

The Dickens Fellowship welcomes you to a symposium in honour of

Emeritus Professor Michael Slater MBE

Friday 6 October 2023



PROGRAMME

2.00 pm Welcome – Catherine Waters, President of the Dickens Fellowship

Session 1 Michael Slater and the Dickens Fellowship

- 2.10 Andrew Sanders – Michael Slater as Editor of the *Dickensian*
- 2.25 Tony Williams (on Zoom) – Michael Slater as President of the Fellowship and Chair of the Trustees of the Dickens House Museum
- 2.40 Tributes from Branches where Michael Slater was President or Proxy:
 - Japan (Toru Sasaki – on Zoom))
 - Philadelphia (Pat Vinci – on Zoom)
 - Nottingham (Anita Fernandez-Young)
 - Cambridge (Christine Corton)

3pm – 3.40 AFTERNOON TEA

Session 2 Michael Slater and Dickens Studies

- 3.40 Michael Hollington – Michael Slater and the history of Dickens criticism
- 3.55 Jenny Hartley – Michael Slater the biographer
- 4.10 John Drew (on Zoom) – Michael Slater as Editor of the *Journalism and the Everyman* editions

4.25 Robert Patten (on Zoom) – on Sixty Years of Friendship, 1963-2023

4.40 Other contributions from the audience

Session 3 Readings from Dickens

5.00 Malcolm Andrews – Michael Slater as Reader of Dickens

5.05 Michael Slater (with Malcolm Andrews) – Mrs Witterly from *Nicholas Nickleby* and Pecksniff at Todgers from *Martin Chuzzlewit*

c.5.30 Close

NOTES ON MAIN SPEAKERS (principally formal affiliations)

MALCOLM ANDREWS, Emeritus Professor of Victorian and Visual Studies, University of Kent.

JOHN DREW, Emeritus Professor of English Literature, University of Buckingham.

JENNY HARTLEY OBE, Professor Emerita of English Literature, Roehampton University and co-founder of Prison Reading Groups in 2012.

MICHAEL HOLLINGTON, Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Toulouse – Le Mirail 2 and the University of New South Wales, Sydney.

ROBERT L. PATTEN, Lynette S. Autry Professor Emeritus of Humanities, Rice University, Texas.

ANDREW SANDERS, Emeritus Professor of English, University of Durham, and former Editor of *The Dickensian*.

TORU SASAKI, Emeritus Professor of English, Kyoto University, and former President of the Japan Branch of the Dickens Fellowship.

CATHERINE WATERS, Professor Emerita of Victorian Literature and Print Culture, University of Kent, and current President of the Dickens Fellowship.

TONY WILLIAMS, Former President of the Dickens Fellowship and Trustee of the Charles Dickens Museum.

MICHAEL SLATER MBE

Brief Notes

Emeritus Professor of English, Birkbeck College. Retired in 2001 after teaching at Birkbeck for 36 years.

Selected Books: *Dickens on America and the Americans* (1970); *Dickens and Women* (1983); *An Intelligent Person's Guide to Dickens* (1999); *Douglas Jerrold: 1803-1857* (2002); *Charles Dickens: A Writing Life* (2009); *The Great Charles Dickens Scandal* (2012).

Selected Editorships: *The Dickensian* (1958-1977); *Dickens' Journalism*, 4 volumes (Vol 4 with John Drew), 1994-2000; Series Editor for the Everyman Dickens.

Past Chairman Board of Trustees of the Dickens House Museum (now the Charles Dickens Museum).