

# Royalist Capital and Commonwealth Melting-Pot: Oxford in the 1640s and 1650s

Draft programme at 9 February 2006

## Friday 21 July

- 1.00–2.20 Registration
- 2.20–2.30 Welcome and notices
- 2.30–2.50 **Introduction:**  
Toby Barnard ‘Oxford in the 1640s and 1650s’
- 2.50–4.20 **Session 1: Court, politics and parliament**  
Robert Armstrong, Charles I as peacemaker  
John Adamson, ‘The Oxford court and London’  
David Scott, ‘“Our mongrel Parliament”: the Oxford Parliament 1644-6’
- 4.20–4.50 Tea
- 4.50–6.00 **Session 2: Royalist Oxford**  
Barbara Donagan, ‘The royalist state and the welfare of victims’  
Ian Roy, ‘Fire and sword in civil war Oxford: the citizens’ experience’
- 6.00–6.50 **Session 3: City at war – an illustrated case study**  
Rosemary Kelly, ‘St Aldates parish’
- 7.00–8.00 Dinner
- 8.00–8.30 **Presentation:** [tbc]

## Saturday 22 July

- 9.00–10.30 **Session 4(a) Royalist writing** **Chair: Jason McElligott**  
Henry Power, ‘Virgil’s *Aeneid* in Oxford, 1643’  
Bob Wilcher, ‘“A well string’d Instrument at Cairfax”: John Taylor’s Oxford Pamphlets’  
Jerome de Groot, ‘“Scholler, Souldier, Man”: Martin Lluellyn’s *Memiracles* and loyalist writing from Oxford’
- Session 4(b) Oxford and Ireland**  
Alan Ford, ‘The dilemmas of a Calvinist royalist: Ussher in Oxford’ (1643/4)  
Fiona Pogson, ‘Irish matters at the royalist court: the view of Sir George Radcliffe, 1643-4’  
Geoffrey Smith, ‘An Irish royalist in Civil War Oxford: the ‘Infallible Subtle’ Daniel O’Neill’
- 10.30–11.00 Coffee
- 11.00–12.30 **Session 5(a) Print and press** **Chair: Richard Ovenden**  
Jason Peacey, ‘Oxford’s popular print culture, 1640-1660’  
Lloyd Bowen, ‘Presenting and contesting Oxford in the civil wars’

Anthony Milton, 'Royalist religion and the Oxford press 1643-7'  
Geoff Browell, 'War and peace: providentialism in Oxford during the 1640s'

**Session 5(b) 'The Oxford Experience'**

Jan Broadway, 'Et in Arcadia ego: William Dugdale and Oxford' (herald and scholar)

Vivienne Larminie, 'Strangers in Oxford: visitors to the university and city'  
[3<sup>rd</sup> speaker tbc]

12.30–1.30 Lunch

1.30–3.00 **Walk:** a guide round 1640s and 1650s Oxford

3.00–4.30 **Session 6(a): Garrison city**

Michael Mendle, 'The Oxford army press of 1647'

Ann Gustard, 'Anthony Wood, the Visitation and the Oxford Plot, 1647–8'

Philip Baker, 'The Levellers' last stand? The Oxford garrison mutiny of 1649'

**Session 6(b): Survival**

Hugh de Quehen, 'Zachary Bogan, conscience and the Visitors'

Mary Clapinson, 'The excluded and the intruded: reading in the Bodleian, 1648–9'

Ken Fincham and Stephen Taylor, 'Bishop Robert Skinner and the survival of the episcopal Church of England'

4.30–5.00 Tea

5.00–6.30 **Session 7: The University and its officers**      **Chair: John Morrill**

Blair Worden, 'The chancellorship of Oliver Cromwell' (1651-7)

Andrew Hegarty, 'The fate of the Laudian statutes'

Sarah Mortimer, 'Socinianism and intellectual authority in Cromwellian Oxford'

6.30–7.10 **Session 8: The literature of conflict**

Nigel Smith, 'Quixotic days: Oxford and the memory of civil crisis'

7.10–8.10 Dinner

8.10–8.40 **Presentation** [tbc]

**Sunday 23 July**

9.00–10.30 **Session 9(a) The Colleges**

Robin Darwall-Smith, 'A Broken Community: University College, 1640-1660'

Michael Riordan, 'Queen's: a royalist compromise in interregnum Oxford'

Judith Curthoys, 'Christ Church'

4<sup>th</sup> paper [tbc]

**Session 9(b) Women at war**

Sue Wiseman, "'Nothing of God there: place, politics and Elizabeth Avery'

Lynn Robson, "'Shee that was hang'd and afterwards Recover'd": reading

Anne Greene's remains'

Judith Hudson, ‘“Thou shalt not Swing again”: Anne Greene and the seventeenth century jury’

10.30–10.50 Coffee

10.50–12.20 ***Session 10(a) Intellectual life in the 1650s***

Cliff Davies, ‘The Wren family at Bletchingdon and Oxford’ (1650s)

Jackie Stedall, ‘Oxford mathematics’

Vittoria Feola, ‘Antiquarianism, alchemy and science: the circle of Elias Ashmole’

***Session 10(b) Citizens in the 1650s***

Larry Kreitzer, ‘Thomas Williams: Oxford’s dissenting mayor (1653–4)’

Mary Prior, on Women, work and religion

Kate Loveman, ‘Anthony Wood and the politics of an Oxford hoax (1659)’

12.20–12.50 ***Closing summary:*** Clive Holmes

1.00– Lunch