Cultural Stress from Reformation to Revolution

An NEH Summer Institute directed by
David Cressy and Lori Anne Ferrell at the
Folger Shakespeare Library
Summer of 2003

Week One: The English Reformation
23 June to 26 June

Monday: The Place of the Eucharist
Diarmuid MacCulloch (Professor of the History of the Church, University of Oxford)

Primary sources

Secondary Sources


**Tuesday: Smashing images**

**Diarmaid MacCulloch** (Professor of the History of the Church, University of Oxford)

**Primary sources**

Homily on idolatry, from the *Book of Homilies*, 1563.


Photographs for discussion: the interiors of English parish churches after the Reformation. Rumburgh and Yaxley churches, Suffolk.


**Secondary Sources**


Wednesday: Miracles and Providence

**Alexandra Walsham** (Senior Lecturer in History, University of Exeter)

Primary Sources

Set I


or


(2) Tynley, Robert. *Two Learned Sermons*. London, 1609. Read second sermon preached at the Spittle, 17 April 1609, esp. pp. 53-68. [STC 24472]

or


or


Set II


(5) *A true relation of God’s wonderfull mercies, in preserving one alive, which hanged five dayes*. [London, c. 1613]. [PR973.F72 no. 3 and PR973.F7 no. 10] [STC 14668]

and

and


(6) A myraculous, and monstrous, but yet, most true, and certayne discourse of a woman ... in the midst of whose fore-head ... there groweth out a crooked horne.
London, 1588. [STC 6910.7]

Secondary Sources

**Thursday: Prophets and Prophecy**

Alexandra Walsham (Senior Lecturer in History, University of Exeter)

**Primary Sources**

**Set I**


**Set II**


Lansdowne MS 99, no. 9 (annotated by Strype as “Robert Dickons a distracted Glover his Request to the Queen that he may preach Repentance with his Enthusiastical vision. Feb. 2. 1588”). Read folios 18-21.

A prophesie revealed by a poore Countrey Maide.” In T.I., A miracle, of miracles. London, 1614. [STC 14068.3]


Secondary Sources

Week Two: Sites of Stress: The Court
30 June to 3 July

Monday: Masque, Politics and the Early Jacobean Court, c. 1608-c. 1618
Alastair Bellany (Assistant Professor of History, Rutgers University)
Lauren Shohet (Assistant Professor of English, Villanova University)
Primary Sources (Required)
---. *Pleasure Reconcild to Vertue*, 263-76. [STC 14753 (1640)]
---. *For the Honour of Wales*, 277-91. [STC 14753 (1640)]

Primary Sources (Recommended)
---. *Masque of Queens*, 122-41. [STC 14778 (1609)]
---. *Irish Masque*, 206-12. [STC 14751 (1616)]

Secondary Sources (Listed in order of priority)
Shohet, Lauren. “Interpreting *The Irish Masque at Court* and in Print.” *Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies* 1, 2 (Fall/Winter 2001): 42-65. [To be provided]

Tuesday: The Overbury Affair, c. 1613-16
Alastair Bellany (Assistant Professor of History, Rutgers University)
Lauren Shohet (Assistant Professor of English, Villanova University)

Primary Sources
Typescripts of Verse Libels on the Overbury Scandal. [To be provided]
Texts of Overbury cheap print: *Mistris Turners Farewell to all women; A Sorrowfull Song, Made upon the murther and untimely death of Sir Thomas Overbury; James Franklin, A Kentishman of Maidstone; Samuel Rowlands, Sir Thomas Overbury, or, The Poysoned Knights Complaint*. [To be provided]
Secondary Sources (Listed in order of priority)

Wednesday: The Court, the Favourite and the Public Sphere, c. 1618-29
Alastair Bellany (Assistant Professor of History, Rutgers University)
Lauren Shohet (Assistant Professor of English, Villanova University)

Primary Sources
---. News from the New World, 292-305. [STC 14753 (1640)]
Eglisham, George. The Forerunner of Revenge. London, 1642. [Wing E256]
Libels on Buckingham (early 1620s sexual libels; mid/late 1620s on poison, the war etc; assassination). [To be provided]

Secondary Sources (Listed in order of priority)

Thursday: Caroline Court Culture, c. 1625-1640
Alastair Bellany (Assistant Professor of History, Rutgers University)
Lauren Shohet (Assistant Professor of English, Villanova University)
Primary Sources

Secondary Sources (Listed in order of priority)
Monday: “Christian fellowship, sacramental site, or parish picnic?: The Concept of the Church in Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Britain
Lori Anne Ferrell (Professor of Reformation Studies, Claremont Graduate University)
Tom Webster (Lecturer in History, University of Edinburgh)

Primary Sources
Gifford, George. A Briefe discourse of certaine points of the religion which is among the common sort of Christians, which may bee termed the Countrie Divinitie. With a manifest confutation of the same, after the order of a Dialogue. London, 1582. [STC 11845]

Secondary Sources

Tuesday: Sacred Site/Social Space
Tom Webster (Lecturer in History, University of Edinburgh)

Primary Sources
Bolton, Robert. Some General Directions for a Comfortable Walking with God. London, 1625. [STC 3250]

**Secondary Sources**


**Wednesday: Social Site/Sacred Page**

**Lori Anne Ferrell** (Professor of Reformation Studies, Claremont Graduate University)

**Primary Sources**


The Bible and Holy Scriptures conteyned in the Olde and Newe Testament. Geneva, 1560. Study plate 30 v.: “In this figure foure chief points are to be considered...”; and read “Epistle to the reader,” sig. *** iii. r.-v. [STC 2093]

Speed, John. The genealogies recorded in the Sacred Scriptures, according to every family and tribe. With the line of our Saviour Jesus Christ observed from Adam to the blessed Virgin Mary. London, 1611. Read sig. A v.: “To the Christian reader;” sig. A 2 r.: “O death I will be thy death... ;” and p. 34 [Eii v.]—“genealogy of Christ.” [STC 23039]


Senault, Jean-François. The Use of Passions. London, 1649. Read title page. [146565]


Secondary Sources


Thursday: We’d like to spend this day in follow-up discussion linking the subjects of Tuesday and Wednesday’s discussions, and talking over the participants’ own projects and their relation to this week’s topic.
Week Four: Sites of Stress: The Theatre
14 July to 17 July

Monday: Censorship and Theatrical Power
Paul Yachnin (Tomlinson Professor of Shakespeare Studies, McGill University)

Primary Sources (Required)

Secondary Sources (Required)

Secondary Sources (Strongly Encouraged)

Primary and Secondary Sources (Recommended)
Hayward, John. *First part of the life and raigne of King Henrie IIII* (1599). Amsterdam: Theatrum Orbis Terrarum; Norwood, N.J.: W.J. Johnson, 1975. [PR1400 12996] [STC 12996]

**Tuesday: Representation and Religion**

**Paul Yachnin** (Tomlinson Professor of Shakespeare Studies, McGill University)

**Primary Sources (Required)**


**Secondary Sources (Required)**

Diehl, Huston. “‘Does not the stone rebuke me?’ The Pauline Rebuke and Paulina’s Lawful Magic in *The Winter’s Tale*.” Unpublished manuscript.

**Secondary Sources (Strongly Encouraged)**


**Secondary Sources (Recommended)**


Wednesday: The Market in Theatrical Goods
Paul Yachnin (Tomlinson Professor of Shakespeare Studies, McGill University)

Primary Sources

Secondary Sources (Required)

Secondary Sources (Strongly Encouraged)

Secondary Sources (Recommended)

Thursday: Power and Publicity
Paul Yachnin (Tomlinson Professor of Shakespeare Studies, McGill University)

Primary Sources (Required)
Secondary Sources (Required)

Primary Sources (Strongly Encouraged)

Secondary Sources (Strongly Encouraged)

Secondary Sources (Recommended)
Week Five: Sites of Stress: The Parliament
21 July to 24 July

Monday:
Chris Kyle (Associate Professor of History, Syracuse)

Primary Sources
Illustration of Queen Elizabeth in Parliament (colour). In Robert Glover’s Nobilitas politica vel civilis. London, 1608. [STC 11922]
Transcripts from the Commons and Lords’ Journals; parliamentary diaries; and 17th century newsletters relating to the behaviour of MPs; the circulation of parliamentary news; and the role of the public in the political process.

Secondary Sources (Required)
Plan of the Palace of Westminster, c.1640.

Tuesday:
Thomas Cogswell (Professor and Chair of History, University of California, Riverside)

Primary Sources
Scott, Thomas. Vox populi. Or, Newes from Spayne, translated according to the Spanish coppie. Which may serve to forwarne both England and the United Provinces how farre to trust to Spanish pretences. [London], 1620. [STC 22100]
“Buckingham’s Relation, 24 February 1624.” In Journals of the House of Lords. London: H.M.S.O., 1509-1891. [J301.P3 v.3]
Scott, Thomas. Vox Dei. [Holland: 1624]. [STC 22097]
[Russell, John]. The spy discovering the danger of Arminian heresie and Spanish trecherie. Strasburgh [i.e. Amsterdam: By the successors of Giles Thorp], 1628. [STC 20577]

Wednesday:
Chris Kyle (Associate Professor of History, Syracuse)

Primary Sources
The order and manner of the sitting of the Lords spirituall and temporall, as peeres of the realme, in the higher house of Parliament, according to their dignities, offices, and degrees, some other called thither for their assistance, and officers of their attendances. And also the names of the knights for the counties, citizens, burgesses for the boroughs, and barons for the ports for the House of Commons, for this Parliament. London, 1626. [STC 7744]

A petition to the Kings most excellent Maiestie, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and Commons of the Parliament now assembeld. Wherein is declared the mischiefes and inconueniences, arising to the King and Common-wealth, by the imprisoning of mens bodies for debt. London, 1622. [STC 14428]

Dee, John. A letter, nine yeeres since, written and first published. London, 1604. Read the verse on the need for an act against slander. [STC 6461]

Farley, Henry. “St Paul’s Church Her Bill for the Parlament.” [London], 1621. [STC 10690]


Petition to the Commons from Book-binders against the Goldbeaters. [London], 1621. [STC 16768.8]

Answer of the Goldbeaters to the Book-binders. [London, 1621].


Thursday: No assigned readings.
Week Six: Reassessing the English Revolution
28 July to 31 July

General Readings and Sources (Recommended)

Monday: The Nature, Background, and Origins of the Revolution
David Cressy (Professor of History, Ohio State University)

Primary Sources
“Alderman Wiseacre’s speech” on the “root and branch” movement of November and December 1640. [Folger MS X.d. 20; Folger film 4024 (Another text is in PRO SP16/473/48)]
Fortunes Tennis-ball: A Warning to all that are Nurses of Pride. [London], 1640. [PR3671.S12; STC 11198]
Yarb, Samoth [Thomas Bray]. A New Sect of Religion Descryed, Called Adamites. [London], 1641. [Wing B4295A]
Reynolds, Edward. Evgenia’s teares for Great Brittaynes distractions, or, Some slender observations reflecting on those sad times. London, 1642. [144377]
Edwards, Thomas. Gangraena, or, A catalogue and discovery of many of the errours, heresies, blasphemies and pernicious practices of the sectaries of this time. London, 1646. [Wing E228]
A Catalogue of the severall Sects and Opinions in England and other Nations. With a briefe Rehearsall of their false and dangerous Tenents. [London], 1647. [Wing C1411]

Secondary Sources
Cressy, David. “Revolutionary England, 1640-1700,” forthcoming in Past and Present. [To be provided]

Tuesday: Debates over toleration and the shape of the Church: Milton and Chidley
Sharon Achinstein (University Lecturer in English and Fellow and Tutor at St Edmund Hall, Oxford)

Primary Sources
Chidley, Katherine. A new-yeares-gift, or A brief exhortation to Mr. Thomas Edwards. N.p., 1645. [Wing C3833]
---. The justification of the independant churches of Christ. [London], 1641. [Wing C3832]

Secondary Sources (Required)

Secondary Sources (Recommended)


Wednesday: Debates over the nature of the early modern public sphere:

*Areopagitica*

**Sharon Achinstein** (University Lecturer in English and Fellow and Tutor at St Edmund Hall, Oxford)

**Primary Sources (Required)**


The Leveller petitions:


*To the supreme authority, the Commons of England assembled in Parliament. The humble petition of divers well-affected women of the cities of London and Westminster, the borough of Southwark, hamblets, and parts adjacent. Affecters and approvers of the petition of Sept. 11 1648*. [London, 1649]. [Wing T1724]

*To the supreme authority of this nation, the Commons assembled in Parliament: the humble petition of divers wel-affected women inhabiting the cities of London, Westminster, the borough of Southwark, hamblets, and places adjacent*. London, 1649. [Wing T1736]

*Unto every individual member of Parliament: The... Representation of... women... on behalf of Mr. John Lilburne*. [London, 1653]. [Wing U99]

Overton, Mary. *To the Right honorable, the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, the Parliament of England*. London, 1647. [Wing O617]

**Primary Sources (Recommended)**


*A remonstrance of the shee-citizens of London*. [London], 1647. [R1014; Thomason / E.404[2]]

**Secondary Sources (Required)**


**Secondary Sources (Recommended)**


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**Thursday: Revolutions within the Revolution**

David Cressy (Professor of History, Ohio State University)

**Primary Sources**

[Locke, John]. *A Strange and Lamentable Accident that happened lately at Mears Ashby in Northamptonshire*. London, 1642. [PR973.F7 no.31-40] [Thomason / E.113[15]]

[Fleetwood, Edward]. *A Declaration, of a strange and Wonderfull Monster: Born in Kirkham Parish in Lancashire*. London, 1646. [Folger Film Fo. 4055.5] [Thomason / E.325[20]]


*The Ranters Monster: Being a True Relation of one Mary Adams*. London, 1652. [R251; Thomason / E.658[6]]


**Secondary Sources**


