



Atlantic World Rhetorics

A STAR (Scotland's Transatlantic Relations)/Atlantic World Research Network Joint Colloquium

19 March 2012, IASH, Hope Park Square

An interdisciplinary symposium in collaboration with colleagues from University of North Carolina Greensboro, this event will develop issues raised in the successful IASH / STAR meeting on 'Voices of Moderation in the Atlantic World,' held in 2011. Historians, rhetoricians and English scholars will discuss public and private idioms of engagement in the Anglophone Atlantic World between 1750 and the present. Together, we shall consider a range of rhetorics – and disciplinary practices for their assessment – across domains from Literature to Philosophy, Politics and Religion. We shall address historical and contemporary languages of moderation, to ask what kinds of vocabulary, verbal structure and stance are deployed to promote the virtues of moderate thought? The symposium is part of our larger inquiry into how analysis of the rhetorics of moderatism help us better understand literary, cultural and political developments historically and in our own time.

Programme

- 9.00 am: Welcome, Introductions
- 9.15 – 10.45: **Walter Beale** (Professor of Rhetoric, UNCG): "New Rhetorics of Moderation in Scotland and America"
Robert Calhoon (Professor of History, Emeritus, UNCG): "A Man for All Seasons: Adam Smith as a Moderate Public Intellectual"
- 10.45 – 11.00: Coffee
- 11.00 – 12.30pm: **Joseph Moore** (Assistant Professor of History, Gardner-Webb University): "Covenanter Sensibility: Scotland's anti-Enlightenment Atlantic export"
Alex Murdoch (Scottish History, University of Edinburgh): "The limits of moderation, William Robertson and Roman Catholic Relief in Scotland 1778-1781"
- 12.30 – 1.30 pm: Lunch
- 1.30 – 3.30: **Frank Cogliano** (Professor of American History, University of Edinburgh): "The immoderation of Thomas Jefferson"
Andrew Taylor (English, University of Edinburgh): "Strong, genial and abundant": Henry James's Trollope and the racialised virtues of moderation
Allyson Stack (English Literature, University of Edinburgh): "Willa Cather's *O Pioneers!*: French *unanimité* and the American Frontier"
- 3.30 – 4.00pm: Tea
- 4.00 – 5.15pm: **Will Dodson** (UNCG Doctoral Student in Rhetoric): "Rhetoric, Humanism, Living Learning Communities, and Future Directions in University Education"
Mark Robson (English, University of Nottingham): "Floating in the middle: Tocqueville and the democracy to come"
- 5.15 – 6.00pm: Reception

Abstracts of talks may be found on the IASH website (www.iash.ed.ac.uk/academic.events.html). The event is free but space is limited and registration is essential. Email iash@ed.ac.uk to book a place.