

# Call for Papers!



*of John Murray's landing  
in America*



*of Channing's sermon  
"Unitarian Christianity"*

## **2019 Convocation of Unitarian and Universalist Studies**

**"Origins of Unitarianism, Universalism and  
Unitarian Universalism in America:  
Implications for Liberal Religious Thought and Practice  
Then and Now"**

**October 17-20, 2019 \* Baltimore, Maryland**

Sponsors: The Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Society,  
Unitarian Universalist Collegium, and Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center.

The theme will be a celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of William Ellery Channing's sermon "Unitarian Christianity" and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Murray's arrival in North America, looking at the theological and social justice implications of what they preached – not only in their time but in the decades that followed.

We invite participants and presenters to engage with the legacies of early Unitarian and Universalist historical figures and to consider the impact they had on shaping the theology, ethics, and practice of contemporary Unitarian Universalism.

**Our Distinguished Scholars** for this conference are: **The Reverend Mark Harris**, Minister of First Parish in Watertown, Massachusetts and **Dr. Christopher Cameron**, Assistant Professor of History at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

**We welcome a variety of submissions** – academic papers, panel conversations, and dramatic historical readings. While preference will be given to submissions pertaining directly to the conference theme, we will accept proposals for any papers or projects that engage your interest related to the UU movement through a historical, theological, or ethical lens.

**We are also accepting submissions for a  
Sermon Competition and a  
Worship Arts and Sacred Music Competition.**

Original sermons, music, and other interactive liturgical elements will be considered for presentation in our morning worship services at the conference.

**Presenters should submit a proposal through the online form  
found at <http://uuconvo.org/>  
by May 15, 2019.**

Proposals should include an abstract of 300-500 words and provide an overview of the presentation's content. It should also include one or two sentences of biographical information about the presenter(s). **For sermons and original music, use the same form to submit your complete original work in written form.** Notification of whether a proposal has been accepted will be given by June 15, 2019.

For questions about submissions, please contact **Convocation Program Co-Chairs:**  
**Bob Reutenauer at [bobreut@gmail.com](mailto:bobreut@gmail.com)**  
**Natalie Malter at [malter.natalie@gmail.com](mailto:malter.natalie@gmail.com).**

Details about conference registration are forthcoming on Convocation 2019 website at <http://uuconvo.org/>

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