

## **BRITISH WOMEN WRITERS CONFERENCE 2009**

*Hosted by The University of Iowa Department of English*

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST**

**Registration:** 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND**

**Continental Breakfast:** 7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

**Registration:** 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

**Session 1:** 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.—Old Capitol Building

#### **1A: Heaven, Hell, and High Water: Female Religion across Time and Space (Senate Chamber)**

Moderator: Joanne Janssen, University of Iowa

- Julie Melnyk, University of Missouri: “Emma Jane Worboise’s *Christian World Magazine*: Evangelicalism and Transnational Community”
- Janna Smartt Chance, Union University: “Fire, Brimstone, and Female Empowerment in the Anti-Oxford Movement Writings of Caroline Fry and Charlotte Elizabeth Tonna”
- Bethany Bear, Baylor University: “‘Earth grown old, yet still so green’: The End of Time in Christina Rossetti’s Advent Poems”

#### **1B: Claims to Power: Authorship and Authority (Supreme Court)**

Moderator: Stacy Erickson, Manchester College

- Sylvia A. Brown, Denison University: “Conjuring Narrative Authority in Eliza Haywood and George Eliot”
- Anca Vlasopolos, Wayne State University: “Talking Back to Trollope: Reinventing the Woman Writer in the Fin de Siècle”

#### **1C: Dramatis Personae (History Gift Shop)**

Moderator: Robin Anglin, Indiana University

- Tracey Metivier, Indiana University: “The Closet of Epistemology: The De-Conventional Theatricality of Joanna Baillie”
- Melissa Sodeman, Coe College: “Mary Robinson at the Limits of Sentimental Cliché”
- Laura Wallace, The City College of the City University of New York: “Marian Erle, or Only an Actress? The Poetess’ Patronage of a Fallen Female Art in *Aurora Leigh*”

**Session 2:** 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.—Old Capitol Building

**2A: Weaving Together History and Fiction (Senate Chamber)**

Moderator: Charles H. Hinnant, University of Missouri—Columbia

- Cynthia Huff, Illinois State University: “Cross-stitches of the family: Familial discourse in *Wuthering Heights* and the Victorian diary”
- Margaret Enright Wye, Rockhurst University: “Naval Architecture in *Persuasion*: Jane Austen’s Artful Use of Frank Austen’s Navy Career”
- Deborah Denenholz Morse, College of William and Mary: “Mutiny on the Orion: The Legacy of the Hermione Mutiny and the Politics of Nonviolent Protest in Elizabeth Gaskell’s *North and South*”

**2B: Leading Ladies (Supreme Court)**

Moderator: Nicole Lobdell, University of Georgia

- Kathy Nixon, American University of Kuwait: “Beatrice is no saint: Feminist Medievalism and Gender Role Renegotiations in Catherine Sinclair’s *Beatrice or the Unknown Relatives*”
- Michelle Mouton, Cornell College: “‘A Colony of Little Pensioners’: Ageism and Multigenerational Conflict in Margaret Oliphant’s *Hester*”
- Melissa Purdue, Minnesota State University, Mankato: “Anne on the Lam: Rosa Campbell Praed’s Lost-Race Novel *Fugitive Anne: A Romance of the Unexplored Bush*”

**2C: Private Women in Public Places (History Gift Shop)**

Moderator: Barbara Britton Wenner, University of Cincinnati

- Heather Love, Indiana University: “Dramatizing the Emergence of the Bourgeois Public Sphere: Mary Pix’s *The Beau Defeated; or, The Lucky Younger Brother*”
- Katherine Anderson, Indiana University: “‘A Kind of Forced Plant’: Girls and Gardens in the Metropolis”
- Kate Krueger Henderson, College of Saint Catherine: “A ‘Passed’ Encounter: Sisterhood and Urban Space in Charlotte Mew’s London”

**Lunch on your own:** 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
**Session 3:** 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.—Old Capitol

**3A: Wandering Women and Cosmopolitan Connections (Senate Chamber)**

Moderator: Miranda Yaggi, Indiana University

- Manushag N. Powell, Purdue University: “Pirates in Romance / Cosmopolitan Maidens”
- Linda Mills Woolsey, Houghton College: “‘All the Ties She Had Broken Pressed Upon Her Bosom’: Sidney Owenson and the Riddle of Connections in *The Missionary: An Indian Tale* (1811)”
- Julia McCord Chavez, Marquette University: “Rooted Wandering and Transcultural Connection in George Eliot’s *Daniel Deronda*”

### **3B: I Can't Fight This Feeling: Gendered Emotions and the Gothic Genre (Supreme Court)**

Moderator: Amanda Drake, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Dawn Nawrot, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: “Emotional Control, Transgression, and Gender in *The Mysteries of Udolpho*”
- Elizabeth Murray, Ball State University: “‘I Have Sacrificed Myself to a Romantic Feeling’: Sarah Wilkinson’s Critique of the Rational Woman in *The Spectre of Lanmere Abbey*”
- Ashly Bennett, Cornell University: “Shame and Sensibility: Jane Austen’s Humiliated Heroines”

### **3C: Tying the Knot or Tied up in Knots: The New Matrimony (History Gift Shop)**

Moderator: Janet Reed, University of Cincinnati

- Amy L. Gates, University of Illinois at Chicago: “Glanville Learns to Read: Interpretation and Understanding in *The Female Quixote*”
- Erin Spinka, Vanderbilt University: “The Murdering Professions: Medicine and Marriage in Eliot’s *Middlemarch*”
- Donna Decker, Franklin Pierce University: “Are You My Mother? Genesis of New Woman Fiction Reexamined”

**Session 4: 2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.—Old Capitol**

### **4A: Women of Letters: Female Correspondents (Senate Chamber)**

Moderator: Troy J. Bassett, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

- Stacy Erickson, Manchester College: “‘As to that Lady that wrote the Romancy’: Aphra Behn’s Nostalgic Self-Authorization”
- Mandy Gagel, University of Virginia: “Vernon Lee’s Early Letters: The Author’s Search for Mentors Among Contemporary Female Authors”
- Nicole Lobdell, University of Georgia: “Complex Letters: Mary Hays, Jane Austen, and the Discourses of Masculine Correspondence”

### **4B: Romantic Entanglements: Courtship Gone Awry (Supreme Court)**

Moderator: Taryne Jade Taylor, University of Iowa

- Tembi Bergin-Batten, University of Iowa: “‘Extremely on Her Guard’: Ravishment, Power and Politeness in *The Female Quixote*”
- Charles H. Hinnant, University of Missouri—Columbia: “Elizabeth Griffith’s *The Delicate Distress*: Sentimental or Amatory Novel?”
- Tamar Heller, University of Cincinnati: “Rewriting *Corinne*: Female Autonomy and Literary Revision in Rhoda Broughton’s *Good-Bye, Sweetheart!*”

### **4C: Victorian Women Rewriting Shakespeare (History Gift Shop)**

Moderator: Melissa Sodeman, Coe College

- Erin Breaux, Louisiana State University: “Educating Victorian Readers and Families: Mary Cowden Clarke’s *The Childhoods of Shakespeare’s Heroines*”
- Laura Keigan, Louisiana State University: “Ministering Angels: Philanthropy as Active Femininity in Anna Jameson’s *Shakespeare’s Heroines*”
- Doris Raab, Louisiana State University: “Gender and Blame: Amelia Opie’s Adaptation of *King Lear*”

**Welcome Reception:** 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Hotel Vetro, Ballroom  
**Plenary Panel:** 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.—Hotel Vetro, Ballroom

**“REFRESHING CONCEPTIONS OF THE OTHER”**

Misty Anderson, University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
Florence Boos, University of Iowa  
Shuchi Kapila, Grinnell College  
Devoney Looser, University of Missouri-Columbia

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD**

**Continental Breakfast:** 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level  
**Registration:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level  
**Book Fair:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

**Session 5:** 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

**5A: Socializing Sympathy in George Eliot (Ballroom A)**

Moderator: Constance M. Fulmer, Pepperdine University

- Gretchen Hammerschmidt, University of Wisconsin-Madison: “Post-What?: Why George Eliot’s *Middlemarch* has an Answer for Critics of Liberalism”
- Calina Ciobanu, Duke University: “Alternative Forms of Exchange: Intangible Gifts and Affective Debt in George Eliot’s *Daniel Deronda*”
- Anna Neill, University of Kansas: “Suspended Animation and Second Sight in *Daniel Deronda* and *The Lifted Veil*”

**5B: Scripting New Spaces: Recovering and Reconstructing Female Identity in the Long Nineteenth Century (Ballroom B)**

Moderator: Cynthia Huff, Illinois State University

- Sarah K. Schwab, Saint Louis University: “Literary Intersections: Influence and Identity in *The History of Miss Betsy Thoughtless* and *The Female Quixote*”
- Lynn M. Linder, Saint Louis University: “Dueling Diaries: Male and Female Perspectives and Dinah Craik’s *A Life for a Life*”
- Lisieux Huelman, Saint Louis University: “Professional Inheritance, Personal Identity: Performing New Female Scripts in *Wives and Daughters*”

### **5C: All in the Family: Incestuous Family Ties (Ballroom C)**

Moderator: Sally Brooke Cameron, University of Notre Dame

- Anna Gibson, Duke University: “Weaving the Golden Cord: The Brother-Sister Bond and Gender Divisions in Nineteenth-Century Women’s Writing”
- Deborah Manion, University of Iowa: “‘The Seen and Unseen’: Psychoanalytic Connections in Margaret Oliphant’s ‘The Portrait’”
- Sarah E. Kersh, Vanderbilt University: “Triangulations of Intimacy: Michael Field’s *Whym Chow, Flame of Love*”

### **5D: Middle-Class Treasures: Establishing Respectability through Commodities (Ballroom D)**

Moderator: Joel Haefner, Illinois Wesleyan University

- Joyce Kelley, Auburn University, Montgomery: “‘Riveted to it until marriage’: The Victorian Woman and the Piano”
- Deirdre McMahon, Drexel University: “Tea, Gender, and Middle-Class Tastes”
- Mary Jeanette Moran, College of Staten Island/CUNY: “New Kinds of Treasure: E. Nesbit’s Bastables Seek Their Class”

### **5E: The Politics of Plumage: Textiles and the Text (Lindquist Room)**

Moderator: Sukanya Gupta, Louisiana State University

- Sara R. Danger, Valparaiso University: “Bonnet and Politics: Domesticity and the Political Gaze in Frances Trollope’s *Domestic Manners of the Americans*”
- Christie Peterson, Brigham Young University: “‘The Home I Had Never Had’: Imperialism and Domesticity in *The Professor*”
- Faith Wilson Stein, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign: “The Blue and the Pink, or the Textile and Textual Ties of Modern Subjects in *North and South*”

### **5F: The Geography of Gender: Mapping Textual Spaces (Johnson Room)**

Moderator: Manushag N. Powell, Purdue University

- Bradley Spaulding, Indiana Wesleyan University: “Ecological (Dis)embodiment: Aphra Behn’s *Oroonoko*, Eroticism, and Spectacular Violence”
- Barbara Britton Wenner, University of Cincinnati: “Late 18th-Century Feminine Picturesque in Africa: Anna Maria Falconbridge and Miss Tully”
- Deborah Pfuntner, Texas A&M University: “The Mental Map of North in Gaskell’s *North and South*”

**Session 6:** 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

### **6A: Rewriting Literary Traditions: Adaptation and Translation (Ballroom A)**

Moderator: Mary Ann O’Farrell, Texas A&M University

- Hyun-Jin Lim, University of Missouri-St. Louis: “From Pygmalion to Faust: Rewriting Formulas of Male Empowerment in Charlotte Dacre’s *Zofloya*”
- Sarah Barber, University of Missouri: “Fathers and Daughter-Texts: Mary Cowden Clarke’s *The Girlhood of Shakespeare’s Heroines*”
- Hanna A. Jan, Kansas State University: “A Text Between Two Cultures: Problems of Translation in the Arabic Version of *Jane Eyre*”

### **6B: The Pleasure of Self and Pleasuring Oneself (Ballroom B)**

Moderator: Beth Shane, University of Iowa

- Mary Beth Tegan, Saint Xavier University: “Vanity’s Heirs: Maria Edgeworth, *Leonora*, and the Reformed Passions of Rousseau’s *Julie*”
- Sarah Alexander, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign: “The Pleasure Problem: The Female Cyclist in New Woman Fiction”
- Rachel Slivon, University of Florida: “Irigarayan Seeds: Complex Woman and Fetish Objects in George Egerton’s ‘A Little Grey Glove’”

### **6C: Politics of the Pen (Ballroom C)**

Moderator: Janna Smartt Chance, Union University

- Susan B. Egenolf, Texas A&M University: “The Political Woman in Lady Morgan’s *The O’Briens and the O’Flabertys* and *The Princess, or, The Beguine*”
- Taryne Jade Taylor, University of Iowa: “*New Amazonia*: Proto-Feminist Utopia or Dystopic Warning?”

### **6D: Collecting Women, Women Collecting (Ballroom D)**

Moderator: Eugenia Gonzalez, The Ohio State University

- Jaqueline Grainger, Chawton House Library: “Fresh Threads of Connection at Chawton House Library”
- Celia Barnes Rasmussen, Indiana University: “‘Revisal of ones past life’: Hester Piozzi and the Autobiographical Foul Copy”
- Pamela Corpron Parker, Whitworth University: “Elizabeth Gaskell’s Autograph Collection and Female Celebrity”

### **6E: The Empire’s New Clothes (Lindquist Room)**

Moderator: Joyce Kelley, Auburn University, Montgomery

- April Pelt, University of Delaware: “The Fabrication of Englishness in *Jane Eyre*”
- Katie Sawhill, Piedmont College: “The Quaker and the Queen: A Showcase and Analysis of Two Remarkable Victorian Wardrobes”
- Elizabeth Erbeznik, University of Texas at Austin: “‘He Wore Me Like a Silken Knot’: Connecting Christina Rossetti, Fashion, and the Fallen Woman”

### **6F: In the Shadow of Famous Men (Johnson Room)**

Moderator: Donna Parsons, University of Iowa

- Melisa Klimaszewski, Drake University: “Eliza Griffiths and Anonymous Power”
- Andrew Fippinger, Indiana University: “Getting Out from Wilde’s Shadow: Reconsidering Ada Levenson’s Fin-de-Siècle Sketches and Stories”
- Kevin Moberly, St. Cloud State University: “Punchcard Positivism: Ada Lovelace and the Nineteenth Century, as Programmed by Contemporary Culture”

**Lunch on your own:** 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
**Session 7:** 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

### **7A: Mommy Dearest (Ballroom A)**

Moderator: Joshua Gooch, University of Iowa

- Meghan L. Burke, The Ohio State University: “The Ties that Bind: Contaminating Maternal Transmissions in Hays’s *Memoirs of Emma Courtney*”
- Brooklynn L. Lehner, Illinois State University: “What Bad Mothers Can Teach Us: The Benefits of Bad Mothering in *Jane Eyre*”
- Elizabeth Talafuse, Texas A&M University: “Monstrous Motherhood in the Late-Victorian Works of Lucy Lane Clifford”

### **7B: Risky Business: Marital Speculations (Ballroom B)**

Moderator: Deborah T. Meem, University of Cincinnati

- Jodi L. Wagner, Marian University: “Gambling and Chance in Nineteenth-Century British Literature: An Examination of Ann Radcliffe, Emily Brontë, and George Eliot”
- Annette Van, University of North Carolina at Greensboro: “Oliphant’s *Hester* and the End of the Female Bildungsroman?”
- Lisa Hager, Georgia Institute of Technology: “Speculating on the New Woman: Connecting the Stock Exchange and the Marriage in Ella Hepworth Dixon’s *My Flirtations*”

### **7C: National Identity and National Difference (Ballroom C)**

Moderator: Elizabeth A. Raschke, Loras College

- Mary Lynn Johnson, University of Iowa: “The Tightly Networked Outsider: Cultural Interweavings of Mme de la Fite”
- Lanya Lamouria, Albion College: “Charlotte Brontë’s *Villette*: The French Connection”
- Anne Longmuir, Kansas State University: “The French Connection: Understanding the Role of Belgium in Charlotte Brontë’s *The Professor* and *Villette*”

### **7D: Unraveling Doppelgangers, Knitting Martyrs: Chaos & Pattern in Genre Classification (Ballroom D)**

Moderator: Nancy M. West, University of Missouri-Columbia

- Rebecca Roma, University of Missouri-Columbia: “The Uncanny Case of *The History of Ophelia*: Sarah Fielding’s Anomalous Premonition and the Nascent Gothic Novel”
- Caitlin L. Kelly, University of Missouri-Columbia: “An Assault on the Body: Social Dangers in *Northanger Abbey*”
- Karen Laird, University of Missouri-Columbia: “*Blessed Are They Who Mourn*: Felicia Hemans’s Book of Martyrs”

### **7E: Reclaiming the Domestic: Finding Feminism in Tradition (Lindquist Room)**

Moderator: Julie Melnyk, University of Missouri

- Sarah Wernsing, University of Northern Colorado: “‘Other Nondescripts’: Charlotte Yonge’s Negotiation of Gender and Domestic Labor”
- Heather Edwards, University of Notre Dame: “Rosa Mulholland Gilbert and the Reconfiguration of Emancipation and the Domestic Sphere”
- Brenda J. Powell, University of St. Thomas: “Mary Chudleigh, the Women’s Mosque Movement, and Docile Agency”

### **7F: Teutonic Shifts: The Influence of German Aesthetics (Johnson Room)**

Moderator: Paul McCullough, University of Iowa

- Lindsey M. P. Gay, University of Colorado at Boulder: “Decrying Female Agency: Lady Wallace’s Indictment of Womanhood through *Werther’s Charlotte*”
- Michael T. Williamson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania: “‘Speechless Horror to Congeal the Heart’: Felicia Hemans, *The History of the Art of Antiquity*, and German Aesthetic Criticism”
- Kara M. Ryan, Tulsa Community College: “Aesthetics and Politics, Women and History: George Eliot’s Critical Theory”

**Session 8:** 2:30 p.m.-4:05 p.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

### **8A: Restoring Antiques: Reconnecting with Ancient Texts (Ballroom A)**

Moderator: Kelly E. Battles, Maryville College

- Hyson Cooper, Temple University: “Gathering Edelweiss in Hades: Ouida’s Revision of Classic Myth”
- Linda K. Hughes, Texas Christian University: “Discoursing of Xantippe: Amy Levy’s ‘Xantippe’ and Classical Scholarship”
- Glenn Davis, St. Cloud State University: “Memory and Dissent in Ann Hawkshaw’s *Sonnets on Anglo-Saxon History*”

### **8B: Re-Envisioning Texts: Innovative Responses, Intersections, and Juxtapositions (Ballroom B)**

Moderator: Florence Boos, University of Iowa

- Patricia Murphy, Missouri Southern State University: “Closing the Gaps of *The Moonstone* in *The Danvers Jewels*”
- Kristine Swenson, Missouri University of Science and Technology: “Pet Causes: Rewriting Collins in Arabella Kenealy’s Vivisection Novels”
- Anne McKee Stapleton, University of Iowa: “‘New Drawn Frae the Forth’: The Compelling Voices of the Newhaven Fishwives”
- Donna Parsons, University of Iowa: “A Music Drama of Our Own: Wagnerian Influences in Michael Field’s *Anna Ruina*”

### **8C: Passages to India (Ballroom C)**

Moderator: Pamela Corpron Parker, Whitworth University

- Amishal Modi, Texas A & M: “The ‘Making’ of Maggie’s Fallen Skin: The Transformation of a White Girl into a Brown Demon in George Eliot’s *The Mill on the Floss*”
- Sharleen Mondal, University of Washington: “Reproducing the ‘Pure’ Nation: Celibacy in Sarah Grand’s *The Heavenly Twins* and Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay’s *Anandamath*”
- Julie Straight, Northwest Nazarene University: “Devout Hindus and English Idolators: Elizabeth Hamilton’s *Letters of a Hindoo Rajah* and the British Missionary Movement”
- Sukanya Gupta, Louisiana State University: “Multivalent Connections & Interactions: the Englishwoman and India”

### **8D: Drugs, Doctors, and Disease: Medicine and Literature (Ballroom D)**

Moderator: Meagan Timney, Dalhousie University

- Kathleen Béres Rogers, College of Charleston: “‘Ye Sage Physicians, Where’s Your Wonted Skill?’: Interrogating Medicine in Jane Cave Winsom’s *Headache Odes*”
- Lorna Wiedmann, Wisconsin Lutheran College: “Chloral Hydrate Habitues and their ‘Wounded-Healer’ Wonder: Florence Nightingale, Friedrich Nietzsche, Bram Stoker, Edith Wharton, William James, and Bertha Pappenheim”
- Nancy Cervetti, Avila University: “The Case of Rosamond Vincy and the Ideal Wife”

### **8E: What Is a Woman To Do?: Female Duties and Vocations (Lindquist Room)**

Moderator: Donna Decker, Franklin Pierce University

- Abigail Burnham Bloom, Hunter College, CUNY: “The New Woman and the Old Morality of Duty”
- Lacie Osbourne, Texas A & M: “‘I will see him in the library’: Shattering the Angel Role in the Drawing Room in *Middlemarch*”
- Carter Hanson, Valparaiso University: “Like a Good Neighbor: Three Emigrant Gentlewomen’s Encounters in Canada, 1830-1870”

### **8F: Literary Nation-Building (Johnson Room)**

Moderator: H. Michael Buck, Indiana Wesleyan University

- Sally B. Palmer, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology: “Divisive Connections: Personal and Political Rivalry in Jane Austen”
- April N. Kendra, University of North Texas: “Mrs. Gore Writes Back: The Fight for the English National Drama”
- Kelly Payne, University of Nebraska-Lincoln: “‘A puerile state of culture’: Growing Pains and Culture Shock in *Daniel Deronda*”
- Carrie Dickison, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign: “‘In-between Spaces’: Travel Writing and Owenson’s National Tale”

**Reception:** 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Old Capitol Building  
**Keynote:** 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.—Old Capitol, Senate Chamber

### **“THE TOURIST VIEW: VICTORIAN WOMEN ABROAD”**

Joy Sperling, Denison University

*Sponsored by the Old Capitol Museum and The University of Iowa Museum of Art*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH**

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**Registration:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

**Book Fair:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

**Saturday Seminars:** 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

**Pre-registration is required for participation in the Saturday Seminars.**

**Seminar 1: Undergraduate Research and the Case of Mary Peach Collier (Ballroom A)**

Join Murray State University Professor Kevin Binfield and two of his undergraduate students, Angela Hatton and Angela Walther, as they discuss how they tackled an ambitious undergraduate research project (complete with a trip to London) on author Mary Peach Collier and how we might make such initiatives more possible for undergraduate research in the humanities.

**Seminar 2: *Beachy Head*: Fresh Threads for the Classroom (Ballroom B)**

Distinguished professor, poet, and founding member of the British Women Writers Association, Donelle Ruwe from Northern Arizona University will lead us in a discussion of Charlotte Smith's poem. Professor Ruwe has edited a collection of essays for the *Children's Literature Association, Culturing the Child 1660-1830: Essays in Memory of Mitzi Myers* (Scarecrow Press 2005) and is the editor of special issues of *Religion and Literature* and *Nineteenth-Century Contexts*. Ruwe is also a published poet and the recipient of two chapbook awards.

**Seminar 3: Stitching Action into the Classroom (Ballroom C)**

The seminar will explore how, as instructors, we might incorporate community outreach and action into the learning experience that a classroom provides. It will be led by Teresa Mangum—recipient of the University of Iowa's President and Provost Award for Teaching Excellence and co-director of Iowa's Obermann Graduate Institute for Public Engagement—as well as Joanne Janssen and Bridget Draxler, past fellows of the Obermann Institute, and Jessica DeSpain, an assistant professor at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

**Seminar 4: *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*: Fresh Threads for the Classroom (Ballroom D)**

If you long for the days of graduate seminars and a spirited discussion of a good book, look no further! University of Iowa's James O. Freedman Professor of Letters Garrett Stewart will lead the group through a discussion of Anne Brontë's novel. The reading for the seminar will be taken from Professor Stewart's most recent book, *Novel Violence: a Narratology of Victorian Fiction*, due in the spring from the University of Chicago Press.

**Seminar 5: Journal-Bound: The Seamless Transition from Manuscript to Print (Lindquist Room)**

For anyone who has fretted about the publishing process, Alvin Snider, editor of the University of Iowa's *Philological Quarterly*, and Sarah Theobald-Hall, managing editor of *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*, will discuss from an editorial perspective their advice about revising manuscripts for publication as well as the dos and don'ts of submitting articles. Come with your questions!

**Session 9:** 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

**9A: Literary Legislation (Ballroom A)**

Moderator: Marty Gould, University of South Florida

- Constance M. Fulmer, Pepperdine University: “Threads of Connection Between Victorian Women and Women of the Ancient East: Edith J. Simcox’s Primitive Civilizations”
- Kellie Holzer, University of Washington: “Bad Laws and Blood Ties: Remarriage and Incest in 19th Century England and India”

**9B: Reinterpreting the Romantics (Ballroom B)**

Moderator: Sally B. Palmer, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

- Chantelle (Jacobs) Messier, University of Connecticut: “‘Indecent hearts’ in the Reformist England of *Aurora Leigh*”
- Helen Luu, Trent University: “Mending Severed Threads: Augusta Webster and Felicia Hemans”
- Anna Fenton-Hathaway, Northwestern University: “Imagining Backward, Imagining Forward: Victorian Poetics of Aging”

**9C: Rewriting the Past: Historical Fictions (Ballroom C)**

Moderator: Brenton Thompson, University of Iowa

- H. Michael Buck, Indiana Wesleyan University: “Birthing the Historical Novel: A New Connection Between Jane Austen and Walter Scott’s *Waverley*”
- Kelly E. Battles, Maryville College: “George Eliot’s *Romola* and the Dignity of History: A Different Kind of Historical Novel”
- Kara Marler-Kennedy, Rice University: “History and Social Memory in Elizabeth Gaskell’s *Sylvia’s Lovers*”

**9D: Domesticating Objects (Ballroom D)**

Moderator: Mary Lynn Johnson, University of Iowa

- Eugenia Gonzalez, The Ohio State University: “Strange Bonds of Sympathy: Girls and Dolls in the Victorian Short Story”
- Jessica Durgan, Texas A&M University: “The Colonial Object and the Domestic Novel: India and Empire in Charlotte Yonge’s *Countess Kate*”
- Joel Haefner, Illinois Wesleyan University: “Living with the Machines: Gender and Domestic Technology in Late Victorian and Edwardian Britain”

**9E: Apart at the Seams: Series, Volumes, and Textual Interruptions (Lindquist Room)**

Moderator: Emily Friedman, University of Missouri

- Melissa M. Donegan, University of Iowa: “From Epigraph to Epitaph: Memory and Memorial in Elizabeth Gaskell’s *Mary Barton*”
- Carol Hanbery MacKay, University of Texas at Austin: “Reconnecting the Interrupted Serial: Anne Thackeray Ritchie’s *Mrs. Dymond* Over Time and Space”
- Troy J. Bassett, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: “Edging Women Out?: Women Authors and the Three-Volume Novel, 1840-1895”

**9F: Science in the Drawing Room (Johnson Room)**

Moderator: Kathleen Béres Rogers, College of Charleston

- Kyoko Takanashi, Indiana University: “Narrative Space in Railroad Time”
- Anne Chandler, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale: “Maria Edgeworth’s Darwinian Feminism: Mixed Messages in *Practical Education*”

**Keynote Lunch:** 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.—Hotel Vetro, Ballroom

**“RECOVERY 2.0: EXHIBITING WOMEN’S COLLECTIVE BIOGRAPHIES”**

Alison Booth, University of Virginia

*Sponsored by The University of Iowa’s International Programs, the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Interdisciplinary Colloquium, and The University of Iowa Graduate College*

*Congratulations to this year’s recipients of the BWWA’s Graduate Student Travel Awards!*

- Meghan L. Burke, The Ohio State University: “The Ties that Bind: Contaminating Maternal Transmissions in Hays’s *Memoirs of Emma Courtney*”
- Lynn Cowles, University of Texas at Austin: “‘From the horizon truth’s broad mirror gleams’: The Royal Navy and Subjectivity of Perspective in Eighteenth-Century British Women Poets’ Progression into the Public Sphere”
- Nandini Sengupta, Syracuse University: “The British Woman Traveler in India: Narratives of Colonial Intimacy”

**Session 10:** 2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

**10A: Desiring Women: Homoerotic Bonds in the Fin-de-Siècle (Ballroom A)**

Moderator: Lisa Hager, Georgia Institute of Technology

- Deborah T. Meem, University of Cincinnati: “What ‘one woman could be to another’: Linton and Johnstone setting the terms in the 1880s and 90s”
- Diana E. Bellonby, Vanderbilt University: “Queerness in Pieces: The Story of Venus in Michael Field’s *Sight and Song*”
- Sally Brooke Cameron, University of Notre Dame: “‘We are Closer Married’: Michael Field’s *Sight and Song* and Sexual / Textual Bonds Between Women”

**10B: British Women Abroad: To the Ends of the Empire and Beyond (Ballroom B)**

Moderator: Amit Baishya, University of Iowa

- Nandini Sengupta, Syracuse University: “The British Woman Traveler in India: Narratives of Colonial Intimacy”
- Paula Reiter, Mount Mary College: “The Ties That Bind”

### **10C: Fashionable Threads (Ballroom C)**

Moderator: Mary Beth Tegan, St. Xavier University

- Megan Early Alter, University of Iowa: “The Legacy of *Ton*: *The Half Sisters* and *The Victims of Society*”
- Molly Engelhardt, Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi: “‘Passionately Fond of Dancing’: Maternal Connections in Catherine Gore’s *The Debutante*”
- Cheryl A. Wilson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania: “Gender, Fashion, and Social Power in *Emma*”

### **10D: Contracting Community (Ballroom D)**

Moderator: Mary Jeanette Moran, College of Staten Island/CUNY

- Joshua Gooch, University of Iowa: “‘No Phantasm of Delight’: Disruptions of Social and Economic Production in George Eliot’s *Silas Marner*”
- Sharon M. Twigg, Johnson State College: “The Labors of Mediating Contract in Elizabeth Gaskell’s *Mary Barton*”
- Meagan Timney, Dalhousie University: “Working-Class Women’s Communities in the Nineteenth-Century Periodical Press”

### **10E: Raising Britain: Education Techniques and Reforms (Lindquist Room)**

Moderator: Jodi L. Wagner, Marian University

- Donelle Ruwe, Northern Arizona University: “‘Will you go abroad?’: Parenting and Poetics in Barbauld and Trimmer”
- Cecily Hill, University of Southern Mississippi: “Composing *Jane Eyre*: Ellenor Fenn, Mary Lamb and the Making of a Governess”
- Janis Dawson, University of Victoria: “L. T. Meade’s *Atalanta*: ‘Far away the best magazine for girls in existence, and not for girls alone, but for anyone who can relish really good literature’”

### **10F: Illustrating Women (Johnson Room)**

Moderator: Carol Hanbery MacKay, University of Texas at Austin

- Gina Opdycke Terry, Texas A&M University: “L.E.L.’s ‘Poetical Illustrations’: Reconnecting Text and Image in the Literary Annuals”
- JoAnna Stephens Mink, Minnesota State University, Mankato: “The Influence of Women Illustrators on Readers of Nineteenth-Century Novels”
- Ruth Hoberman, Eastern Illinois University: “Gender and Representation in 1890s Fiction by Vernon Lee and May Sinclair”

**Session 11:** 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Sheraton, Lower Level

### **11A: Sewing Self-Expression: Cross-Stitching and Cross-Dressing (Ballroom A)**

Moderator: Elizabeth Erbeznik, University of Texas at Austin

- Corey Goergen, University of Georgia: “‘The Fate of Rogues’: Contagious ‘Freke’-ness in Maria Edgeworth’s *Belinda*”
- K. Irene Rieger, Case Western Reserve University: “The Thread is Lost: Female Solidarity and the Making and Exchanging of Clothing in Iota’s *A Yellow Aster*”
- Christine Bayles Kortsch, Eastern University: “A Needle Dipped in Blood: Dual Literacy in Elizabeth Parker’s Sampler and Olive Schreiner’s *From Man to Man*”

### **11B: Single but Not Solitary (Ballroom B)**

Moderator: April N. Kendra, University of North Texas

- David Frank Jakalski, University of Illinois at Chicago: “Promising Politics in Amelia Opie’s *Adeline Mowbray*”
- Sandra Hagan, Vancouver Island University: “Untying the Knot: Charlotte Brontë and Amy Levy Co-Write a Happy Ending for Single Women in *Villette* (1853) and *The Romance of a Shop* (1888)”
- Sharon Smith Palo, North Iowa Area Community College: “‘The Ties that Bind’: Gender, Property, and the Threads of Narrative in Sarah Scott’s *Millennium Hall*”

### **11C: Literature at War (Ballroom C)**

Moderator: Susan B. Egenolf, Texas A&M University

- Lynn Cowles, University of Texas at Austin: “‘From the horizon truth’s broad mirror gleams’: The Royal Navy and Subjectivity of Perspective in Eighteenth-Century British Women Poets’ Progression into the Public Sphere”
- Mary Ann O’Farrell, Texas A&M University: “The Writings of Osama bin Austen: Appearances of Jane Austen in Contemporary Political Discourse”
- Susan Morgan, Miami University: “Temporal Connections: A Victorian Governess and Thailand in World War II”

### **11D: Dusty Threads from Famous Closets: Recovering Minor Works by Major Authors (Ballroom D)**

Moderator: Jaqueline Grainger, Chawton House Library

- Morgan Richardson, University of Kentucky: “Revisiting the Arctic End: Mary Shelley’s ‘The Mortal Immortal’”
- Michelle Beissel Heath, Tulane University: “Redeeming ‘the Uncroquetable Lawn’: Charlotte Yonge, Flirtatious Hoops, and Family Time”
- Jessica Queener, West Virginia University: “‘Opposing Forces’: George Eliot and Periodical Authorship”

### **11E: Snapshots of Subjectivity (Lindquist Room)**

Moderator: Deborah Manion, University of Iowa

- Marty Gould, University of South Florida: “*Jane Eyre*, Revisioned”
- Beth Shane, University of Iowa: “Charlotte Brontë’s Scare Show: Gothic Spectacles in *Villette*”
- Mollie Barnes, University of Georgia: “Photographic Mourning: Amy Levy’s *The Romance of a Shop* and the Development of Feminine Subjectivity”

### **11F: Transatlantic Connections (Johnson Room)**

Moderator: Jessica DeSpain, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

- Kay Puttock, Minnesota State University, Mankato: “Eagles in the Henhouse: Responses in the Life and Art of Christina Rossetti and Emily Dickinson to Victorian Views of Women”
- Anna Barker, University of Iowa: “‘Casabianca’: From Felicia Hemans’s Romantic Heroism to Elizabeth Bishop’s Enduring Love”
- Jessica DeSpain, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville: “From Plantation to Pamphlet: Victoria Press’s Sociological Revision of Fanny Kemble’s *Journal of a Residence on a Georgian Plantation*”

**Dinner on your own:** 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
**Entertainment:** 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Old Capitol, Senate Chamber

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