

# Fox at 400:

## The Life, Times, & Legacies of George Fox

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**Fox at 400: The Life, Times, and Legacies of George Fox - A Joint Conference of the Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists, Centre for Research in Quaker Studies, and the Quaker Studies Research Association  
Lancaster University  
Lancaster, England  
June 20-23, 2024**

### Call For Proposals

For the 400th anniversary of the birth of George Fox—credited with the establishment of The Religious Society of Friends also known as Quakers—the 2024 Joint Conference will be held in Lancaster, in the area at the epicentre of early Quakerism. The anniversary offers a valuable point for reflection by historians, archivists and others to consider the life and times of Fox as well as his legacies, and a coming together of new and exciting ideas around Friends and their history. This conference is ideal for anyone researching Quakerism or those interested in the findings of the research. This is a major transatlantic event and a very exciting opportunity to hear the latest scholarship in Quaker studies.

**We invite proposals** for presentations from all disciplines in the academy, from archivists and heritage practitioners, and from scholars from all backgrounds at any life stage. This year we encourage proposals on the following topics:

- George Fox focused:
  - George Fox in the Midlands / 1624 Country
  - Ancestry, parents, relatives of George Fox
  - Places and spaces of Fox and his heritage
  - The saintliness and hagiography of Fox, challenges to this

- What is lost by focusing on Fox as the founder of Quakerism
- Fox in the digital age
- Quakerism beyond George Fox
- The Valiant 60
- Margaret Fell and other early Quakers before Fox
- Women and religion in the 17th century
- Weavers, shoemakers, printmakers: apprenticeships in the mid-1600s England
- Archives and material culture of early Quakers

In addition to individual paper presentations (20 minutes), we welcome proposals for panels of complete sessions (2-3 papers), roundtable discussions (60 or 90 minutes), workshops (up to a half day), or other collaborative formats. We also seek participants for a session of lightning talks (5-7 minutes each), a format especially well suited to works-in-progress, summaries of recent publications, or ongoing projects. All presenters are required to register for the conference.

**Proposals** should consist of the following elements:

1. Identify the **format** of your proposed presentation: a single paper, a panel of papers, a roundtable discussion, a workshop, a lightning talk, or other format, and indicate its proposed length.
2. For each presentation proposed, please supply:
  - a. the **presentation title**;
  - b. a one-page **description** of the proposed presentation that highlights argument, approach, or methodology, as well as anticipated content;
  - c. whether you would be attending in person or virtually; and
  - d. a one-page **vita or resume** for each presenter.
3. Proposals for sessions should be sent as a package, including an overall **session description** as well as the requested materials for each participant.

Complete proposals should be sent via email to Mary Crauderueff and Jordan Landes, program co-chairs, at [quakerhistoriansandarchivists@gmail.com](mailto:quakerhistoriansandarchivists@gmail.com)

The **deadline** for proposals is **December 4, 2023**.

\*Please note the deadline for Early Bird Registration is January 31, 2024\*

Notes:

*Who we are:* The Joint Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists (CQHA), Centre for Research in Quaker Studies (CRQS), the Quaker Studies Research Association

(QSRA) will hold its conference, **Fox at 400**, at Lancaster University on June 20-23, 2024.

**CQHA** is a community that brings together those who study the history of Quakers and Quakerism with practitioners from cultural institutions that make records of the Quaker past available for scholarship. The **Conference** takes place every two years at locations in North America and abroad, and welcomes both Quaker and non-Quaker participants from diverse backgrounds.

**We are exploring potential funding opportunities.**

Questions? [quakerhistoriansandarchivists@gmail.com](mailto:quakerhistoriansandarchivists@gmail.com)

Conference Website: <http://libguides.guilford.edu/cqha>

Registration website:

<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses/crqs-qsra-cqha-quaker-studies-conference-fox-at-400/>

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