

## Correspondence with Seminar Participants:

10/6/16

Dear Seminar participants,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the session on New Shakespearean Economies at SAA 2017 in Atlanta! This has proven to be a popular topic, and we will be a fairly full seminar, with fifteen participants. We are very much looking forward to sharing work and to the seminar itself.

We have attached a list of participants. Please check your contact information and make sure we have your preferred email address for communications about the seminar.

In the next week or so, we will send out an email with a schedule for our work together, including deadlines for abstracts and for papers. In the meantime, please reply to both of us by 10/20 to confirm your participation in the seminar.

As a reminder, this is a description of our seminar:

Notions of “the economic” appeared in political theory, husbandry manuals, Utopian literature, account books, religious tracts. This seminar invites papers on overlooked aspects of period economic discourse: how were buying, selling, borrowing, lending, and negotiating conceptualized, lived, and represented on the Renaissance stage? Especially welcome are readings of plays that are not typically associated with money, and work that applies later economic theory to early modern texts in fresh ways.

If you have any questions, please get in touch!

All the best,

Laura & William

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10/21/16

Dear Seminararians,

We write with a schedule for our seminar. Most of the work (everything but the finished papers) will be posted to our Wordpress blog: <https://newshakespeareaneconomies.wordpress.com/>, which we hope will facilitate conversation prior to the seminar itself.

Here is our schedule:

12/1/16: **Introductions.** Post a little about yourself and your research, as well as a prospective title and a one- or two-sentence description of the paper you plan to write for the seminar.

1/10/17: **Abstracts:** Post a title and abstract (of about 200 words). Please offer a comment on two or three of your fellow seminararians' abstracts by 1/20/17.

2/10/17: **Papers:** due by email. Papers should not exceed 3,000 words (excluding notes).

3/10/17: **Responses** (c. 500 words) to two papers (specific assignments TBD) on the blog.

4/5/17-4/8/17: **SAA in Atlanta!**

In the next day or so, we'll be sending you invitations to the Wordpress site, which will allow you to post and comment. Billy and I will post our own introductions on the blog to get things going.

Thanks to all who have already confirmed participation--if you have not done so, please let us know by the end of the month.

Looking forward to hearing more about your work, and getting to know you all, virtually and in person!

Best,  
Laura and Billy

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11/18/16

Hi all,

We write with a quick reminder to post brief introductions of yourself and your work to <https://newshakespeareaneconomies.wordpress.com/> by 12/1/16. Please also include a prospective title and a one- or two-sentence description of the paper you plan to write for the seminar.

By now, you should all have received an invitation to be an author on the blog. If you would like this re-sent, or if you would prefer an invitation to be sent to a different email, please get in touch.

To post, just log in to Wordpress and select "Add" next to "Blog posts."

All the best,  
Laura and Billy

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1/2/17

Dear Seminararians,

Happy New Year! By now, you will have received an email from the SAA containing the January Bulletin, which includes the whole conference program as well as information on the hotel (book earlyish! There's a special rate for conference-goers, but--if past years are any indication--rooms can run out closer to the conference).

We'd like to call your attention to some upcoming deadlines for the seminar itself:

1) On or before 1/10 please post your abstract (roughly 200 words) to the blog. Then, by 1/15, post comments on two or three of your fellow seminararians' abstracts, especially where you anticipate a connection with your own paper. Please try to hit these deadlines; Billy and I will be using the abstracts (and comments) to organize the larger group into smaller clusters of folks who will respond to one another's full-length papers.

2) On or before 2/10, please email us with your paper (no more than 3,000 words) attached. We'll distribute these off the blog, along with instructions for responding. Responses will be due 3/10.

All the best,  
Laura and Billy

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2/18/17

Hi all,

Please find attached a zip file with all of your papers.

We've organized you into four groups, reflecting what we believe are interesting and fruitful connections among your papers. **You are each responsible for short but rigorous responses to two other papers in your group.**

Billy and I think the most useful structure for responses would be a précis of the argument, as you understand it, and one or two critical questions intended to spark discussion. This should take roughly 250 words.

Responses are due on the blog by 3/15 (this is a slight extension from the original date). Please post each response separately, with a clear title (e.g. "Rana's response to Casey")

All the best,  
Laura and Billy