

TENNYSON SOCIETY

Tennyson Conference, Christ Church, Oxford, 29 – 31 March 2019

Dear Tennyson Society Member,

I am delighted to confirm that the Society's 2019 conference will be hosted at Christ Church – the college of Henry Hallam and William Gladstone, who was instrumental in securing Tennyson's peerage. The college has a rich literary history, including links to W. H. Auden and to Lewis Carroll, collections of whose manuscripts are kept in the Upper Library. Founded in 1546, Christ Church is home to Oxford's cathedral and houses a picture gallery, which includes paintings by Filippino Lippi, Tintoretto, Anthony van Dyck, and Frans Hals.

The conference will include four keynote lectures, by Professor Michael O'Neill (Durham), Professor Leonée Ormond (King's College, London), Professor Seamus Perry (Balliol College, Oxford), and Dr Jane Wright (Bristol). Their lectures will be accompanied by panels of twenty-minute papers on topics relating to Tennyson's works, reception, and literary circle. We are very happy to announce that our panel speakers include Professor John Batchelor (Newcastle & New College, Oxford), Hannah Corrie (New York University), Dr Sibylle Erle (Bishop Grosseteste), Christy Edwall (New College, Oxford), Dr William Ghosh (St Hugh's College, Oxford), Beth Howell (Exeter), Dr Jasmine Jagger (Jesus College, Oxford), Yimon Lo (Durham), Dr Anna Nickerson (Newnham College, Cambridge), Professor Marion Shaw (Loughborough), Dr Michael Sullivan (Christ Church, Oxford), and Dr James Williams (York).

Accommodation is available at Christ Church for the nights of Friday 29th and Saturday 30th March. The conference has been scheduled so that attendees can choose to stay two nights rather than three, and options are available for non-residential as well as residential rates. Luggage can be left in the Porters' Lodge on the Sunday until the conference finishes in the late afternoon. Limited accommodation is also available on the night of Sunday 31st, for those who wish to extend their stay. Lunches are provided in Hall on Saturday and Sunday, and breakfast is available for residential guests.

There will be a poetry reading on the Friday evening and the main conference will start on the Saturday morning, followed by a tour of the special collections in the Upper Library, and a three-course dinner in the College's Hall. Saturday's conference dinner in the College can be booked on the attached registration form, and informal (optional) dinners in nearby restaurants will be arranged for the Friday and Sunday.

Conference Registration

Please use the enclosed form if you would like to register for the conference, indicating if you would like to book accommodation in College and notifying us of any special dietary or other requirements. The deadline for booking accommodation is **20 January 2019**, since the college will want us to commit to final room numbers that month. To secure the room booking, please send a cheque for half the registration fee for conference attendance and accommodation along with the registration form (cheques should be made payable to The Tennyson Society No. 2 Account). The remainder of the registration fee can be paid by 20 February 2019.

If you do not require accommodation in Christ Church, registration will be open until the end of February 2019.

Please feel free to distribute these details to anyone who might be interested; any attendees would need to join the Tennyson Society, which is always very happy to welcome new members.

With best wishes,

Michael Sullivan

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Information on Parking and Directions
Conference Registration Form