



## 2018 FGC Gathering

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July 1 to 7, 2018

University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio



# Author Events

## Student Union, Room 2562\*

\*Author Event with Reverend Barber will be held in the Student Union Auditorium.



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### MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018

#### **Debbie Humphries: *Seeds that Change the World***

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Debbie will share from this rich collection of essays, reflecting a personal journey of discernment, discovery, holding ambiguity, and living into wholeness. She prods Friends gently, firmly: “We are stewards of a powerful tradition, one that the world desperately needs.” These essays, accompanied by queries, offer inspiration and challenge. Coming to Friends in the early 1990s after growing up Mormon, Debbie has travelled in the ministry among Quakers since 2004 under the care of Hartford Monthly Meeting. She carries a concern for the spiritual health and vitality of our religious society. Active in her monthly and yearly meetings, she teaches at the Yale School of Public Health and conducts research on public health nutrition and community health - both here in the U.S. and internationally.



#### **Robin Wall Kimmerer: *Braiding Sweetgrass***

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer embraces plants and animals as our oldest teachers. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer brings these together. In a rich braid of reflections that range from the creation of Turtle Island to the forces that threaten its flourishing today, she circles toward a central argument: that the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world.





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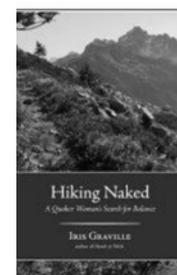
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### Iris Graville: *Hiking Naked*

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Knocked off her feet after twenty years in public health nursing, Iris Graville quit her job and convinced her husband and their thirteen-year-old twins to move to Stehekin, a remote mountain village in Washington State's North Cascades. They sought adventure; she yearned for the quiet and respite of this community of eighty-five residents accessible only by boat, float plane, or hiking. She will share from her book – the questions, the doubts about what God was calling her to do, and some of what she has discovered.



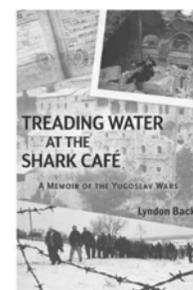
## TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018

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### Lyndon Back: *Treading Water at the Shark Café*

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Brought up as a Quaker at the end of the Second World War and hearing stories about conscientious objectors and their small acts of heroism, Lyn often wondered how her courage would manifest. This is the story of her quest to find answers to deep concerns about the war. With support from her Meeting, she quit her job and began her search. This took her to the Balkans, and work with young people in Serbia and Kosovo to support their efforts at nonviolent activism. Returning to the U.S. she spent time at Pendle Hill, where study of women in war led her to write "Rebecca Janey Timbres Clarke, Turned in the Hand of God" – a page turner of a Pendle Hill pamphlet, and then this book.



### Ann Collins and Sally Farneth: *Sparkling Still* and *Faith & Play* 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

QuakerBooks has a selection of children's books adaptable to lessons for children and multigenerational groups. The committee that produced *Sparkling Still* and offers workshops on its use and will be available to review its use with children's books not included in the curriculum. The most recent *Faith & Play* collection of stories, revised and new, will also be available. The authors of Sparkling Still are members of FGC's Committee for Nurturing Ministries (CNM) Sparklers Working Group.





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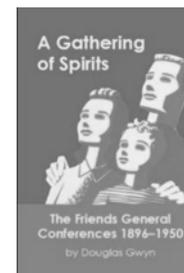
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### **Douglas Gwyn: *A Gathering of Spirits: The Friends General Conferences 1896 – 1950***

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Quaker pastor, teacher and writer of Quaker theology and history, Douglas Gwyn will present the latest book from Quaker Press - a look back at the FGC Gathering from its earliest time through 1950. Doug characterizes the first fifty years of the conferences as FGC's "heroic era" – hence the cover of this book adapted from the 1946 conference post featuring a heroic family looking forward and upward to a bold new world. Doug's recent publications include *A Sustainable Life*, *The Anti War*, and *The Call to Radical Faithfulness*.



## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018**

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**No Author Events scheduled for today. Grab a book or two from the Gathering Store and enjoy your afternoon!**

## **THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018**

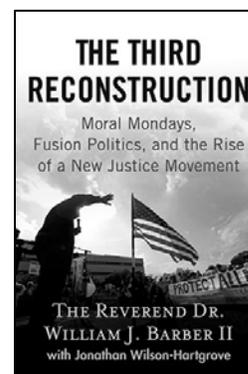
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### **The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber, II: *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement* (with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove)**

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

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In this memoir Rev. Barber reviews why this is a third reconstruction, and tells how he and allies as diverse as progressive Christians, union members, and immigration-rights activists came together to build a coalition. He offers a trenchant analysis of race-based inequality and a hopeful message for a nation grappling with persistent racial and economic injustice. Authors Rev. Barber and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove write movingly—and pragmatically—about laying the groundwork for a state-by-state movement that unites black, white, and brown, rich and poor, employed and unemployed, gay and straight, documented and undocumented, religious and secular. Only such a diverse fusion movement, Rev. Barber argues, can heal our nation's wounds and produce public policy that is morally defensible, constitutionally consistent, and economically sane. The Third Reconstruction is both a blueprint for movement building and an inspiring call to action from the twenty-first century's most effective grassroots organizer. As the work of Moral Mondays picks up the movement of Poor People's Campaign, this book will provide both the information and inspiration to help with the momentum needed for such important work.





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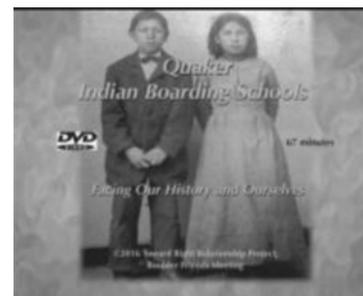
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### **Paula Palmer: *The Quaker Indian Boarding Schools: Facing our History and Ourselves***

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

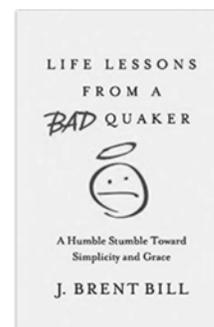
During the 1800s, Quakers played a leadership role among the denominations that operated boarding schools for Native children. As Pendle Hill's 2016 Cadbury Scholar, Paula Palmer researched this era of Quaker history, resulting in this DVD, a slide presentation about the Quaker Indian Boarding Schools. Her research raises provocative questions and challenges Friends to re-examine our notions of "good intentions" in light of the devastating multi-generational impacts of the boarding schools on Native families and communities. As director of Boulder, CO Meeting's Toward Right Relationship project, Paula Palmer and her Native colleagues offer experiential workshops that move churches, colleges, and civic groups to take steps toward right relationship with Native peoples.



### **J. Brent Bill: *Life Lessons from a Bad Quaker***

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

"...a humble stumble toward simplicity and grace" is the subtitle of the recent memoir from Brent Bill, writer, editor and recently retired from Friends General Conference. His writings about Quakerism have been varied – from books that share the depth of Quaker worship, to ones that assist in retreats. *Life Lessons* is an invitation to a more meaningful and satisfying life to all who are bad at being good. It is not so much the Quaker lifestyle – focusing on peace, solitude, and simplicity – that is the issue. It's in the practice of it in his everyday life where he runs into trouble—and he knows he's not alone. Woven into the stories are queries and pauses for reflection.



## **FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018**

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### **Dwight L. Wilson: *Modern Psalms in search of Peace and Justice* and *The Kidnapped: A Collection of Stories***

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

The psalms of the Hebrew Bible were written to express the deepest emotions of a people of faith longing for God's peace and justice in their hearts and in their world. Author Dwight Wilson follows this tradition in crying out to God against injustice he sees and experiences today, his longing for and joy in God's presence, and the love he finds daily—despite the brokenness of our world. Dwight will be leading the Bible half hours as well as presenting his written works. His journey among Friends is one of dedicated service: as an educator, he has served at Oakwood Friends School, Moorestown Friends School, and Friends School in Detroit; he served as General Secretary for Friends General Conference; and currently he serves on the board of ESR. In addition, he writes historical novels. *The Kidnapped* – short stories reflecting nuanced history of African Americans in the U.S. – will also be available.





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### **Stephen W. Angell: *The Cambridge Companion to Quakerism and Quakers, Business, and Industry* (FAHE, Volume 4)**

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

*Steve Angell will present two recent books he co-edited with Ben Pink-Dandelion.*

Cambridge Companion is a one-volume resource for facilitating the learning about Quakerism. This is an up-to-date and accessible introduction to Quakerism, its foundation on radical ideas, and its history of constancy and change, offering insights into the nature of non-conformity. It comprises essays written by an international team of scholars, and commissioned especially for this volume, covering the history of Quakerism from its origins to the present day. Volume 4 of Friends Association for Higher Education series, *Quakers and the Disciplines* is an anthology of original articles on a broad range of topics on Quakers and their contributions to business and industry. Contents are varied and engaging, intended for a general audience, and include specific examples, as well as broader analysis - for example, contrasting the colonizing enterprise of William Penn and the engineer work of Herbert Hoover, and effects on public service in the political realm and their philanthropy.



### **Paul Buckley: *Primitive Christianity Revived and Primitive Quakerism Revived***

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Paul Buckley - a Quaker historian, theologian, known among Friends of all stripes for workshops, short courses, and retreats - will share from his two most recent works. In 1696, Penn wrote in *Primitive Christianity Revived* how the early Christian church, established by Jesus and his apostles, had been restored “in the Faith and Practice of the People called Quakers.” Paul Buckley has now translated this into modern English, revealing the straightforward clarity of Penn’s reasoning for a new generation. *Primitive Quakerism Revived* challenges contemporary Friends in each of the Society’s branches to re-examine their fundamental beliefs and practices, to identify the changes, additions over three and a half centuries, and to acknowledge which of those are unacceptable compromises with the surrounding culture that need to be abandoned. This book is a plea to reclaim essential Quaker principles and recommit to our mission by modeling a joyfully faithful community of God



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