A Folger Institute Spring Semester Seminar

1603: KINGSHIP RENEWED

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On the quatercentenary of James VI's accession to the English throne as James I, "Kingship Renewed" will reconsider the transformation of both ensuing monarchies and its effect on Britain and Europe. James's inauguration brought about significant changes: in England, it restored male rule after a half-century of female rule and calmed anxieties

over succession; in Scotland, it confirmed the shift from a royal minority to the effective rule of a king with male heirs. The accession also had more widereaching effects: in creating the multiple monarchy of Great Britain, it inaugurated the period in British history known as that of the Three Kingdoms; with the end of the wars with Spain, it entered into a new relationship with Europe during which the English Royal Supremacyand the Church of England-played ambivalent roles in the struggle between Calvinism and the Counter-Reformation. This seminar will address what James and others thought of the new British monarchy's position in state and empire, church, court, and culture. Sponsored by the Center for the History of British Political Thought, "Kingship Renewed" is directed by three members of the

Center's steering committee, and its discussion is situated in the new British history, revised views of the Jacobean regime, increased interest in intellectual exchange, and the languages of political thought. Drawing on the additional expertise of visiting faculty, the seminar promises a thought-provoking and fruitful reevaluation of King James.

Location: Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

Schedule: Thursdays, 1-4:30 p.m., 23 January through 3 April, except 20 March 2003.

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Application deadline is 2 January 2003.

Topics to be discussed and visiting faculty include:

1603 and British Political Thought

Gender and Elizabethan and Jacobean Political Thought with Anne McLaren (History, Liverpool)

The Three Kingdoms with Jane Ohlmeyer (History, Aberdeen)

James I and the Church of England

Britain and Protestant Europe with Anthony Milton (History, Sheffield)

Britain and Catholic Spain with Antonio Feros (History, New York University)

> Britain and Catholic and Protestant France with Orest Ranum (History, Johns Hopkins)

Courts, Culture, and Literature with Christy Anderson (Architecture, Yale)

Constitutionalism and Republicanism: Tacitism and the Ancient Constitution

King, Law, and Parliament

Directors: J.G.A. Pocock is Emeritus Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University. His most recent monograph is the two-volume Barbarism and Religion: Volume I, The Enlightenment of Edward Gibbon; Volume II, Narratives of a Civil Society (1999). Linda Levy Peck is Professor of History at George Washington University. She is the author of Court Patronage and Corruption in Early Stuart England (1990) and editor of The Mental World of the Jacobean Court (1991). Gordon Schochet is Professor of Political Science at Rutgers University. He is the author of Patriarchalism in Political Thought (2nd ed. 1988), and his John Locke and the Politics of Religious Toleration is forthcoming.