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## News & Announcements

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#### MLA Convention

The three panels sponsored by the Division on Seventeenth-Century English Literature at the 1985 MLA Convention will be:

"Lesser" Poets, Their Importance in the British Seventeenth-Century Literary Scene

Chair: John T. Shawcross, University of Kentucky

"A Dear and Precious Pain: Francis Quarles and the Parable of the Absent Lover," Elizabeth K. Hill, Independent Scholar, Brooklyn, New York

"The Ranters and Poetry," Noam Flinker, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

"Richard Lovelace's Community of Fable: The Significance of the Beast Poems," Elizabeth Skerpan, Southwest Texas State University

"Katherine Philips, Renaissance Poet," Elizabeth H. Hageman, University of New Hampshire.

### Scholars and Their Work

Chair: Albert C. Labriola, Duquesne University

"Whither Protestant Poetics?" Barbara K. Lewalski, Harvard University "Doctrine and Method in English Devotional Poetry," Louis L. Martz, Yale University

"Interpreting Interpreters: 'Rules of the Game' and Stuart Poetry," Stanley Stewart, University of California, Riverside.

#### The Poet in the Poem

Chair: M. Thomas Hester, North Carolina State University

"Who Wrote Donne's Poems?" Dennis Flynn, Bentley College

"Donne's Autobiographical Art," Arthur Marotti, Wayne State University

"Donne: The Self and the Other," Annabel Patterson, University of Maryland.

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## The John Donne Society and Conference

The first Conference and initial meeting of The John Donne Society will be held 20-23 February 1986 at the Gulfport Conference Center of The University of Southern Mississippi, Gulfport. Papers for the Conference (complete, 8-10 pages; three copies) should be sent by October 1, 1985, to John R. Roberts, English Department, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.

For additional information concerning The John Donne Society, write to Edward Sichi, English Department, Pennsylvania State University, McKeesport, PA 15132.

## Le Moyne Forum

The eighth annual Le Moyne Forum on Religion and Literature will be held 18-20 October 1985. Topic: Salvation and Damnation in the Religion and Literature of the Earlier and Later Seventeenth Century. Featured speakers will be Christopher Hill and Mary Ann Radzinowicz. Send completed paper and three copies to William P. Shaw, Department of English, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY 13214, no later than July 15, 1985. Selected papers will be published.

#### Donne at Kalamazoo

John Donne returns for the third consecutive year to the International Medieval Congress at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, in May, 1986. Send two-page abstracts on any topic dealing with Donne, one copy each, to the session organizers, Janet L. Knedlik, Department of English, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA 98119; and Julia M. Walker, Department of English, State University of New York College at Geneseo, NY 14454.

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