

MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY



8th Bethlehem
Conference on

Moravian History & Music

* Program of Events *

Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History & Music

Thursday, August 17 – Saturday, August 19, 2023

featuring a variety of presentation sessions

Walter Vivian Moses Lecture in Moravian Studies

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Changes in Bethlehem, Changes in the Unity:

Inner and Outer Aspects of Moravian Organisation

with Christina Petterson

Moravian Historical Society Keynote Lecture

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“A free wildlife:” Morale, Morality and Moravianism in Trinidad 1885-1935

with Winelle Kirton-Roberts

Conference Concert

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Lititz Moravian Collegium Musicum in Concert

Welcome to the 8th Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History & Music

This conference explores Moravian history and music from the fifteenth to twenty-first centuries in Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa, and Australia.

The conference is sponsored by Moravian Archives, Moravian University, and Center for Moravian Studies, in partnership with Moravian Music Foundation, Moravian Theological Seminary, and Moravian Historical Society, with additional funding generously provided by Bethlehem Area Moravians and Penn State University Press.

Moravians & the World ♦ Moravian Heritage ♦ Moravian Sites

The Moravian communities of Bethlehem (USA), Gracehill (UK), and Herrnhut (Germany) are presently working together to join with Christiansfeld (Denmark) in becoming a multinational UNESCO **World Heritage Site**. These three words give us the theme for our 2023 conference, which includes individual papers, presentation sessions, and recitals addressing aspects of the relationships between Moravians and the **World** (natural, religious, socio-economic, political, etc.), Moravian **Heritage**, and Moravian **Sites** (Sights or Cites). Each of these perspectives will offer a unique way of thinking about Moravians and their interactions with others.

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Program is subject to change.

* Thursday, August 17 *

12:00 noon Opening Reception, sponsored by Penn State University Press

Location: Moravian Archives Gallery
Food: Keystone Farms Cheese, The Aging Moon
Beer Tasting by Yergey Brewing

1:00 pm Words of Welcome

Location: Moravian Archives Reading Room

- Hilde Binford, Conference Chair and Associate Professor of Music, Moravian University
- Paul Peucker, Director and Archivist of Moravian Archives Bethlehem
- Bruce Earnest, Executive Director of Moravian Music Foundation
- Jeffrey Long, Conference Administrator

1:30 - SESSION 1: Presentations

3:00 pm Location: MTS* Saal
Moderator: C. Riddick Weber

1. Frank Crouch, Moravian Theological Seminary (retired), *Black and White Moravian Responses to American Racist Violence 1917-1919: Rev. Dr. Charles Martin and Bishop Edward Rondthaler*
2. Scott Gordon, Lehigh University, *Flight from Bethlehem: A Runaway Slave, 1767*
3. Josef Köstlbauer, Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies, *Intimate Indifference: Magdalena More, Andrew "the Moor," and the differences between free and enslaved in eighteenth century Bethlehem*

3:30 - SESSION 2: Presentations

5:00 pm Location: MTS Saal
Moderator: Craig Atwood

1. Jenna Gibbs, Florida International University, *Charles J. Latrobe's 'Reports on Negro Education,' 1837-1839: Evangelical Missions and Post-Emancipation Education in the British West Indies*
2. Amy Schutt, SUNY Cortland, *Moravian Education in an Era of Enslavement and Warfare: Children's Relationships in 18th-Century Pennsylvania*
3. Vanessa Romero, Arizona State University, *Comenius and the French: A Complex Epistolary Relationship*

SESSION 3: Presentations

Location: MTS Genadendal
Moderator: Susan Ellis

1. Bruce Earnest, Moravian Music Foundation, *Vocal Pedagogy in Moravian Music in the United States: An Exploration*
2. Christopher Ogburn, Moravian Music Foundation, *The Most Musical People: Moravian Music-Making and the German American Experience*
3. Tim Sharp, Trevecca University, *Maria und Johannes by Johann Abraham Peter Schulz: A Musical Treasure from Moravian Archives*

*Acronym in this program: MTS = Moravian Theological Seminary (Bahnsen Center)

7:00 -

Walter Vivian Moses Lecture in Moravian Studies

8:30 pm

Location: MTS Saal, with reception to follow

Introduction: Craig Atwood

Changes in Bethlehem, Changes in the Unity: Inner and Outer Aspects of Moravian Organisation

Christina Petterson

*** Friday, August 18 ***

8:15 - **Light Breakfast Refreshments**

9:00 am Location: Moravian Archives Gallery

9:00 - **SESSION 4: Presentations**

10:30 am Location: MTS Saal

Moderator: Katherine Faull

1. Wolfgang Breul, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, *"Salt of the Earth". Moravian Diaspora in comparison*
2. Jessica Cronshagen, Oldenburg University, *Creating networks between Paramaribo, Basel, Königsfeld and Zeist: The activities of Johann Rudolf Passavant in support of the Moravian Mission in the 1st half of the 19th century*
3. Paul Peucker, Moravian Archives, *Filling the World with the Gospel: the Motivation for the Global Scale of Moravian Activity*

SESSION 5: Presentations

Location: MTS Genadendal

Moderator: Scott Gordon

1. Jared Burkholder, Grace College, *Helpers and Donors: Type-casting Moravians in 19th Century Biographies of Wesley, Whitefield, and Carey*
2. Revocatus Meza, Teofilo Kisanji University, *Moravian Heritage: The Use of the Church's Emblem at the Crossroads in Tanzania*
3. Jill Vogt, Moravian Church, Herrnhut, *The Moravian Hourly Intercession and the 24/7 Prayer Movement*

11:00 am - **SESSION 6: Presentations**

12:30 pm Location: MTS Saal

Moderator: Christopher Ogburn

1. Stewart Carter, Wake Forest University, *Moravian Musical Instruments and Instrument Makers in the Atlantic World*
2. Peter Vogt, Moravian Church Germany, *"Pious Innkeeper and Godly Tavern": Concepts of Hospitality and the Accommodation of Visitors in 18th Century Moravian Settlements*

SESSION 7: Presentations

Location: MTS Genadendal

Moderator: Bruce Earnest

1. Alice Caldwell, University of Bridgeport, *Heinrich August Jäschke's Musicianship Manual of 1847: Insight into Moravian Music Pedagogy*
2. Christina Ekström, Academy of Music and Drama, Gothenburg University, *The Single Sisters' Choir in Christiansfeld, Denmark: Musical Agents and their Agency*
3. Maryam Haiawi, Universität Hamburg, Institut für Historische Musikwissenschaft, *Opera music as church music? On the practice of parody in the Moravian Church*

12:30 - **Bag Lunch Roundtable**

2:00 pm Location: Moravian Archives Reading Room
Moderator: Paul Peucker
Food: Eli's Original Steaks & Subs

Introducing Recent Research or Work in Progress on Moravian History and Music

Join us for a roundtable session, where participants are encouraged to share their recent research findings or work in progress. We would also like to discuss how a potential World Heritage status for Moravian communities might affect Moravian research in the future.

Not quite ready to present, but interested in new projects? Please join us. Each participant will have up to five minutes to speak about their work, with the idea that attendees will have the opportunity to follow up with each other thereafter.

2:00 - **SESSION 8: Presentations**

3:30 pm Location: MTS Saal
Moderator: C. Riddick Weber

1. Josh Follweiler, Moravian Theological Seminary (Student), *God's Acres and the Easter Sunrise Service: The Making of Southern American Moravian Identity in the Post-WWII Era*
2. Lorraine Parsons, Moravian Archives London, *Moravian Close, Chelsea (London): the adaptation of a Moravian settlement*
3. Jared Stephens, Moravian Church, British and Irish Province, *The Moravian Settlement: Looking Back to Look Ahead*

3:45 - **SESSION 10: Presentations**

4:45 pm Location: MTS Saal
Moderator: Christina Petterson

1. John Balz, University of Wisconsin-Madison, *The Band System and Slavery on St. Thomas, 1736-1746*
2. Ulrike Wiethaus, Wake Forest University, *Doing Theology at Cherokee Missions: The Moravian Context in the Early American Republic*

SESSION 9: Presentations

Location: MTS Genadendal
Moderator: Paul Peucker

1. Martha and Michael Hartley, Old Salem Museums & Gardens, *Wachovia in North Carolina: "There is none like it"*
2. David Johnston, Gracehill Trust, *Gracehill 1798: A City of Refuge*
3. James Rollo, Open University, *Pride in their past: A study of the role of history and heritage in two English Moravian settlements*

SESSION 11: Presentations

Location: MTS Genadendal
Moderator: Katherine Faull

1. Pieter Boon, University of the Free State, South Africa, *Did the first Moravian missionaries to South Africa reveal an unexpected origin of an extinct language?*
2. Stephanie McCormick-Goodhart, Independent Scholar, *Polyglot Lovefeast 1749 Bethlehem: Greenlanders first meet Indigenous American Indians*

5:00 - **Lecture Recital**

5:45 pm Location: College Hill Moravian Church sanctuary
Introduction: Hilde Binford

Jewel Smith, University of Cincinnati, with Martha Schrepel, *The Kummer Sisters' Binder's Volumes and Manuscript Books: A Testament of Cultural Significance*

6:00 - **Award Presentations**

6:30 pm Location: College Hill Moravian Church sanctuary
Presented by Craig Atwood

Center for Moravian Studies presentation of the 'David A. Schattschneider Award of Merit' to: Sally Ann and David Johnston, and Jill and Peter Vogt

6:30 - **Conference Soirée**

8:30 pm Location: Outdoors, under the tent adjacent to the Moravian Archives (Lot N)
Food: Fired up Artisan Oven Food Truck, MELT Ice Cream Truck
Beverage station sponsored by Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits LLP

* Saturday, August 19 *

8:15 - **Light Breakfast Refreshments**

9:00 am Location: Moravian Archives Gallery

9:00 - **SESSION 12: Presentations**

10:30 am Location: MTS Saal
Moderator: Paul Peucker

1. Sally Ann Johnston, Moravian Archive of Ireland, *Moravian Education in Ireland 1765 - 1900*
2. Mary Kategile, Teofilo Kisanji University, *African Culture influencing realization of female position in the Mission of the Moravian Church in Tanzania*
3. Wilson Nkumba, Sikonge Moravian Mission Hospital, *The Moravian Schools and the Spreading of the Gospel in Western Tanzania between 1891 up to 1967*

SESSION 13: Presentations

Location: MTS Genadendal
Moderator: Hilde Binford

1. Tom Gordon, Memorial University of Newfoundland, *The Inuit Voice in Moravian Music*
2. James Owen, University of Georgia, *Evangelical America and Native American Hymns*
3. C. Riddick Weber, Moravian University, *From Hymnal to Books of Worship: Changes in the American Moravian Liturgical Heritage*

11:00 am - **SESSION 14: Presentations**

12:30 pm Location: MTS Saal

Moderator: Christina Petterson

1. Aaron Palmore, Loyola University Maryland,
*The Colonial Landscape in the Latin Poems of
Christian Wedsted (1720-1757)*

2. Jonas Schwiertz, Freie Universität Berlin,
"Why are you grumbling against the Pope in
Rome? We already have Popes nearby". *Critical
writings of former members Johannes Hansen
& Martin Cunow against the acting of the
Moravian Church*

3. Chaz Snider, Calvary Moravian Church &
The Global Center for Advanced Studies,
*Zinzendorf's Understanding of the Human
Subject & Its Relationship to
Post-Enlightenment Thought*

12:30 - **Bag Lunch with Presentation**

2:00 pm Location: Moravian Archives Reading Room

Introduction: Paul Peucker

Food: Eli's Original Steaks & Subs

*Mobilizing the Walk and Talk of Cultural Heritage: Using Digital Technology to Promote Wellness
and Place-based Knowledge*

Presenters:

- Katie Faull, Professor of German and Humanities, Faculty Director of Civic Engagement,
Special Advisor to the Provost;
- Shaunna Barnhart, Director of Place Studies Program, Bucknell Center for Sustainability & the
Environment;
- Stu Thompson, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering;

With students involved in the Project:

- Anna Ottman, Sophomore, Electrical Engineer;
- Vy Tran, Junior, Computer Science;
- Jean Marie Ngabonziza, Sophomore, Computer Engineer

SESSION 15: Presentations

Location: MTS Genadendal

Moderator: Hilde Binford

1. Jeffrey Gemmell, Millersville University of
Pennsylvania/Lititz Moravian Congregation,
*Reviving the Lititz Collegium Musicum:
History You Can Hear!*

2. Barbara Strauss, Moravian Music Foundation
(former employee), *GemeinKat: The World
Can Now Search Music of the Gemeinde*

2:00 - **SESSION 16: Presentations**

3:00 pm Location: MTS Saal
Moderator: Hilde Binford

1. Inga Strungytė-Liugienė, Institute of Lithuanian Language, “... *But the good that has been done will be more fully known in Eternity alone*”: Moravian Wilhelm Andreas Rhenius and his social activities in Klaipėda, East Prussia
2. Brent Thorn, Tyler Junior College, *The Moravian Missionary in Texas: The Moravian Missionary J.A. Friebele’s Journey from Pennsylvania, Jamaica, Florida, North Carolina to The Mission Field He Found in Texas*

SESSION 17: Presentations

Location: MTS Genadendal
Moderator: C. Riddick Weber

1. Clement Fumbo, Evangelical Fellowship Church Tanzania, *A Contribution of the Moravian theological teachings in Tanzania and its contribution to the rest of the Moravian World*
2. Peter Songoro, Sikonge Moravian Mission Hospital, *The Historical Importance of Moravian Sikonge Mission Hospital Since Its Establishment in 1923*

4:00 - **Moravian Historical Society Keynote Lecture**

5:30 pm Location: Moravian University (South Campus) Peter Hall
Introduction: Susan Ellis

“A free wildlife.” Morale, Morality and Moravianism in Trinidad 1885-1935
Winelle Kirton-Roberts

5:30 - **Reception, co-sponsored by Moravian Historical Society and Moravian Music Foundation**

7:00 pm Location: Moravian University (South Campus) Payne Art Gallery and Foy Concert Hall Lobby

7:00 - **Conference Concert**

8:30 pm Location: Moravian University (South Campus) Foy Concert Hall

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Concert is also open to the public for a \$15 suggested donation at the door.

The Walter Vivian Moses Lecture in Moravian Studies

*Changes in Bethlehem, Changes in the Unity:
Inner and Outer Aspects of Moravian Organisation*

Thursday, August 17, 7:00 pm

Moravian Theological Seminary (Bahnson Center) Saal

Christina Petterson is an adjunct lecturer at Ilisimatusarfik, University of Greenland, and visiting researcher at the Department of Church History, University of Copenhagen. She also runs a research assistance company and lives in Christiansfeld, Denmark. Her background is in theology (M.Th.) and cultural studies (PhD) and her research interests concern the relationship between Christianity and social history in the eighteenth century both in the colonies and Europe. She is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Moravian History* and will be scholar in residence at the Center for Moravian Studies during Autumn of 2023. Her most recent publications include the monograph *The Moravian Brethren in a Time of Transition: A Socio-Economic Analysis of a Religious Community in Eighteenth-Century Saxony* (Leiden: Brill 2021) and a co-edited volume with Felicity Jenz: *Legacies of David Cranz's 'Historie von Grönland' (1765). Christianities in the Trans-Atlantic World*. (London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2021). Her forthcoming book, *Early Capitalism in Colonial Missions: Moravian Household Economies in the Global Eighteenth Century*, will be out early next year with Bloomsbury Press in London.



Moravian Historical Society Keynote Lecture

"A free wildlife." Morale, Morality and Moravianism in Trinidad 1885-1935

Saturday, August 19, 4:00 pm

Moravian University (South Campus) Peter Hall

Winelle Kirton Roberts, a native of Barbados, is an ordained minister in the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province. She has pastored congregations in Trinidad, Barbados, and the United States Virgin Islands from 1993 to 2019. During this time, Rev. Dr. Kirton-Roberts was the Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference from 2008 to 2014 and then the Secretary of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Eastern West Indies Province from 2015 to 2019.

At present, Rev. Dr. Kirton-Roberts is on secondment with the European Continental Province of the Moravian Church. She is the Pastor of the Geneva Moravian Fellowship, Geneva, Switzerland, an English speaking, international community, which she pioneered in 2019. The fellowship is one of the four Moravian communities in Switzerland.

Rev. Dr. Kirton-Roberts completed a BA in Theology from the University of the West Indies (UWI) Mona, a ThM from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a PhD in history from the University of the West Indies, Barbados. She has taught church history at Codrington College Barbados and Ethics at the Barbados Community College.

As a Caribbean missiologist and church historian, Rev. Dr. Kirton-Roberts's research interest is the connectivity of the theological positions of the mission bodies with the historical contexts. As such, she has given several public lectures and Conference presentations. She has recently contributed to the book, *Moravian Americans, and Their Neighbors, 1722-1822* published by Brill. Her chapter is "Black People, White God: Moravians and the 'Cultural Purification' of the Afro-Caribbean in Antigua and Tobago." She has authored *Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados, 1834-1914* (2015) and has written four entries to the *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South* (2018). She is an editor of the *Journal of Moravian History*.

Book and Gift Sales

Please visit the Moravian Archives Reading Room throughout the conference for special displays featuring a variety of books, CDs, and gift items available for purchase from Moravian Theological Seminary and Penn State University Press. Complimentary snacks and beverages are also available at the Moravian Archives during conference hours.

Sunday Tour Option

Presenters and attendees are encouraged to remain after the conference and visit the Moravian Historical Society in nearby Nazareth, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, August 20 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. Ride sharing opportunities will be discussed during the conference.

Accessibility Statement

Moravian University encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation based on disability, please contact Moravian Archives at 610-866-3255.

Land Acknowledgment

Moravian University is located in Lenapehoking, the traditional homeland of the Lenape, which includes Delaware, New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, and southern New York. We honor the Native inhabitants of this land and their historic and everlasting relationships with it.



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