

**Inaugural Methodist Research Conference
& Methodist Studies Seminars**

Wednesday 27 April 2015

The Leech Hall, St John's College, Durham University

The Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History, Oxford Brookes University, and the Manchester Wesley Research Centre have worked in partnership for several years. In 2012, the centres established a bi-annual seminar series that has now extended to include the Wesley Study Centre, St John's College, Durham University and Wesley House, Cambridge. The seminars provide an opportunity for established and emerging scholars of Methodist Studies to present the findings of their research. We conceive of Methodist Studies broadly and aim to provide opportunities for students of history, theology, literature, art, material culture and other fields related to Methodism.

This seminar in Durham is jointly hosted event with the Methodist Research Conference, part of the Scholarship Research and Innovation work of the Discipleship & Ministries learning network

09.15	Arrivals, Tea & Coffee			
09.45–09.50	Welcome: Revd Drs Calvin Samuel & Stephen Skuce			
09.50–11.00	A Conversation on Doctrine – Leech Hall Professor Tom Greggs, The University of Aberdeen & Professor Mike Higton, Durham University (Chair: Dr Stephen Skuce)			
11.00 am	Tea & Coffee			
	Tristram Room <i>Scripture/Holiness</i>	Etchells Room <i>Wesley Studies</i>	Wallis Room <i>Mission Ecclesiology</i>	Leech Hall <i>Circuit Ministry</i>
11.20-11.50	Catrin Harland Davies <i>Spreading priestly holiness</i>	Helen Boyles <i>Exploring a joint commitment to plainness and truth in William Wordsworth's Preface to 'The Lyrical Ballads' and John Wesley's Preface to the collected Methodist 'Hymns'.</i>	Jill Marsh <i>Cosmopolitan Methodists</i>	Neil Cockling <i>Has Stationing within Circuits become a Legal Fiction?</i>
11.55–12.25	Julie Lunn <i>Resignation in the theology of Charles Wesley and the influence of four significant spiritual writers</i>	Christine Seal <i>Methodist Local Preachers in the North East: did they contribute to the growth of Methodism in the 19th Century?</i>	Simon Sutcliffe <i>Venture FX: experimentation, Community Education and the reinvigoration of a learning church</i>	Chris Collins <i>Dancing in Dementia: Seeing ourselves more fully in the dementia diagnosed</i>
12.30–13.00	Tracey Hume <i>Potential difficulties faced by teenagers with Asperger's Syndrome in reading and engaging with the Bible.</i>	Deborah Caulk <i>Agnes Collinson Bulmer and the "Symmetry of Grace": Reclaiming a Regency-Era Methodist "Christian Poetess" as an Eco-Theologian</i>	Simon Edwards <i>Something Fresh? - Can an emerging ecclesiology of Methodist fresh expressions be revealed?</i>	Phil Drake <i>Boundaries in relation to Methodist circuit ministry</i>
13.00–13.45	Lunch			
13.45–14.15	Peter Doble <i>Luke's uses of Israel's scriptures</i>	Daniel Morris-Chapman <i>John Wesley and the latitudinarians</i>	George Bailey <i>Messy Wesleyan Theology for Messy Church</i>	Tom Osborne <i>The Methodist Covenant Service –</i>

*of the seventeenth
century*

*a seasonal liturgy
without a season?*

14.20–14.50

Richard Firth

*What's it ALL About?
The Four Alls of
Methodism, posited
by W.G. Fitzgerald*

David Palmer

*Wesley's
Explanatory Notes
Upon the New
Testament and the
use he made of J.A.
Bengel's charts and
'excellent notes'*

Martin Clarke

*Understanding and
Interpreting the
Significance of
Hymnody in British
Methodism*

Alison Wilkinson

*Growing Leaders
for Contemporary
Methodism*

14.50–15.45

Theology in flight mode: thoughts on Jesus' resurrection and the theological task

Rev Dr Andrew Stobart - *Leech Hall*

15.45–16.00

Concluding Remarks & Dismissal

Livestreaming?

The seminar will be livestreamed at?

Registration:

There is no cost for attending the seminar or for lunch; however, registering in advance is required.

Please register by 28 March by emailing p.a.bissell@durham.ac.uk

Venue:

St John's College, 3 South Bailey, Durham DH1 4EB

The 2016-17 seminars will be in Cambridge on Saturday X December 2016 and Oxford on Saturday X April 2017.