

Early Modern Britain Seminar Hilary Term 2012

Thursdays at 5pm in The Breakfast Room, Merton College (tea from 4.45). Suggested preparatory reading follows the titles.

19 January Elizabeth Hunter (Merton College) 'Deathbed Despair and Sickness in Puritan England'

Ralph Houlbrooke, 'The Puritan Death-bed, c. 1560-c. 1660' in C. Durston and J. Eales (ed.), *The Culture of English Puritanism, 1560-1700* (1996); Catharine O'Connor, *The Art of Dying Well: The Development of the Ars Moriendi* (1942) N.L. Beaty, *The Craft of Dying: A Study in the Literary Tradition of the Ars Moriendi* (1970) D.W. Atkinson, 'The English Ars Moriendi: Its Protestant Transformation', *Renaissance and Reformation*, 6 (1982).

26 January Jon Harris (New College) 'Reading and Recycling: the Authority of Government Books in Elizabethan England'

K.evin Sharpe, *Selling the Tudor Monarchy* (2009), pp. 451-73 (Contesting and appropriating Elizabeth); Conyers Read, 'William Cecil and Elizabethan public relations', in S.T. Bindoff, et al. (ed.), *Elizabethan Government and Society* (1961), 21-55.

2 February Dr Alex Shepard (Univ. of Glasgow) 'Worth, Work, and Labouring Identities in early modern England'

Keith Wrightson, *Earthly Necessities: Economic Lives in Early Modern Britain* (2000), ch. 14; Amy Erickson, 'Married women's occupations in eighteenth-century London', *Continuity and Change*, 23 (2008), 267-307; Craig Muldrew, *Food, Energy and the Creation of Industriousness: Work and Material Culture in Agrarian England, 1550-1780* (2011), ch. 7.

9 February Dr Steven Gunn (Merton College) 'Everyday Life and Accidental Death in Sixteenth-Century England'

Barbara Hanawalt, *The Ties that Bound: Peasant Families in Medieval England* (1986), pp. 124-68, 269-74; David Underdown, *Revel, Riot and Rebellion: Popular Politics and Culture in England 1603-1660* (1987), ch. 4; Steven Gunn, 'Archery practice in early Tudor England', *Past and Present*, 209 (2010).

16 February Tiffany Shumaker (Lincoln College) 'Poor Children's Work in Ipswich on the Eve of the Elizabethan Poor Laws'

Mary Abbot, *Life Cycles in England, 1560-1720* (1996), chs. 4, 5; Paul Slack, *Poverty and Policy in Tudor and Stuart England* (1988), pp. 80-90; Steve Hindle, *On the Parish? : the Micro-Politics of Poor Relief in Rural England, c.1550-1750* (2004), pp. 191-226.

23 February Dr Tara Hamling (Univ. of Birmingham) "'An arelome to this hous forever": Monumental Fixtures and Furnishings in the English Domestic Interior, c.1560-.c1660'

Nigel Llewellyn, *The Art of Death: Visual Culture in the English Death Ritual, c.1500-1800* (1991); Peter Sherlock, *Monuments and Memory in Early Modern England* (2008); Ann Rosalind Jones and Peter Stallybrass, *Renaissance Clothing and the Materials of Memory* (2001); Tara Hamling, *Decorating the Godly Household: Religious Art in Post-Reformation Britain* (2010).

1 March Student presentations

8 March Student presentations

Ian Archer
Alexandra Gajda
Steven Gunn