



NPCEBL  
Minot State University  
Minot, ND  
April 10 & 11, 2026

We are excited to welcome everyone to Minot for the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Northern Plains Conference on Early British Literature. Our conference will feature the newly renovated Hartnett Hall with our welcome event at the Northwest Arts Center. Both are beautiful spaces that celebrate the Humanities and the Fine Arts.

I am pleased to introduce our Saturday evening keynote speaker, Heather R. Darsie, J.D. Author of several books on medieval and Tudor-adjacent Britain, she applies her skills in historical research, Germanic languages, and legal knowledge to explore incredible insights into the context of life, politics, and text. Books include titles on Stuart spouses, legal analysis of Anne Boleyn's judicial murder, and translated correspondence between Anna of Cleves and her family. Her latest book, *Katharine of Aragon, Spanish Princess, 'I am not as simple as I may seem,'* was just released this winter.

We anticipate the usual two days of sessions and invite abstracts for standard papers, proposed roundtable sessions, and complete panels. Please send abstracts with your name, affiliation, and 200-400 words regarding your topic to:

[amanda.watts@minotstateu.edu](mailto:amanda.watts@minotstateu.edu) by March 20, 2026.

We plan to offer a few hybrid opportunities, so please indicate if you are interested in virtual presenting.

Schedule includes:

- April 9<sup>th</sup>: Evening of early music at the Northwest Arts Center on MSU campus. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres as we enjoy colleagues and the gallery.
- April 10<sup>th</sup>: Conference day with Keynote Speaker Dinner in the evening.
- April 11<sup>th</sup>: Conference continues through the morning, followed by the business lunch.

Hotel: A block of rooms at the Hampton Inn Minot Airport has been set aside at \$110/night. Link [here to book](#).