Theorizing Early Modern Studies (TEMS) Research Collaborative organizes conversations around research in progress by scholars of the early modern period. We welcome everyone, especially faculty and graduate students in the Humanities. The group offers an opportunity for interdisciplinary, collaborative reflection on the relationship between history, literature, the fine arts, philosophy and the sciences, and our discussions are always seasoned with wine and refreshments. TEMS is currently funded by the University of Minnesota Institute for Advanced Study.

2007-2008 Calendar

**The Ineffable**

Thursday, September 13 – **Opening Reception**, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.


Friday, September 21 – Lecture: Caroline Weber, French, Barnard College, “Queen of Fashion” offers a look at the semiotics and politics of Marie-Antoinette's controversial clothing choices both before and during the French Revolution. 5:00-6:30 p.m. 134 Folwell, cosponsored with the University of Minnesota Department of French and Italian.


Thursday, October 25 – Lecture: Jorge Canizares-Esguerra, History, University of Texas, Austin, “Early Modern Religious Cartographies in the New World,” 7 p.m., James Ford Bell Library, in conjunction with the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference. Reception to follow, cosponsored by the University of Minnesota Libraries, with the support of the University of Minnesota Center for Early Modern History.

Friday-Saturday, October 26-27 – Three sponsored panels at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, General Theme: “Metamorphosis: Describing the Indescribable in Early Modern Studies,” Hyatt Regency, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis


Friday, November 2 – Lecture: Richard Scholar, French, Oxford University. “Montaigne and the Art of Free-Thinking.” 3:00-4:30 p.m. Folwell, cosponsored with the University of Minnesota Department of French and Italian.

Thursday, November 15 – Lab Session: Anna Clark and Justin Biehl, History, University of Minnesota. “The Ineffable God of the Hindus through British Eyes.” 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

Thursday, December 6 – Work in progress Session: Judy Dorn, English, St. Cloud State University. “Vulnerable Arguments: Secret Histories and the Recovery of Women’s History.” 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

Thursday, February 14 – Lecture: Pamela Smith, History, Columbia University. “Tacit Knowledge and the Written Word: Reconstructing Knowledge in Early Modern Europe.” 4:00-5:30 p.m., Nolte 125, in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Program in the History of Science and Technology.


Thursday, March 6 – Lab Session: Arun Saldanha, Geography, University of Minnesota. “Traces of Travel: Marginalia in the Bell Library’s Copy of Linschoten’s Itinerario (1596),” 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., James Ford Bell Library.

Thursday, March 27 – Work in progress seminar: Marcela Kostihova, English, Hamline University. “Metamorphosed Subjectivity: Shakespeare’s Ovid in Venus and Adonis.” 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

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Thursday, April 10 – Book Discussion with the Author: Elena Russo, French and Italian, Johns Hopkins University. “Styles of Enlightenment: Taste, Politics, and Authorship in Eighteenth-Century France” (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006). 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

Friday, April 11 – Lecture: Elena Russo, French and Italian, Johns Hopkins University. “The Naked Philosophe and the Shameless Prussian: Diderot’s Portrait Sitting.” 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Folwell, cosponsored with the University of Minnesota Department of French and Italian.

Thursday, April 17 – Lab Session: “Between Word and Image, Text and Print in the Seventeenth Century.” Michael Gaudio, Art History, University of Minnesota, and Juliette Cherbuliez, French and Italian, University of Minnesota. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Anderson Rare Books Library.

Thursday, May 1 – 5th Annual Graduate Student Roundtable. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

PAPERS WILL CIRCULATE IN ADVANCE. Readings for each session will be available as .pdf files on the TEMS website http://tems.umn.edu/. Link to the .pdf files by clicking on the paper titles on the TEMS home page or on the “current schedule.” For an abstract of the paper, click on “current schedule.” Please e-mail Michael Gaudio <gaudio@umn.edu> for more information.

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