Chawton House Library, Chawton, Hampshire

PROGRAMME

20 – 24 July 2015

Sponsored by The Leverhulme Trust
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

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.