



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Virginia Woolf and the Writing of History

8-9 November 2018

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Thursday, November 8th 2018

9.00-9.45 Conference opening

9.45-10.45 Keynote Speaker: Seamus O'Malley (Yeshiva University, New York)
Virginia Woolf and Populist History: The Rhythms of The People

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

Plenary session Virginia Woolf and Past Historiographical Traditions

Chair: Jane de Gay

11.00-11.30 Eleanor McNees (University of Denver)
Fracturing History: Reconfiguring Genre in *The Years* and *Between the Acts*

11.30-12.00 Marie Laniel (Université de Picardie)
A "singular camera lucida": Optics as Historiographical Paradigm from
Thomas Carlyle to Virginia Woolf

12.00-12.30 Anne Reus (Leeds Trinity University)
Rewriting Literary History: Virginia Woolf and Mary Russell Mitford

12.30-14.00 Lunch (Maison de l'Université)

Plenary session Feminist Revisions of History

Chair: Marie Laniel

14.00-14.30 Anne Besnault (Université de Rouen)
The Unrecorded and the Unthought in Virginia Woolf's Unwritten Literary
History

14.30-15.00 Helen Southworth (University of Oregon)
Virginia Woolf's "Lives of the Obscure" and the Writing of History

15.00-15.30 Valérie Favre (Université Lumière Lyon 2)
From Women's History to Gender History? Re-Reading (Literary) History in *A
Room of One's Own*

Coffee Break: 15.30-16.00

Plenary session Archives and New Historiographies

Chair : Anne-Marie Smith-Di Biasio

- 16.00-16.30 Adèle Cassigneul (Université Toulouse-Jean-Jaurès)
Virginia Woolf's *Monk's House Albums*, "life finally uncovered and clarified"
(Proust)
- 16.30-17.00 Kuo Chia-Chen (Tamkang University, Taiwan)
Photography and Virginia Woolf's Fictional Writing as Historical Testimony
- 17.00-17.30 Holly Henry (California State University)
Woolf Thinking through the Paleolithic Past
- 17.30-18.00 Jane de Gay (Leeds Trinity University)
The Past, the Present and the Lessons of History: Virginia Woolf's Feminist
Historiographical Method in *Three Guineas*

Conference Dinner

Friday, November 9th 2018

Plenary session **Belated Temporality**

Chair: Anne Besnault

- 9.00-9.30 Anne-Marie Smith-Di Biasio (Institut Catholique de Paris)
The Shadow of History: Becoming Historical or Virginia Woolf's Dreaming the Past Awake
- 9.30-10.00 Olivier Hercend (Université Paris-Sorbonne)
The Common Historian: On the *Praxis* of Reading the Past in Virginia Woolf's *The Common Reader*
- 10.00-10.30 Nell Wasserstrom (Boston College)
"Surely it is time someone invented a new plot": Performativity and Belatedness in *Between the Acts*

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

Plenary session **Non-Human Historiography**

Chair: Catherine Bernard

- 11.00-11.30 Catherine Lanone (Université Paris 3 – Sorbonne Nouvelle)
Challenging Cenotaphs: Woolf and the Theory of Absent Bodies
- 11.30-12.00 Paromita Patranobish (University of Delhi)
"Human history is defrauded of a moment's vision": Virginia Woolf's Non-Human Historiography
- 12.00-12.30 Thaine Stearns (Sonoma State University)
"The house was empty": Woolf's Inanimate Histories

12.30-14.00 Lunch (Maison de l'Université)

- 14.00-15.00 Keynote Speaker: Prof. Anna Snaith (King's College, London)**
Island Stories: Virginia Woolf and the Historiography of Empire

Plenary Session Modernist Times

Chair: Catherine Lanone

- 15.00-15.30 Sam Waterman (University of Pennsylvania)
“Suddenly there came a moment”: Virginia Woolf and the Politics of Adventure-Time
- 15.30-16.00 Iva Dimovska (Central European University, Budapest)
Queering Woolf’s Modernist Times

Plenary Session Narratives of History

Chair: Floriane Reviron

- 16.00-16.30 Alexandra Nica (Trinity College Dublin)
Fact in Fiction: Virginia Woolf’s Approach to Constructing a Historical Narrative in *The Pargiters, a Novel-Essay*
- 16.30-17.00 Laurelyne Ramboz (Université Paris 3 – Sorbonne Nouvelle)
Songs from the Past: The Role of Antiquity in Virginia Woolf’s Late Vision of History
- 17.00-17.30 Coffee break**
- 17.30-18.30 Keynote Speaker: Prof. Catherine Bernard (Université Paris Diderot)**
“The imagination is largely the child of the flesh”: Virginia Woolf’s Embodied Historicity

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