

December 2014 marks the 300th birthday of George Whitefield, the leading evangelist of the First Great Awakening, and the most famous person in America prior to the American Revolution. In spite of his remarkable career, Whitefield remains strangely unknown today, but his 300th birthday represents a major opportunity to revisit the triumphs and controversies generated by his preaching ministry. This symposium will gather a range of experts on George Whitefield and the Anglo-American evangelical movement in order to consider Whitefield's titanic influence on Christian faith in his own time, and on Christian movements through the present day.

November 13, 2014 7-8:00 pm

Lecture by Thomas S. Kidd, Baylor University Professor of History: George Whitefield, Evangelical Christian: The Great Revivalists Core Motivations

Morning Panel 10:30 am noon

Philippa Koch, Doctoral Candidate, University of Chicago Divinity School: Slavery, Mission, and the Perils of Providence: The Writings of Whitefield and the Halle Pietists

Stephen Berry, Associate Professor of History, Simmons College: George Whitefield the Sailor

Peter Choi, Senior Fellow, Newbigin House of Studies, San Francisco: George Whitefield and Slavery: A Preacher in the Marketplace of Empire

Afternoon Lectures: 1:30 pm and 3:15 pm

1:30 pm David Bebbington, Professor of History, University of Stirling and Baylor Visiting Distinguished Professor of History: The Calvinist Strain in British Evangelicalism

3:15 pm Bruce Hindmarsh, Professor of Spiritual Theology, Regent College: A Burning and Shining Light: The Zealous Spirituality of George Whitefield