

2023 CAROLINAS REGIONAL CONVIVIUM

The Inklings and the Great Conversation: Friendship Increased through Literature

In the first quarter of each year The Davenant Institute hosts a convivium on literature. The theme for 2023 is “The Inklings and the Great Conversation: Friendship Increased through Literature.” We are pleased to have Dr. Harry Lee Poe as our keynote speaker. Dr. Poe grew up in Greenville, SC. He is the Charles Colson University Professor of Faith & Culture at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. He received his Ph.D. from SBTS, has studied at Oxford and is the founder of the Inklings Fellowship. Dr. Poe has worked with or provided leadership in several Inklings oriented events in the US and UK. His most recent book, *The Completion of C. S. Lewis (1945–1963): From War to Joy*, was published this Fall. It is the final volume in Dr. Poe’s trilogy on Lewis’s life. Among his other writings, contributions and edited works, *The Inklings of Oxford: C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, and Their Friends*, is of special interest for this upcoming convivium. You can become more acquainted with his endeavors on his [faculty page](#) or [books page](#) as well as his [extensive scholarship](#).

A core motivation for The Davenant Institute is to bring the strengthening goods of Christian wisdom to all in its reach. This literature event continues to be one among many ways we benefit from wisdom treasured through written words. C.S. Lewis noted that “In great literature, I become a thousand different men but still remain myself” (*An Experiment in Criticism*). To learn to see things from another’s point of view or to linger on their contemplations of the good, true or beautiful moves us from acquaintance to friendship. In this convivium we explore ways that literature brings old friends together, helps us make new friends and continues the long friendship of minds from ancient times into the present and for the future.

What: The Carolinas Regional Convivia held in the Spring is an annual conference on literature. This gathering at Davenant House centers on using literature for encouraging the growth of classical Protestantism and retrieval of wisdom for the church.

Date and Location: February 24-25, 2023 at Davenant House, Landrum, SC

Who: We welcome anyone interested in the work of The Davenant Institute, literature in general or the conference theme. One of the unique features of the Davenant way is that we mingle together as peers regardless of level of education or other status markers. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event. If you have questions, please use the contact page or get in touch with Michael Hughes, director of Davenant House.

Schedule:

Event runs 5:30 PM Friday Feb. 24th to 4:30 PM Saturday Feb. 25th

Lineup of Presentations:

TBA

Cost:

\$15 Friday night only (\$10 student rate)

\$25 Saturday only (\$15 student rate)

\$40 Friday and Saturday Commuter (\$25 student rate)

\$100 overnight stay (\$60 student rate)

If you have any questions, email Michael Hughes at m.hughes@davenantinstitute.org.

In order to keep costs at a reasonable rate and to encourage the atmosphere of fellowship for which our Convivia are most fondly remembered we ask for your help with meal preparation and clean-up. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the event. The information packet (to be sent nearer the event) will include a detailed schedule, directions to Davenant House, etc.

In addition to our keynote speaker, the Spring 2023 Carolinas Regional Convivium Irenicum schedule will include the presentation of papers, Q&A, and worship, as well as meals on site.