

Reading Sacred Texts as Friends

Theme: Early Quaker Journals • March 25 • Westtown School

The Plenary Session: *Rufus Jones and Twentieth Century Quaker Journals*

The plenary presentation will use Rufus Jones's autobiographical works and the scholarship on Quaker journals by Rufus and other twentieth century Friends as a lens through which to ponder the continuities and changes in conceptions of what lives of faithful Quaker ministry and service looked like.

Workshop A: *Rufus Jones' Autobiographical Writings*

We will look at excerpts from Rufus Jones's published and unpublished autobiographical writings to gain a deeper understanding of Jones's view of faithful lives of Quaker ministry and service in the modern age. We will also consider the extent to which his vision is applicable to our twenty-first century.

Workshop Leader: Stephen W. Angell is the Leatherock Professor of Quaker Studies at Earlham School of Religion. He has written several books and articles on the subjects of Quakerism and African-American Religion, including "Rufus Jones and the Laymen's Foreign Mission Inquiry: How a Quaker Helped to Shape Modern Ecumenism" in Quaker Theology Autumn 2000, or online at www.quaker.org/quest.

Workshop B: *Reading a Quaker Classic: Fox's Journal and the Bible*

In this workshop we will read George Fox's Journal alongside the biblical book of the Acts of the Apostles. We will sit with the question of how our own "praxis" (practices or "acts") might be Spirit led and turned to the Light, even as Fox records his own leadings and turnings. Bring a Bible (any version).

Workshop Leader: Susan Jeffers teaches Quaker Studies courses as adjunct faculty for ESR, and Biblical Studies courses for Bethany Theological Seminary and other Church of the Brethren institutions. She graduated from ESR in 1999 with an MA in Biblical Studies.

Workshop C: *Journals of Quaker Women*

Since the earliest days of the movement, Quaker women have kept journals to chronicle their travels, record their inner struggles, and inspire future generations. We will explore journals from various periods of Quaker history, looking for distinctive qualities and common traits and a deeper appreciation of these Quaker women's lives.

Workshop Leader: Mary Garman teaches in the Religion Department at Earlham College, and occasional courses at the Earlham School of Religion. She is an ESR graduate ('77) and has served among Friends as a pastor.

Registration

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

(E-mail is requested for postponement notification and to forward details on the following event.)

of regular reservations (\$23 per person) _____ # of student reservations (\$10 per person) _____

Workshop preference 1 _____ Workshop preference 2 _____

(Please attach a separate sheet listing name and workshop preferences for each participant or use additional registration forms. Please print legibly.)

Fee covers conference materials and lunch. Student cost is for lunch only.

Registration deadline is **17 March 2006**. Please make checks payable to Earlham School of Religion.

Send registration form and payment to:

Philadelphia Vitality March 2006, Drawer 36, Earlham School of Religion, 228 College Avenue, Richmond In 47374

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Love what you believe
Preach what you love



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These sessions will be led by ESR faculty, alumni/ae or invited guests.

2006 Conference Series: Reading Sacred Texts as Friends

Saturday March 25

Westtown School
Westtown, PA

- 8:30-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-10:30 Welcome and plenary session
Rufus Jones and the Twentieth Century Quaker Journals
- 10:30-11:00 Break
- 11:00-12:15 Workshop
(choose one for morning)
A: *Rufus Jones' Autobiographical Writings*
B: *Reading a Quaker Classic: Fox's Journal and the Bible*
C: *Journals of Quaker Women*
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch on site
- 1:15-2:30 Workshop
(choose a different selection for afternoon)
A B C
- 2:30-3:00 Wrap up

Final 2006 Conference

April 15

George School, Newtown PA
Non-Christian Sacred Texts

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Please use the East entrance and parking lot at the intersection of Walnut Hill/Johnny's Way/Shady Grove Way, or the West entrance and parking lot off Westtown Road. Detailed directions to Westtown School can be found at <http://www.westtown.edu/directions/>



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