



WOMEN'S LITERARY
CULTURE & THE
MEDIEVAL CANON

Chawton House Library, Chawton, Hampshire

PROGRAMME

20 – 24 July 2015

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WELCOME TO CHAWTON HOUSE LIBRARY

Dear Network Partners and Participants

I am delighted to welcome you to our first International Network event at Chawton House Library. This ground breaking project aims to explore how research into women's engagement with literary culture in the Middle Ages impacts on our understanding of the established canon. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to bring together this group of distinguished participants, whose research is at the cutting edge of the field. I am confident that this beautiful centre of research into women's writing will provide a conducive environment for stimulating discussion and lively intellectual exchange.

Diane Watt

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Monday 20 July

- 11:30 Arrive at Chawton House Library
- 12:00 Tour of Chawton House Library
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Welcome & Introductory Comments
Diane Watt
- 14:30 Presentation & Workshop
Clare Lees & Kathryn Maude
King's College, London
*'A Woman Without A Country': Women's
Literary Culture and the Earliest Medieval
English Texts*
- 16:00 Tea
- 16:30 Informal Discussion
- 19:00 Dinner at The Swan Hotel, Alton

Tuesday 21 July

- 8:00 Breakfast at The Swan Hotel
- 9:30 Liz Herbert McAvoy
Swansea University
'O der lady, be my help.' *Women's Visionary Writing and the Devotional Literary Canon*
- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:30 Diane Watt
University of Surrey
Small Consolation: Pearl and Goscelin's Liber Confortatorius
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Amy Appleford
Boston University
The Sea Ground and the London Street: The Ascetic Self in Julian of Norwich and Thomas Hoccleve
- 15:30 Tea
- 16:00 Workshop: *Speed Dating*
- 19:00 Dinner at The Swan Hotel

Wednesday 22 July

- 8:00 Breakfast at The Swan Hotel
- 9:30 Nancy Bradley Warren
Texas A&M University
*Chaucer, the Chaucer Tradition
and Female Monastic Readers*
- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:30 Laura Saetveit Miles
University of Bergen
What Nuns Read... and Didn't Read
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Corinne Saunders
University of Durham
*Affective Reading: Chaucer, Women
and Romance*
- 15:30 Tea
- 16:00 Workshop: *Ways Forward*
- 19:00 Dinner at The Swan Hotel

Thursday 23 July

- 8:00 Breakfast at The Swan Hotel
- 9:30 Denis Renevey
University of Lausanne
*'she shalle ber a sonne þat ye
shalle calle Ihesu:'* Eleanor Hull and the
Tradition of the Devotion to the Name of Jesus
- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:30 Sue Niebrzydowski
Bangor University
*For the reverence of his mooder Marie: Chaucer,
Lydgate and medieval women's Marian devotion*
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Marion Wynne-Davies
University of Surrey
*'I shall desire all you women to sing some songe
of my deathe:'* Jane Lumley's *The Tragedie of
Iphigenia* and the liberation of female voices in
early Tudor household theatre
- 15:30 Tea
- 16:00 Optional Tour of Jane Austen's House
- 19:00 Dinner at The Swan Hotel

Friday 24 July

8:00 Breakfast at The Swan Hotel

Depart



Attendees

Amy Appleford

Lynette Kerridge

Clare Lees

Kathryn Maude

Liz Herbert McAvoy

Laura Saetveit Miles

Amy Morgan

Sue Niebrzydowski

Denis Renevey

Corinne Saunders

Nancy Bradley Warren

Diane Watt

Christiania Whitehead

Marion Wynne-Davies

Chawton House Library



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Chawton House Library is an Elizabethan manor house in the village of Chawton in Hampshire. It was formerly the home of Jane Austen's brother, Edward Austen Knight.

The house has been extensively restored and is now The Centre for the Study of Early English Women's Writing, 1600-1830. It incorporates Chawton House Library, opened in 2003, a collection of over 9,000 books together with related original manuscripts.

Jane Austen's house is located in the same village.