

Letter sent to seminar participants for SAA 2017
Shakespeare and the Creaturely World
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Dear seminar participants,

Welcome to the 2017 SAA seminar Shakespeare and the Creaturely World! I am attaching the list of seminar participants.

I'm excited by your interest in this seminar and look forward to meeting everyone in early April. Just as a reminder, here is the description of the seminar:

This seminar invites participants to write about nonhuman creatures and creaturely interactions in Shakespeare's texts and Shakespeare's time. Contributions are welcome on a world that saw both humans and animals as creatures; particular creatures; the theological dimension of the creaturely; material objects made from and by creatures; the natural world from a creaturely perspective; classifications of creatures; interactions between and among human and nonhuman creatures in texts.

At the SAA meeting (April 5-8) we will discuss your 5-9 page papers. After I receive the papers, I will send information about the structure of the Atlanta seminar discussion.

Here are some dates to keep in mind.

Deadline for 250-word abstracts: December 1

Deadline for completed papers: February 8

Please make sure to scrupulously observe these deadlines.

I am looking forward to reading your abstracts and then your papers!

If you have questions or concerns, please email.

All the best, Rebecca

Dear Seminar participants,

Just a reminder that the deadline for 250-word abstracts is December 1. Please send your abstract to the entire list above. Christen Roth has had to withdraw from the seminar and is off the list.

I am looking forward to reading your abstracts. Have a good Thanksgiving holiday.

All the best, Rebecca

Dear seminar participants,

I enjoyed reading your abstracts and am looking forward to a great seminar. The next deadline—February 8-- is for your completed 5-9 page papers. Please send them to the entire group.

The February 8 deadline is firm. I will need to inform the SAA about who will be listed on the program. Please make sure also to scrupulously observe the 9-page limit.

Looking forward to reading! Rebecca

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I have read all of your great papers and am excited to discuss your work and the creaturely world (including humans as creatures) in Atlanta in April.

I am dividing you into small groups and asking that by March 29, you respond to the work of the other member(s) of your group with a 300+ word consideration of their work. This will ensure that everyone gets an individual response before the seminar itself. Please copy me on the response to each of your group member's work.

For the seminar itself, I am using the structure that Phyllis Rackin used last year. I am asking each of you to choose one keyword that could speak to a theme, topic, or issue that applies to some of the papers. Your keyword does not need to apply to all the papers but it should help put a group of the papers in conversation with one another.

Please read all the papers in the seminar carefully to find your keyword, and prepare some notes that talk about how your keyword applies to some papers. At the start of the seminar I will ask everyone to share their keyword and explain why they chose it.

Our discussion of the keywords should provide us all with food for thought. Your small group assignments follow.

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