

The Burney Society (North America) Call for Papers

“Burney and Politics” Washington, DC, 20-21 October 2016

The Burney Society of North America, a group of scholars and serious lay readers interested in Frances Burney’s works and dedicated to furthering knowledge about Burney and her family, will hold its annual general meeting and conference in Washington, DC, on October 20-21, 2016, and invites proposals for papers on the conference theme: “Burney and Politics.”

Possessing what Margaret Anne Doody has called “a deeply political imagination,” Frances Burney displays a keen interest in the political in her writings. Her perspective was shaped by her society as well as by her time at court and her marriage to a French émigré general. With a nod to our host city, the conference organizers invite proposals for papers, panels, or roundtables that discuss any topic related to representations or explorations of the political in Burney’s novels, plays, letters, and journals, or in her own experiences. Possible papers could explore, among other topics:

- Court politics
- Gender politics
- The politics of marriage
- The politics of publishing
- French Revolutionary politics
- Class politics
- Family politics
- Burney’s tragedies

Please send one-page proposals for papers and panels to Catherine Keohane at keohanec@mail.montclair.edu by May 31, 2016. Please mention any audio/visual requirements in your proposal, explaining why they are essential to your presentation. (Note that it may not be possible to provide such services.) Submissions from graduate students are especially welcome. Participants will be notified by July 15, 2016.

The Burney Society’s conference will begin on Thursday, 20 October, at Trinity Washington University, 125 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017, and will include three meals. The conference will resume on Friday morning, 21 October, at the JW Marriott Washington Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington D.C. 20004, before the official opening of the Jane Austen Society of North America AGM that afternoon. Details about costs and registration will be available in 2016.

It is not necessary to be a member of the Burney Society to submit a proposal, but presenters at the Conference must be members. For more information about the Burney Society and membership, please visit <http://burneycentre.mcgill.ca/burneysociety.html>.