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Event Locations: Plenary Lectures will be delivered in the Noel Library Assembly Room; all other papers and discussions will be presented in the Noel Collection Reading Room. These rooms are located on the third (top) floor of the Noel Memorial Library on the campus of Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

Thursday, November 8

7:30 pm: Conference Warming for Conferees, Underwriters, and their Guests

Friday, November 9

**9:00 am – 10:15 am: Keynote Lecture delivered by PAUL J. KORSHIN,
“Codes in Enlightenment England:
Encipherment and Decipherment”**

10:30 am – 12:00 noon: Paper by BÄRBEL CZENNIA,
“From Æolus to Ærology, or Boreas Meets the Barometer:
Clouds, Winds, Weather Observations, and Eighteenth-Century Poetry”
with following commentary by Paul Johnston and discussion by conferees and guests

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm: *Lunch Break*

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Paper by JAMES BUICKEROOD,
“Empiricism With and Without Observation:
Experiments *secundum imaginationem* in
Experimental Philosophy and Demonstrative Science in Seventeenth-Century Britain,”
with following commentary by Peter Walmsley and discussion by conferees and guests

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Paper by ANNA BATTIGELLI,
“Anne Conway and the Problem of Pain: Science and Religion in Conflict,”
with following commentary by Kevin Cope and discussion by conferees and guests

4:30 - 7:00 pm: *Dinner Break*

**7:30 pm: Plenary Lecture delivered by BARBARA BENEDICT,
“The Mad Scientist: The Creation of a Literary Stereotype”**

Saturday, November 10

9:00 am - 10:30 am: Paper by PETER FOSL,
“Cracks in the Cement of the Universe: Hume, Science, and Imagination,”
with following commentary by Barbara Benedict and discussion by conferees and
guests

10:30 am - 12:00 noon: Paper by PAUL JOHNSTON,
“A God Who Must: Science and the Theological Imagination of Jonathan Edwards,”
with following discussion by Bärbel Czennia and commentary by conferees and guests

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm: *Lunch Break*

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm: Paper by PETER WALMSLEY,
“Science, Masculinity and Empire:
Elizabeth Hamilton's *Letters of a Hindoo Rajah*,”
with following commentary by James Buickerood and discussion by conferees and
guests

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Paper by KEVIN COPE,
“Elastic Empiricism, Interplanetary Excursions, and the Description of the Unseen,
in Verse and other Vivid Forms,”
with following commentary by Anna Battigelli and discussion by conferees and guests



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