

Presbyterian Heritage Center  
National Conference  
From Shakespeare to the Inklings:  
The Bible's Impact on Creative Imagination  
September 7 - 9, 2022, Montreat, NC



Learn more about The Bible's influence on Shakespeare, Illumination Artists, Milton, Bunyan, Musical Composers, the Inklings — Tolkien, Lewis, Williams, Sayers, and much more!

# “From Shakespeare to the Inklings: The Bible’s Impact on Creative Imagination”

This Inking-Plus Premiere Global Conference

will be held in Montreat, NC, by the Presbyterian Heritage Center on Sept. 7 - 9, 2022

This unique Inklings (C.S. Lewis, Tolkien, etc.) conference highlights the Bible’s impact on Western Civilization, affecting authors, musicians and artists from the 15th century through today. It will change your world view – from the medieval society lit only by fire to the incandescent musings and works of the Oxford-based Inklings – C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Dorothy L. Sayers, and others – of the 20th century.

Come learn from world-renowned scholars, who will reveal the Bible’s influence on the:

- ★ the greatest English Playwright (William Shakespeare);
- ★ the greatest English Epic Poet (John Milton);
- ★ the greatest English Novelist & Allegorical work of the 17th – 19th centuries (John Bunyan);
- ★ the world’s most popular legend – King Arthur and the Round Table – and its treatment through the centuries, especially by the Inklings;
- ★ leading 20th Century Christian writers from the Inklings (C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, Owen Barfield, et al) to Dorothy Sayers.

Plus, there will be a limited museum display of rare items during the conference of medieval illuminated manuscripts, an original Folio of Shakespeare Plays from the early 1600s, first-editions of Inklings and much more! Limited attendance. First come, first served. Presenters include:

## The Bible’s Impact on Shakespeare & Early



**Renaissance Literary Icons** Author, curator & professor **Hannibal Hamlin**, Ohio State University, will discuss the significant influence of the English-language Bibles on leading literary illuminators of the 16th –18th centuries – men and women.

## From Inspiration to Illumination: Telling the



**Story of the Creative Illuminated Manuscript** **Tim Ternes**, program director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, and curator, The Saint John's Bible will explore the Bible’s influence on medieval artists.

## Shattering the Stained Glass: Dorothy L.



**Sayers & the Bible** Co-director, Wade Center, **Crystal Downing**, will explore how Lewis, Sayers, and George MacDonald all used “stained glass” as a metaphor describing one-dimensional views of the Bible and Church.

## Pilgrim’s Progress/Pilgrim’s Regress – From



**John Bunyan to C.S. Lewis** Co-director of the Wade Center, **David Downing**, will look at the allegorical novel that appealed to Reformation believers and Lewis’ revisionist work for 20th Century audiences.



Notes: Please note that space for conference attendance is limited and the Presbyterian Heritage Center may have to implement a waiting list. Additional or substitute speakers may be made.

Shelley and Son Books specializes in the Inklings and the Wade Center VII. They carry more collectible Inklings books than any dealer in the United States. Additionally, their book tables at the PHC Inklings Conference (September 7 - 9, 2022) will have inexpensive reading copies and many new books by conference speakers.

For more information go to the Presbyterian Heritage Center website <https://www.phcmontreat.org/conferences.html>

To register for the conference and/or housing accommodations, go to: <https://montreat.org/events/inklings> or call 828.419.9829 - Susan Akduman

Presbyterian Heritage Center, PO Box 207, Montreat, NC 28757 Tel: 828-669-6556

### **Soldier, Writer, Inking: A Life of Warren**



#### **Hamilton Lewis**

Telecasting from The Kilns near Oxford, **Don King**, Montreat College, will discuss this Inking member & Lewis sibling. Don's new book on this subject is expected to be published in 2022.

### **The Soul & the Soil: Tending King Arthur's**



#### **Lands From Medieval De-** **votion to Modern Magic**

Editor, *The Inklings and King Arthur*, **Sorina Higgins**, Baylor University, will offer a close look at creation care as spiritual discipline in Arthurian legends from medieval times through the works of the Inklings.



### **The Birth & Death of Literary, Art & Music**



#### **Styles Through the Mil-** **lennium and The Bible &** **Faith in C.S. Lewis'** **Science Fiction**

Author & lecturer **Hal Poe**, Union University, will delve into the cycles of literary changes in culture, as well as Lewis science fiction works.



## Shakespeare and Lewis



A specialist on Shakespeare and C.S. Lewis, **Dr. Sarah Waters** will discuss how Lewis draws on Shakespearean texts across his canon. She'll focus on Shakespearean elements in Lewis' fiction and his apologetics, how Lewis communicates to us with

Shakespeare, why Lewis' engagement with Shakespeare matters and, with a shift to some of her newer discoveries, just why people aren't talking (enough) about Lewis and Shakespeare yet!

## Inspired Notes: Musical Transformations from the

### Medieval to the Modern



Noted musician and rare Psalter & Bible collector, **Michael Morgan** will offer a revealing impact of the Bible on music from medieval Gregorian chants, to hymn music during the Reformation, to Handel's *Messiah*, to changing styles

through the centuries. An informative and engaging performance will highlight creative musical impacts. A display of his rare Bibles and Psalters will be at the PHC during the conference.

## Panels

Thursday — **Christianity & The Reformation's Impact on Culture**

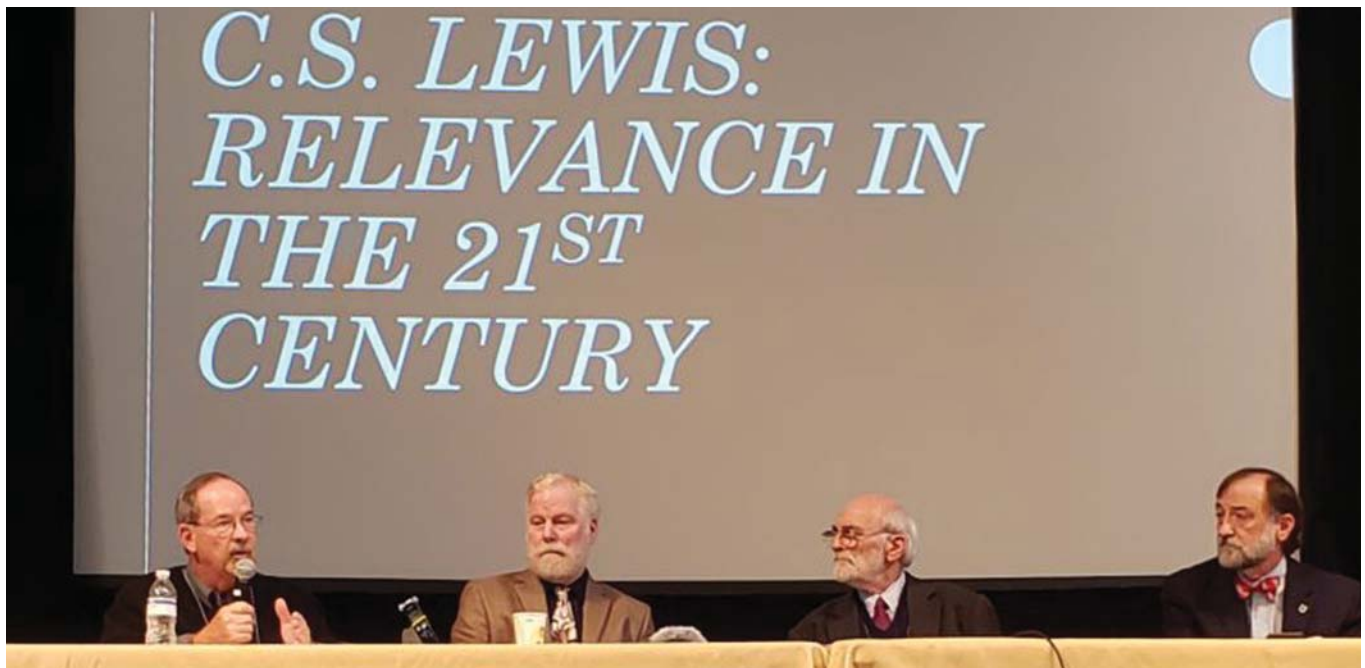
Panelists: Hal Poe, Hannibal Hamlin, and David Downing; emcee John Akers

Thursday — **Roundtable on the Inklings**, with Audience Questions & Panelists' Answers

Panelists: Crystal Downing, Sarah Waters, Sorina Higgins, David Downing; emcee Hal Poe

Friday — **The Bible's Impact of Creative Imagination in the Future**, an Audience Dialogue

Panelists: Hal Poe, John Akers, Dick Ray, and others



One of the panels from the PHC's November 2019 Inklings Conference in Montreat, NC.



**Program at a Glance**  
**From Shakespeare to the Inklings:**  
**The Bible's Impact on Creative Imagination**

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

**Opening** 1:15 pm

Dr. John Akers, Chairman, Education Committee, Presbyterian Heritage Center (PHC)

**Welcome**

Dr. Richard A. Ray, Chairman, PHC

**The Birth & Death of Literary, Art & Music Styles Through the Millennium**

Wednesday, 1:30 pm

Dr. Hal Poe, Professor of Faith & Culture, Union University. He is author of a new 3 volume biography of CS Lewis.

**The Bible's Impact on Shakespeare & Early Renaissance Literary Icons**

Wednesday, 2:15 pm

Dr. Hannibal Hamlin, Professor of English and member of the Center for the Study of Religion, Ohio State University. Author/editor of *The Cambridge Companion to Shakespeare and Religion* (2019); *The Bible in Shakespeare* (2013); and the *King James Bible after Four Hundred Years: Literary, Linguistic, and Cultural Influences* (2010).

Break

Wednesday, 3:15 pm

**Pilgrim's Progress/Pilgrim's Regress – From John Bunyan to C.S. Lewis**

Wednesday, 3:30 pm

Dr. David Downing, co-director of The Wade Center at Wheaton College.

Dinner

Wednesday, 5:30 pm

**From Inspiration to Illumination: Telling the Story of Creative Illuminated Manuscripts**

Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Tim Ternes, program director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, and curator, *The Saint John's Bible*.

Thursday, September 8, 2022

Opening 9:00 am.

### **Panel: Christianity & The Reformation's Impact on Culture**

Thursday, 9:10 am

Questions and answers about the afternoon's talks & the Reformation's Impact

Panelists: Hal Poe, Hannibal Hamlin, David Downing; moderator, John Akers

Break

Thursday, 10:15 am

### **Shattering the Stained Glass: Dorothy L. Sayers & the Bible**

Thursday, 10:30 am

Dr. Crystal Downing, co-director of The Marion E. Wade Center at Wheaton College.

Learn how Lewis, Sayers, and George MacDonald all used "stained glass" as a metaphor describing one-dimensional views of the Bible and Church doctrine.

### **Soldier, Writer, Inkling: A Life of Warren Hamilton Lewis**

Thursday 11:15 am

Dr. Don King, Professor of English, Montreat College, and author of five Inkling related books.

His new book on Warren Lewis is being published in 2022.

Lunch

12:15 pm

Reconvening at 1:15 pm

### **Shakespeare & C.S. Lewis**

Thursday, 1:30 pm

Dr. Sarah Waters, Lecturer, University of Buckingham, UK

Sarah will discuss Shakespeare, early modern drama, C.S. Lewis, and Inklings studies. The presentation reflects her detailed work with unpublished manuscripts revealing the engagement of Lewis with Shakespeare.

### **The Soul & the Soil: Tending King Arthur's Lands From Medieval Devotion to Modern Magic**

Thursday, 2:30 pm

Sorina Higgins, Inklings Scholar, Lecturer, Writer, & Editor. PhD. candidate, Baylor University.

Her academic interests include British and Irish Modernism, the Inklings, Arthuriana, theatre, and magic. Author & editor of (selected):

*The Inklings and King Arthur: J. R. R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, C. S. Lewis, and Owen Barfield on the Matter of Britain* (2017).

In Biblical narratives and Arthurian legends, the health of the land is intimately intertwined with the health of the human soul. Although there have been many ecological readings of the "waste

land” phenomenon in Arthurian literature, this presentation offers a close look at creation care as spiritual discipline in these legends from medieval times through the works of the Inklings (Tolkien, Williams, etc.) and their contemporaries.

Break  
3:30 pm

**Roundtable Panel on the Inklings** with audience questions and participation

Thursday, 3:45 pm

Crystal Downing, Sarah Waters, Sorina Higgins, David Downing; Hal Poe, emcee

Dinner  
Thursday, 5:30 pm

**Inspired Notes: Musical Transformations from the Medieval to the Modern**

Thursday evening, 7 pm

Michael Morgan, noted musician, composer and Bible/Psalter collector

In his talk and performance, Michael will trace the Bible’s creative impact on music – from medieval Gregorian chants to hymns to Handel’s Messiah and beyond.

Friday, September 9, 2022  
Opening 9:00 am & Adjourn 11:30 am

**The Bible & Faith in C.S. Lewis’ Science Fiction**

Friday, 9:15 am

Dr. Hal Poe, Professor of Faith & Culture, Union University. Author of 18 books, he has written a C.S. Lewis biographical trilogy (currently being published in 2019, 2021, 2022).

**Conference Panel: The Bible’s Impact of Creative Imagination in the Future**

Friday, 10:15 am

Adjournment Friday, 11:30 am

C.S. Lewis Symposium  
Registration Form — September 7 - 9, 2022

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Please contact me to arrange housing at Assembly Inn.

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To pay by credit card, please register, call or go online at:

828.419.9829 (Susan Akduman) or [www.montreat.org/events/inklings](http://www.montreat.org/events/inklings)

**Registration Costs**

Conference registration covers the program lectures and panels, program materials, the exhibit reception, two dinners, one luncheon, and program breaks/refreshments.

*Group reservations (10 or more, must call to register with Susan Akduman)*

Advanced Discount (Received up to July 5, 2022)

Individual \$260

Group Discounts (10 or more) \$230

Regular Registration (Received after July 5, 2022)

Individual \$300

**Registration Refund Policy**

Cancellations are subject to a \$25 service fee. If cancelling by June 1st, a full refund minus the service fee can be received. For cancellations made between June 1st & Aug. 1, a 50% refund of the conference fee, less the service fee, will be made. No refunds will be made after August 1. All requests must be in writing and received via email, fax, or U.S. mail.

**Housing**

Limited Housing is available at newly renovated Assembly Inn. A single or double occupancy room is \$85 per night plus taxes and \$8.75 for breakfast per person.