

# Ministerial Old Students' Association

M O S A

Harris Manchester College, Oxford

## Annual Conference 2023

### Ministry Training Past Lessons, Present Considerations and Future Potential

Dear Attendee,

It's time for MOSA 2023! We are excited to be bringing an engaging and interactive programme that looks at ministry training as it has been, and how it may be. We're also exploring some present-day considerations around technology, including Transhumanism and Artificial Intelligence.

We hope this Welcome Pack will be helpful, providing basic information as well as the programme. The Minutes and Agenda for our Annual General Meeting are attached as separate documents.

Any questions can be directed to Cody at [rev.c.coyne@gmail.com](mailto:rev.c.coyne@gmail.com)

See you soon!

With care,

The MOSA Committee

Rev'ds Kate Dean (President), Cody Coyne (Secretary), Andi Phillips (Treasurer)

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## Basic Info.

### Parking

The best place to park is the Oxford Parkway Park and Ride. It costs £8 for 24-48 hours and £12 for 48-72 hours. More information is available online:

[https://www.oxford.gov.uk/directory\\_record/353/oxford\\_parkway\\_park\\_and\\_ride/category/56/park\\_and\\_ride\\_sites](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/directory_record/353/oxford_parkway_park_and_ride/category/56/park_and_ride_sites) Parking is unavailable in the college, however blue badge holders are more than welcome to park outside the college, and there is a pay and display on Mansfield Road.

### Checking in / Out

Check in / out is at the front office immediately to the right after entering through the main doors.

### Internet



## Connect to Wi-Fi The Cloud

1. Open settings and then wi-fi on your device
2. Connect to 'The Cloud'
3. Open internet an internet browser
4. Browse to 'service.thecloud.net
5. If you have not used The Cloud before click 'Create Account'
6. Fill in your details and then click continue

You should now be connected to the Cloud

### Let's get social



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### Library

The Special Collections will be available for perusal, if you have specific interests you may wish to write ahead of time to Librarian Kate Alderson-Smith at [librarian@hmco.ox.ac.uk](mailto:librarian@hmco.ox.ac.uk)

### Drinks at Dinner

Wine (house red and white) is available for £15 a bottle (cash only) during dinner on both Wednesday and Thursday.

## A Couple Reminders

We send signed cards to members and regular attendees who are unable to join us, as well as family of recently bereaved. If there is someone you think should be included, please email Cody at [rev.c.coyne@gmail.com](mailto:rev.c.coyne@gmail.com).

Finally, a reminder that there is a conference fee of £20, which is cash only. There is also a recommended gratuity to recognise HMCO's staff assistance; we welcome any contribution, and suggest £5 per person per night as a guide.

## Programme

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>What</b>
<u>Wednesday</u>		
2:00	Front Desk	Check-in
3:00	Warrington	Informal Gathering / Free Time
5:00	Outside Warrington	Tea and Coffee
6:30	Arlosh Hall	Dinner
7:30	Warrington	“We look back, that we may look forward”- Talk followed by discussion groups - Kate Dean and Peter Hewis
<u>Thursday</u>		
8:00	Arlosh Hall	Breakfast
9:00	Chapel	Devotions led by Robin Hanford
10:00	Warrington	Honorary Governor's Annual Meeting
11:00	Warrington	MAT Lecture - “Aprons, Collars and Shawls: Ministry Dress and Why it Matters” - Claire MacDonald
12:00	Arlosh Quad	Drinks
12:30	Arlosh Hall	Lunch
2:00	Warrington	“Your body is a death trap: Theological Response to Transhumanism(s)” - Tobias Tanton
3:15		Short Break
3:30	Warrington	"Divine Bytes: Faith and Technology in the Modern Age" - Cody Coyne
4:30	Outside Warrington	Tea and Coffee
5:00	Chapel	“Cherishing the Earth” Service led by Claire MacDonald
6:00	Arlosh Hall	Dinner

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>What</b>
7:30	Wellbeloved	Drinks
<b><u>Friday</u></b>		
8:00	Arlosh Hall	Breakfast
9:00	Front Desk	Room Check-out
9:15	Chapel	”Keep on Moving Forward” MOSA Anniversary Service led by Rev’d Kate Dean
10:30	Outside Warrington	Tea and Coffee
11:00	Warrington	“Continuing Professional Development: a Conversation.” - Claire MacDonald and Matthew Weait
12:00	Warrington	AGM (aiming to conclude at 12:30)
1:00	Arlosh Hall	Lunch

## Meet the Speakers

### Cody Coyne



Rev Cody Coyne was appointed minister at Cross Street Unitarian Chapel in 2015. In addition to his ministry, he serves on the executive of the Manchester District Association, the Unitarian Peace Fellowship, and the Faith Network for Manchester. He is also a participant in Manchester’s “Challenging Hate Forum,” an inter-faith and inter-civic group working to combat hate crime. Cody lives in north Manchester with his wife Catherine and son Thomas. Beyond ministry, music plays an important part in his life.

### Kate Dean



Rev Kate Dean trained at HMCO and Heythrop College. She is a Unitarian minister serving Rosslyn Hill Chapel, Hampstead in north London. She has a creative background, having studied design at University, and has organised a number of creativity groups. She is inspired by earth-centred spirituality, the mystics from the East and West as well as the creative arts. As well as leading Sunday services, her spiritual community at Rosslyn Hill Chapel offers Sunday afternoon spirituality workshops and monthly Death Cafes, evening meditation gatherings and monthly groups for under-5s.

## **Robin Hanford**



Originally from Sussex, Robin was drawn to Unitarianism through its inclusive ethos – both in terms of diversity of belief and its LGBTQI+ inclusive and affirming nature.

Robin leads worship at Great Meeting most weeks as well as being pastorally available for friends and members of the congregation as well as the people of Hinckley and beyond. He also leads rights of passage at the Chapel including Christenings/Baptisms/Naming Ceremonies, Weddings, and Funerals.

## **Peter Hewis**



Before training for the ministry at the Unitarian College, Peter spent three years playing cornet then French Horn with the Band of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Parachute Regiment then he had three ministries; Bethnal Green for seven years, Hinckley for twenty nine years and finally at Harris Manchester College as the Chaplain, Bursar, Tutor in Ministerial Training and Minister to the Unitarian Chapel Society. Peter also spent a six-month exchange at Knoxville, Tennessee in 1970 and a further six months as the interim minister in 1980.

In 1991-2 he was the President of the General Assembly, for more than twenty years he was Secretary of the North (now East) Midland District Association and for twenty years he was Secretary of the Ministers' Benevolent Society. Nowadays he plays Tenor Horn with Yarnton Brass Band and is the Band President.

His wife Heddwen is a retired NHS Nutritionist and Dietitian who specialised in the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients.

## **Claire MacDonald**



Claire MacDonald joins Harris Manchester as Chaplain and Unitarian Ministry Tutor from a background in both congregational ministry and the arts. She comes to HMC from Lewisham Unity in South London, where she served as minister from 2017 to 2022. In 2015-17, she trained as a minister at Harris Manchester while completing an MA at Heythrop College, University of London, focused on the impact of modernity on the three Abrahamic faiths. She also earned a BA in English from the University of Leeds and a PhD in Critical and Creating Writing at the University of East Anglia.

## **Tobias Tanton**



Tobias studied at the Australian National University and originally worked in commerce and information technology before turning to academic theology. He took his third bachelor's degree at Charles Sturt University, and his postgraduate degrees in Oxford, first as an Ertegun Scholar and MPhil student at Harris Manchester, and then as a DPhil student and holder of the Arthur Peacocke Graduate Studentship in Science and Religion at Exeter College. He held a postdoctoral fellowship in the Faculty of Divinity at Cambridge (2017 – 2018), and from 2018-2022 was Lecturer in Theology at Ripon College Cuddesdon.

## **Matthew Weait**



Matthew is Director of the Department, Professor of Law and Society, and Governing Body Fellow of Harris Manchester College. He has a longstanding commitment to promoting higher and continuing educational opportunities for non-traditional learners, and to equality, diversity, and inclusion in higher education.

## **List of Attendees**

Alan Ruston  
Andi Phillips  
Ant Howe  
Brian Cockroft  
Celia Midgley  
Chris Hudson  
Claire MacDonald  
Cody Coyne  
David Steers  
Frank Walker  
Jim Corrigan  
Jo James  
John Midgley  
Kate Dean  
Kate McKenna  
Lena Cockroft  
Martin Whitell  
Peter Godfrey  
Peter Hewis  
Philip Waldron  
Robin Hanford  
Sarah Tinker