

Hello, and welcome to the SAA 2023 seminar on “Reconsidering Science and Religion”! As a reminder, here is the official description of the seminar topic:

This seminar invites explorations of early modern science and religion, broadly conceived. How did early modern accounts of anatomy, astronomy, botany, natural history, or medicine, for example, both draw on and reshape theology? How did new empirical efforts to observe nature challenge or reinforce religious ideas and practices? How do we locate Shakespeare’s works in relation to these contexts? Literary, historical, archival, and theoretical approaches equally welcome.

As you know if you have joined SAA in the past, members of our seminar will share abstracts and essays of unpublished scholarship in progress in advance of our conference session. Each participant will also give written feedback on at least one other essay prior to meeting in person in Minneapolis in 2023. We may also have a respondent.

Here is our **timeline** for the seminar:

This week: Please reply all to this email, confirming that you will be participating in this seminar and that information on the attached participant list is correct. (If you prefer a different email, please let me know.)

October, 2022: In the coming weeks, I will give you a link to our **seminar web page** on which to upload abstracts, drafts, and responses. It will also house our seminar bibliography.

Thursday, December 1, 2022: Deadline to inform me about any **A/V or technology** needs for your essay.

Monday, December 5, 2022: By this date, you will be asked to post a **working title and 200-300 word abstract** of your proposed paper to our seminar web site. I will assign reading groups based on shared interests in your abstracts.

January 2, 2023: SAA 2022 **registration and hotel booking** begins. SAA posts conference schedule in bulletin.

Friday, February 10, 2023: Deadline for submission of essay (**no more than 3000 words**, excluding references) and updated abstract to web site. **Essay must be submitted by this date in order for you to participate in the seminar and to be included in the official conference program.**

Monday, February 13th, 2023: SAA deadline for **list of participants** who have submitted abstracts and essays.

Monday, March 6, 2023: Post a **response of roughly 500 words** to essays in your group. (Groups will likely be 2-3 participants each.)

March 29 – April 1: In-person session at the annual SAA Meeting in Minneapolis. (Precise day and time will be determined by SAA in early January.)

You will find attached three documents with additional information: a **list of conference participants**, an **extended description of the seminar**, and an **initial bibliography**.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns at this stage. I look forward to working with you, reading your work, and leading our conversation on the topic in Minneapolis next year.

Best,

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