

“Come il baccialier”: Questioning and Professing Dante May 5, 2018

The Dante Society of America is pleased to invite you to the 2018 annual meeting and day-long symposium on Saturday, May 5th at the John J. Burns Library of Boston College. Topics we will explore are what questions we ask of Dante, what questions are asked of us as teachers of Dante, and how Dante himself teaches us to appreciate, read, and teach his poem.



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- 8:30am – 9:00am **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00am – 10:00am **136th Annual Meeting of the Dante Society of America**
Albert R. Ascoli (University of California, Berkeley), President, Dante Society of America
(open to DSA members only)
- 10:30am – 11:30am **Keynote Lecture**
Teodolinda Barolini (Columbia University), “Dante, Teacher of his Reader”
- 11:30am – 11:45am **Coffee Break**
- 11:45am – 1:00pm **Panel I: Ideas of Pedagogy Inside and Outside of the Poem**
Gary Cestaro (DePaul University), “Professing Dante LGBTQ”
Martin Eisner (Duke University), “How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Letter to Can Grande”
Peter Hawkins (Yale University), “Divinity School Dante”
- 1:00pm – 2:30pm **Buffet Lunch**
- 2:30pm – 4:00pm **Panel II: The Poem as Inspiration for Self-reflection, Inside and Outside the Classroom**
Sherry Roush (Pennsylvania State University), “*C’indoviamo?*: Finding Ourselves with Dante”
Ronald Herzman (SUNY-Geneseo), “Democratizing Dante”
Jessica Levenstein (Horace Mann School, New York City), “‘Al volo mi sentia crescer le penne’: Dante’s Guide to Letting Go”
- 4:00pm – 4:30pm **Coffee Break**
- 4:30pm – 5:00pm **Response and Wrap-up**
Christopher Kleinhenz (University of Wisconsin, Madison)
Kristina Olson (George Mason University)
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm **Closing Reception**

Registration is not required and there is no fee for attending. The symposium, including the buffet lunch and reception, is free and open to the public. Program sessions will be video recorded and made available for viewing via the Society’s website following the symposium.

For information on directions, parking, and nearby hotels, please visit:

<https://www.dantesociety.org/meetings-and-events/2018-annual-meeting-and-symposium>

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