Folger Institute: Spring Semester Seminar 2003

Mutualities and Obligations: Social Relationships in Early Modern England

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1. Establishing themes

i) Preparation for the seminar


ii) Some useful additional readings on roles, hierarchies, ‘negotiation’ and ‘the politics of everyday life’ (optional):


2. The Household


A.D. Wall ed., *Two Elizabethan Women: Correspondence of Joan and Maria Thynne, 1575-1611*, Wiltshire Record Society, 36 (Devizes, 1983), letters 6, 17, 19, 23, 30, 47, 48, 52.


3. *Kin and 'Friends'*


4. *Neighbourliness*


Selection of extracts prepared by KW from the following:
- J. Raine ed., Depositions and other Ecclesiastical Proceedings from the Courts of Durham, Surtees Society 21 (1845), pp. 204-6, 244-5.

5. Gendered obligations: narratives of reproof


6. **Fraternity**


7. **Lordship and tenancy**


Letter of Sir Ralph Verney to William Denton, June 1650. (Copy to be supplied).

8. 'Bourgeois association'


9. Terms of inclusion: from Hospitality to the Poor Laws


Selection of extracts prepared by KW from the following:


10. The Culture of Commerce: trust, credit and contract


