

## Humanities Stream

**Fri 15 March (half-day from 12:30 pm) and Sat 16 March (all day) 2019**

**New College, Holywell Street, Oxford**

**Senior convenors:** [Siân Grønlie](#) (English, St Anne's College), [Sam Brewitt-Taylor](#) (History, Lincoln College)

**Convenors:** [Rebekah Vince](#) (French Studies, Warwick University )

**Student co-convenors:** [Audrey Southgate](#) (English, Merton College), [Emilie Lavallee](#) (History, St Cross College), and [Andrew Newell](#) (English, Wycliffe Hall)

What does it mean to be a follower of Christ in the world of academia and within the humanities in particular? How is our scholarship and creativity inspired by our faith in the Creator God? What are the implications of faith in Christ for assurance in our identity, motivation in our studies, and freedom as a scholar? How can we respond with intellectual humility to the challenges of academic life? Join us as we grapple with these questions, encourage one another in prayer, and share experiences of how our faith impacts our academic life as researchers, lecturers, colleagues, and writers.

Friday 15th March

12:30 p.m. **Registration begins at New College in the North Undercroft**

1:00 p.m. **Lunch in the Hall**

2:00 pm **Trust in God and verify your references: Christian life and work in the academy** - [Teresa Morgan](#) (Classics, Oriel College)

3:30 pm **Coffee & tea**

4:00 pm **Panel-led discussion** featuring featuring [Christian Sahner](#) (Oriental Studies, St. Cross College) and other contributors, tbc.

This is an opportunity to hear a range of graduate students and scholars further along in their careers in conversation about their experiences and insights as Christians in the academy. Please come with questions!

*The following events are held jointly with all streams at New College.*

5:30 pm **Prayer in the Chapel**

6:00 pm **Drinks at the Bar**

6:45 pm **Dinner in the Hall**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

9:00 am **Registration begins at New College in the North Undercroft with coffee & tea**

9:15 am **Prayer at New College Chapel**

9:45 am **The freedom of a Christian historian** - [Sam Brewitt-Taylor](#) (History, Lincoln College)

11:15 am **Coffee & tea**

11:30 am **Group discussion of reading:**

[Guite, Malcolm. Faith, Hope and Poetry: Theology and the Poetic Imagination. Farnham: Ashgate, 2012.](#)

Please read the book's introduction, or at least the poems listed below, in preparation for a rousing and enriching discussion. The introduction will be distributed by email to those who register.

- De Magistro (opening page)
- Tractatus (for Aidan Higgins) (p. 6)
- The Incarnate One - Edwin Muir (p. 11)
- Nosce Tipsum - Sir John Davies (p. 12)
- Mythopoeia - Tolkien (p. 13)
- The Rain Stick - Seamus Heaney (p. 17)
- Prayer (I) - George Herbert (pp. 21-22)

1:00 pm **Lunch at New College**

2:00 pm **Bede's Sparrow and the Emperor of Constantinople** - [Siân Grønlie](#) (English, St Anne's College)

3:30 pm **Coffee & tea**

4:00 pm **Sharing of poetry and prose selections**

For our closing session, we invite each participant to bring a work that has been a source of inspiration in your development as a Christian scholar. What has encouraged you -- or challenged and convicted you -- and what might challenge and encourage other followers of Christ in the academy? Be it visual (a painting) or audible (music) or textual, be it poetry or

prose, fiction or non-fiction, a quote or a story, a personal note or Scripture, we look forward to this final opportunity to build one another up as we conclude our conference.

5:30 pm **Closing**