

# Dickens Day

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Dickens's Days: Heritage, Celebrations and Anniversaries

Senate House (South), University of London

9.00am **Registration** (outside Woburn Suite, ground floor)

9.45am **Opening remarks** – Bethan Carney, Holly Furneaux and Ben Winyard (Woburn Suite)

10.00am **PLENARY PANEL** (Woburn Suite)

– Valerie Purton (Anglia Ruskin University), ‘“People Mutht be Amuthed”: 30 Years of Dickens Days’

– Steven Connor (University of Cambridge), ‘Dickens and the Date’

– Andrew Sanders (Durham University), ‘How not to leave’

Chair: Tony Williams (President of the Dickens Fellowship)

11.15am **READINGS** (Woburn Suite)

Readings organised by Tony Williams (President of the Dickens Fellowship) and given by invited readers.

11.30am **Tea/Coffee**

12.00pm **PARALLEL PANELS**

**A) Exuberance** (Woburn Suite)

– Emily Bowles (University of York), ‘“You know as I am of a convivial turn...”: The Convivial Remembrances of the Dickens Family, the Boz Club and the Dickens Fellowship’

– Caroline Radcliffe (University of Birmingham), ‘“The Song of the Wreck”: Dickens’s Autobiographical Spectres and the Stage’

Chair: Ben Winyard (Birkbeck College, University of London)

**B) Time** (Bloomsbury Room)

– Emma Curry (Birkbeck College, University of London), ‘Shoe Time: Miss Havisham’s Queer Commemorations’

– Jolene Zigarovich (University of Northern Iowa), ‘Flashforward: Dickens, Prolepsis, and Future Death’

Chair: Bethan Carney (Birkbeck College, University of London)

1.00pm **LUNCH** (own arrangements)

2.15pm **READINGS** (Woburn Suite)

2.30pm **PARALLEL PANELS**

**A) Remembering** (Woburn Suite)

– Aleksandra Budrewicz (Pedagogical University of Krakow, Poland), ‘Polish Jubilees of Charles Dickens’

– Hadas Elber-Aviram (University College London, University of London), ‘“Like a marble image on the tomb of the man”: Stuffed Ravens, Living Monuments, and the Gleam of Connection in Dickens’s Life and Fiction’

Chair: Holly Furneaux (Cardiff University)

**B) Topicality** (Bloomsbury Room)

– Abderrezzaq Ghafsi, (Anglia Ruskin University) ‘Exploring Charles Dickens’s Connectedness and Canonisation through his Algerian Historical and Life-Narrative Accounts’

– Joanna Robinson, (University of Surrey/University College Dublin), ‘Fictional Archives’

Chair: Pete Orford (University of Buckingham)

3.30pm **High Tea** (Gordon Room)

4.00pm **PLENARY** (Woburn Suite)

– Michael Slater (Birkbeck, University of London), ‘“To lose no drop of that immortal man”: Celebrating Dickens’

**This lecture is dedicated to the memory of Barbara Hardy.**

Chair: Paul Schlicke (University of Aberdeen and University of Buckingham)

4.45pm **Dramatised reading/performance** from *The Frozen Deep*

5.30pm **CLOSE**