

**Common Sense Philosophy in the Scottish Enlightenment**  
**BSHP annual conference**  
**University of Edinburgh**  
**7-9 May 2014**

**Conference Programme**

**Day 1**

1.00-3.00: BSHP management meeting (William Robertson Wing, Room 1M.20)

3.00-4.00: Registration and Coffee (WRW, Jim McMillan Room)

4.00-6.00: Plenary Session—Professor Paul Wood (University of Victoria, Canada)  
Title: ‘The Reception of Scottish Common Sense Philosophy in Britain, 1764-1793’  
Chair: Professor Alexander Broadie (University of Glasgow)

6.00-7.00: AGM meeting (WRW, Room 1M.20)

**Day 2 (Old Medical School, McEwan Reception Hall)**

9.00-10.30: Reid, Hume & seventeenth-century Scottish philosophy  
Chair: Dr. Thomas Ahnert (University of Edinburgh)

‘Common Sense and Ideal Theory in 17c Scottish philosophy’  
Dr. Giovanni Gellera (University of Glasgow)

‘Reid, Hume, and Cicero on Moral Worth’  
Dr. Jeffrey Edwards (Stony Brook University, State University of New York, USA)

‘Reid’s response to Hume’s Theory of Natural Belief’  
Nathan Sasser (Doctoral Candidate at the University of South Carolina, USA)

10.30-11.00: Coffee (WRW, Jim McMillan Room)

11.00-12.30: Judgement & Memory  
Chair: Dr. Jeremy Dunham (University of Edinburgh)

‘Judgement, Sociality and Responsibility: Reid’s Account of Common Sense’  
Dr. Daniel Herbert (University of Sheffield)

‘Reid on Remembering Events’  
Dr. Marina Folescu (University of Missouri, USA)

‘“Reid’s superstitious horror”: Hamilton’s Representative thesis of Memory and  
Carlyle’s Commencement of a novel Historiography’  
Dr. Ralph Jessop (University of Glasgow)

12.30-1.30: Lunch (WRW, Jim McMillan Room)

1.30-3.00: Scottish Philosophy in North American Contexts

Chair: Professor Gordon Graham (Princeton Theological Seminary)

‘Scottish Common Sense and American Pragmatism’

Dr. Douglas McDermid (Trent University, Canada)

‘Scottish Philosophy and American Theology’

Dr. James Foster (University of Sioux Falls, USA)

‘Scottish Rhetoric in America: Witherspoon, Wilson, and the Founders’

Professor Jan Swearingen (Texas A&M University, USA)

3.00-3.30: Coffee (WRW, Jim McMillan Room)

3.30-5.30: Plenary Session (Old Medical School, McEwan Reception Hall)

Chair: Professor David Ferguson (University of Edinburgh)

‘Hume and the common sense philosophers’

Dr. James Harris (The University of St. Andrews)

‘Common Sense and First Principles: Between Known Propositions and Powers of Knowledge’

Dr. Angélique Thébert, (professeur agrégé de philosophie at the lycée Livet, Nantes, France)

5.30-7.00: Reception (WRW, Jim McMillan Room)

7.00: Conference Dinner (Howies Restaurant)

**Day 3** (Old Medical School, McEwan Reception Hall)

9.00-10.30: Sensations

Chair: Dr. Christian Maurer (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

‘Thomas Reid, Sensations and Intentionality’

Dr. Piotr Szalek (Catholic University of Lublin, Poland)

‘Colour and Extension: John Fearn’s Critique of Reid’

Dr. Giovanni Grandi (University of British Columbia, Canada)

‘Reid’s Account of Sensation in Light of Wytt’s Physiology’

Sebastiano Gino (Doctoral Candidate at the University of Turin, Italy)

10.30-11.00: Coffee (WRW, Jim McMillan Room)

11.00-12.30: Causality & Religion

Chair: Dr. Alix Cohen (University of Edinburgh)

‘Reid on morality, common sense and theism’

Dr. Esther Kroeker (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

‘Agnosticism and the “Vulgar Error” about Efficient Powers in Material Phenomena’  
Benoît Gide (Doctoral Candidate at École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France)

‘Taking on Trust: Testimony as a paradigm case for Common Sense Philosophy’

Dr. Sibylle Schmidt (Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany)

12.30-1.30: Lunch (WRW, Jim McMillan Room)

1.30-3.30: Plenary Session

Chair: Dr. Charles Bradford Bow (University of Edinburgh)

‘Thomas Reid and our Natural Constitution: Philosophical and Medical Issues’

Dr. Claire Echegaray (maître de conférences at Paris)

‘Scottish Common Sense Abroad’

Professor Gordon Graham (Princeton Theological Seminary)

3.30: Conference ends