



The Gettysburg Conference

The Fourteenth Biennial Conference of the **American Cusanus Society**
and the **International Seminar on Pre-Reformation Theology**

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NICHOLAS OF CUSA'S LEGACY IN RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION

October 10 - 12, 2014

Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary
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We shall explore the rich legacy of **Nicholas of Cusa (1401-1464)** in its many facets – intellectual, religious, political, and artistic – from his last years in Rome until 1700. He commissioned and edited manuscripts of his works and sermons, marked out his place in intellectual history, and established St. Nicholas Hospital in Kues which continues to this day. After his death, there followed three printed editions of his works, and translations appeared among reformers in Stuart England. Nicholas influenced thinkers including Giordano Bruno and Charles de Bovelles. His ecclesiastical career and critique of the *Donation of Constantine* fueled later religious and political controversies and reform efforts. In addition, monuments to him endure in Rome and at the Hospital in Kues, which also houses much of his personal library.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 (for early arrivals)

5:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Singmaster Center
7:00 p.m.	Dinner (Optional)	Appalachian Brewing Company

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 to 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Refectory
10:30 a.m.	Battlefield Tour (Colonel Izbicki of the Bernkastel Battalion)	Valentine Commons
11:50 a.m.	Chapel	
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Meeting of the Executive Committee, American Cusanus Society	Refectory

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration and Refreshments Valentine Commons/
Coffee Shop

3:00 p.m. **Public Lecture I: *The Kiyomi Koizumi Watanabe Lecture*** Valentine Auditorium

Chair: **Kristin Largen**, Interim Dean, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary
Introduction to the Conference theme

Thomas M. Izbicki, Rutgers University
“Nicholas of Cusa in Early Protestant English Editions”

Paul Richard Blum, Loyola University Maryland

4:00 p.m. Wine Hour Coffee Shop

4:30 p.m. **Public Lecture II: *The Richard John Neuhaus Lecture*** Valentine Auditorium

Chair: **Christopher Bellitto**, Kean University
“Sharing Friends and Foes: On the Relation between Nicholas of Cusa and
Martin Luther”

Knut Alfsvåg, School of Mission and Theology, Stavanger

5:15 p.m. Social Hour and
Dedication of the **Morimichi Watanabe Collection** Pioneer Room, Library

6:15 p.m. Dinner

7:45 p.m. **Public Session III: *The F. Edward Cranz Roundtable*** Valentine Auditorium
Chair: **Charles Carman**, University at Buffalo

Cusanus’ Legacy in Kues and Rome

Marco Brösch, St. Nikolaus-Hospital /Cusanusstift
Il Kim, Auburn University
Patricia Seibold, Birmingham, MI

9:00 p.m. Social Hour

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Refectory

8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Service of Prayer with Commemorations Chapel
Remembering Paul Sigmund, Thomas Mayer,
Klaus Rinehardt, Hermann Hallauer, and others
Led by **Phillip Stump**, Lynchburg College

9:00 a.m. **Session I** Library Lecture Room
Chair: **Ian Levy**, Providence College

Cusanus' Last Years in Rome: Defining a Legacy

“Cusanus' Philosophical Testament: *De venatione sapientiae*”

Donald Duclow, Gwynedd Mercy University

““A Most Enthusiastic Papist’: Papacy and Reform in the Later Cusanus and the Early Luther.”

Richard Serina, Concordia Seminary

10:15 a.m. Coffee Break Library Rotunda

10:45 a.m. **Session II** Library Lecture Room
Chair: **Thomas Morrissey**, SUNY Fredonia

Working Session: Cusanus and Valla: Their Political Legacy and the Reformation

Led by **Philip Krey**, Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary, and **Gerald Christianson**, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary

- Excerpts from Cusanus' *De concordantia catholica*
- Excerpts from Lorenzo Valla's *Discourse on the Forgery of the Alleged Donations of Constantine*
- Selections from Johannes Kymeus' *Des Babsts Hercules widerdie Deutschen* (1538)
- Flacius Illyricus, entry on Cusanus, *Catalogus testium veritatis*

12:15 p.m. Lunch Refectory

1:30 p.m. **Session III** Library Lecture Room
Chair: **Eric Crump**, independent scholar, Gettysburg

Cusanus and Reformations

“The English Reception of Cusanus in Print”

Thomas M. Izbicki

“Beyond the Tegernsee Debate: Some Later Reactions to Nicholas of Cusa's Speculative Mystical Theology”

Meredith Ziebart, Loyola University Maryland

3:00 p.m. **Tour** Award-winning Gettysburg's Seminary Ridge Museum

5:30 p.m. Mass St. Francis Xavier Church

5:45 p.m. Social Hour Singmaster Center
Business Meeting of the American Cusanus Society
Donald Duclow, Vice President, presiding

7:15 p.m. Candlelight Banquet Refectory
Master of Ceremonies: **Christopher Bellitto**
Entertainment: “Gettysburg, Summer 1863, in Song and Story”
Wayne Hill and Friends

9:00 p.m. Social Hour Singmaster Center

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00 a.m. Mass St. Francis

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Refectory

8:15 a.m. Ecumenical Service of Word and Sacrament Chapel
Led by **Philip Krey**

9:15 a.m. **Session IV** Library Lecture Room
Chair: **William Collinge**, Mount St. Mary’s University

Cusanus’ Later Impact

“Echoes and Transformations: Cusan Ideas in Charles de Bovelles’s Philosophy”

Tamara Albertini, University of Hawai’i at Manoa

“Infinity of God and Infinity of the Universe: Cusanus and Bruno”

Sophie Berman, St. Francis College

“Burckhardt’s *Existenzbild* and the Icon in *De visione Dei*”

Nancy Struever, Johns Hopkins University

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break Library Rotunda

10:45 a.m. **Session V** Library Lecture Room
Chair: **Phillip Stump**

Working Session: French and English Receptions of Cusanus

Led by **Matthieu van der Meer**, Syracuse University

and **Jason Aleksander**, St. Xavier University

- Lefevre d’Etaples, Preface to his edition of Cusanus’ works

- Cusanus, *De visione Dei* (Latin and Bond translation)

- Cusanus, *De visione Dei* (excerpts from a 17th-century Stuart translation)

12:00 p.m. Close

Departures begin at 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. Lunch (Optional)

Appalachian Brewing Company

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The Committee for the 2014 Gettysburg Conference: **Donald Duclow, Thomas M. Izbicki** (co-chairs); **Il Kim, Tamara Albertini, Knut Alfsvåg**. Arrangements chair: **Gerald Christianson**. Registrars: **Margaret Folkemer, David Petr, Nicole Miller**

Thanks for joining us. See you next time.