



The Defoe Society

The Culture of Grub Street

The Second Biennial Meeting of the Defoe Society

14-16 July 2011

Established in 2006, The Defoe Society is an international body dedicated to facilitating discussion and exchange among scholars of Defoe and his age, and to promoting public awareness of Defoe and his works.

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The University of Worcester, UK, will host the second biennial meeting of the Defoe Society on 14-16 July 2011. The society's continued ambition is to attract contributions that range across the extraordinary variety of activities and writings of Daniel Defoe and his contemporaries. The conference's aim is to encourage fresh examination of the socio-cultural and literary milieu of Grub Street and its "duncical" authors and "Scriblerian" enemies.

The Worcester meeting, which is scheduled to commence at 4:00 pm on 14 July, will be punctuated by three focal events: keynote lectures by **Pat Rogers** (University of South Florida) and **Paula McDowell** (New York University) and a President's Roundtable on the topic of 'Defoe bibliography'. Participants in the roundtable, chaired by **Maximillian E. Novak** (UCLA), include **David A. Brewer** (Ohio State University), **J. Alan Downie** (Goldsmiths College, University of London), **Kit Kincade** (Indiana State University) and **Ashley Marshall** (Johns Hopkins University).

Worcester is situated in the West Midlands and is one of England's historic cathedral cities. It played a key role in the English Civil War, with the conflict's initial skirmish and its final battle taking place in and around the city. Worcester's loyalty to the king during the Civil War earned it the epithet 'The Faithful City'. Places of interest include the eleventh-century Cathedral, from whose tower Charles II surveyed the Battle of Worcester in 1651; the Commandery, which functioned as the Royalists' headquarters during the battle; the fifteenth-century Greyfriars; and the eighteenth-century Guildhall.

In the first instance, we invite **proposals for panels or roundtables** (deadline: **31 September 2010**); proposers do not have to present a fully formed panel at this point and topics do not have to adhere strictly to the conference theme. An extended Call for Papers, including a list of session proposals, will be circulated in early October 2010 and invite individual paper/presentation proposals. The deadline for **individual proposals** is **31 January 2011**.

Please email a panel or paper proposal of no more than 200 words to Dr Andreas Mueller at a.mueller@worc.ac.uk. Mail submissions should be sent to the following address: Division of English & Cultural Studies, University of Worcester, Henwick Grove, Worcester, WR2 6AJ, UK. Additional information concerning the conference, accommodation and travel may be found at www.defoesociety.org and www.worc.ac.uk/earlymodern.