



The seventh conference of the **Alister Hardy Religious Experience Research Centre** at the **University of Wales Trinity Saint David** will take place on July 6th 2020 in the Old Building of the Lampeter campus from 2 p.m. to 5.30 pm. The topic will be “Interdisciplinary approaches to the study of Religious and Spiritual Experiences”. This year’s conference is linked with the Harmony Interfaith Colloquium though participants can also just attend the sessions organised by the Religious Experience Research Centre.

The keynote speaker this year is **Prof Jane Shaw**, University of Oxford and Principal of the Harris Manchester College, where Sir Alister Hardy founded the research centre more than 50 years ago. Prof Shaw will give the annual **Alister Hardy Lampeter Lecture** with the title **Religious Experience and the early twentieth-century Revival of Mysticism**. Prof Shaw is Professor of the History of Religion and a Pro-Vice-Chancellor at Oxford. She is the author of several books, including *Miracles in Enlightenment England* (Yale 2006) and *Octavia, Daughter of God: the story of a female messiah and her followers* (Jonathan Cape 2011).

Other speakers are Dr David Greenwood on “Art and Spiritual Experience”, Dr Jack Hunter on “Listening to the Land: Other-than-Human Voices in the Anthropocene”, and Prof Marta de Freitas on her research on “Religious Experiences and Mental Health: Psychological implications.”

The programme will conclude with a reception to celebrate the launch of the new publication *Spirituality and Wellbeing: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Religious Experience and Health*, ed. by Bettina E. Schmidt and Jeff Leonardi (Equinox, 2020)

Information such as a campus map and how to travel to Lampeter can be found here: <https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/lampeter/travelling-to-lampeter/>
It is also possible to book B&B accommodation on campus. Please email directly the conference officer, Ms Chloe Parsons (chloe.parsons@uwtsd.ac.uk) until 6th of June 2020.





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Interdisciplinary approaches to the study of Religious and Spiritual Experiences

Annual conference of the Religious Experience Research Centre
6 July 2020 (Old Building, Lampeter), 2-5.30 p.m.

2.p.m. Welcome by Prof Bettina Schmidt, Director of the Religious Experience Research Centre

The Alister Hardy Lampeter Lecture

Prof Jane Shaw, University of Oxford

Religious Experience and the early twentieth-century Revival of Mysticism

Discussion

3.30-4.00 tea/coffee

4.p.m.-5.30 p.m. Panel: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Dr Jack Hunter, Honorary Research Fellow, UWTSD

Listening to the Land: Other-than-Human Voices in the Anthropocene

Dr David Greenwood, AHT

Art and Spiritual Experience

Prof Marta de Freitas, Catholic University of Brasilia

Religious Experiences and Mental Health: Psychological implications

5.30 – 6 p.m. Book launch



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