they are students. Honorary members who are at least seventy years of age and no longer wish to receive the journal may continue their membership at no cost (or, if they do wish to receive the journal, can continue to do so at the reduced retiree rate). If you know of any former members--especially from outside the U.S.--who may not have their current contact information on file with us, please pass along this information to the ASCH office! If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the membership committee, feel free to contact the chair, Candy Gunther Brown (browncg@indiana.edu), or any of the other current members: Courtney Lyons, David Scott, Peggy Bendroth, Adrian Weimer, or Horace Six-Means.

Candy Gunther Brown

A WORD FROM THE NEWSLETTER CO-EDITORS

Happy 2010! We hope those of you who were able to start the year by joining us at the ASCH conference in San Diego found the conference an invigorating start to the year. Not only were the panels intellectually stimulating and the weather appreciatively balmy, we enjoyed the chance to meet new colleagues or catch up with old ones. This conference was the first chance for Courtney and David to meet after co-editing the newsletter together for a year. The conference also brought us our newest co-editor, Beth Georgian, whom we are happy to welcome to the team.

This issue of the ASCH Newsletter brings a couple of new features. We have added a page for graduate students and one for independent scholars, both of which will provide a place for announcements as well as an opportunity to profile selected members. If you have news relative to graduate students or independent scholars you would like included in the newsletter, please send it to one of us. If you or someone you know would like to be featured in our grad student profile or independent scholar profile, please send that information to us as well.

As always, if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions for the newsletter, we are happy to receive them from you.

Courtney Lyons
David Scott
Beth Georgian

ASCH COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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MEMBERSHIP DUES – A REMINDER

The next issue of *Church History* will be published in March and mailed during that month. Members should remember that if they have not paid their dues for this year, 2010, they will not receive this issue. It is not possible to renew online and so a check for the appropriate amount should be sent to the ASCH Office. For 2010, the dues are:

Members with Addresses in the United States

Members: \$60
 Retired Members: \$35
 Graduate Students: \$25

Members with Addresses outside the United States

Members: \$85
 Retired Members: \$40
 Graduate Students \$40

ASCH 2009 WINTER CONFERENCE

BRIAN STANLEY'S *THE WORLD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, EDINBURGH 1910*:

A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

This panel was very successful! The attendance was robust and the audience was keenly interested, so that a lively discussion followed.

Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen spoke mainly about the potential of Brian Stanley's book for university teaching purposes, and how students could approach it; she also discussed the issues regarding colonialism and its impact on who participated and how the World Missionary Conference unfolded.

Peter Phan gave a lively presentation that included reflections on the theological legacies (and shortcomings) of Edinburgh, and unexpected directions in the subsequent development of world Christianity particularly vis-a-vis the East Asian churches.

Heather Sharkey focused on Stanley's exploration of important players in the movement—the Anglicans—and on excluded groups—such Latin Americans and women. She concluded by discussing some of Edinburgh's intriguing, dynamic, and important participants, which included the YMCA, which contributed an "ecumenical glue" to the entire conference.

Keith, in his capacity as de facto commentator and chair, noted the striking contrast between what the Edinburgh 1910 delegates expected (or how they saw the world at the time) and what really happened — that is, the surprising twists and turns in the story.

After the presentations by the speakers, a broad-ranging discussion ensued. Two issues raised by members of the audience stood out in particular. One audience member asked the panel to comment on the idea that the World Council of Churches is the institutional successor of Edinburgh 1910 but that the Lausanne Movement is the spiritual successor of Edinburgh 1910.

Scott Sunquist expanded on issue of the lack of missionary participation in the conference. The commentators as a group found themselves mulling over the shortcomings of Edinburgh 1910—Heather had also emphasized the exclusion of Africans, native Christians, actual missionaries, and small, impoverished missionary societies. They also reflected on the actual participants' often glaring ignorance about the missionary work itself, with Harvard professors making decisions, rather than missionaries-on-the-ground. Scott wondered if Edinburgh 1910 would have been better off -- that is, more effective in the long-run—if more missionaries had been at the helm. This is an intriguing question that perhaps could be expanded on in later work, particularly the consequences of the under-representation of missionaries, and the consequences for the commission reports and what followed after the conference.

The panel and the audience shared their favorite factoids from the book or about the conference. A librarian from Union seminary library mentioned the absurdly brief questionnaires, while Peter Phan mentioned one from Japan that ran on for something like 236 pages.

A senior faculty member from Texas Abilene University mentioned the comment of a Harvard professor many years ago who attributed the rise of church history as a field to the Edinburgh 1910 conference, a relevant point for members of the ASCH.

Overall, the panel discussed an intriguing work that situates the conference in its historical and cultural context and may prove a useful work in a variety of classroom settings both due to its scholarly significance, skillful use of primary documents, and clarity.

(Left: Panelists share a lighter moment.)



ASCH 2009 WINTER CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE PROFILE:

“CHANGING ATTITUDES TOWARDS WOMEN” PANEL

This year's ASCH panel "Changing Attitudes Towards Women" took place in a room with a view: a window behind the panelists provided gorgeous views of the water sparkling in the warm sunshine. Fortunately, the provocative papers delivered by Rosalie Beck, Karen K. Seat, and Quincy Newell tempered temptations to wander out into the seventy-degree weather!

Beck led off by examining Texas Baptists' debates over women's ordination in the 1890s. Her paper navigated the various arguments Baptists used to defend and to attack women's right to preach. Both sides drew on the Bible for support, but as Beck pointed out, the tide turned decisively against supporters of women's ordination in the 1890s. As with other progressive initiatives in the South, campaigns for women's ordination foundered in the face of stiff opposition from within and outside the denomination.

Seat picked up the debate over women's ordination in the SBC in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, when egalitarians, complementarians, and patriarchalists battled over biblical teaching concerning gender. Seat detailed the 1994 ouster of Professor Molly Marshall at Southern Baptist Seminary, where a conservative board and president demanded faculty oppose women's ordination. Fourteen years later, some of those same conservatives found themselves defending Sarah Palin as qualified for the biggest bully pulpit in the land. Seat detailed how patriarchalists (who believed men should lead all institutions) criticized complementarians (who believed scripture only commanded male leadership of home and church) for the latter group's endorsement of a woman for vice president.

Newell moved us away from the SBC and back into the nineteenth century, when an African American woman named Jane James challenged racial and gender norms in the early Mormon church. James repeatedly asked LDS officials for temple endowments, which they denied her on account of her race. But, as Newell showed, James found succor in the all-female Relief Society, where she won respect and leadership as "Aunt Jane."

A rich question-and-answer session gave all three panelists ideas for revision and further research. ASCH members should watch for these scholars' projects to appear in print.

Seth Dowland



ASCH Members gather for the Women in Theology and Church History breakfast at the Winter Meeting in San Diego.

DAVID STEINMETZ HONORED WITH DISTINGUISHED CAREER AWARD

ASCH honored David Steinmetz with the Distinguished Career Award at the Winter Meeting in San Diego. Panelists, comprised of former students and long-time colleagues, offered their tributes to Professor Steinmetz as colleague, as mentor, as scholar, as media consultant, and as advisor and teacher. Chuck Lippy presented the award to Professor Steinmetz.

Right: Chuck Lippy and Grant Wacker present a plaque to David Steinmetz.

Bottom right: David Steinmetz addresses the luncheon crowd.

Bottom left: John Van Engen receives the Philip Schaff prize from John Corrigan.



2009 BOOK PRIZE WINNERS

Philip Schaff Prize: John Van Engen, University of Notre Dame

Sisters and Brothers of the Common Life: The Devotio Moderna and the World of the Later Middle Ages. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008.

Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer Prize: William Inboden, The Legatum Institute

Religion and American Foreign Policy, 1945-1960: The Soul of Containment. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Sidney E. Mead Prize: David King, Emory University PhD Candidate

“The West Looks East: The Influence of Toyohiko Kagawa on American Mainline Protestantism” (which will be published in a future issue of *Church History*)

ASCH PAGES FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Editor's note: Beginning with this issue, the ASCH will be regularly devoting a few pages to news, information, and profiles relevant to independent scholar and graduate students as a means of ensuring that the newsletter is useful to all of ASCH's varied constituents.

INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR PROFILE: MARGARET BENDROTH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

What do you do as an independent scholar?

Right now I'm the executive director of the American Congregational Association, which means many different things. The ACA is old nonprofit organization situated in downtown Boston, and it owns an 8 storey office building (ancient Congregational headquarters) whose care and feeding I help coordinate, along with a building staff and a building management company. I work with a board of directors, recruiting and encouraging where necessary. And I have oversight of the Congregational Library and its staff of five. I'm also the resident historian there, and so I help create programs, answer technical questions, work with visiting scholars and make sure the collection is complete and well cared for. And I also try to maintain a scholarly agenda, even when it means sneaking off into the archives when I have an hour free.

I should say that I have been part of a history department, but found I enjoy charting my own path and being free to experiment with my career--even though it's definitely not the easiest way.

What area of church history interests you most?

At this time I'm interested in late nineteenth and twentieth century mainline Protestants (including, of course, Congregationalists). I started out, years ago, being fascinated by fundamentalists, who were at the time an understudied and often misunderstood group. Now I think the old white mainline needs more critical historical scholarship, so that we're not simply taking them for granted as a socially dominant group with no need for explanation.

How did you hear about ASCH, and why did you decide to join?

I probably heard about ASCH as a graduate student, and first attended a meeting about that time. I was getting a graduate degree in American history, with a concentration in religion, at a time and place where religion was not a very popular subject. I was very glad to fall in with a group of people who could share and expand my interests. As a young woman scholar, I was also a bit of a "speckled bird" at the time, and I was very grateful to have people like Jan Shipps take time to mentor and encourage me. That and the women's breakfasts kept me coming back.

What do you most appreciate about ASCH membership as an independent scholar?

It has been very valuable for me, as someone not part of an academic department, to find friends and colleagues at meetings. I treasure these relationships, especially as I'm the lone historian in the place where I work. And it is also a real treat for me to sit in sessions where I hear about new research outside my own areas of interest. I always learn something new or come home with an inspiration from something I've heard over dinner or in a formal session.

Margaret Bendroth

INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS: A CALL TO CONVERSATION FROM RAY KIBLER

A working definition of independent scholar might be we who love and pursue the practice of history but are not able to work full time for income as historians. Another working definition might be we who are identified and even employed as historians but do not work within an academic institution. Still another definition might be those of us who were connected with an academic institution but are no more. All of us bring unique perspectives to the research and writing of church history, but many of us have not and perhaps do not intend to teach it as our full time vocation in the academy.

Our Society welcomes our perspectives and encourages our full participation. Therefore, I invite you to join with me to begin a conversation. I first broached this subject three years ago and received warm replies from more than thirty of you. Three years later, with ever improving communications technologies, we could join together in many real-time audio-visual group conversations that of course will lead to many writing projects and proposals for papers at meetings.

To begin the conversation, please e-mail ray.kibler.iii@ecunet.org or telephone at 909.596.5086.

Ray F. Kibler III, Lutheran Intentional Interim Pastor

GRADUATE STUDENT UPDATE

It's about a month now since the 2010 ASCH annual meeting in sunny San Diego, where all the panels were strong, the speakers good looking, and the receptions above average. Most of us spent way too many hours in drab conference rooms. Yet, on those rare moments when we escaped to the boardwalk, more than one grad student was asking, "Can somebody please tell me why I didn't apply to UCSD?" I am not sure many will feel the same jealousy for us Harvard, BU, or BC students next year when they get a taste of New England in January.

In addition to the weather, graduate students enjoyed other changes this year at the annual meeting. As in past years, the ASCH gave a very nice student reception on Friday evening, full of good food, drinks, and conversation. However, this year it was separated from the Saturday evening Presidential reception so that the two events did not spill into each other, lending a more personal tone to the room. After the reception Executive Secretary Keith Francis, Jan Shipps, and Randi Walker took out a group of students (not yet full of hors d'oeuvres) for a great meal. These small group dinners were something I suggested last year as a way for students to connect with established scholars in the field in an informal, organic way. The ASCH council immediately approved the idea and folks like Keith, Jan, Randi, and others graciously volunteered to host. The following morning, outgoing President of the ASCH, Charles Lippy took another small group to lunch as one of his last official acts in the office. The meals were a great success by all accounts and should become an annual tradition.

I would like to point out two more changes for the coming year. First off, the ASCH has established a fund to support travel for graduate students presenting at the next annual meeting in Boston in 2011. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, so please check the website and upcoming newsletters as more information becomes available. Second, I am looking for a replacement as the Student Representative to the ASCH Council. I have greatly enjoyed the chance to get to know fellow students and council members over the last two years, but my time is up both as a student and as the ASCH rep. If you are interested in the position (or have any other suggestions or questions), please contact me at aschgradstudents@gmail.com.

Brandon Bayne

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILE: DAN CHEELY, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Where and with whom do you study?

I study early modern European history at Penn with professors Margo Todd, Roger Chartier, and Peter Stallybrass.

What is your current research interest/dissertation topic?

My dissertation explores the relationships of Catholics to their Bibles during the long Reformation era. In order to evaluate the general conclusion that reading the scriptures in printed, vernacular editions was the catalyst for the revolutions that defined the period, we should observe how *unrevolutionary* readers were interacting with their sacred books. In other words, the vast majority of Christian readers on any side of the confessional divide demand our attention too. The story I will tell coheres around a series of overlapping reading communities in early modern England and France and investigates the historical patterns – the limits and possibilities – that structured their engagement with their Book.

What do you hope to do after you graduate?

A recent article in *The Chronicle* encouraged graduate students to consider the prospects of securing an academic post as likely as winning the lottery (see William Pannacker, "Graduate School in the Humanities: Just Don't Go", 30 January 2009). Since I already bought my ticket a few years ago, I intend to play my number when I finish! My plan when I started was to listen, write, and teach, joining the collective project to understand the early modern world, and it still is.

What do you most appreciate about ASCH student membership?

ASCH student membership is set at a cost that even I can afford. Nothing. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of everyone in the society to make it possible for scholars at all levels to enter into the dynamic conversation about religion and society that the ASCH has sustained for a very long time.

Dan Cheely

Below: Graduate students socialize at the graduate student reception at Winter Conference.



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Check out the American Society of Church History Graduate Students page on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=56117618800&ref=ts>

CALL FOR PAPERS ASCH 2010 WINTER CONFERENCE

Dear ASCH members—

The annual Winter 2011 meeting of the American Society of Church History will be held in Boston from Thursday through Sunday, January 6-9, 2011, in conjunction with the American Historical Association. We invite ASCH members to submit proposals on any aspect of the history of Christianity and its interaction with culture, including individual papers, complete panels, and roundtable discussions. Sessions may include considerations of a major recent book, critical assessments of a distinguished career, pedagogical issues, and commemoration of important figures and events whose anniversaries fall in 2011. In addition to the usual categories relating to periods, geographical regions, and special topics, we encourage proposals that cut across categories. We welcome panels that exhibit diversity of gender, rank, and scholarly location.

Proposals for entire sessions are preferred, while proposals for individual papers are welcome.

The proposed use of computers, internet, or projectors in the session must be stated and rationalized in the proposal.

The deadline for proposals is March 15, 2010.

Paper proposals should consist of (1) an abstract of 200 words or less; (2) a short biographical paragraph on the applicant; and (3) a current mailing location, email address, and phone number. Session proposals should contain all of the above for each of the three presenters, as well as (1) the session title; (2) a brief description (200 words or less) outlining the theme of the session; and (3) biographical data for the chair and the respondent, if any (these can be the same person). Use of audiovisual equipment, which is limited to the conference hotel's facilities, has become very expensive and will therefore be restricted to presentations for which it is indispensable.

Please send proposals, preferably by email, before March 15, 2010, to the program committee c/o bjnewman@northwestern.edu. Applicants will be notified when their materials are complete. The program committee reserves the right to reconfigure sessions as needed. All program participants are expected to register for the meeting and deliver their papers in person.

Barbara Newman, Northwestern University

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Joseph Smith Papers Project

Application Process

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Description

The Joseph Smith Papers Project is engaged in producing a comprehensive edition of Joseph Smith documents featuring complete and accurate transcripts with both textual and contextual annotation. The scope of the project includes Joseph Smith's original correspondence, revelations, journals, historical writings, sermons, legal papers, and other documents. Besides providing the most comprehensive record of early Latter-day Saint history they will also provide insight into the broader religious landscape of the early American republic. The Joseph Smith Papers Project is ready to hire a historian/documentary editor with the appropriate academic training, research and writing skills to edit Joseph Smith's papers.

- 30% Document analysis: bibliographical and physical description; provenance and custodial history; research regarding textual and documentary intention, production, transmission, and reception; composition of source notes and historical introductions.
- 30%--Routine annotation: research coordination with project chronologists, cartographers, and genealogists; research and writing for chronological, geographical, and biographical notes, as well as glossary entries, organizational charts, and other forms of routine annotation.
- 30%--Explanatory annotation: general research in the relevant sources available for the volume's period; general research regarding the major issues recurring in the volume's documents; research and writing of footnotes to clarify, explain, or illuminate passages that are unclear, challenging, or otherwise problematic.
- 5%--Teamwork: regular participation in volume team meetings to address historical issues, coordinate research efforts, and correlate editorial treatment; occasional participation in project committees to expand or refine project resources, confront and solve new editorial problems as they arise, develop the project website, or address other project needs.
- 5%--Professional development: keeping abreast of Joseph Smith biography and early Mormon history, attending and participating in selected academic conferences on an annual basis; serving occasionally in professional associations.

Qualifications

PhD (or doctoral candidate) in history, religious studies, or related discipline. Understanding of antebellum American history and major social and political themes of the time. Demonstration of excellent writing skills, typing proficiency and facility with current technical tools for data management and production. As the highest professional standards of documentary editing are expected of the position, including a rigorous production schedule, the applicant must exhibit the ability to work in an academic environment that requires personal initiative and collaborative competence in all aspects of the project. Professional and personal integrity required to maintain the trust and confidence of professional colleagues, department supervisors, and archivists working in other public and private repositories. Member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and worthy to hold a temple recommend.

Online Course for Theological School Faculty Teaching Online

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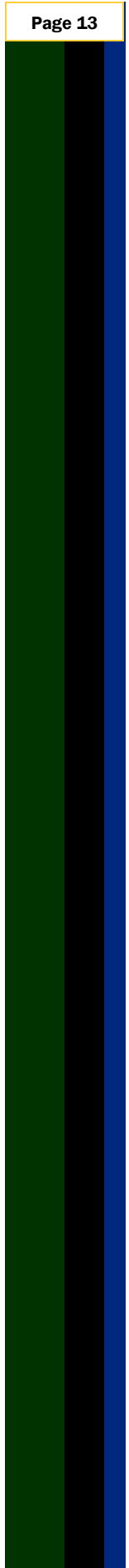
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STATE PRAYERS, FASTS AND THANKSGIVINGS
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An international and interdisciplinary conference

Durham University, 12-14 April 2010

Many early modern and modern governments ordered occasions of special worship in periods of great crisis or unexpected prosperity, or to mark calamities or victories. As a growing number of studies has indicated, these occasions offer great insights into government and ecclesiastical policies, the communication of official religious interpretations, conceptions of identity and popular belief, but also religious and political dissent. Such special worship has considerable interest for religious, political, cultural and intellectual historians, and scholars in theology, literature, sociology and anthropology.

This conference will bring together experts on these occasions of special state-ordered worship in different countries and different periods, in order to explore similarities and contrasts and to develop new interdisciplinary approaches.

The organisers are Natalie Mears, Alasdair Raffe, Stephen Taylor and Philip Williamson, members of the project on 'British State Prayers, Fasts and Thanksgivings, 1540s-1940s', funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Confirmed speakers include Nigel Aston (France), Toby Barnard (Ireland), Richard Carwardine (USA), Simon Dixon (Russia), Matthew Mulcahy (West Indies), Johann van der Merwe (South Africa), Peter van Rooden (Netherlands) and Andrew Spicer (Exiles).

Proposals for further papers (20 minutes) are invited from scholars in any discipline. These should consist of a title and a 250-word abstract, outlining the significance of the subject and research questions. Proposals should be submitted before March 1, 2010.

Conference fee: £150 (non-residential, inc. meals); £180-£235 (residential). Day rates available.

Bursaries for postgraduate students are available.

Contact details Enquiries and proposals should be sent to:

Dr Natalie Mears, Department of History, Durham University, 43 North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3EX, United Kingdom, or to natalie.mears@durham.ac.uk

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Graduate Student Membership Form

ASCH offers a free, two-year beginning membership to graduate students. Please fill out the information below and mail or fax this form to:

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