

North West Early Modern Seminar 2014-15

**18-9-2014**

**Early Modern Seminar Schedule Announced**

**John Rylands Seminar  
on Print and Materiality  
in the Early Modern World**

2014/15 interdisciplinary seminar series

John Rylands Library, The University of Manchester



Thursday 9 October 2014, 5.00-7.00 pm

- Dr Guyda Armstrong, Manchester, **‘Boccaccio and the Italian Novella Collection in English Translation in the Seventeenth Century’**
- Dr Benjamin Williams, Manchester, **‘Salonica, Venice and Manchester – Sixteenth-Century Sephardic Bible Exegesis in the John Rylands Library’**
- Dr Elizabeth Upper, John Rylands Research Institute, Manchester, Title TBA

Friday 7 November 2014, 3.30-5.00 pm (note different day and time)

- Professor Peter Marshall, Warwick, **‘Catholic Puritanism in Pre Reformation England’**

Thursday 12 February 2015, 5.00-7.00 pm

- Dr Sara Barker, Leeds, ‘**Translation and Transmission: Exploring the pre-periodical news world**’
- Dr Stephen Pumfrey, Lancaster, ‘**Science and Religion in Seventeenth-Century England: What can we learn from historical corpus linguistics?**’
- Michael Smith, Manchester, ‘**Feeling, Print and Protestant Unity in Post-Restoration England**’

Thursday 12 March 2015, 5.00-7.00 pm

- Dr Georg Christ, Manchester, ‘**Marino Sanuto’s Diaries and History: Managing Venetian news, print and historiography (early 16th to 21st C.)**’
- Dr Siobhan Talbott, Keele, ‘**”By the accounts we have in the last publick news”: How information shaped behaviour in Franco-British commercial networks, c.1603-1763**’
- Dr Mark Towsey, Liverpool, ‘**”Who did they think they were”: Reading history for self-fashioning in eighteenth-century Britain**’

Sessions will be held in the **Christie Room, John Rylands Library, Deansgate, Manchester**. The programme is supported by the John Rylands Research Institute. A group will go for drinks afterwards – all welcome! Convened by Dr Sasha Handley and Dr Jenny Spinks. Enquiries: Jenny Spinks: [jenny.spinks@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:jenny.spinks@manchester.ac.uk)

**1-3-2014**

**Oxford's Lyndal Roper on Luther**

## **Luther, Masculinity and Aggression**

Prof [Lyndal Roper](#) (Oxford)

Thursday 6th March

4-5:30pm

**\*Samuel Alexander LG12\***

(The basement lecture hall inside the south/rear entrance of the Samuel Alexander Bldg)

on Oxford Road by the Manchester Academy.)



Martin Luther is famed as the man who split the Catholic church and started the German Reformation, one of those rare individuals who really do ‘make history’. An extraordinarily courageous man, he could also be extremely belligerent. His was a Reformation which worked by upholding the power of secular rulers, and so he is often accused of being subservient to them. But he also wrote a series of tracts that took on key rulers of the day. These pamphlets are full of vivid and scurrilous abuse, and they revel in the rhetoric of manhood and the feud. Most theologians attack other theologians: why did Luther attack rulers in this way? What does this tell us about manhood in the sixteenth century, and how the Reformation might have changed models of masculinity?

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*All are welcome. The conversation continues after the talk at a nearby pub.*