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Registration

All are welcome, and attendance at the conference is **free of charge**.

Prior registration is essential, however, as **places are limited to 70**.

A light lunch and refreshments are included.

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Dissenting Experience, Experiencing Dissent: Varieties of Dissenting Expression



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This one-day conference, organised by the Centre for the English-Speaking World of Aix-Marseille Université in association with the Dr Williams's Centre for Dissenting Studies and the University of Liverpool, focuses on the forms of dissenting expression available to dissenters and their congregations, on both sides of the Atlantic, throughout the seventeenth century. The conference examines the wealth and variety of written materials, both in print and from archival sources, related to the experience of dissent across a wide spectrum of genres: from surviving gathered-church records and church books in Old and New England to letters and correspondence, poetry, and dissenting activities in the book trade. The conference will explore the methodological challenges and possibilities of using such sources to explore how the dissenting experience was documented and communicated, as well as to assess their value in the literary history of dissent and the writing of its collective history. This is the second in a series of three annual events exploring the collective experience of the dissenting churches in the period 1600-1800.

9.00 Registration and coffee

9.20 Introduction

Morning Session: Church Records from Old and New England

Chair: Anne Dunan-Page (Aix-Marseille)

9.30-10.00, 'Gathered Church Records and Religious Experience: A New Approach to the "Puritan Revolution"'? Joel Halcomb (University of East Anglia)

10.00-10.30, 'Light in a Dark Corner: The Cockermonth Church Book'
Robert B. Wordsworth (Independent scholar)

10.30-10.45 Discussion

10.45-11.15 Coffee

Chair: Joel Halcomb (University of East Anglia)

11.15-11.30, 'New England's Hidden Histories: Congregational Church Records in the Digital Age?'
Margaret Bendroth (Exec. Director of the Congregational Library, Boston, MA)

11.30-12.00, 'Early Congregational Church Records and the Practice of Piety in Colonial New England'

James F. Cooper (Oklahoma State)

12.00-12.30, 'What isn't in the Church Books: Evidence of Lay Empowerment in the Trans-Atlantic Puritan Community'

Francis J. Bremer (Millersville University of Pennsylvania)

12.30-13.00 Discussion

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Afternoon Session 1: Dissenting Genres: Epistolarity and Poetry

Chair: Michael Davies (Liverpool)

14.00-14.30, 'Letter Writing and the Sharp End of Puritan Literary Combat'

Johanna Harris (Exeter)

14.30-15.00, 'Poetry, Politics and Dissenting Experience'

George Southcombe (St Catherine's College, Oxford)

15.00-15.15 Discussion

15.15-15.45 Coffee

Afternoon Session 2: Dissenting Experience and the Huguenots

Chair: Mark Goldie (Cambridge)

15.45-16.15, 'A Rabelaisian Huguenot in Restoration London: Dissent, Literary Translation, and the English Book Trade'

Nicholas McDowell (Exeter)

16.15-16.45, 'From the frying pan into the fire? Elie Bouhéreau and the Huguenot Experience in Britain and Ireland'

Jason McElligott (Marsh's Library, Dublin)

16.45-17.00 Discussion & Close