

2009 Summer Conversational Series and Teacher Institute

“Striking a Blow for Freedom” - The Alcotts and Abolition

Sunday - Friday July 12 - 17, 2009

Daily Schedule

Sunday 12 July 2009

2:30 - 5:00 John Matteson, John Stauffer, and Daniel S. Malachuk
Panel Discussion “Margaret on the Stairs, Waldo on the Common:
The Origins of the Transcendental Self”

Monday 13 July 2009

9:00 - 9:30 Coffee and Registration

9:30-10:45 John Matteson, John Jay College
“Equal to Anything He Dares: Bronson Alcott and John Brown”

11:00 - 12:15 Jason Gianetti, Regis College
“Alcott’s Theory of Personality and Individuality:
The Relationship of the One and the Many, or How God is
Manifest in the World as an Entelechy”

12:15 - 1:00 Lunch and Informal Discussions

1:00 - 2:15 Joel Myerson, Ron Bosco, Len Gougeon, and John Matteson
Panel Discussion “Transcendentalists in the Abolition Movement”

2:15 - 2:45 Conversation of the Day

2:45 - 4:30 *Teacher Institute Proceedings*
Research and Resources

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Tuesday 14 July 2009

- 9:00 - 9:30 Coffee and Registration
- 9:30 - 10:45 Eve LaPlante, author of *Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall*
"The Quality of Mercy: Salem Witch Judge Samuel Sewall, the Mays and the Alcotts"
- 11:00 - 12:15 Paula Doress-Worters, Brandeis University
"Ernestine Rose and the Women's Rights and Antislavery Movements"
- 12:15 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:15 Debra A. Ryals, Pensacola Junior College
"'A Contraband is a Free Man': Alcott, the Abolitionist Movement, and Teaching American Literature"
- 2:15 - 2:45 *Conversation of the Day*
- 2:45 - 4:30 *Teacher Institute Proceedings*
Visit to The Wayside

Wednesday 15 July 2009

- 9:00 - 9:30 Coffee and Registration
- 9:30 - 12:00 Sterling [Rick] Delano, Villanova University
(Break provided) "Brook Farm, Fruitlands, and Social Reform"
- 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 - 1:45 Cathlin Davis, CSU-Stanislaus
"A Child's View of Abolition: Antislavery Sentiments in Louisa May Alcott's Children's Literature"
- 1:45 - 2:00 Break
- 2:00 - 3:15 Anne-Laure François, Université Charles-de-Gaulle Lille 3
"Miscegenation in Louisa May Alcott's Subversive Rhetoric Against Bondage"
- 3:15 - 4:30 *Teacher Institute Proceedings*
Visit to Concord Free Public Library with Leslie Wilson, Curator of Special Collections
- 7:30pm Louisa May Alcott Documentary Film Clip Screening
and Q&A with Producers Nancy Porter and Harriet Reisen

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Thursday 16 July 2009

- 9:00 - 9:30 Coffee and Registration
- 9:30 - 10:45 Sandy Petrulionis, Pennsylvania State University Altoona
"The Hour and the Man Both Came at Last: John Brown and Concord"
- 10:45 - 11:00 Break
- 11:00 - 12:15 Sandy Petrulionis continued
- 12:15 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:15 Sandy Petrulionis continued
- 2:15 - 2:45 Conversation of the Day
- 2:45 - 4:30 *Teacher Institute Proceedings*
(followed by dinner in Concord)

Friday 17 July 2009

- 9:00 - 4:30 *Teacher Institute Proceedings*
Abolition Walking Tour of Concord
Wrap-Up Research and Questions

Please note Every effort has been made to present as accurate a schedule as possible; however, circumstances beyond our control may necessitate change(s). Please periodically refer to our website, www.louisamayalcott.org, for the latest information about this event.