

# **TWU Inklings Institute of Canada Annual Report: 2024**

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**Members of the advisory board:** informal advisory board: Laura N. Van Dyke & other English Dept. members (which houses IIC), Chris Morrissey (Philosophy), Ron Dart (UFV) and other TWU members of IIC

**Date:** February 24, 2025

### **Highlights from the past year**

#### **(i) Summary**

The Inklings Institute activities of the past year have advanced TWU's mission as an international centre of scholarly excellence that generates innovative knowledge. Institute members have led discussion within academic and religious communities, as well as in the public sphere, both on TWU campus and nationally and internationally. These include conferences in Canada, the U.S., and the U.K. Presentations and publications addressed both academic communities and the general public. Inklings Institute uniquely combines two of TWU's Strategic Research Plans: 1) Religion, Culture and Ethics; and 4) Aesthetic Expression and Interpretation. In the English Department at Trinity Western University, we hosted the *Western Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature* May 9-11, 2024: "ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion, which included several Inklings scholars' contributions. On September 26, 2024, we hosted "Celebrating 200 Years of George MacDonald & 150 Years of G.K. Chesterton: The Posture of the True Critic: A Legacy of Humility" led by *Radix Magazine* editor **Matthew Steem**.

**(ii) List of events (Inklings Institute TWU on-campus, including on-line attendance):**

**January 23, 2024.** "The Sacred Truth of Fiction: Sidney, Tolkien, and Hart." **Bret van den Brink**, TWU Library & on-line.

**February 26, 2024.** "Reading George MacDonald's *Lilith* with Dante." **Ron Dart**, TWU Library & on-line.

**April 4, 2024.** Table-read: Dorothy L. Sayers' "The King Comes to His Own" from *The Man Born to be King* with **Jan Lermite**, TWU Library & on-line.

**September 26, 2024.** "Celebrating 200 Years of George MacDonald & 150 Years of G.K. Chesterton: The Posture of the True Critic: A Legacy of Humility." **Matthew Steem**, TWU Library & on-line.

**October 24, 2024.** "C. S. Lewis and John C. Lennox on the Technocratic Surveillance Society: How Should We Then Live?" **Monika Hilder**, TWU Library & on-line.

**November 26, 2024.** Table-read: Dorothy L. Sayers' "Kings of Judea" from *The Man Born to be King* with **Jan Lermite**, TWU Library & on-line.

**(iii) Highlights:**

- **The annual Rev. Dr. Hans and Colleen Kouwenberg Scholarship, TWU**  
2024 Winner: Rehan Naqvi, Trinity Western University student in English 590, "The Inklings and Friends," for his essay "Spiritual Stewardship of the Environment in *The Lord of the Rings*." Congratulations, Rehan!
- **Appointment: Sørina Higgins Scholar-in-Residence, The Kilns,** Headington/Oxford, UK, Nov–Dec 2024.
- **"Future Inklings Projects": Sørina Higgins:** "The future of Inklings Studies is flourishing as more manuscripts are published, more young scholars enter the field, and more rigorous studies emerge." Sørina has initiated "a live, evolving document listing projects that ought to be done to fill gaps and continue pushing the work forward." The project is open and ongoing, is designed for collaboration, and Sørina hopes that everyone comments: **The List:**  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10dVwU3y4Smbie5sVGgZbzKvYX9fg8ce0ru6MQUj0FhE/edit?usp=sharing>.

**(iv) List of scholarly output**

**BOOKS**

**Dickerson, Matthew.** *Aslan's Breath: Seeing the Holy Spirit in Narnia*, Square Halo, 2024.  
<https://www.squarehalobooks.com/aslans-breath>

**Maillet, Greg.** *Recovering Consolation: Sam's Enchanted Path in The Lord of the Rings*, Pickwick, 2024. <https://wipfandstock.com/9781666785142/recovering-consolation/>

**Wolfe, Judith.** *The Theological Imagination: Perception and Interpretation in Life, Art, and Faith*, Cambridge University Press, 2024 (in which C.S. Lewis features prominently).  
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/theological-imagination/41F28FB1A7782804FD05C25FB0F8036F>

## ACADEMIC JOURNAL & GENERAL READERSHIP ARTICLES, & BOOK CHAPTERS

**Dunning, Stephen.** “Endangered Selves in Disordered Worlds: The Cost of Rejecting the Tao in *Abolition of Man* and *That Hideous Strength*.” *The Scholar-Gipsy: Thrownness, Memoricide & the Great Tradition*, Volume I. *Liber Amicorum* for **Ron S. Dart**. Eds. **Matthew Steem** & Wayne Northey. St. Macrina Press, 2024, pp. 352-68.

**Higgins, Sørina** and G. Connor Salter. “[Friar Jack, The Science-Fiction Apologist](#): Exploring ‘The Friar of Oxford’ by William Lindsay Gresham.” *Mythlore* 43, no. 1 (October 15, 2024). 244–63.

**Hilder, Monika.** <https://monikahilder.com/2024/12/02/highways/> (Tolkien relevance)

**Hilder, Monika.** “Good Patriarchy: Grounded in the Mother Lode of the Inklings.” *The Scholar-Gipsy: Thrownness, Memoricide & the Great Tradition*, Volume I. *Liber Amicorum* for **Ron S. Dart**. Eds. **Matthew Steem** & Wayne Northey. St. Macrina Press, 2024, pp. 335-48. (MacDonald and Lewis relevance)

**Hilder, Monika.** <https://monikahilder.com/2024/09/22/byways/>  
(MacDonald, Lewis, & Tolkien relevance)

**Hilder, Monika.** <https://monikahilder.com/2024/06/05/joy-is-the-serious-business-of-heaven/> (Lewis relevance)

**Hilder, Monika.** <https://monikahilder.com/2024/03/03/and-daffadillies-fill-their-cups-with-tears/> (Lewis relevance)

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** “*Servants To Literature*: Scott, Maurice, & their Medievalist influence on MacDonald,” in *Unsayings the Commonplace: George MacDonald and the Critique of Victorian Convention*, ed. Daniel Gableman and Amanda Vernon, Winged Lion Press, 2024.

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** “Cultivating Imagination, Stories and Childlikeness,” *St. Timothy’s Classical Academy Blog & Newsletter*, (June 2024).  
<https://www.st-timothys.ca/single-post/cultivating-imagination-stories-and-childlikeness>

**Mochel-Caballero, Anne-Frédérique.** "'The Company at St. Anne's' and 'The God's Gardeners': What C.S. Lewis and Margaret Atwood Teach Us about Caring for Our Planet', in *Mythlore: A Journal of J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Charles Williams, and Mythopoeic Literature*: Vol. 43: No. 1, Article 6. 2024.

<https://dc.swosu.edu/mythlore/vol43/iss1/6/>

**Mochel-Caballero, Anne-Frédérique.** Co-editing journal with Dr. Teodora Ghivirigă, *Linguaculture, C.S. Lewis, The re-Enchanted Academic*, Volume 15, Number 1, 2024.

<https://journal.linguaculture.ro/index.php/home/issue/view/35>

**Mochel-Caballero, Anne-Frédérique.** "C.S. Lewis in France", 20 April 2024.

<https://www.pintswithjack.com/csl-in-france/>

**Ordway, Holly.** "Arthur in Edgestow," in *Life on the Silent Planet: Essays on Christian Living from C.S. Lewis's Ransom Trilogy*. Ed. Rhys Lavery. Davenant Institute, 2024.

**Ordway, Holly.** "A First Look at the *Collected Poems of J.R.R. Tolkien*," Word on Fire, Sept. 30, 2024.

**Ordway, Holly.** "Celebrating the Epochal Publication of *The Fellowship of the Ring*, 70 Years On," July 29, 2024.

**Ward, Michael.** "Selling the Well and the Wood: *That Hideous Strength* and the Abolition of Matrimony" in *Life on the Silent Planet: Essays on Christian Living from C.S. Lewis's Ransom Trilogy*, ed. Rhys Lavery, Davenant Press, 2024.

**Ward, Michael.** "The Unity of Charity: C.S. Lewis and the End of Ecumenism," *An Unexpected Journal Summer* (2024, Vol. 7, Issue 2).

**Wood, Ralph C.** "G. K. Chesterton's Darkly Comedic Apologetics," *Logos*, 27, 1 (Winter 2024): 57-81.

## REVIEWS

**Ordway, Holly.** Review of *The Blackwell Companion to J.R.R. Tolkien*, ed. Stuart Lee. *Journal of Inklings Studies*, April 2024.

**Van Dyke, Laura N.** Review of *Tolkien in the Twenty-First Century: The Meaning of Middle-Earth Today* by Nick Groom. *Mythlore: A Journal of J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Charles Williams and Mythopoeic Literature* Vol. 42, no. 2, 2024.  
<https://dc.swosu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3272&context=mythlore>

## CONFERENCE PAPERS, INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

**Dickerson, Matthew.** Workshop Presentation: “The Literary Use of Magic in the Writings of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and J.K. Rowling” presented at the Calvin Festival of Faith and Writing, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI, April 11, 2024.

**Dickerson, Matthew.** Invited Plenary Speaker: “Mortality and the Fall in the writings of J.R.R. Tolkien, with connections to nature and creativity”. Presented at the conference “Birdsong like a Canopy (Friday Arts Project Conference) in Rock Hill, SC, April 5-6, 2024.

**Dickerson, Matthew.** Keynote speaker on C.S. Lewis at the Square Halo 2024 Conference in Lancaster, PA, March 8-9, 2024.

**Dickerson, Matthew.** Invited Plenary Speaker: “A Complex (and Practical) Environmental Vision in the Fictional Worlds of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis”, L’Abri Rochester Conference, February 16-17, 2024

**Finley, Mark-Elliott.** “The Voyage of the Old Men’: A Seafaring Conversation between C. S. Lewis and Ernest Hemingway.” Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature 2024: ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: Creation and Christ in C. S. Lewis’s *Perelandra*. Trinity Western University, May 10, 2024.

**Higgins, Sørina.** Keynote Address: “A Time to Search: Temporal Narratives in Fantasy Literature.” *O Senhor dos Anéis: 70 Anos de A Sociedade do Anel. Il Jornada de Estudos Mitopoéticos*, São Paulo, Brazil; presented virtually (7/25/24). (Tolkien- and Lewis-relevance)

**Higgins, Sørina.** Host: “The Inklings and King Arthur,” “Lewis, the Inklings, and the Longing for Beauty,” and “Lewis and the Flourishing Life” breakout sessions.  
[The C.S. Lewis Conference & Faculty Forum](#), Amherst, MA, November 2024.

**Higgins, Sørina.** “[Our Dear Charles Williams](#)’: Tolkien’s Friendship with the Oddest



Inklings." *Mythcon* 53: *Fantasies of the Middle Lands*; presented virtually (8/3/24).

**Higgins, Sørina.** "'Our Dear Charles Williams': Tolkien's Friendship with the Oddest Inkling." [The Inklings Folk Fellowship](#), online (7/19/24).

**Higgins, Sørina.** "'Buttocks to Caucasias!' Tolkien Grumbling Along in Williams's Wain." New York Tolkien Society, NYC (6/15/24).

**Higgins, Sørina.** Panelist: "Friends in Literary Co-Inherence." C. S. Lewis & Kindred Spirits Connected Society / [Agora Christi Foundation](#), Iași, Romania; presented virtually (3/22/24).

**Higgins, Sørina.** Workshop: "How to Read & Write Like an Inkling." Northwind Institute's Center for Faith & Writing (October 2024).

**Higgins, Sørina.** "Charles Williams and *The Place of the Lion*." Smith College, Northampton, MA (4/22/24).

**Higgins, Sørina.** Pre-show lecture about Charles Williams's plays *The House by the Stable* and *Grab and Grace*. Acacia Theatre, Milwaukee, WI (3/17/24).

**Hilder, Monika.** "The Stone in the River: The Terrible Choice of the Divided Tongue." Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature 2024: ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: Creation and Christ in C. S. Lewis's *Perelandra*. Trinity Western University, May 11, 2024. (on *Perelandra* & *That Hideous Strength*)

**Hilder, Monika.** "J.R.R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis as Heirs of 'the kindly West': A Rereading." Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature 2024: ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: ConVersing/ConServing with the Inklings, or, Why the Inklings Matter Today. Trinity Western University, May 10, 2024.

**Hilder, Monika.** "Q&A with Dr. Monika Hilder on C. S. Lewis and Gender." For **Dr. Jason Lepojärvi's** course Theology 435: "C.S. Lewis's Theories of Love," George Fox University, February 14, 2024.

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "*A Genius for Then and Now: George MacDonald's Generative Relationality*." Keynote with Amanda Vernon, George MacDonald Conference at Yale University (December 13, 2024).

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "George MacDonald's 200th Birthday Celebration." Keynote with Jennifer Trafton and musician Ron Block, Rabbit Room (December 10, 2024). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hI5T-jXuczM&t=14s>

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "Imaginative Antiphony: An Introduction to the Relational Work & Life of George MacDonald." Imago Arts at Trinity College, University of Toronto (November 24, 2024). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFtfL93XJbk>

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "*Borderlands Becoming Central: MacDonald's Legacy of Liminality.*" George MacDonald Society Conference at St Andrews University (November 8, 2024).

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "Cultivating Imagination, Stories, and Childlikeness." Gala keynote, St. Timothy's Classical Academy (May 2024). Accompanied by the school's performance of *The Princess & the Goblin*, the script of which was written by Sarah Emtage. <https://www.st-timothys.ca/single-post/cultivating-imagination-stories-and-childlikeness>

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "'Master of the Hearing': MacDonald's Invitation into Antiphony." Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature 2024: ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: ConVersing/ConServing with the Inklings, or, Why the Inklings Matter Today. Trinity Western University, May 10, 2024.

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "*The Doorway to Imagination: Kirstin Jeffrey Johnson on George MacDonald.*" Wycliffe College, University of Toronto (April 24, 2024). An event co-hosted by Wycliffe College and Timothy Eaton Memorial Church (with MacDonald hymns, directed by Andrew Donaldson).

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "'Closer to the Spirit of Christ': An introduction to George MacDonald, the author CS Lewis called 'My Master.'" CS Lewis Foundation Webinar (March 23, 2024). [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E54Cdb1\\_SSE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E54Cdb1_SSE)

**Lermite, Jan.** "Dorothy L. Sayers: Gluttony, Greed, and the Perils of Contemporary Consumerism." Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature 2024: ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: ConVersing/ConServing with the Inklings, or, Why the Inklings Matter Today. Trinity Western University, May 10, 2024.

**Maillet, Greg.** "Recovering Consolation: Sam's Enchanted Path in *The Lord of the Rings*." Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature 2024: ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: J. R. R. Tolkien: Myth-Making and Conservation, Trinity Western University, May 11, 2024.

**Mochel-Caballero, Anne-Frédérique.** "How to Cross the Border into Fairyland in MacDonald's *Curdie* Books, C.S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia* and J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* Series" at the George MacDonald Bicentenary Conference on "Borderlands", St Andrews, Scotland, 8-10 November 2024.

**Mochel-Caballero, Anne-Frédérique.** "Surprised by Heaven, Lewis's Vision of the Afterlife in *The Last Battle*" at the C.S Lewis Institute Symposium "C.S. Lewis and Last Things: How the Writer of Narnia Saw the End of Our Story", Belfast, Northern Ireland, 4 November 2024.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x56mUX68Nog&t=932s>

**Mochel-Caballero, Anne-Frédérique.** "Fighting Girls in Narnia, A Closer Look," Presentation at the Inklings Folk Fellowship, on-line, 12 April 2024.

**Naqvi, Rehan.** "Spiritual and Conservational Stewardship in J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*." Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature 2024: ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: J. R. R. Tolkien: Myth-Making and Conservation, Trinity Western University, May 11, 2024.

**Nelson, Holly Faith.** "James Hogg, George MacDonald, and the Scottish Supernatural," George MacDonald Conference, Wheaton College, Illinois, May 30, 2024.

**Ordway, Holly.** "Tolkien as Interpreter and Transformer of Culture: The Making of *The Lord of the Rings* as a Modern Book." Oxford University Tolkien Seminar series, Oxford, UK. October 17, 2024.

**Ordway, Holly.** "What Did Tolkien Really Think About Narnia?" *Undiscovered CS Lewis Conference*, George Fox University, Oregon, September 7, 2024.

**Ordway, Holly.** "'He could recapture the glamour of the Word': Tolkien's Engagement with the Bible." Address to the Oxford University C.S. Lewis Society, Pusey House, Oxford, UK. Feb. 13, 2024.

**Ordway, Holly.** "'Fundamentally religious and Catholic'? Authorial Intent and the Intentional Fallacy." Oxford University Tolkien Seminar, Oxford University,

Oxford, UK. Feb. 9, 2024.

**Steem, Matthew.** “Pernicious Patriotism and other Supercilious Simplifications: A Chestertonian Challenge.” Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature 2024: ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: Conserving Language. Trinity Western University, May 11, 2024.

**Steem, Matthew.** “The Optimistic Appreciation in Chesterton’s Critique.” A Rereading.” Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature 2024: ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: ConVersing/ConServing with the Inklings, or, Why the Inklings Matter Today. Trinity Western University, May 10, 2024.

**Van den Brink, Bret.** “‘This Wonderful Man’: George MacDonald’s Reception of Sir Philip Sidney.” *George MacDonald and the Prophetic Imagination*, The George MacDonald Society, Wheaton College, 28 May 2024.

**Van den Brink, Bret.** “The Gifts of Galadriel: Marian Ecology in Middle Earth.” *ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: The Western Regional Conference for Christianity and Literature*, Trinity Western University, 11 May 2024.

**Van Dyke, Laura.** “Conversing with ‘the earth and its doings’ in Owen Barfield’s *Eager Spring*.” Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature 2024: ConVersing/ConServing: Care, Creation, Communion: ConVersing/ConServing with the Inklings, or, Why the Inklings Matter Today. Trinity Western University, May 10, 2024.

## CONFERENCE / OTHER FACILITATION

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** Host of monthly (or more in summer) “NovelNight by CandleLight” evenings, during which either all or half of each of the Narnia novels were read aloud. After which, and until the end of the year, George MacDonald’s short stories were read. The final gathering of the year was a “Nine Lessons in Carols,” accompanied by MacDonald’s “The Gifts of the Child Christ.” NovelNight By CandleLight is a local gathering of rural neighbours, as well as people from Ottawa, Kingston, and Barry’s Bay. Attendance ranges from a dozen to over thirty, and participants include children, grandparents, and all ages in between.

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** Member of the planning & facilitation team of “The Genius of George MacDonald” Conference at Yale University (December 13-14, 2024).

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** Member of the planning & facilitation team of the George MacDonald Society Conference at St Andrews University (November 8-9, 2024).

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** Host and discussion facilitator of “George MacDonald and The Prophetic Imagination,” A *CS Lewis Connected* event with Trevor Hart and **Brenton Dickieson** (August 2, 2024).

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** Conference host and member of the planning & facilitation team of the George MacDonald Society Conference at Wheaton College (May 29-31, 2024).

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** Host and interviewer for “The Joy of Fellowship: James Como, founder of the NY CS Lewis Society,” a *CS Lewis Connected* event (April 4, 2024)

## MEDIA

**Dunning, Stephen.** Interview on C.S. Lewis’s *The Great Divorce. The Plunge*, Host Derek Holser: “Hide No More: Kierkegaard visits C.S. Lewis.” September 24, 2024. 1: 19:00 minutes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B14KIE6Dp8>

**Dunning, Stephen with Laura N. Van Dyke.** Interview on *Freud’s Last Session* for *Radix Magazine*: March 13 2024. 1:35:00 minutes.  
<https://www.radixmagazine.com/2024/04/20/movie-review-of-freuds-last-session/>

**Hardy, Elizabeth Baird.** Interview on C. S. Lewis’s *Till We Have Faces*: Hillsdale College, Michigan: The Great Books, Host John J. Miller, May 21, 2024: <https://www.nationalreview.com/podcasts/the-great-books/till-we-have-faces-by-c-s-lewis/>

**Hardy, Elizabeth Baird.** Interview on C.S. Lewis’s *The Great Divorce. The Plunge*, Host Derek Holser: “This Life is Merely the First Page.” November 22, 2024.  
<https://youtu.be/P2mRweDuInM?si=PG8OE6otSWSrcQPH>

**Higgins, Sorina.** “[Preserving the old, looking forward, & Censorship.](#)” *Becoming Who We Are*, hosted by Kendall McCullough (12/23/24).

**Higgins, Sørina.** "[It's Complicated](#) (about Tolkien & Williams's friendship)" *Today's Tolkien Times*, hosted by Alan Sisto (8/9/24).

**Higgins, Sørina.** "[Modernist Drama and Ceremonial Magic](#)." *The Oddcast* from *The Secret History of Western Esotericism Podcast*, hosted by Earl Fontainelle (5/1/24).

**Higgins, Sørina.** "[Jack's Bookshelf: Charles Williams](#)." *Pints with Jack*, hosted by David Bates (4/30/24).

**Higgins, Sørina.** "[Socratic Hour](#)." *Men with Chests*, hosted by Joseph Weigel (2/15/24).

**Hilder, Monika.** Interview on *The Great Divorce. The Plunge*, Host Derek Holser: "Courage, dear heart." September 20, 2024.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qsbxgu4vDok&list=PLyZJdcfxNq7VuubyAwVi\\_1LUvpDpVQs3i&index=7](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qsbxgu4vDok&list=PLyZJdcfxNq7VuubyAwVi_1LUvpDpVQs3i&index=7)

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "The Enchanting World of George MacDonald: Interview and Book Signing," *Landmark Booksellers*, December 9, 2024. (in person)  
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<https://fivebooks.com/best-books/the-best-victorian-fantasy-novels-kirstin-jeffrey-johnson/>

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<https://fellowdustmag.com/2024/04/17/george-macdonald-scholar-kirstin-jeffrey-johnson/>

**Mochel-Caballero, Anne-Frédérique.** Derrière la porte de l'armoire Creator and co-host.  
In September 2024, I created a podcast on C.S. Lewis, the first ever podcast on him in the French language. Season 1 explores *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* chapter by chapter.  
<https://www.youtube.com/@Derri%C3%A8relaportedelarmoire>  
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**Mochel-Caballero, Anne-Frédérique.** Pints with Jack: "Half Pint with Dr. Anne-Frédérique Caballero ("Jack in France"), May 11, 2024.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9QDTksxggA>

**Van Dyke, Laura N.** Interview on Tolkien and *The Rings of Power* for *Radix Magazine: Where Christian Faith Meets Contemporary Culture*. Dec 9 2024.  
<https://www.radixmagazine.com/2024/12/22/the-rings-of-power-review/>

**Van Dyke, Laura N. with Stephen Dunning.** Interview on *Freud's Last Session* for *Radix Magazine*: March 13, 2024. 1:35:00 minutes.  
<https://www.radixmagazine.com/2024/04/20/movie-review-of-freuds-last-session/>

**Ward, Michael.** Christ and Classics podcast with Colton Moore and Devin Wilkins

**Ward, Michael.** Men with Chests podcast with Joseph Weigel

**Ward, Michael.** Re-enchanting podcast with Justin Brierley and Belle Tindall

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsXUsO6BCDo>

## **WEBSITES, BLOGS, YOUTUBE CHANNELS**

**Barfield, Owen A.** <https://owenbarfield.org/>

**Dickerson, Matthew.** <https://www.matthewdickerson.net/>

**Dickieson, Brenton, D. G.** <http://apilgriminnarnia.com>.

**Guite, Malcolm.** <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com>

**Higgins, Sørina.** <https://theoddestinkling.wordpress.com/>

**Hilder, Monika.** <https://monikahilder.com/>

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** <https://www.kirstinjeffreyjohnson.com/>

**Lepojärvi, Jason.** 1) <https://StudyCSLewis.com/> ;  
2) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFgCNypu9YpzZ4QshOSz2Yw>

**Ordway, Holly.** <https://hollyordway.com/>

**Ordway, Holly.** Substack newsletter: <https://hollyordway.substack.com/>

**Ward, Michael.** <https://michaelward.net/welcome-to-planet-narnia/>

## **INKLINGS-RELATED COURSES TAUGHT BY MEMBERS OF INKLINGS INSTITUTE OF CANADA**

**Dart, Ron.** Graduate Course on George MacDonald, St. Stephen’s University (SSU), St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Fall 2024.



**Dickerson, Matthew.** A first-year seminar class on C.S. Lewis and the Chronicles of Narnia at Middlebury College in Fall Semester, 2024.

**Higgins, Sørina.** C.S. Lewis: An Author of Myth and Meaning (Nov. 2024), online, Politics & Prose bookstore.

**Higgins, Sørina.** Arthurian Literature (July 2024) online, Politics & Prose bookstore.

**Hilder, Monika.** English 392/593: Fantasy Literature (including George MacDonald, C. S. Lewis, and J. R. R. Tolkien), Fall 2024, Trinity Western University.

**Hilder, Monika.** English 103: Introduction to Fiction (including George MacDonald, C. S. Lewis, and J. R. R. Tolkien), Fall 2024, Trinity Western University.

**Hilder, Monika.** English 391: Children's Literature (including George MacDonald, C. S. Lewis), Spring 2024, Trinity Western University.

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "George MacDonald & the Christian Imagination." Class for 'Wellspring: Regent Woman in Leadership' (November 18, 2024)

**Jeffrey Johnson, Kirstin.** "George MacDonald's Challenge/Invitation to Childlikeness." Private class and seminar/workshop at Windstone Farm, for women's group (March 16, 2024).

**Mochel-Caballero, Anne-Frédérique.** In a course on The Bible and English Literature, I taught a class on "Temptation in Genesis, Matthew, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *The Magician's Nephew*" and another one on "Paradise in Revelation, *Pilgrim's Progress* and *The Last Battle*". The University of Picardie Jules Verne in Amiens, France, September – December 2024.

**Mochel-Caballero, Anne-Frédérique.** In a course on gothic and fantasy literature called *British Literature of the Imagination*, I taught a 2-hour class on J.R.R. Tolkien and a 2-hour class on C.S. Lewis. The University of Picardie Jules Verne in Amiens, France, January-April 2024.

**Van Dyke, Laura N.** Directed Study of ENGL 593: Fantasy Literature, Trinity Western University, Summer 2024 (special focus on Tolkien's fiction)

### **Goals for the upcoming year:**

1. Inklings Institute of Canada plans to hold topical meetings in the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Inklings Institute of Canada will seek opportunities to co-sponsor special events with institutions both on and off campus.
3. Inklings Institute of Canada will continue to advertise its mission and events through its regularly updated website, brochures, and posters, as well as through its e-mail list. The Institute will also be promoted through the work of its scholars.
4. Inklings Institute of Canada is currently funded through The Department of English & Creative Writing at Trinity Western University and charter members will consider additional opportunities for funding.