



Call for Papers

Sixteenth Annual British Graduate Shakespeare Conference

5th – 7th June 2014

The Shakespeare Institute, University of Birmingham

We invite Graduate students with interests in Shakespeare and Renaissance Studies to join us in June for the Sixteenth Annual British Graduate Shakespeare Conference.

This interdisciplinary conference, celebrating its sixteenth anniversary in 2014, provides a friendly and stimulating academic forum in which Graduate students from all over the world can present their research and meet together in an active centre of Shakespeare scholarship in Shakespeare's home town of Stratford-upon-Avon. Undergraduate students in their final two years of study are also invited to attend the conference as auditors.

The conference will feature talks by David Crystal (University of Wales, Bangor), Ewan Fernie (Shakespeare Institute), Tony Howard (University of Warwick), Grace Ioppolo (University of Reading), and Simon Palfrey (University of Oxford), among other plenary speakers. A round table discussion about Shakespeare's collaborative plays will be led by Peter Kirwan (University of Nottingham) and Will Sharpe (University of Birmingham).

Delegates will also have the opportunity to attend two RSC productions: *Henry IV Part II*, directed by Gregory Doran, and starring Antony Sher as Falstaff, and *The Roaring Girl*, part of the Roaring Girls season, both at a group-booking price. Lunch will be provided on each day, and we will be hosting a party and a reception for the delegates.

We invite abstracts of approximately 200 words for papers twenty minutes in length (3,000 words or less) on subjects relating to Shakespeare and/or Renaissance studies. Delegates wishing to give papers must register by Friday 25th April 2014; auditors by Friday 23rd May 2014. Due to the growing success of this annual conference, we strongly encourage early registration to ensure a place on the conference programme.

For more information on the conference and registration, visit: <http://britgrad.wordpress.com>

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