

Tenth Biennial Conference of the Early Book Society

Codices and Community: Networks of Reading and Production, 1350-1550

sponsored by the Early Book Society,
the University of Salford and Chetham's Library, Manchester
July 7 - July 11, 2007

The conference is open to all members of the Early Book Society. Speakers and other participants include: Mari Agata, Teru Agata, Joyce Boro, James Carley, Emma Cayley, Margaret Connolly, Lynda Dennison, Laura Dull, Michael Dzanko, A.I. Doyle, Kara Doyle, Martha W. Driver, Geraint Evans, Rebecca Farnham, Susanna Fein, Kristen Figg, Michael Foster, Joel Fredell, John Block Friedman, Victoria Gibbons, Alexandra Gillespie, Katrin Graf, Kevin Gustafson, Joseph J. Gwara, Mark Hall, Phillipa Hardman, Jill C. Havens, Simon Horobin, Michael Hunter, Ann M. Hutchison, Jeanne Krochalis, Anne Marie Lane, Kathryn A. Lowe, Suzanne Lyle, Brian Maidment, Julia Marvin, William Marx, Lister Matheson, Meradith McMunn, Linne R. Mooney, Charlotte Morse, Ann Eljenholm Nichols, Derek Pearsall, Matti Peikola, Oliver Pickering, Susan Powell, Veronica O'Mara, Kari Anne Rand, Catherine A. Rock, Martha Dana Rust, Wendy Scase, George Shuffelton, Fiona Somerset, Anne F. Sutton, Helen J. Swift, Toshi Takamiya, M. Teresa Tavormina, John Thompson, Nila Vazquez, Livia Visser-Fuchs, Daniel Wakelin, Edward Wheatley, Alison Wiggins, and Robert F. Yeager. The final conference program will be sent in May. Please send your a-v or computer projection requirements to Martha Driver or Sue Powell, if you have not done so already.

Announcement: Open Session

For this session, Early Book Society members are invited to speak for 10 minutes or less on subjects of general interest to the Society (e.g., libraries, collections, editing, current projects). If you are interested, please contact Martha Driver (MDriver@pace.edu) or Sue Powell (s.powell@salford.ac.uk) promptly for inclusion on the final program.

Getting to the University of Salford / Manchester

From Euston Station in London, the trip to Manchester is two hours and fifteen minutes. Manchester International Airport is 15 miles from the University of Salford, and there are regular, direct train services to and from the University. A taxi from Manchester to Salford costs about £4; one may also reach Salford from Manchester by taking a train to Salford Crescent station that runs through the campus between Peel Park and Frederick

Road. From Manchester Piccadilly, the train service is about 10 minutes to Salford Crescent. There are direct train services to and from Manchester Airport, Manchester Piccadilly and Victoria. Salford is 2.2 miles or 3.5 km and a quick cab ride or bus ride from the city. For more about Salford, check www.salford.gov.uk

Accommodation

En suite single student rooms are available at Constantine Court on Peel Park at the University of Salford; these may also be booked for a day or two before and after the conference for those wishing to tour the area or consult books in Chetham's Library or the John Rylands. Rylands is happy to accommodate scholars working on specific projects both before and during the conference. Chetham's Library will be open to scholars on the Monday and after (but closed to outsiders on Saturday for graduation). Conference sessions will be held mainly on the University of Salford campus. On Monday, July 9, sessions will take place in Chetham's Library in Manchester with a visit to Rylands. The Rylands librarians have indicated that while all conferees are most welcome to view the many treasures of the library on exhibition there will be room only for 40 conferees to examine manuscripts and printed books in a 'close-up session.' Space is limited, so please indicate clearly on the registration form whether you are interested in participating in the 'close-up session'; the first 40 people to sign up will get that extra experience. A tour of Manchester and a Chinese banquet in Manchester will follow that evening. On the Tuesday, after the traditional champagne-croquet match on the lawns at the University of Salford, the EBS conference banquet will be held at The Lowry, a spectacular venue that includes an important art gallery, on Salford Quays. The cost of the conference package (four days' residence in Constantine with full board, including coffee, teas, meals, and the banquet) is **£280**.

Conferees may choose to be housed in hotels in Manchester, though meals will be taken together. Recommended hotels in Manchester include The Palace Hotel (Gore St Piccadilly, Manchester 0161 278 1000, single or double room £149), Malmaison (Piccadilly, £130 and up when booked online), and Novotel Manchester Centre (21 Dickinson Street, 161-235-2200, standard room £99 or with breakfast £119). All of these are an easy walk from the Manchester train station, and taxi stands. For those with or renting cars, the Campanile Hotel Salford (55 Ordsall Lane, Regent Road, Regent Road, Manchester) offers rooms online for £47.

The cost of the conference for those staying in local hotels over the four days is **£125** per person (this amount covers rental of lecture halls, equipment, lunch, dinner, coffees, teas). A further list of outstanding restaurants in Manchester is included in this package.

On July 11, EBS conferees are invited on an optional trip to Stonyhurst College, where the librarians are preparing an exhibition of the collection. A country pub lunch is planned. Arrangements are being made to get a good price for a group meal at a wonderful restaurant that evening in Manchester. The extra cost for the day out with accommodation on the Wednesday night (bed and breakfast) at Salford is **£50**. Those staying in hotels are asked to pay an additional £15 to cover coach rental and other small expenses. Those arriving a night or two prior to the conference who wish to stay in

Constantine are further asked to pay **£39** per night for bed and breakfast. Registration will be from 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 7.

Conference Registration

The conference registration fee is **\$70**, payable in advance in US dollars to Martha Driver or the Early Book Society (send to Martha Driver, EBS, Department of English, Pace University, 41 Park Row, New York, New York 10038). Conference registration payments may also be made in sterling **£37** to Sue Powell (send to Susan Powell, Department of English, University of Salford, Salford M5 4WT UK). The registration fee covers costs of mailing, Xeroxing, coach and equipment hire, lecture hall rental, the barman, and other extras, and may also be paid at the door. Please send the conference registration form to either Martha or Sue by **April 30**.

Book Table

If you wish your new book(s) to be exhibited, please have your publisher send a copy or copies, along with order forms and publicity, directly to Susan Powell, Department of English, University of Salford, Salford M5 4WT UK. Representatives from several publishers also plan to be on hand for the book exhibit.

More About Manchester

Manchester, said to be “the shopping capital” of the UK, has wonderful restaurants, especially ethnic restaurants, theater, museums and splendid Victorian architecture. Among recommended restaurants are Café Istanbul (79/81 Bridge Street), Little Yang Sing (17 George St, City Center, lunch from £5), and Rajdoot Tandoori (Carlton House on Albert Square). Other excellent Manchester restaurants are The Bridge (Bridge St., City Center), The Bridgewater Hall (Lower Mosley St, City Center) and Obsidian (Princess St., City Center). In Salford, good pubs and restaurants include The King's Arms (Bloom St), The Crescent (20 The Crescent, Salford), and the River Room (vegetarian, 50 Dearmans Place, Chapel Wharf, Salford). Damaged heavily during World War II, Manchester lost many older buildings, though its cathedral with notable woodwork, misericords and tower was mainly spared. The cathedral is very close to Chetham's Library, parts of which date from the fifteenth century and which is said to be the first public library in Europe (though several of its books are chained!). The Urbis Center near the cathedral is free and presents exhibitions and other events. It also houses a popular café that is open daily from 10 am to 8 pm (see www.urbis.org.uk or call 0161 605 8200). The Manchester Art Gallery has 25,000 objects spanning six centuries which are housed in spectacular Victorian and modern settings; the Gallery is free and open daily (except Mondays). It too has a good café. See <http://www.manchestergalleries.org/>. Sports fans may wish to tour the City of Manchester Stadium and Museum which is open seven days a week including match days; there also is a good café and sports bar. Information on “Football: The Mancunian Way” may be found at www.mcfc.co.uk. The city is readily walkable. Salford is just outside Manchester, set in a lovely park overlooking the river, and flower lovers may also wish to visit Tatton Park, a quick train ride out of town (call the ticket hotline 0870 906 3739). The weather is variable, so be sure to pack an umbrella, raincoat, and sweater for this trip.