

Draft programme

8:45-9:10 Registration

9:10-9:20 Opening Remarks

9:20-10:40: Panel 1: Households, Families, and Isolation

Ali Claire Flint, 'Symbiotic relationships in nineteenth-century epistolarity'

Amanda Kelly, 'Pliny the Younger's Letters Concerning Slaves and Women'

Sindija Franzetti, "'Dear ...': In Search of Meaningful Human Connections'

10:40-11:00 Morning coffee break

11:00-12:20 Panel 2: Building Communities Across Different Geographies

Gordon Tait, 'The Corresponding Silences of Joseph Skipsey of Dante Gabriel Rossetti'

Karin Koehler, 'Newspapers, Working-Class Verse and the Postal Service'

Millie Schurch, 'Elizabeth Montagu and Eighteenth-century Epistolary Geographical Knowledge'

12:20-13:20 Panel 3: Secret Business

Maria de Ceu Estibieri, 'Words of Freedom: Fernando Pessoa's Letter on the Defense of Secret Associations'

Jessica Davidson, "'I write to engage my standing as usual': Stallholder letters from Bristol fair, 1810-1835'

13:20-14:20: Light lunch

14:20-15:40: Panel 4: Gender Identity and Epistolary Community

Francesca Battista, 'Gender as Category of Identification in Medieval Model Letters and Handbooks of Letter Writing?'

Aiste Kucinkiene, 'Prescriptive and Mediating Forces of Letter Writing in the Epistolary Communities (Late 19th to Early 20th Century in Lithuania)'

Linda McGuire, 'Cicero's women: a female community within *The Letters to Atticus*'

15:40-16:00 afternoon coffee break

16:00-17:20 Panel 5: Community and Emotional Connection

Kalina Sobierajska, 'Kinship Across Borders: Analysing Letters as a Vital Nexus of Transnational Family Relations'

Heather Moser, 'Let it Be Known the Stories are True: Don't Touch the Rocks!'

Carol Acton, 'Negotiating war: epistolary communities and emotional support in the First World War'

17:20-18:20 Plenary

Hannah Tweed, 'Don't Read the Comments? Disability Rights and Online Communities'

18:30 Wine Reception

19:30: Informal Conference Meal