

Foreword

This issue offers three main articles, two of which originated in public lectures recently presented at Conrad Grebel University College. “The Bottle, the Dagger, and the Ring: Church Discipline and Dutch Mennonite Identity in the Seventeenth Century” by Troy Osborne was the 2016 Benjamin Eby Lecture. The Eby lecture series offers Grebel faculty members an opportunity to share their research and reflections with the broader community. The Eby Lectures began in 1991 with Walter Klaassen’s presentation, “University: The Temple of Intellect, Past and Present.” “Unexpected Intersections: Amish and Hmong Textiles and the Question of Authenticity” by Janneken Smucker was the 2016 Bechtel Lecture. The Bechtel Lectures in Anabaptist-Mennonite Studies, established in 2000 through the generosity of Lester Bechtel, give representatives of various disciplines and professions a unique forum for exploring the breadth and depth of Mennonite history, identity, faith, and culture.

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