Powerful Emotions/Emotions and Power c.400–1850

DATES: 28–29 June 2017
VENUE: Humanities Research Centre, Berrick Saul Building, University of York, Heslington Campus, York, UK

TUESDAY 27 JUNE
18:30 Opening reception at King’s Manor

WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE
9.30–10.30 PLENARY LECTURE (BS/005) Chair: Helen Smith (University of York)
RITA COPELAND (University of Pennsylvania), ‘The rhetorical life of emotions’
10.30–11.00 Coffee break
11.00–12.30 Parallel Session 1A
RELIGIOUS FEELING
BS/005 Chair: Claire Walker
• ELIZABETH GOODWIN (The University of Sheffield)
  ‘“God in heaven could have been moved”: Caritas Pirckheimer, pathos and emotional defence against the Reformation’
• LISA BEAVEN (The University of Melbourne)
  ‘Power, politics and emotion: controlling access to relics and sacred images in the churches of seventeenth–century Rome’
• JULIE HOTCHIN (Australian National University)
  ‘The emotional force of liturgical cursing in late medieval Germany’
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GUT FEELING
Treehouse Chair: Mark Jenner
• SKY DUTHIE (University of York)
  ‘The Cry of Nature’: instinct, emotion and compassion in 1790s vegetarian-radical discourses
• MICHAEL WALKDEN (University of York)
  ‘Embowelled emotion: representing and repressing gut feelings in early modern England’
• CARLY OSBORN (The University of Adelaide)
  ‘The body of Christ: the corporeal metaphor in sixteenth-century religious conflicts’
Parallel Session 1C
SYMPATHY
BS/007 Chair: Susan Broomhall
• LUCIA QUINAULT (Queen Mary University of London)
  ‘So shall she now the softest Coulours Chuse / To paint thy fate and shadow out thy Woes’—poetry and emotion in the Abergavenny Scandal of 1729’
• JANE W. DAVIDSON (The University of Melbourne)
  Passion, Lament, Glory (video presentation)
• HARRIE NEAL (University of York)
  ‘Mary Hays’ Ecofeminism: Sympathy, Freedom and Biopolitics’
12.30–13.30 Lunch break
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SHOCK (SHORT PAPERS)
BS/005
Chair: Kirk Essary

- MICHAEL D. BARBEZAT (The University of Western Australia (UWA)) 'What do we do with this unexpected thing: shock and finding purpose in twelfth-century Latin texts'
- CLARE DAVIDSON (UWA) 'Shockingly conventional: expressions of arousal in Troilus and Criseyde'
- YASMIN HASKELL (University of Bristol) 'Trauma or triumph? Some Jesuit responses to the shock of suppression'
- ANDREW LYNCH (UWA) 'Linguistic and rhythmic shock in the Alliterative Morte Arthure'
- PAUL MEGNA (UWA) 'The power of shock in Middle English drama'
- GIOVANNI TARANTINO (UWA) 'The colour of fear in early modern Europe: from sexual shock to affective encompassment'
- ABAIGÉAL WARFIELD (The University of Adelaide) 'Shockingly frightful: fear and shock in news reports in early modern Germany'

15.00–15.30 Coffee break

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EMOTION ON DISPLAY
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- LEINA LIAPI (University of Aberdeen) 'Crime pamphlets and good fellowship: subversive laughter in early modern England'
- AMY MILKA (The University of Adelaide) '“Hold thy tongue, for thou shocks me”: emotions in the courtroom in eighteenth-century York'
- ELIZABETH SPENCER (University of York) '“A yellow Damask Dress-Gown, lin’d with yellow Lustring”: reading emotion into descriptions of clothing, 1700–1800'
- JEREMY GOLDBERG (University of York) 'Love and lust in later medieval England: exploring powerful emotions and power dynamics in disputed marriage cases'
- KATIE BARCLAY (The University of Adelaide) 'Love as early modern ethic'

17.15–18.15 PLENARY LECTURE (BS/005) Chair: Merridee L. Bailey

DAVID LEMMINGS (The University of Adelaide), 'Emotions, power and popular opinion about the administration of justice: the English experience, from Coke’s “artificial reason” to the sensibility of “true crime stories”'

19.00 Catered reception, York Medical Society, including the launch of Issue 1 of Emotions: History, Culture, Society
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### Keynote Speakers

#### The Rhetorical Life of Emotions

**RITA COPELAND**  
*University of Pennsylvania*

I argue here that it was the late Middle Ages, and specifically medieval Aristotelianism, that inaugurated the post-classical turn to a political theory of emotion. In this talk I will trace the political impact of Aristotelian rhetoric from the late medieval scholastic thought of Giles of Rome to the work of Hobbes and to Vico. I do not propose direct influence of Giles’ *De regimine principum* on the later authors (althought it is at least possible that Hobbes and Vico knew the work). Rather I consider the reception of Aristotle’s *Rhetoric* from the thirteenth century onward, and the role of Aristotle’s analytic of the emotions in the formation of each author’s political thought.

Rita Copeland is Rosenberg Chair in the Humanities and Professor of Classics, English and Comparative Literature at the University of Pennsylvania. Her fields include the history of rhetoric, literary theory and medieval learning. Her new project is on rhetoric and the emotions in the Middle Ages. Her publications include: *Rhetoric, Hermeneutics, and Translation in the Middle Ages* (Cambridge University Press, 2011); *Pedagogy, Intellectuals and Dissent in the Middle Ages* (Cambridge University Press, 2001); (with I. Slieter) *Medieval Grammar and Rhetoric: Language Arts and Literary Theory, AD 300–1475* (Oxford University press, 2015); (with P. Struck) *The Cambridge Companion to Allegory* (Proquest LLC, 2012); and most recently, *The Oxford History of Classical Reception in English Literature, 800–1558* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

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#### Emotions, Power and Popular Opinion  
*About the Administration of Justice: The English Experience, from Coke’s ‘Artificial Reason’ to the Sensibility of ‘True Crime Stories’*

**DAVID LEMMINGS**  
*The University of Adelaide*

This paper discusses emotions and power in the administration and representation of criminal justice in early modern England. In the early seventeenth century, professional lawyers insisted that only they were competent to understand the ‘artificial reason’ of the common law; and lay opinion was associated with unreliable emotional engagement with the protagonists in trials. ‘Popular jurisprudence’ received renewed impetus from the post-Reformation emphasis on conscience and divine providence, however, and this kind of common sense interpretation often featured in popular accounts of law proceedings. Moreover, the ‘low law’ administered at grass roots level by JPs was less professionalised because most magistrates were not lawyers. The development of popular and emotional jurisprudence is demonstrated in the eighteenth century by analysis of judges’ charges, popular novels and the reportage of ‘true crime’. Ultimately, and despite further ‘lawyerisation’ of trials, the article argues that the rise of the novel and increased press reporting of criminal justice generated more vicarious engagement with the administration of justice. And this was emotional engagement: eighteenth-century popular jurisprudence represented justice as variously awesome, theatrical and unreasonably oppressive.

Manly Tears? Grief and Masculinity in the Icelandic Sagas

RACHEL BACKA
University of Aberdeen

The Icelandic sagas were written by people both temporally and culturally removed from the events they claim to depict. Although it is likely that the culture in which these narratives were written had varying degrees of influence on the texts themselves, the sagas can still bring us insight in regards to how the saga authors believed their country’s past to be, and what sort of social and gender dynamics were considered believable and important in early medieval Icelandic society.

While Viking-Age men are often depicted as brash, stoic, violent, vengeful, prideful or cunning, it is their relationship with less traditionally ‘manly’ emotions, such as grief, which can be the most striking.

This paper will use heroes of the Icelandic sagas to analyse the interplay of grief and masculinity in the Viking literary corpus, to show how demonstrations of grief affected the social standing of the men in question. It will be shown whether displays of grief could be seen as a ‘manly’ acts, or as sources of embarrassment for men in saga literature.

RACHEL BACKA is a Canadian doctoral student at the University of Aberdeen, in the Department of Scandinavian Studies. She holds a Master of Medieval Studies from the University of York, and a Bachelor of History from the University of New Brunswick. She has taken part in the AHRC programs, ‘The Orkney Project’ and ‘Unlocking the Vikings: Languages, Myths and Finds’, as well as being a volunteer researcher for ‘York Minster Revealed’. Her research interests include cultures in contact, religious change, contacts and differences within the Norse diaspora and women in the early medieval period. She also has a non-academic interest in medieval glass production and cooking techniques. Her doctoral thesis is on the role of women in the conversion and Christianisation of Scandinavia in the early Middle Ages.

Feeling History in the High Middle Ages: Powerful Truths

HENRY BAINTON
University of York

History-writing’s relationship with the emotions has been hiding in plain sight ever since the history of emotion was constituted as a scholarly field. The invisibility of that relationship, however, is curious. For emotion – or rather its absence – is central to history-writing’s own identity, at least in its normative formulations. History-writing’s disavowal of emotion cries out to be understood, not least because it is so counter-intuitive. History is written in the wake of crisis, and every crisis, as Paul Ankersmit has argued, ‘creates a new paradigm of historical writing’. Yet crisis is crisis because it feels like crisis. Emotions both respond to crisis and help to generate it.

In this paper, I explore how high medieval history-writing invoked and/or renounced the emotions as it recounted political crisis. I will use Herbert of Bosham’s Historia of the life and death of Thomas Becket (d. 1170) as a case study to do so. Bosham’s Historia promises to be especially revealing in this respect, because Becket’s murder was one of the most spectacular exercises of personal and political power in the Middle Ages. Like the emotions, Becket’s assassination was perpetrated at precisely the point where the individual body and society converged. As a power-play, therefore, it was at once personal and political, individual and collective. The second reason why the Historia is such promising material is that Bosham explicitly discusses the incompatibility of the rules of history-writing (the lex historiae – which imposes the duty to tell the truth) with the emotions that writing the history of crisis necessarily generates.

Bosham argues that mourners like him are not bound by the lex historiae. In this paper I will argue that this is a deeply political position. By using emotion to resist the law of history, I argue, Bosham was continuing his mentor Becket’s resistance to the intensification of secular power. By invoking the liturgy, hymns and the Psalms in order to express his grief, Bosham calls into question the effectiveness of dispassionate narrative in the face of political crisis. And he calls into question the legitimacy of the secular state, whose ideology, he implies, dispassionate narrative has so often served.

HENRY BAINTON is Lecturer in High Medieval Literature at the University of York and currently holds a Carlsberg Distinguished International Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Southern Denmark. His research project, ‘Feeling History in the Middle Ages’, explores how high medieval history-writers invoked, renounced and deployed emotions in the wake of political crisis.

The Meek Shall Inherit the Earth: Meekness as a Means of Power

MERRIDEE L. BAILEY
The University of Adelaide

In 1441 Eleanor, Duchess of Gloucester, was charged with treason for necromancy after consulting astrologers who predicted a life-threatening illness for the young Henry VI. Eleanor was found guilty, probably in an attempt to break her husband Gloucester’s grip on power. Part of Eleanor’s punishment included a penitential walk through London on three market days. In this paper I want to explore two different accounts of Eleanor’s punishment and its connection to meekness, one from a contemporary chronicle found in the National Library of Wales MS 21068 and Oxford, Bodleian Library MS Lyell 34, and the other from Shakespeare’s Henry VI, Pt 2. In a scene from the play, Eleanor’s husband counsels her to show quietness and patience, while the chronicler refers to Eleanor’s meek and demure countenance. Both are helpful in understanding how meekness, demeanour and power can bear witness to each other. While Eleanor’s meek and demure countenance was supposed to signal to onlookers her willingness to accept the rule and authority of the crown, the chronicler reported that Eleanor’s meekness won over the hostile crowd. This episode from Eleanor’s life helps us to explore two questions: who is using meekness? and, to what purpose? In the paper I argue that, in the Middle Ages, meekness could be a strategic display to disrupt typical power relationships.

MERRIDEE L. BAILEY is a Senior Research Fellow with the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions at The University of Adelaide, and a social and cultural historian of late medieval and early modern England. She takes a social history approach to late medieval and early modern morality, looking at the differing guises through which morality was understood and practiced by ordinary people. Her first book, Socialising the Child in Late Medieval England (York Medieval Press, 2012), explored morality and courtesy in late medieval socialising discourses for young people. She has published several articles and chapters on the history of book culture in the Journal of the Early Book Society, Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth and Parergon, and on religious history in Viator. During the 2015–2016 academic year she held a Visiting Fellowship at Oriel College, Oxford, and she is currently an Associate Member of the History Faculty, The University of Oxford.
What Do We Do With This Unexpected Thing: Shock and Finding Purpose in Twelfth-Century Latin Texts

MICHAEL D. BARBEZAT
The University of Western Australia

This presentation explores how one might read a surprising aside in Walter Map’s Courtier’s Trifles. Walter makes a comparison between proto-Melusine and Jesus Christ that appears designed to shock its audience, and it is, likewise, surprising to a modern reader. While it is perilous to explain a joke, it appears that a better understanding of Walter’s shocking segue can only be gained from viewing it in the wider context of the early ‘Melusine’ legend in the Angevin court.

MICHAEL D. BARBEZAT is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions, based at The University of Western Australia. His research and publications focus on connections between religious ideologies and conceptions of society, geography and identity, particularly in the fields of medieval historiography and literature. In his work, society, geography, human emotions and identity are repeatedly drawn together as the imaginative geographies of the afterlife and the sociopolitical geographies of medieval authors overlap in the course of their attempts to describe and explore their identities and their social positions. He is currently completing a monograph titled Burning Bodies: Community, Eschatology, and Identity in the Middle Ages, which is under contract with Cornell University Press.

Love as Early Modern Ethic

KATIE BARCLAY
The University of Adelaide

In my book, Love, Intimacy and Power, I argued that love was an emotional framework that prescribed a particular gendered model of behaviour that enabled the continuation of patriarchal power across the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries. Love was not passive, but practices of loving bound couples into gendered hierarchies. In this paper, I wish to expand this idea into the early modern community. In it, I argue that love was a Christian ethic in early modern Europe that prescribed social relationships in particular forms, which reinforced traditional hierarchies of power. As an ethic, love was not simply something felt, but something practiced and aimed for by the community, acting as a guiding principle for social order. This is most evident in discussions of charity, but can be seen also in discussions of relationships between monarchs and subjects, man and wife, parent and child. In exploring love as an early modern ethic, this paper proposes a novel way of understanding early modern social relationships that takes seriously the way that emotion shapes our values and social and political world. It also enables a reinscription of religion into discussions of early modern power, something that is increasingly important within the historiography. This is a large argument encompassing examples from across Catholic and Protestant Europe between c.1500–1800.

KATIE BARCLAY is a Senior Research Fellow in the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions and the Department of History at The University of Adelaide. She writes widely on gender, emotion and power in early modern family life and community.

The Emotions of ‘Others’: British Colonial Readings of ‘Native’ Emotions and some Implications for their Governance

JILLIAN BEARD
Griffith University

Among the many ways that Europeans ‘created’ the ‘Indigenous Other’ was to observe their emotional responses, compare them with their own and consider their appropriateness. These observations permeated travel diaries and journals of the long eighteenth century and figured in the moral philosophy and conjectural histories of the Scottish Enlightenment. This paper will discuss some of these observations focusing particularly on the emergence of resentment in Britain’s relations with Native Americans and Indigenous Australians. It will look at the ways in which ‘savage’ resentment was read against ‘civilised’ benevolence and how these readings shaped powerful policies related to the governance of non-Europeans.

JILLIAN BEARD is a postgraduate student in the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences at Griffith University, where she teaches a variety of undergraduate courses. Jillian was a Summer Research Scholar at the Centre for the History of European Discourses at The University of Queensland in 2008, and was awarded a University Medal for her Honours thesis at Griffith in 2009. Her current research focuses on conciliation in British colonial governance, and her broader research interests include emotions and ‘Otherness’. She has published on this topic in France, and has a forthcoming chapter on representations of Muslims in the Australian media.

Investigating the Power of Fellow-Feeling in Shakespeare’s The Tempest

LAURA BEATTIE
The University of Edinburgh

This paper considers the power of fellow-feeling in Shakespeare’s The Tempest. Several critics have already noted the importance of fellow-feeling in the play, including Arthur Kirsch, Heather James and Leah Whittington. In their readings of the play, the term fellow-feeling is used as a synonym either for compassion (Kirsch), sympathy (James) or empathy (Whittington). This paper will argue that, although initially provoked by the emotions of compassion, sympathy and empathy, the significance of fellow-feeling in the play goes beyond the affective to promote and encompass a sense of duty and responsibility to one’s fellow citizens. As such, the idea of fellow-feeling in The Tempest is closely linked with discourses of friendship and fellowship and is imbued with a sense of political agency.

The paper will begin by exploring the use of the term fellow-feeling in early modern England and its relation to compassion and the discourse of civic friendship before going on to look at specific examples from The Tempest. By examining the relationship between civic friendship and the compassionate emotions, The Tempest allows us to investigate the potential contained within the individual emotion of compassion for impacting upon the political dynamics of the commonwealth at large.

LAURA BEATTIE is a third year doctoral candidate at The University of Edinburgh. Her thesis examines the politics of Shakespeare’s comedies in relation to structures of the household, community and the commonwealth. She has previously studied at the University of St Andrews, Freie Universität Berlin and the University of California, Berkeley.
Power, Politics and Emotion: Controlling Access to Relics and Sacred Images in the Churches of Seventeenth-Century Rome

LISA BEAVEN
The University of Melbourne

The aim of this paper is to explore the range of emotions associated with miracle-working images and relics in early modern Rome. Objects believed to have efficacy in terms of curing or healing people aroused intense emotions in the devout and an overwhelming desire for physical contact in the form of touch. In the period following the Reformation and the Council of Trent, relics came under intense scrutiny by the reformed Catholic Church, as scholars and church leaders attempted to authenticate and legitimate objects claimed to be holy relics in churches all over Rome. Miraculous images and icons were also the subject of increased attention and rivalry as individual churches and religious orders asserted the primacy of their icon, or sought to legitimise images claimed to produce miracles. In this situation those able to control access to such objects could command status and prestige and garner income. The question of access was therefore a highly political and fraught one in early modern Rome, with confraternities, religious orders, cardinals and foreign powers vying with one another for access to images and relics.

Such power struggles were manifest not only in relation to officially recognised relics and images, but also in the flourishing illegal trade in relics. Using primary source material such as apostolic visitations, this paper will explore the ways in which power and affect combined in official and unofficial attempts to control such objects in the churches of Rome.

LISA BEAVEN is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions at The University of Melbourne. Her research project for the Centre focuses on the history of emotions in early modern Rome through a range of different sources. She has published widely on patronage and collecting in relation to seventeenth-century Rome and her book, An Ardent Patron: Cardinal Camillo Massimo and his Artistic and Antiquarian Circle: Claude Lorrain, Nicolas Poussin and Diego Velázquez, was published in 2010. Most recently she has written a chapter on the ‘Objects of Love’ (in press) with Angela Hesson for the catalogue of the exhibition ‘LOVE: The Art of Emotion’, at the National Gallery of Victoria, as well as a chapter on the relationship between self-starvation and melancholy. Bearing this in mind, this paper will suggest that the women in these plays are simultaneously afflicted with starvation as a result of their grief, and use food refusal as a method of governing their passions.

Expressing and Restraining Royal Anger in Thirteenth-Century Iberia: The Cases of James I of Aragon (1208–1276) and Alfonso X of Castile (1221–1284)

ROWENA COCKETT
University of Exeter

This paper will explore the limitations placed on the expression of royal anger in thirteenth-century Iberia, focusing on the individuals of James I of Aragon and Alfonso X of Castile. The aim will be to see how far real expressions of anger from these two kings correlated with the ideal image of royal anger propounded by didactic sources. I will first use the Siete Partidas law code and the two mirrors for princes known as the Libro de los Daze Sabios and the Castigos del Rey Don Sancho to assess where the ideal limitations fell for the expression of royal anger. From this it becomes clear that royal anger was not seen as an evil to be eradicated, but rather as a necessary tool that must be contained within certain boundaries in order to be legitimate. These ideal boundaries will be assessed, before being compared to the restraint or non-restraint of anger expressed by James I in his autobiographical chronicle, the Libro dels Fets, and Alfonso X in his will and his sanction against his son Sancho. Here we are presented with an image of two fallible human kings who were aware of the ideal requirements for the restraint of royal anger, but who nonetheless struggled to conform to them in real social and political contexts. My paper therefore seeks to demonstrate that the expression of anger was subject to very specific limitations in the exercise of legitimate royal power, but that the necessary restraint of royal anger was difficult for kings to adhere to on an individual and personal level.

ROWENA COCKETT is a PhD student in Medieval Studies at the University of Exeter, where she graduated with a BA (Hons) in History with Proficiency in Spanish in 2013 and an MA in Medieval Studies in 2015. Her MA dissertation focussed on personality and rulership in James I of Aragon’s autobiographical chronicle, the Libro dels Fets. More recently her research interests have turned to the related area of the history of emotions, with her doctoral thesis investigating the perception and management of extreme emotions in thirteenth-century Iberia through a range of different sources.

Refusing Food and Reclaiming Passion: The Power of Starving Women in Early Modern Tragedy

KIBRINA DAVEY
Sheffield Hallam University

This paper will argue that women who starve themselves in early modern drama do so as an attempt to reclaim power over their bodies and passions. It explores three plays, the dates of which range from the early Jacobean to the early Caroline period: A Woman Killed with Kindness [1603] by Thomas Heywood; The Duchess of Malfi [1612] by John Webster and The Broken Heart [1633] by John Ford.

Often in early modern medicine, what an individual ate and drank was believed to directly affect their passions. Scholars of Renaissance humoral theory observe that diet could help to moderate ‘fluid economies for the desired physiological, psychological, and ethical outcome’. Moreover, early modern theorists such as André Du Laurens and Marsilio Ficino noted the relationship between self-starvation and melancholy. Bearing this in mind, this paper will suggest that the women in these plays are simultaneously afflicted with starvation as a result of their grief, and use food refusal as a method of governing their passions.

In each of the plays, women’s passions are stifled and controlled by fathers, brothers and husbands. This paper will argue that the act of female food refusal in both public and private spheres is a reaction against the patriarchs that dictate how, to what extent and to whom their passions should be expressed. It will argue that, unable to ‘do’ anything, the only way the women in these plays can regain their power is by ‘not doing’, in this case, not eating, and that consequently, a seemingly passive response is in actuality an active one.

KIBRINA DAVEY is a third year PhD candidate in the English department at Sheffield Hallam University. She also teaches in undergraduate modules at the university, including Shakespearean Drama. Her thesis is on violence and emotion in early modern tragedy and she is especially interested in the early modern proto-psychological explanations behind love as a passion and its role as an inducer of violence, illness and death, and how these ideas were played out on the early modern stage. Davey has had theatre reviews published in the journals Cahiers Elisabethaines and Early Modern Literary Studies, and a book review in Notes and Queries. Her articles on John Ford and Philip Massinger are due to appear in forthcoming issues of Early Modern Literary Studies and Textus.

CLARE DAVIDSON

The University of Western Australia

Medieval theories of emotion that explain an inherent or natural human capacity for love offer one context for the paradox at the heart of an embodied experience that is conventional but simultaneously capable of consistently causing feelings of shock. In this paper, representations of physiologically shocking desire in *Troilus and Criseyde* are situated within a medical discourse regarding the human capacity for sensory apprehension.

CLARE DAVIDSON is an Associate Investigator of The University of Western Australia (UWA) node of the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions, and a sessional lecturer in English and Cultural Studies at UWA. She completed her PhD, which focused on the rhetoric of physiological and mental arousal in fourteenth-century Middle English literature, at UWA in 2017. She graduated with a BA (Hons) from The University of Melbourne in 2012. Her current research continues to explore sensory human experience particularly through the lens of aesthetics, reading practices and the history of the body.

JANE W. DAVIDSON

The University of Melbourne

Twenty-first century perceptions of Baroque religious music are often described as being ‘beautiful’, ‘spiritual’, ‘restful’ and ‘uplifting’. For many, a preference for the musical genre also signifies an expression of social and cultural sophistication. Given that much of this music was originally written for an educated elite, social status and style were clearly aspects that shaped reception of this music. A strong difference exists, however, between the eighteenth-century ceremonial practices integral to those religious works and our modern day consumption of the same music. Understanding Baroque religious music as apprehended in its historical context, and attempting to communicate at least some of its emotional intention to a modern day audience, is a complex challenge. What, if any, of the historical emotions can be stirred in modern spectators of Baroque religious repertoire? In this paper, a history of emotions analysis is coupled with perceptual feedback from a twenty-first-century audience to offer some answers to this question. The discussion focuses around a production devised by the current author entitled *Passion, Lament, Glory*: how Baroque religious music communicated at least some of its emotional intention to a modern audience.

JANE W. DAVIDSON is Deputy Director of the Australian Research Council Centre for Excellence for the History of Emotions, and Professor of Creative and Performing Arts at The University of Melbourne’s Victorian College of the Arts and the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music. She has five core areas of academic interest: artistic development, arts and health, historically informed performance practices, emotion and expression in performance, and vocal studies. She has published extensively in the disciplines of music psychology and education, and now works in history of emotions, as well as reflective practice research.

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The French Revolution convulsed the hearts and minds of many Europeans – joy, hope, fear and anger animated both the pen and the sword at a time when the potential power [and danger] of emotions was becoming increasingly apparent. For three particular individuals who proselytised a distinct combination of radical politics and vegetarianism – Anglo-Jacobin revolutionary John Oswald, republican atheist antiquarian Joseph Ritson and radical publisher George Nicholson – the revolution offered the prospect of salvation not just for humanity but for all sentient life.

This paper will explore the ways in which Oswald, Ritson and Nicholson not only used emotional appeals to prompt their readers to political action but also how they themselves viewed the awakening of the instinctual compassion of individuals as vital in toppling of hierarchies of all description. These men encouraged their readers to take a sympathetic heed of ‘the cry of nature’ – an inter-species ‘universal language’ of emotive sounds and expressions: ‘the tremor of desire, the tear of distress, the piercing cry of anguish, the pity-pleading look, expressions that speak the soul with a feeling which words can but feebly convey’.1 This ‘cry’ of actual animals fed into a more metaphorical conception of a broader ‘cry’ of nature which served not only as a collective voice of the subjugated natural world but also as the voice of humanity’s own inherent sympathetic impulse: nature’s ‘voice of mercy which speaks from the bottom of my heart’.2 For these thinkers it was only a revolution of the heart that could successfully challenge the cold, cruel and iniquitous ‘civilisation’ in which they found themselves.

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This paper seeks to develop a reading of the Bannatyne manuscript, compiled c.1568, in light of current theories of extended mind, as part of a cognitive ecology. In constructing a manuscript that was to function as a family heirloom, Bannatyne responds to the ways in which the experience of self-construal, both individualistic and collective, is embodied and extended, drawing on the emotional resonance of poetry and the role of shared reading in the formation of affiliative ties. Bannatyne’s manuscript facilitates a young man’s attempt to stake a claim to power, in the form of an authoritative place within his own familial and social context, through the transmission of the tastes and values of the communities to which he belongs. The shared activity of reading will be explored as a practice that contributes to a cohesive effect that is both embodied and affective, shaping the perception of the relationship between self and community. In its contents, Bannatyne’s book encodes shared social and familial ties, and alludes to the landscape of the city of Edinburgh, as a means to engage the emotions and bodily sense of its audience.

2 Oswald, The Cry of Nature, p.44.
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Calm and Powerful Passions: The Renaissance Development of a Classical Distinction

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In his monumental treatise on sacred rhetoric, the 1535 Ecclesiastes, Erasmus of Rotterdam writes: “It is generally agreed that there are two kinds of emotions, one gentler and more like those of comedy, the other more powerful and tragic.” This distinction, which classifies emotions generally into two categories, calm and violent, is derived directly from Quintilian’s Institutio Oratoria, but it has its roots in the longer rhetorical tradition established by Aristotle’s rhetorical categories of ethos and pathos. With the revival of Quintilian in the Renaissance, the taxonomy is taken up and transposed not only from secular to sacred oratory, but also from the domains of rhetoric into the treatises on the soul and its faculties. Apart from Erasmus’ rhetorical works, it appears, for example, in Juan Luis Vives’ 1538 De anima et vita and also in Philip Melanchthon’s theoloco-medical treatise, the 1552 Liber de anima, where the gentler and more violent emotions are described as those which aid and destroy nature respectively. Moreover, calmness and violence are also mapped onto other attributes of the affections, for example whether they are temporary or long-lasting, whether they are painful or conducive to joy, and regarding the extent to which they do or do not overthrow reason. This paper will briefly outline the ancient background to the distinction (from Aristotle to Quintilian), and will then turn to examine the different ways in which it is employed in the sixteenth century.

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Emotion and Electricity in the Eighteenth-Century Theatre

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This paper will investigate eighteenth-century writings about the theatre that make the figurative connection between the affective power of performance and electricity. In 1769 David Garrick demanded that performers’ genius should ‘like electric fire, shoot through the veins, narrow bones and all of every spectator’, and the metaphor is found repeatedly in theatre reviews in the 1780s and 1790s.1 The actress Dorothea Jordan was often praised for such electrical effects. In 1789 she addressed her audience directly after an interruption, and as the reviewer of Woodfall’s Register notes, ‘the effect was, as may readily be supposed, electrical, and even the envious few were compelled to join in the general and continued plaudits’.2 I investigate the causes and effects of these connections between shared emotion at the theatre and electricity. Eighteenth-century electrical science was a new and fast-developing field, which produced spectacular, often highly theatrical forms of display. But descriptions of collective emotions generated at the theatre seem to arise from contemporary medical and philosophical discussions of feeling itself as electrical. I examine the connection between these theatrical letters and reviews and contemporary analyses of the nerves. Medical and philosophical studies make electricity the means through which the organs of the body communicate, or even the vital property of life itself, and suggest that such nervous forces can pass from individual to collective bodies. The theatre is a space in which this shared feeling can be shaped and channelled by the performers on stage, producing an intriguing and at times unsettling example of the way in which collective emotions are understood at this period to exert power over the individual.

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2 Diary of Woodfall’s Register, 10 November 1789.

‘Ready to use every violence against my domestic enemies’: Italian Jesuits Yearning for the Eastern Indies in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries

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During the early modern period, closer relations between Europe and the rest of the world led many Jesuits to sail for the Western or Eastern Indies in order to spend the rest of their lives there as missionaries. Learning about their adventures, young pupils from all over the continent asked insistently, and with specific letters (Litterae Indipetae) filled with pathos and enthusiasm, to be sent there.

In this paper, I will analyse how hard it was for a young man, studying or teaching in the Jesuit colleges in most cases, to seek personal autonomy and pursue his vocation whilst being at the same time obedient and indifferent as a Jesuit was expected to be. In particular, two authorities which often the so-called ‘indipeti’ [petitioners for the Indies] wanted to get rid of were their families (especially the pater familias, but also tearful mothers and little siblings) and their local superiors [who frequently were accused of trying to keep them in their native provinces]. I will focus on the Litterae Indipetae aimed at travelling to the Chinese Empire, considering them alongside source material that is unknown in this area of research, the Epistulae Generalium. These registers of correspondence, sent from the office of the Superior General in Rome, include the personal answers to numerous petitioners for the Indies. These provide us with a valuable window into the multiple perspectives and processes involved in the selection of candidates for the overseas Jesuit missions, where personal vocation and power issues were inextricably intertwined.

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1 Rome, Archivum Romanum Societatis Jesu, Fondo Gesueticus 750, t. 207, Palermo 26 May 1705, ‘prontissimo ad usare ogni violenza contro agli impedimenti d’ miei nimici domestici’.
Othello's Unfortunate Happiness

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Othello’s famous expression of joy when he meets Desdemona in Cyprus—‘If it were now to die, I were now to be most happy’ (II.1.174–5)—operates as the starting point for an investigation into the ways happiness, in its dual and shifting Renaissance meaning of both ‘contentedness’ and ‘luck’, operates to structure a politics of exclusion [and inclusion] in Shakespeare’s play and Renaissance English culture. Drawing on recent theorisations of what might be described as the more negative or sinister aspects of positive emotion, such as Sara Ahmed’s *Promise of Happiness*, the paper traces the ways the play is a receptacle and generator of socially damaging positive emotional scripts and emotives, most of which can be traced to the intertexts and sources for the play in the literary traditions of romance and tragedy. Arguing that Othello’s happiness is constituted by Venetian power, and not necessarily by fortune, the paper points to the ways positive emotions can be tied both to repressive political institutions of racial exclusion as well as social narratives of contentedness and refuge. It also situates Othello as a text in what Ahmed has called Western culture’s ‘unhappiness archive’, as it critiques and challenges emergent notions of Western happiness.

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The Painterly Elocution of the Passions and the Transformative Power of Painting in Rubens’ Democritus and Heraclitus (1603)

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Communion, Communication and Sacrifice in the Enlightenment

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This paper is about the power and powerful emotions involved in the logic of human sacrifice during the eighteenth century. Real and imagined scenes of human beings being sacrificed abound in eighteenth-century writing. The Caribbean cannibal sacrifice in *Robinson Crusoe*, the slaughter of Irish children recommended in *A Modest Proposal* and the slaughter of Irish children recommended in *A Modest Proposal*, the slaughter of Irish children recommended in *A Modest Proposal* and *Pamela* are published, imperial and financial infrastructure was rapidly expanding in the Americas, Africa and the East Indies and ritual sacrifice by indigenous peoples was often used to explain and justify aggressive imperial policy. At the same time, Christ’s sacrifice and its remembrance in the sacrament of the Eucharist were at the center of political-theological debate in England: struggles over the Sacramental Test Act and the Occasional Conformity Act turned on arguments about precisely how Christ’s identification with and/or substitution for humans ought to be understood and performed. Sacrifice, in other words, was fundamental to the construction of religious and imperial power, two of the most emotionally and politically fraught arenas of the period. In novels, sacrificial narrative logic assumes that pain, loss and bodily suffering are necessary for redemption or repair, intimacy and identification.

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The Paris Massacres of 1418: Writing Emotion, Irrationality and Illegitimacy

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In the context of a raging civil war, the summer of 1418 witnessed a series of particularly violent massacres in Paris following the city’s sudden fall to the Burgundian party. Following five years of Armagnac rule, the city’s Burgundian supporters seized this opportunity to demonstrate their support of Jean sans Peur, duke of Burgundy, and his ‘populist’ policies, while targeting suspected Armagnacs inhabiting the city. Through the study of contemporary Parisian writings, we can gain an insight into how these medieval authors sought to explain and condemn the massacre of Armagnac prisoners by describing a city divided along perceived boundaries of emotionality, rationality and, inevitably, class. By characterising the perpetrators of these killings as those of the lowest classes driven by a ‘mad anger’ which overcame reason, these authors delegitimised a popular seizure of power in the city which had momentarily reversed the fundamental ideal of the body politic, while re-establishing aristocratic authority according to their own vision of rational, moral and appropriately emotional society.

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‘Mi bodi henge with thi bodi’: Internalising Christ’s Passion in Anchoritic Literature

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In his twelfth-century De institutione inclusarum, Aelred of Rievaulx instructs his anchoritic audience in a threefold style of meditation: ‘thinges the whiche ben passed, things that ben present and things whiche ben to come’. Meditation on the past was the most influential of the three, generally accomplished through affective and somatic meditation on Christ’s Passion. This *imitatio Christi* for female mystics and saints involved bodily discipline through actions like wearing hair shirts, fasting and even self-flagellation. However, in the thirteenth century, the author of Ancrene Wisse suggested that his anchoritic audience choose a more internal, less bodily, route of penance and spiritual meditation.

It is internalisation of Passion meditation for anchoresses that is the core of my project. Instead of looking to the physical, outward expressions of devotion, I intend to focus on how these outward expressions are expressed within the soul: ‘seeing’ the vivid Passion in the mind’s eye, ‘feeling’ Christ’s pain in the heart, even ‘smelling’ the stench of death at Golgotha. By enacting bodily forms of meditation imaginatively within the soul, the anchoress intensifies her devotional feelings, both affective and somatic.

In this paper, I will present examples of internalised meditation from thirteenth-century anchoritic texts – such as Ancrene Wisse and De Wohunge of ure Laured – to argue for the power that anchoresses might derive from internalising both emotions and bodily perception. I intend to provide another option for understanding anchoritic devotional practice, which combines internal and external forms of devotion for a vividly imagined, participatory practice of *imitatio Christi*.

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Love and Lust in Later Medieval England: Exploring Powerful Emotions and Power Dynamics in Disputed Marriage Cases

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Depositions from matrimonial litigation are a compellingly, if deceptively, vivid source for the words, sentiments and circumstances surrounding courtship and marriage making. Such evidence is both coloured and shaped by the power dynamics of relations between the genders, between the individual and the collective of family, peer group and community, by the constraints of canon law, and the complexities of court procedure and recording practice. Drawing upon evidence from the dioceses of York and London before 1500 this paper will attempt to explore two related questions. First, how far we can read erotic love or simply lust out of the material? Second, can we discern the degree to which a romantic discourse might have facilitated the expression of desire or alternatively provided a veneer of respectability to the business of transferring women from paternal to marital control?


Nostalgia, Melancholy and Elite Masculine Formation on the Eighteenth-Century Grand Tour

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Caused by travel and a longing for home, nostalgia was an emotional state that held powerful sway over certain sections of eighteenth-century society. At the same time, individual sufferers were also subject to wider social, cultural and familial demands surrounding their emotional expression and performance. Examining this juxtaposition through considering the emotional strains caused by travel, separation and distance, this paper probes the private and public discourses surrounding nostalgia, melancholy and elite masculine formation on the eighteenth-century Grand Tour.

While its classical aims have received extensive attention, many elements of the Tour remain under-conceptualised. The emotional culture and performance of the Tour is one such neglected area. Applying theoretical frameworks offered by the history of emotions, and considering the tensions between public discourses and private familial cultures and dynamics, this paper argues that nostalgia formed a necessary but problematic part of the Tour. Nostalgia allowed for demonstrations of patriotic emotion and manly sentiment, but its association with an unenlightened state clashed with the masculine virtues supposedly constructed by educational travel. Identifying nostalgia as an undesirable emotional disorder for a young elite, educated and cosmopolitan man, this paper also considers the uneasy reality of longing for
The Fear of God Versus the Power of Kings: Gregory of Tours Against King Chilperic of Neustria in the *Trial of Praetextatus*

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Just how powerful is the emotion of the fear of God? This paper proposes to shed light on how potent and influential the fear of God was in the power politics of the Merovingian world of Gregory of Tours. Using the case study of the trial of Praetextatus, located in book five of Gregory’s famous *Histories*, this paper will test just how powerful the fear of God was when placed in combat against the secular powers and influence of the Merovingian king, Chilperic. To accomplish this the paper will analyse how Gregory deployed the fear of God in what became a struggle for dominance between the bishop and Chilperic over the right of the king to depose a bishop. How did Gregory use the fear of God in his stand against Chilperic? Was he successful? And what does this say about how potent the fear of God actually was in the struggles for power that haunted the political world of the late sixth-century Merovingians?

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Trauma or Triumph? Some Jesuit Responses to the Shock of the Suppression

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The Suppression of the Society of Jesus was both a cataclysm (the papal brief, ‘Dominus ac Redemptor’, of 1773) and a series of smaller earthquakes, as Jesuits were expelled from Spain, France, Portugal and their overseas dominions from 1759 onwards. During this period Jesuits produced letters, diaries, histories and literary works, in Latin and the various vernaculars, chronicling events as they unfolded and revealing their emotional responses to them. In this section of the panel I shall discuss a sample of contemporary Jesuit responses to the psychic shock[s] of the ‘long Suppression’, and suggest that Latin writing might have functioned for some as a form of emotional ballast.

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The Emotional Force of Liturgical Cursing in Late Medieval Germany

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As Lester Little has shown in his studies of monastic anger, the monastic practice of singing maledictory formulas in liturgical performance was designed to invoke aid before God and his saints for protection against a perceived threat. These ritualised invocations or cursures were corporate expressions of anger through which religious men and women pleaded their case when property or other interests of the monastery were threatened. Notably, the ritual context of the liturgy was intended to curtail the potential volatility of the anger, underscoring the cultural ambivalence towards this emotion that was perceived as both a potential source of danger but also a valid expression of hurt, injury or offence.

This paper focuses attention on the dynamics of gender and power when nuns perform liturgical maldecitons to resist religious reform in the latter fifteenth century. Johannes Busch, in his Liber de reformacione monasteriorum, describes in detail how the nuns of Mariensee and Wennigsen (both near Hannover) deployed ritual cursing to ward off the intrusion of religious reformers into their monasteries. The nuns countered the reformers’ show of force by chanting Media vita, an antiphon with a long tradition of being sung by religious at moments of danger to direct anger, invoke divine aid and induce fear. I investigate the cultural logic of the nuns’ ritual expression of anger through liturgical cursing. Articulations of anger play a central role in medieval processes of disputing, representing another person’s anger was not a neutral description but articulates social relations and negotiations of power. I investigate why, when faced with threat, nuns responded by performing this symbolic maldecition, what they might have expected to achieve and how they deployed emotion to achieve their aims. I explore the social role of anger and its gendered dimension in these conflicts, focusing on what the interplay of anger and fear in Busch’s depiction of the exchanges between nuns and clerical reformers reveals about the negotiation of gender and power in late medieval monastic reform.

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Reading Powerful Emotions in Sources for the Early English Common Law

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Historians of law and emotions, like those who study that field in the contemporary world, have largely concentrated on crime and on litigation. Studies such as Paul Hyams’ book Rancor and Reconciliation in Medieval England (2003) and Steve White’s analyses of court cases in literature have contributed greatly to understanding of these areas. However, law is concerned with much more than crime and litigation. It can be a means of making life more predictable, attempting to control the future by facilitating or promoting certain acts, for example the transfer of property. It attempts to prevent disputes, by laying down rules that indicate how potential cases will end, thereby seeking to deter property. This paper explores such issues, as well as crime and litigation, through reading the sources for early English common law – lawbooks, plea rolls and other evidence such as miracula – as sources for the history of emotions. Such examination also prompts broader reflections on the relationship of law and emotion, in theory and in practice.


Emotion and Faction in the Late Elizabethan Court

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‘About one point there is no real controversy’, writes Simon Adams, historian of Elizabethan politics, ‘during the 1590s the Court was nearly torn apart by a factional struggle of major proportions’. In the final decade of Elizabeth I’s long reign, power in the courtly sphere was overwhelmingly linked to the operation of factionalism, as both the queen and her courtiers were forced to contend with the fact that dangerous forms of social allegiance increasingly steered the ship of state. While scholars have explored the political and social dynamics of late Elizabethan factionalism for many years, there has been little attention to the affective underpinnings of such interpersonal affinities: besides the obvious material consequences of such group membership, factional participation also entailed significant psychic activity through the generation of attendant emotion. This paper argues that the connection between factional power and emotion can be valuably understood through the theories of group solidarity developed by sociologist of emotion Randall Collins. Using the Earl of Essex’s infamous faction as a test case, I demonstrate how Collins’s notion of emotional energy was vital to the solidarity generating activity of late Elizabethan factionalism. Reflecting the recent scholarly focus on positive emotion, I explore how feelings of collective solidarity and affinity were vital to political power in the period.

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She much delighted in that ‘Holy Book’: Femininity and Emotional Reading in Seventeenth-Century England

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The work of many scholars of reading suggests that women were taught to read passively in the early modern period, as opposed to the active, often-contestatory reading patterns of men. Whether women actually read passively has been extensively challenged, but rarely in relation to the emotions they displayed when reading. This paper will focus on various seventeenth-century women’s reading habits, examining their emotional responses to certain texts, as recorded in their personal writings such as letters and
diaries. Women such as Dorothy Osborne and Elizabeth Delaval chronicle their emotional reaction to both religious texts and other genres, such as romantic fiction. These emotions, particularly in relation to devotional literature, could be seen as performative: allowing women to enact both femininity and piety. The notion of ‘active’ versus ‘passive’ reading will also be examined, with a suggestion that ‘active’ connotes ‘rational’, or ‘non-emotional’, and therefore ‘male’, contributing to the idea of a gendered distinction in how men and women respond to literature. Emotion and the representation thereof in women’s writings can be seen as part of a negotiation of early modern gender norms, and it will be suggested that women’s use of these norms allows them to claim some power over their own femininity and self-representation.

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Shame, Disgust and Ælfric’s Masculine Authority

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This paper takes its start point from two instances where, unusually, Ælfric expresses feelings of shame: the Letter to Brother Edward, in which he says he is almost too ashamed to describe the practices of country-women who have beer-parties in privies; and CH 1, 28, in which he omits many details of the siege of Jerusalem, including an instance where a mother eats her child, saying that it is not fitting to set forth all the shameful sufferings of the Jews. I will consider Ælfric’s expressions of shame as a specifically gendered performance. Both of these passages involve anxiety and disgust over transgressive bodily practices by women, and implicate Ælfric, as a preacher, in representing and regulating female bodies. The Letter to Brother Edward, if we accept that it is one text and all by Ælfric (as Mary Clayton cautiously does in her recent edition), also shows Ælfric rebuking Edward for adopting Danish dress, ‘œa scændicæan tælsung[/’this shameful dress’], in a manner that ‘œa gæn cynn unwurþa [‘dishonours his own kindred’]. It thus also shows a concern for the management of male bodies and how they display nationality, kindred and honour. However, the full force of disgust is projected onto the female figures who eat and excrete in the same space. Another figure repeatedly associated with the language of shame is Arrius, whose repulsive death excreting his own guts recurs four times in Ælfric’s writings: here again we have the trope of the leaky body and the reversal of inside and outside, in conjunction with a matter of policing identity, in this case the line between heresy and orthodoxy. Ælfric’s anxiety over the body and its margins is closely associated with the construction of his own authority, as a defender of orthodoxy, as a preacher, and as a man. As Mary Swan has shown, compared to anonymous homilists of the same period Ælfric often avoids ‘œ or ‘œ: the body of the particular preacher is occluded in favour of an apparently direct transmission of scriptural and doctrinal authority. Whereas for the secular aristocracy bodily performance on the battle-field is conceived of as a major site of male shame and honour, for the monk control and transcendence of the body are central: both are profoundly threatened by a penetrability and leakiness of the body that is conceived of as feminine.

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Complaint and Power in Chaucer

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Complaint is one of the most powerful expressions of interiority and of sorrow that exists in Chaucer’s poetry. But complaint embodies a contradiction: it is personal power lies in its utter helplessness and passivity. Complaint is the linguistic and poetic construct which represents the overwhelming power of love’s passion. Indeed, in love, emotions overpowered body and language. Troilus, for example, is reduced to a near-death state by lovesickness and constantly needs to be brought back to language and to action by Pandarus – his plaintive mode represents his total lack of power. In this pattern, complaint, along with other bodily manifestations of emotion, thus represents the failure of language and of communication rather than its embodiment.

In Troilus and Criseyde and, more obviously perhaps, in the Book of the Duchess, a consolatory dynamic is at play. I argue that emotion and power are the backbone of this dynamic. Emotion is represented by a fall from the cognitive faculty and of language – complaint being part of this linguistic failure through its ‘programmatic uselessness’ (Lee Patterson, Acts of Recognition, 2010, p.183). On the other side, the side of power and mastery, stands language – dialogue and communication. This is slightly complicated in Chaucer, however, through the power that is given to compassion. Complaint thus negotiates between passion-induced powerlessness and expressivity, visibility. It is this visibility and readability which allows for compassion, an emotion which demonstrates power and which also achieves redemption for the sufferer.

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Power to the People: The Angry Multitude in Machiavelli’s Discourses on Livy

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Nicolò Machiavelli’s Discourses on Livy, first published in 1531, is a remarkably nostalgic work of political theory that seeks to elucidate problems of government by consulting examples drawn from the ancient Roman past. Public emotions were a central challenge for the Romans as well as for the statesmen of Machiavelli’s time: the passions of the people could make or break a republic or principality, and they therefore had to be handled with caution. This paper focuses on Machiavelli’s treatment of the anger of the multitude in the Discourses, and considers how his thoughts on the roles of public anger in politics were informed by his study of Roman history. By examining Machiavelli’s interpretation of emotional episodes drawn from Livy’s history of Rome, this paper engages with and adds to Machiavellian scholarship concerning the Florentine’s relationship with classical literature (e.g. Duff 2011; Kapust 2010; Mansfield 1996; Rahe 2000; Skinner 1990). It goes a step further to evaluate Machiavelli’s provocative assertion that emotions remain the same across time periods. He writes:

[Al]nyone wishing to see what is to be must consider what has been: all the things of this world in every era have their counterparts in ancient times. This occurs since these actions are carried out by men who have and have always had the same passions, which, of necessity, must give rise to the same results.

In Machiavelli’s view, history is predictable because emotions are predictable. By underplaying the influence of historical context on political emotions, Machiavelli is able to justify his undertaking in the Discourses and lend authority to his analysis. This prompts us to question how emotions of the past are used to substantiate political claims.

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Reading Powerful Emotions in the Icelandic Sagas

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Long before there was an ‘emotional turn’ in scholarship, the legal scholar and historian William I. Miller was analysing shame, anger, fear, honour and disgust to understand motive and motivation in Icelandic society. Although Bloodtaking and Peacemaking (1990) emphasised strategic aspects of social behaviour, and feuding was understood through the lens of rationality, Miller later turned his attention to the emotional life of the sagas (1992). Despite the interpretive complications inherent within sources that may appear resistant to give up their emotions, Miller suggested a number of crucial access points including ‘somatic semiotics’. This paper builds on Miller’s periphrastic approach, which focuses less on emotion words and more on contextual clues, interactions and the ‘unspoken’, to examine the powerful emotions at play in the formation and dissolution of social bonds in 13th-century Iceland. For example, love is a major driver of action (feuding) and social identity, yet it is rarely explicitly declared in the dialogue. Therefore, it will be argued that it is necessary read to powerful ‘somatic indices’, including gestures, in order to understand the emotional performativity of social practices.

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Crime Pamphlets and Good Fellowship: Subversive Laughter in Early Modern England

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In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, pamphlets were published which presented stories about criminals, sometimes including taxonomies but also narratives of the life and death of criminals. Historians and literary scholars have analysed these pamphlets as a way to reinforce social hierarchies. Joad Raymond and Peter Lake examine how pamphlets used inversion and laughter in order to promote order and acceptable values. More revealingly, Linda Woodbridge has analysed how pamphlets used elements from jest books in order to ‘identify the lowliest poor as funny, worthy of contemptuous laughter rather than social concern’.

However, many theorists of laughter and humour have argued that laughter is ambiguous and impossible to pin down. Humour is multivalent and even when we know that people laugh, what they are laughing at can be more difficult to ascertain. Mary Douglas in particular has maintained that laughter and jokes ‘attack classification and hierarchy’ by showing that through the joke, hierarchy can be seen as subjective rather than absolute.

This paper aims to use these theories of laughter and show how crime pamphlets use laughter in order to satirise the social hierarchy, by having criminals speak and attack hypocrisy of the powerful and the social wrongs taking place in London. Even though these pamphlets criticise criminals, they also allow them to take central stage and to use laughter against their social superiors, undermining the view that the social hierarchy is fixed and sacrosanct. It is rare that criminals are made the object of scorn in the pamphlets; more commonly, it is the social order and its pretensions that are the object of laughter. The paper will also compare these pamphlets to other texts that satirise the social ills of London, in order to show how these publications can be read as an attack to the powerful, rather than an attack on those marginalised.

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From Shame and Shock to Pity and Peace: Public Emotions and Hidden Power Behind the Court Case of a Migrant Dutchman in Early Modern Denmark

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In the late sixteenth century, large numbers of Dutch migrants settled in the Danish city of Helsingør, just as they settled in many other cities in Northern Europe. The migrants turned the city into a multi-cultural and multi-religious environment with economic power concentrated among the migrant groups. This development rendered the locals de facto powerless in a city they felt was rightfully theirs. Feelings of resentment and anger towards the migrants developed among the locals, and occasionally deliberate acts of provocation from migrants towards the locals left the city on the brink of ethnic violence. The starting point of this paper is a court case evolving around an almost unbelievable provocation that could have ended in ethnic violence, but didn’t. This paper explores how local political institutions, in such a time of crisis, succeeded in defusing a highly volatile situation through a very carefully planned public display of emotions, aimed at turning the feelings of the offended locals from shame and shock to pity and peace.

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Linguistic and Rhythmic Shock in the 
Alliterative Morte Arthure

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Early uses of ‘shock’ as a verb in English relate to quick and forceful actions in battle, such as massed cavalry attack or striking an opponent with the front of a shield. In the Alliterative Morte Arthure, c. 1400, ‘shock’ would seem to express the direct suddenness and weight of an aggressive bodily contact and its disorienting impact, involving both intense concentration and a momentary blankness, a suspension of access to ‘feeling’. The Alliterative Morte puts ‘shock’–usages, like most battle action, in the ‘historic present’ and in stressed alliterating positions, presumably for greater emphasis, but from not elaborated directly on their affective and emotional attachments. I am interested in how readers and listeners, then and now, who experience a rhythmic and aural correlative of the ‘shock’ at the same time as it is delivered and suffered within the narrative, might respond affectively and emotionally to the poetic experience.

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Intimacy and Distance: Letter Writers and Letter Bearers in the Seventeenth-Century French Atlantic World

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Letters have long been recognised as both vehicles and creators of affect that could prompt and nurture correspondents’ emotional ties over long – and sometimes short – distances. Particular attention has been paid to family correspondence and the ways in which parents and children were able to sustain intimacy despite physical separation (see, for example, the work of Elizabeth Buettner). Yet while scholars have analysed the textual content and materiality of letters, relatively little attention has been paid to the individuals who carried them, or to the ways in which the emotions of these letter bearers shaped a missive’s message. Who, this paper will ask, had emotional power in epistolary exchanges, and how did this power function?

This paper will argue that far from being mere conveyers of missives, letter bearers were powerful and carefully chosen individuals who could exert considerable influence over the ways in which a letter was received. Drawing on letters written by Jesuit and Ursuline missionaries, it will explore both the emotions involved in choosing a letter bearer (personal relationships, trust, and so on) and the emotional strategies used by letter bearers in order to influence and persuade a letter’s recipient. One seventeenth-century letter bearer – himself the subject of the missive, though not its author – had apparently ‘wished himself to be the bearer of the letter so that he might plead his cause in person’ (Jesuit Relations, 25: 133). Attending to the emotional strategies of letter bearers can thus disrupt the traditional view of writers and recipients as the principal makers of epistolary meaning. Furthermore, this focus on messengers highlights the roles of individuals frequently eclipsed in analyses of early Canadian correspondence networks: the Indigenous people who often carried them.

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God’s Hot Haste: The Power of Divine Disgust in Cleanness

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In the Gawain-poet’s Cleanness, God is introduced as a figure who typically uses his power – in particular, his power to punish sin – after measured deliberation: he punishes Adam and Lucifer severely, but without losing his cool. But when it comes to sins having to do with the ‘filth of the flesh’, God gets hot: his vengeance is ‘hasty’, overwhelming in its destructiveness, powered by hate and disgust. Criticism of the poem has not missed this: as Ad Putter puts it, the ‘filth’ of sexual sin ‘catches God on the raw, short-circuiting His usual temperate calm, in the same way that human beings react with instinctive revulsion [rather than rational consideration] to remove from their vicinity what is felt as “dirty”’. This paper takes up the matter of divine disgust as a powerful emotion in two ways. First, it draws on theoretical work on disgust (for example, William Ian Miller’s Anatomy of Disgust, 1998) in order to illuminate the particular contours of disgust in Cleanness. But it also seeks to historicise the disgust in this poem, rooting it in a particular place and time in English history. Building on my previous work, in which I hypothesise that the Gawain-poet wrote at the court of Edward III (and not in the reign of Richard II, as has long been assumed), I argue that Cleanness had a very particular kind of cultural and political work to perform: in the wake of the sexual scandals and fracturing of power under Edward II, what Edward III needed, in order to maintain and reinforce his dynastic power, were sons who would not deviate from accepted heterosexual regimes, who would marry and reproduce just as good princes should. Thus, I am advancing a hypothesis here about the original, historical purpose, as well as the generic character, of Cleanness: it is not, I argue, a homiletic poem intended for a broad audience, but a poetic mirror for princes, designed to teach and move the sons of Edward III (particularly, I suggest, Prince Lionel) and steer their affects/desires along suitable, ‘divinely-sanctioned’ heterosexual paths. Its affective strategies, then, including its depiction of God’s disgust, were potentially consequential in the world of real, princely power in fourteenth-century England.

The Power of Shock in Middle English Drama

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Like many emotions, shock is contagious. Consequently, performances of shock offer powerful opportunities for playwrights invested in shocking their audience. The creators of Middle English Biblical drama often capitalised on such opportunities. Indeed, the archive of Middle English drama is replete with scenes in which initially sceptical characters are shocked into belief: from the Digby Conversion of St. Paul, to the Croxton Play of the Sacrament, which depicts sceptical Jews tormenting the Eucharist until a series of shocking miracles cause them to convert to Christianity. Such scenes stage sequences of scepticism, shock and conversion in order to shock their audience into converting, not from one religious faith to another, but out of a compliant, ersatz posture of uncritical belief and into a more genuine, emotionally invested belief in orthodox doctrine including Christ’s virgin birth, miraculous deeds and resurrection. Given that these fundamental elements of Christian belief were not contested in the medieval and early modern milieu in which Middle English drama was originally performed, I will argue that the creators of Middle English drama sought to remind audiences of their shock-value by showing initially sceptical characters shocked into believing them.

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'Hold thy tongue, for thou shocks me': Emotions in the Courtroom in Eighteenth-Century York

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In the eighteenth century, the criminal courtroom was an emotional arena, in which appeals to compassion, outrage and other moral emotions were common, as were physical displays such as weeping and fainting, and unruly laughter and shouts from the public galleries. Emotions were performed, interrogated and interpreted by litigants, legal professionals and even the courtroom audience. Likewise, the majesty and power of the law was upheld by the emotional management of the judiciary as they passed through the country, dispensing justice at the twice-yearly assizes.

Public understanding of criminal justice was informed by spectatoriality of trials and executions, but also pieced together from a wide variety of printed material, including newspapers, ballads, broadsides, pamphlets and literary representations of crime and punishment. To compete with these varied productions, trial reports selected material which might shock, amuse or titillate their readers, often reporting trials for violent or unusual felonies at length.

This paper draws upon a collection of Trials at Large of the Felons in the Castle of York during the 1770s to recreate the experience of criminal justice at the assizes. The accounts paint a vivid picture of everyday instances of crime in the city and its surrounds, from sheep stealers to shoplifters. They reveal local rivalries, nosy neighbours, the power of gossip and hearsay, and the attitudes of the general public towards the law. But they are also remarkable for their emotional intensity: on every page the outbursts of angry witnesses, sympathetic prosecutors, weeping prisoners and incredulous lawyers are reported in detail. This paper argues that the collision of emotional styles evident in provincial trials complicated public understandings of the power and efficacy of criminal justice.

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Who has the Power? The Witch, the Devil and the Dangers of Emotion in Early Modern England

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In 1645 Jane Hott, a widow, was hanged for witchcraft in Faversham, Kent. Her guilt was confirmed not just by her confession, in which she admitted that she had allowed the Devil in the shape of a familiar spirit (in this case, a hedgehog) to suck her blood but also, by a swimming test. On being taken to be swum, Jane confidently asserted that she would sink and thus be proven innocent. She floated. When questioned about her confidence, Jane confessed that the Devil had followed her the whole way to the river, promising her that she would not sink – but when she was placed in the water, the Devil sat on the crossbeam above her and laughed. Jane was just one of many accused witches who was betrayed by the Devil. In early modern England, ordinary men and women were believed to join with the Devil because of powerful emotions: most commonly, a desire to be revenged, or to hurt or even kill their neighbours out of malice. Hatred, anger and a desire for revenge were all believed to tempt men and women away from God and into a pact with the Devil. Although, on the surface, this pact gave witches great malefic power, in numerous pamphlet accounts it was the Devil who was really in control. In this paper, I will explore the links between emotion and power in English witchcraft narratives and highlight the dangers of giving into emotions for the promises of a power that often remained elusive.

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Strengthening an Unwell King: Emotions, Literature and the Reign of Charles VI

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The reign of Charles VI of France (1380–1422) took a dramatic turn in 1392 when he experienced the first of his bouts of madness that plagued the kingdom of France. Since he was unable to govern, Queen Isabella of Bavaria and a council of regency led by the uncle of the king soon started governing for the king. Numerous tensions within the extended royal family resulted in a particularly bloody civil war opposing the partisans of Burgundy
and those of the House of Orleans. This bloody domestic conflict was only one of the many problems of the kingdom, alongside international tensions such as the Hundred Years War and the Great Western Schism.

In this presentation, I will study how authors of the period, such as Christine de Pizan and the Religieux de Saint-Denis, dealt with the debilitating health of the king. I will argue that they did not shy away from it, but on the contrary addressed it through an emotional representation of the sovereign as a loving, courageous personality. They rebuilt the persona of Charles VI through the emotions that the kingdom should feel towards him, painting him as a suffering sovereign, whose disease becomes part of his kingship. They built the nation as an emotional community that must be moved and transformed by the struggle of the king, thus enabling his image not to suffer too much from his condition.

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Tears, Judgement and Royal Authority: Christ’s Tears in Paschasius Radbertus’ Commentary on Matthew

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When showing mercy to rebellious subjects, early medieval rulers were often described shedding tears. The Carolingian emperor Louis the Pious, for example, was described weeping for the souls of those who rebelled against him in the Astronomer’s Vita Hludowici, completed between 840 and 841. Gerd Althoff interprets these scenes as evidence for ritualised emotional performances. This paper suggests an alternative approach. An examination of exegetical material brings to light the biblical models that could underpin such scenes. This paper focuses on the ninth-century commentary on the gospel of Matthew, written by Paschasius Radbertus, who was the abbot of Corbie between 843 and 850. Paschasius expanded on references to Christ’s tears three times. In each instance, he described Christ shedding tears on behalf of the sinners who persecuted him, just as a Carolingian ruler might weep on behalf of their sinful and rebellious subjects. These tears reflected Christ’s mercy, and were used by Paschasius to frame him as a clement judge. Previously dismissed as derivative re-workings of patristic writings, in recent years the case for the originality of Carolingian biblical commentaries and their relevance to political life has been made. They are a valuable source for the sinners who persecuted him, just as a Carolingian ruler might weep on behalf of their sinful and rebellious subjects. These tears reflected Christ’s mercy, and were used by Paschasius to frame him as a clement judge. Previously dismissed as derivative re-workings of patristic writings, in recent years the case for the originality of Carolingian biblical commentaries and their relevance to political life has been made. They are a valuable source for

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Power and Powerful Emotions in Milanese Pataria, 1056–1066

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Emotive crowds – motivated by and moving for religious reasons – are significant actors of the public stage of the high and late medieval West. The movement of the Pataria in Milan, 1056/7–1075, is one of the best-known early manifestations of a popular movement in support of the so-called ‘gregorian’ reform of the Church. As such, it shows the populus christianus, the people motivated by a religious cause, at its emergence in action at the beginning of the second millennium. The movement polarises the society of Milano between 1056/7 and 1075, creates spectacular moments in and around the city and leads to the violent death of its two principal leaders.

This episode of an urban riot or émeute, motivated by both religious and social reasons, recalls the original (though late medieval) meaning of the term ‘émotion’, precisely social unrest. All the narrative sources are partisans, either in support of, or against the patarini, and show well the different visions of the popular, collective emotions by their authors – as well as those of the protagonists and the people of Milano who expressed them. This paper does not pretend to renew the important historiography of this very special moment of Italian urban history, but at most to reflect on the role of emotions in relation to power in the main narrative sources, themselves divided between pro- and anti-patarine authors and thus, between two opposite perspectives on the events described. Popping up in the sources and in the course of history that they eventually change, how are these powerful emotions of the crowd generated and how do they contribute to the events in a period of intense turmoil in the city? What do we learn about the ‘agency’ attributed to emotions, in the sources we are interested in? Do they create the events, or do they rather shape the reactions to it? How do they intervene in the formation of the two parties, both of which are reflected by the sources written by and for them? Do emotions as events generate or reflect different emotional practices in the two parties?

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Mary Hays’ Ecofeminism: Sympathy, Freedom and Biopolitics

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"The prints were engraved with the hope of, in some degree, correcting the barbarous treatment of animals. The very sight of which renders the streets of our metropolis so distressing to very feeling mind. If they have had this effect and checked the progress of cruelty, I am more proud of having been the author, than I should be of having painted Raphael’s Cartoons." [William Hogarth, reflecting on his series of engravings, Four Stages of Cruelty.]
The Body of Christ: The Corporeal Metaphor in Sixteenth–Century Religious Conflicts

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In this paper I examine the ‘repertory of actions’ repeated in public executions and mob lynchings in seventeenth–century France and England – particularly in the context of the religious wars. I find that this repertory draws from longstanding mythical and ritual scripts of imagining the community as a body, and purging it of a physical pollutant. The corporeal metaphor invokes and directs emotion as a culture of sentimentalism. This paper will take a look at a few of these paintings in trying to answer the bigger question of what looking at animals can tell us about the culture of emotions in this period and the meanings attached to them.

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‘Then Sing Him Home’: Togetherness and Political Subversion in the Robin Hood Balladry of Shakespeare’s As You Like It.

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Shakespeare’s As You Like It has long been associated with the Robin Hood tradition in its contrast between exiled and usurping dukes in green and urban political spaces. This paper will explore the role of two songs and a ballad within the play which intensify an emotional sense of togetherness for the audience with the exiled duke and his merry band of lords in the forest. English broadside ballads were one of the most widely sold forms of print in the early modern period. By setting lyric texts to tunes from ballads and other traditional songs within his plays, Shakespeare uses the connection of other performance mediums to generate meaning and emotional response for theatre audiences. As the songs in As You Like It connect with the wider oral tradition of Robin Hood, they bring the past and the present simultaneously into the musical fabric of the comedy. I will demonstrate how the songs carry the emotion and the political intrigue of the forest to question power structures in early modern England for Shakespeare’s early audiences.

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Politics and Women’s Anger in Cary’s The Tragedy of Mariam

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My paper examines women’s anger as depicted in Elizabeth Cary’s 1613 play The Tragedy of Mariam. In my paper I claim that the anger Cary depicts in her female characters exceeds received Aristotelian and Senecan thought on anger as a response to an isolated incident of personal insult or injury inflicted by another individual. For Cary, I argue, there is a fundamental political component to women’s anger that is revealed and attested to in the speeches of and dialogues between her female characters. Thus I propose that work in the fields of political and affect theory by Sara Ahmed, Audre Lorde and Jean-Luc Nancy – in which anger is posited as an affect produced in response to repeatedly encountering political and systemic injustices and a tool that can be used in political resistance to subjugation – opens new possibilities for reading Cary’s female characters’ anger. For these conceptions of anger separate the affect from the personal grievance and instead view it as a product of the wider social context in which it was produced and, moreover, read its expression in relation to those social conditions. In this paper I examine the influence of structural inequality along lines of gender and race on the feeling and expression of anger and explore the ways in which Cary shows how anger can be used not only to challenge injustice but also, contrarily, to reinforce the narratives and ideologies that produce it.
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‘So shall she now the softest Coulours Chuse/To paint thy fate and shadow out thy Woes’: Poetry and Emotion in the Abergavenny Scandal of 1729

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This paper will explore the ways in which literary forms empower emotional responses to public events, using as a case study the wide range of literary texts – published and circulated in manuscript – inspired by the notorious Abergavenny scandal of 1729. Lady Abergavenny’s beauty, adultery and death, followed by a trial in which her husband was awarded a staggering £10,000 in compensation, stimulated poetry, drama and opera, giving voice to desire, remorse, pity, despair and contempt. Drama and poetry intersect in their treatment of the scandal, and while poetry offers its writers and readers an opportunity to explore a single viewpoint, and to circulate it privately, drama re-imagines the causes and conversations and exposes them to public judgment. The alternating prose and verse of opera thus offer us a self-contained sample of the uses of different literary genres in expressing emotion and presenting the social and moral power struggles provoked by the affair.

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Awe, Pride and Patriotism: Power Over Nature as Evidence of American Greatness

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This paper will highlight connections between emotion and power by studying several overlapping currents of emotion in early nineteenth-century America: 1) the deep emotional responses people had to the beauty and dangers of the natural world; 2) the emotions they felt at the sight of human inventions manipulating nature; and 3) the way those affective responses were channeled to support specific projects or a patriotic national identity. In doing so, the paper will address a number of the suggested conference themes: how specific objects elicit emotions, how demonstrations of power can shape emotional experience, how that emotional experience can be used for political aims, and the affective dimension of nation-building.

To present its argument, the paper will first describe how the idea of transforming nature was foundational for early American communities. It will then examine the connection between public emotion and land improvements, looking at how projects or inventions were portrayed before, during, and after their implementation. Particular attention will be given to emotional themes in documents promoting proposed projects or describing the benefits of completed projects. These texts, which include petitions for government funding and newspaper articles giving public updates, often emphasize how transforming the landscape can lead to social, economic and political power. Descriptions of the festivities surrounding major projects also reveal the interplay of emotional expectations, amazement at human ingenuity, and patriotic pride. The 1828 groundbreaking for the C&O Canal and the 1825 opening of the Eric Canal will be the key examples of such celebrations. Attention will also be given throughout the paper to emotional discourses surrounding other advancements, such as improved plows, steam engines and railroads.

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Love, Gender and Leadership in King Ponthus and the Faire Sidone

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This paper considers the relationship between gender, love and leadership in the fifteenth-century English prose romance King Ponthus and the Fair Sidone. It examines discursive and gestural declarations of love in this romance and how these representations conceptualise the relationship between love, gender and agency, particularly in comparison with the earlier Middle English King Horn romance with which this romance is closely related.

In some romances, feminine agency is invoked simply, aimed at achieving the heroine’s love objective. In others, however, feminine agency takes on wider scope, and a broader leadership enterprise becomes evident. This paper considers the wider implications of agency resulting from emotional practices of love. It reconfigures the longstanding relationship between masculine love and chivalric action to focus on the ways in which feminine love can redirect agency in unexpected ways, and ultimately renegotiate the spaces of leadership. This paper therefore explores how feminine emotions and spatial practices interact to reorganise relationships of power.

This paper reads these romances through Monique Scheyer’s theorisation of emotions as a bodily practice, Doreen Massey’s hypothesis that space, spatial practice and identity are all co-constitutive, and Amanda Sinclair’s assertion that the body is deeply implicated in the meaning-making function of leadership.

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How did Joan of Arc Feel?

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This paper will examine the emotions of Joan of Arc. Despite the wealth of scholarship on both Joan and the history of emotions, I continue to be struck by two pressing sets of questions:

- Criminological labelling theory examines the reciprocal relationship between how ‘deviants’ are labelled, and the kinds of behaviour in which they are then more likely to be engaged. Might the same not be true of emotional labels? Presumably emotional labels can also shape the ways in which people behave, and, as historians, we should be particularly aware of this process. If someone is repeatedly labelled as hysterical and enraged, the probability that they will become so is increased. If someone is continually labelled as irritable and sharp, their emotional repertoire is effectively reduced, and those labels are likely to affect their patterns of behaviour. In any case, those labels will certainly be used to condemn them. This is an aspect of the history of emotions which I believe has been underexplored, and the trial of Joan of Arc provides an intriguing and disturbing example of emotional categorisation, labelling and condemnation.

- It seems equally clear that these processes of emotional labelling are highly gendered. The paper will address early fifteenth-century assumptions about emotional behaviours in which women were deemed more likely to engage, and consider the implications of these.

The paper, then, will examine the ways in which emotional labels can be used to denigrate, to constrain and to condemn; and the ways in which such labels are themselves highly gendered – the trial of Joan of Arc presents a wonderful case-study. The trial of condemnation itself is infused with emotional language, and this paper takes it as the main source. It will be juxtaposed with contemporary theories of emotions, particularly those of Jean Gerson, as well as what we know of Joan from other sources such as her letters.

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A yellow Damask Dress-Gown, lin’d with yellow Lustring: Reading Emotion into Descriptions of Clothing, 1700–1800

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‘a yellow Damask Dress-Gown, lin’d with yellow Lustring; a blue Silk Night-Gown, lin’d with blue and white check’d stuff; a black Silk Night-Gown, lin’d with black stuff...’ [Daily Advertiser, 1742]

‘one Grey Damask Night Gown, a Green Sattan Night Gown...a Yellow Tabby Night Gown...a pink and white striped Lutestring Gown...’ [Will of Ruth Tennyson, 1763]

‘my Black & white Calico [gown] & petticoat...my black cloth manto...my yellow cloaths...a white sannet hood...A white embroidered Apron...’ [Account book of Sarah Mellish, 1708–1718]

Although they come from different sources, these three extracts share a number of similarities when it comes to the description of clothing. It is only in two of these sources, however, that the description of clothing has been read by scholars as emotive. In women’s wills and account books, detailed description – defined as ‘a sort of itemisation, which actually or metaphorically breaks up a whole into distinct, perceptible, and, in some instances, purchasable bits’ – has been interpreted as a medium through which women were able to express powerful emotions about people and possessions. This paper will move through a comparative discussion of the description of women’s clothing in wills, account books and newspaper advertisements for lost and stolen goods, in order to challenge this approach.

Wills are generally understood to be emotive documents by their very nature, while some scholars have interpreted bequests of clothing as evidence of emotional attachments between women, reading sentiment into often detailed descriptions (Berg, Pointon). In contrast, a major limitation levied at account books as a source is that they are lacking in ‘feelings’; again, however, description has been read as confirmation of emotion within this context, with scholars making an assumption that detailed description is unnecessary for the keeping of ‘accurate’ accounts – and that it is therefore meaningless when included (Smyth). Here, descriptions of clothing have variously been interpreted as evidence of delight in new clothing, pride, and even vanity. No such claims have been made about newspaper advertisements, however, though they share a similar descriptive language. This paper therefore seeks to question why detailed description has only been read as emotive in certain contexts, and to question whether we can really use descriptions of clothing as evidence of powerful emotions.

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Possession, Power Relations and the Global Supernatural in Northern European Demonologies

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Sixteenth-century European Christians collected and circulated many reports of magical rites, figures and objects from beyond Europe’s borders. Chronologically, these coincided with an increasing fear of the Devil and of witchcraft within Europe. This paper draws upon a range of printed travelogues, wonder books and especially demonological treatises to explore the powerful emotions depicted in and roused by reports of non-European diabolical magic. In particular, it will focus on the exercise of mastery of demons by priests. What emotional powers were local demons perceived to have over their local victims in reports by European outsiders, and who had the power to command and exorcise these demons? Further, how were these narratives consumed and circulated back in a European context? Using case studies concerning the Americas and Japan – both ‘new worlds’ for Europeans in this period – the paper will examine how reports by Jesuit and other travellers were recycled in demonologies prepared by authors including Jean Bodin, Martin Del Rio and Pierre de Lancre. The paper will examine why this material gained so much polemical traction within northern European print culture, even though reports were originally recorded by Spanish, Italian and Portuguese missionaries. It will seek to set the material in the context of domestic European concerns about possession, emotional narratives and power relations, and will ask what it can tell us about European anxieties during an era transformed by religious conflicts and global encounters.
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‘Land of Ire’: Lordly Anger and its Consequences in Early Modern Ireland

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The sixteenth-century rulers of the patchwork of lordships in the Gaelic north and west of Ireland used displays of anger as a tool to control followers and intimidate opponents. In a face-to-face society, Irish lords had a lot to gain by cultivating an image of unpredictability. Performances of rage might be accompanied by displays of ritual oath-taking and cursing, and extravagant threats were often followed up by violent deeds. Using examples from the O’Neill lordship, this paper will discuss the words, gestures and meanings of lordly rage. As the Elizabethan reconquest of Ireland gathered pace from the 1570s, such displays were increasingly used against the lords by English observers. In a context when self-mastery – control of appetites and ‘passions’ – was increasingly enjoined on ‘civil’ men, lordly rage could be cast as excessive, inappropriate and a sign of a man unfit to rule others due to his inability to rule himself. The use of male anger to undermine the Irish by characterising them as emotionally ‘other’ was to continue well into the seventeenth century.

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The Color of Fear in Early Modern Europe: From Sexual Shock to Affective Encompassment

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Blacks were all too often depicted as ape-like, sexually lustful and religiously unregenerate, chiefly in order to provide an emotional alibi for religious indoctrination, exploitation and white supremacy. However, colour-blind emotional perceptions of others also ended up ratifying notions of whiteness, or what Richard Dyer has called a ‘culture of light’, as the tendency of universalisms may actually be to deny difference by encompassing it.

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Destabilising Emotions: The Formulaic Use of Woe in Le Bone Florence of Rome and Lybeaus Desconus

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This paper discusses how formulaic language in two fourteenth-century romances is used to represent emotion and, through this, undermine readers’ expectations of both narrative events and protagonists. By exploiting established, formulaic phrases, Le Bone Florence of Rome and Lybeaus Desconus challenge narrative progression and character depiction in unexpected ways, using the emotion of woe as a key nexus for these unanticipated developments. For instance, Le Bone Florence of Rome disrupts narrative order and undermines the conventional happy ending, expressed through devices such as the happy marriage. In this romance, woe is established as having a causal root, yet the narrator makes unresolved and unexplained comments on the female protagonist’s woe immediately before the closing formulae. This re-orientates the reader back into the narrative, creating a sense of instability. Similarly, in Lybeaus Desconus, the protagonist knight is overwhelmed by his emotions, especially fear and woe, at what appears to be the final battle. These emotions render him powerless and passive, preventing him from fighting. In both cases, such emotions are also able to reveal nuanced depictions of power, for example between different characters, and between the psyche and the somatic. These depictions of emotion are problematic because they undermine the genre’s need to establish order at the end of the romance, and the ennobling connotations of knighthood. The portrayal of emotions in such a way presents them as overwhelming, able to destabilise the narrative world.

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Embowelled Emotion: Representing and Repressing Gut Feelings in Early Modern England

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Early modern discourses on digestion and emotion share a common anxiety over the messiness of our inner workings. Medical treatises on these subjects frequently deployed metaphors of social unrest and political control to warn against the perils of being ruled by our ‘grosser parts’. A host of symbolic and affective associations – the perceived chaos of the passions, the literally lowly position of the gut, and the instinctive revulsion towards faecal matter – all combined to form a powerful rhetoric of abuse. In early modern England, to be over-emotional was to be excremental.

This paper will explore how this faecal rhetoric functioned both as a means of corporealising emotional states and as a tool of social control. I will begin by examining the ways in which seventeenth-century medical discourses on emotion and digestion also expressed sociopolitical anxieties, looking at some familiar and some less well-known texts. Then, through an analysis of successive discussions of hypochondria in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, I will demonstrate that faecal rhetoric provided fertile ground for the moral elevation of rationality, the brain and the ‘higher’ functions – a process which implicitly sustained and nurtured the view of emotion as something undesirable, base and polluting.
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Shockingly Frightful: Fear and Shock in News Reports in Early Modern Germany

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Sixteenth-century Germany saw the emergence of a new genre of printed news known as Neue Zeitungen. These reports covered all sorts of events such as battles, unusual weather conditions, abnormal happenings and criminal executions. While these texts conveyed information, Joy Wilttenburg has argued that they did not simply relay facts; through writing about the most appalling of crimes, authors were spreading ‘states of feeling’. Titles often provided the most basic of cues signalling the emotional content that lay ahead with adjectives such as erschrecklich or erschröcklich. This is an interesting adjective because while it is usually translated as ‘frightening’, in modern German this word can also be translated into English as ‘shocking’ or ‘alarming’. This shows how deeply connected the relationship between fear and shock is in the German context and highlights the difficulties facing historians using emotion words from different languages and times. A sensitivity to these nuances, I will argue, broadens the discernible boundaries of the ‘state of feeling’ conveyed in these news reports.

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Porous Plurality and Chaste Singularity: The Power of the Passions in Shakespeare and Wilkin’s Pericles

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This paper will consider the power and powerlessness attached to the passions in the early modern period. It will show to what extent this was connected to gender. The power of the passions will be discussed through a reading of Shakespeare and Wilkin’s Pericles. It will reflect on the male tragedy that appears to be the story of Pericles before revealing what this focus elides: the story of Marina.

Drawing on proto-medical early modern treatises, this paper will investigate the interaction between the environment and the body in Pericles. It will discuss how Pericles’ melancholia interacts with his body, his mind and the sea. Turning then from the porosity of Pericles, and the way in which his melancholia is reciprocated by his natural environment and onstage audience, we will explore the fate of his daughter Marina.

Marina’s melancholia is ultimately not reciprocated or validated. However, she finds agency in her remarkable strength and individuality. She locates this not in melancholia, but rather in her passionate advocacy of chastity and female singularity. This strength and power (while ultimately thwarted when she must heal her father at the cost of her own melancholia), is in sharp contrast to the despair and extreme emotional turmoil of Pericles.

By uncovering the story of female power which transcends melancholia, this paper will show that Pericles contrasts early modern perceptions of women as porous and weak, as grievers and harbourers of excessive emotion, and dangerously open to weakening passions. Ultimately, Pericles locates strength and restorative passionate power in Marina who has affective authority over the weaker emotion-filled men of the play.

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The Two Sides of Ira Regis in the Becket Conflict

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Medieval writers and modern scholars have debated the extent to which emotions are naturally occurring or consciously constructed. Ira regis, the king’s anger, has received much scholarly attention as a political tool that could serve as a warning sign, intimidate enemies and motivate just action. However, royal anger is not always viewed in this light. King Henry II of England is perhaps the medieval figure best known for ira regis, particularly following the murder of Thomas Becket. His infamous outburst is typically depicted by medieval sources and modern scholars as an overflowing of emotion, resulting in the archbishop’s unintended murder.

This paper will use the Becket dispute as a case study to complicate this picture and present the two sides of ira regis: anger as a political tool and anger as an uncontrolled passion. An analysis of the primary sources (Becket’s collected correspondence, saint’s lives, and chronicle accounts) shows the king’s anger as uncontrolled and disorder-inducing. Through looking at the pattern of events within the dispute, however, it is possible to look beyond these textual constructions to see the king’s performances of anger as planned, logical and effective. When considered holistically, these two sides of ira regis invite us to reconsider the conceptual division between constructed and natural anger. The very understandings of anger as out of control and intimidating were what enabled it to work as a political tool. While some displays of anger were almost certainly entirely unintentional or wholly performative, this case study suggests that the most effective instances of ira regis were both.

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The Power of Rulers, Fear and the Future: the Story of King Saul in the Later Seventeenth Century

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In 1692 a long and curious pamphlet, Saul at Endor, or the Ghost of the Marquiss de Lousois Consulted by the French King, was circulating through Europe in German, French and English. It was a biting satire that related how the modern-day Saul, Louis XIV, visited a woman skilled in the black art of necromancy, the servant of a Madam Voisin, the fortune teller and poisoner executed for witchcraft by Louis himself 12 years earlier. Louis’s intention was to discern his future from the ghost of the Marquis de Louvois, his minister of war who had died suddenly the year before.

This undocumented pamphlet testifies to the ways witchcraft was appropriated to de-legitimise and instil hostility towards Catholic rulers in England and France in the second half of the seventeenth century, especially after the Popish Plot and the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. But it also opens up questions about the potency of fear and knowledge of the future by those who hold power. The paper will explore these issues in the context of a world still firmly embedded in a cosmos dominated by competing supernatural forces. It will also analyse the temporalities of fear evident in this story, such as the critical role played by both anticipation and memory. Anticipation drives the action, while memory is rejected or ignored, a significant element that points to the story’s powerful political message.

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