

# Friends Association for Higher Education

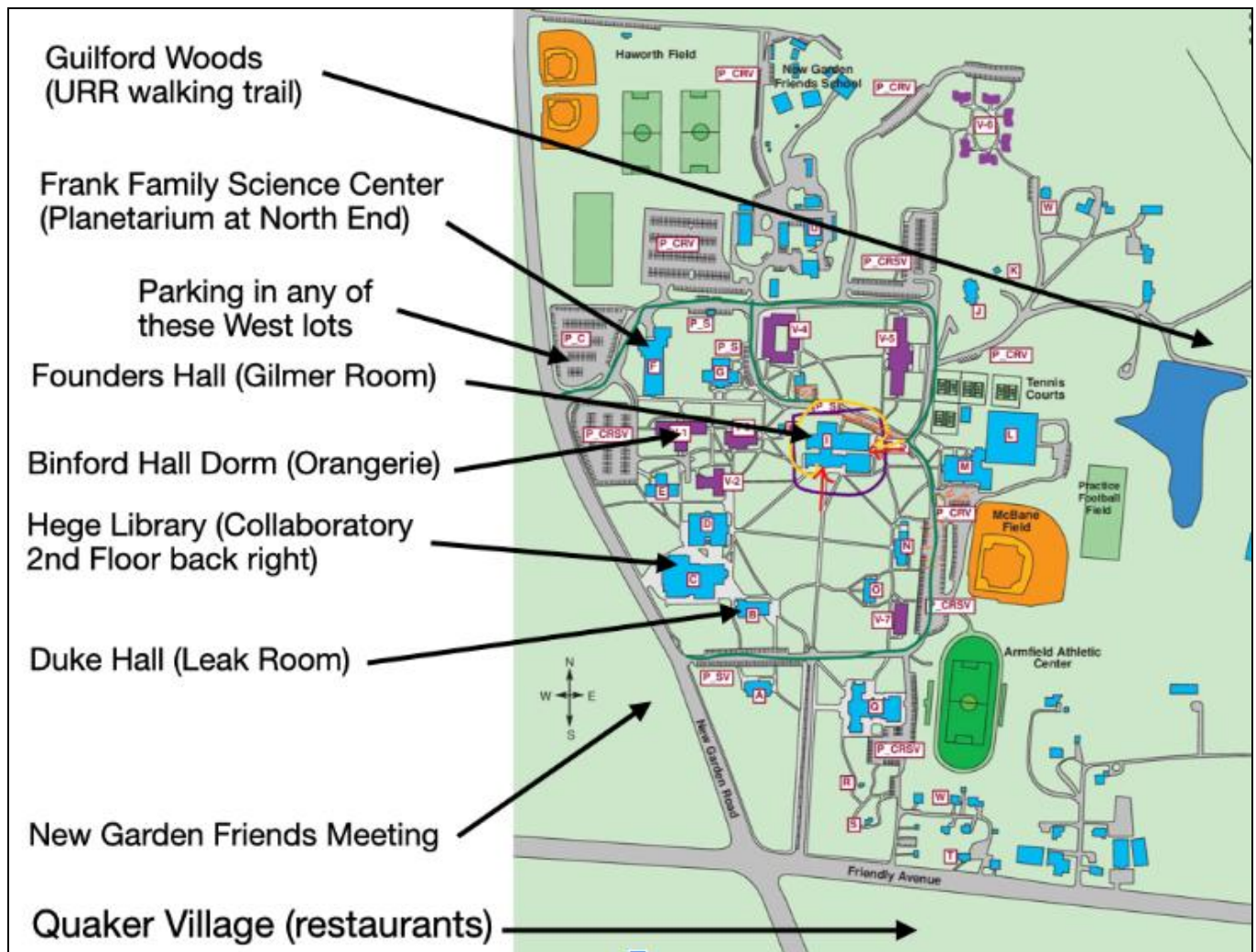
**Science, Sustainability, &  
Stewardship**

**Annual Conference ~ June 16-19, 2025**



**Guilford**  
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# Guilford College Campus Map



## Public Safety Numbers

336.316.2911 and 336.316.2909

# June 16, 2025

## Noon to 6:00 pm: Registration

*Binford Hall Dorm, The Orangerie*

## 5:30 to 6:30 pm: FAHE Executive Committee Meeting

## 5:30 to 7:00 pm: Dinner

*Founders Hall, The Gilmore Room*

## 7:00 to 8:30 pm: Plenary 1: "Imago Evolutio: Human Nature and the Inner Light."

*Founders Hall, The Gilmore Room*

### *William "Billy" Grassie, Speaker*

- William Grassie received his bachelor's degree from Middlebury College (1979) and worked on disarmament and other concerns for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting before pursuing a doctorate from Temple University (1994). He taught in a variety of positions including at Temple University, Swarthmore College, the University of Pennsylvania, and Pendle Hill. Grassie has travelled widely and lived abroad in Jerusalem, West Berlin, and most recently in Kandy, Sri Lanka, where he served as a Senior Fulbright Fellow. Grassie is author of numerous essays and books including *The New Sciences of Religion: Exploring Spirituality from the Outside In and Bottom Up*; *Applied Big History: A Guide for Entrepreneurs, Investors, and Other Living Things*; and *Politics by Other Means: Science and Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Grassie was the founder and executive director of the Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science. Metanexus worked with partners at over four hundred universities in forty-five countries, published an online journal, and produced fourteen international conferences.





# June 17, 2025

## 7:00 to 8:30 am: Breakfast

*Binford Hall Dorm, The Orangerie*

## 8:30 to 8:55 am: Morning worship

*Binford Hall Dorm, The Orangerie*

- Semi-Programmed, Wess Daniels, Convener

## 9:00 to 10:20 am – Workshop Session 1

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- Panel session: Quaker Museums, Repatriation, and Right Relationship” ~ Tanya Maus, Panel Chair
  - “The Life and Journey of Martha Hadley” ~ Niccole Lakes
  - “Living with NAGPRA and Difficult Histories” ~ Shannon Browning
- Panel Discussant: Malise Niyonizigiye

## 10:30 to 11:45 am – 1985 World Gathering of Young Friends Reunion

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- Paul Anderson, Convener
- Zoom Link:  
<https://guilford.zoom.us/j/96462843306?pwd=9bSVA9fUCEOSUE14MKJbzXDdTnZg5e.1&jst=2>

## 11:45 am to 1:00 pm ~ Lunch

*On your own – Quaker Village suggested*

## 1:00 to 2:20 pm – Plenary 2: “Experimental Truth”

*Duke Hall, The Leak Room*

*Rachel Muers, Speaker*

- Rachel Muers is Professor of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh. She has previously held posts at the University of Leeds, the



University of Exeter, and Girton College, Cambridge. Her books include *On the Voices, Contexts and Tasks of Theology: Experiments in Quaker and Feminist Thought* (2025, forthcoming), *Testimony: Quakerism and Theological Ethics* (2015), *Living for the Future: Theological Ethics for Coming Generations* (2008), and *Keeping God's Silence: Towards a Theological Ethics of Communication* (2004). She is a member of the World Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission, representing FWCC.

### **2:30 to 3:15 pm – Workshop Session 2**

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- “AI Pathways: Cultivating Curiosity and Wonder in Education” ~ Javin Sword,

### **3:30 to 4:00 pm – Workshop Session 3**

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- “Catherine White Coffin: The Invisible Life” ~ Robin Tucker,

### **4:00 to 5:30 pm – Underground Railroad Heritage at Guilford College**

*In front of Founders Hall*

- With Wess Daniels
- ***Wear comfortable shoes for walking***

### **5:30 to 7:00 pm ~ Dinner**

*New Garden Friends Meeting*

### **7:30 to 8:30 pm - Contemplative Gathering**

*Binford Hall Dorm, The Orangerie*

- “Quakers and Social Justice in Troubling Times”

### **9:00 to 9:30 pm – Stewardship of the Skies**

*Frank Family Science Center, Cline Observatory*

- With Don Smith
  - *Celestial viewing from the rooftop Cline Observatory if the skies are clear*

# **June 18, 2025**

## **7:00 to 8:30 am: Breakfast**

*Binford Hall Dorm, The Orangerie*

## **8:30 to 8:55 am: Morning worship**

*Binford Hall Dorm, The Orangerie*

- Semi-programmed, Randall Nichols, Convener

## **9:00 to 9:45 am – Workshop Session 4**

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- “Cultivating Presence, Connection, and Right Relations in the Classroom” ~ Tom Guthrie, Liz Nicholson, and Mark Dixon, Presenters

## **9:45 to 10:30 am – Workshop Session 5**

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- “Reflections on Quakers and the Disciplines” ~ Stephen Potthoff
  - Paul Anderson, Discussant

## **11:00 am to noon – Presidents Panel**

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- Acting President Jean Parvin Bordewich, Guilford College, Convener

## **Noon to 1:00 pm ~ Lunch**

*On your own – Quaker Village suggested*

## **1:00 to 1:45 pm – Workshop Session 6**

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- “Quaker Faith, Fertility and Maternal Mortality: A Two-Century Journey in Birth Spacing, Sex Reform, and Reproductive Agency, 1740–1960 ~ Jim Fussell

### **2:00 to 2:45 pm – Workshop Session 7**

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- “Religion and AI: One Student’s Exploration” ~ Randall Nichols and Javin Sword

### **3:00 to 3:30 pm – Workshop Session 8**

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- “Fostering Sustainability, Equality, and Student Leadership” ~Jessica Piekielek

### **3:30 to 4:00 pm – Workshop Session 9**

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- “Quakers and the Sciences–An Overview” ~ Paul Anderson

### **4:00 to 5:00 pm – Contemplative Session**

*Binford Hall Dorm, The Orangerie*

- “Psalm of Thanksgiving” ~ Mimi Holland

### **5:00 to 6:30 pm ~ Dinner**

*New Garden Friends Meeting*

### **7:00 to 8:30 – Plenary 3 – Sustainability in Ministry**

*Duke Hall, The Leak Room*

#### **Lloyd Stangland, Speaker**

- Lloyd Stangland is currently co-clerk of the Friends United Meeting Sustainability Committee. The Ambwere farm project in western Kenya is the main work of this group. This project involves farming 800 acres of seed corn and sorghum to provide supplemental income for FUM activities in East Africa. This is the third year of the project and harvest will



begin in September. Lloyd has visited the farm several times and the project is overseen by a local farm committee with Richard Sitati as clerk. Lloyd is also the presiding clerk of the FUM Trustees and, as past-president of Quaker Men International he is Quaker Men's representative to the FUM Board. Lloyd raises corn and soybeans on his farm in central Iowa. He and his wife Charlotte are active members of LeGrand Friends Church in Iowa Yearly Meeting. Lloyd has a passion to help people apply Christian principles in their businesses and workplaces to impact the Kingdom of God.



# **June 19, 2025**

**7:00 to 8:30 am: Breakfast**

**8:30 to 8:55 am: Morning worship**

*Binford Hall Dorm, The Orangerie*

- Semi-programmed, Randall Nichols

**9:00 to 10:30 am – Annual FAHE Business Meeting**

*Hege Library, The Collaboratory*

- FAHE Clerk Walter Sullivan, Convener

**The Friends Association for Higher Education Executive Committee  
extends a heartfelt thanks to Don Smith and the Guilford College  
community for hosting this year's conference.**

# Join us at the 2026 FAHE Conference



**William Penn University**  
**Oskaloosa, Iowa**  
**June 2026**