



Fifteenth Annual

# British Women Writers Conference

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April 12-15, 2007 • University of Kentucky • Lexington, KY

## – Call for Papers –

The theme for this year's BWWC conference is "Speaking With Authority," which encourages submissions that reflect on the various forms of power that women writers wielded in the 18th and 19th centuries. We welcome interdisciplinary approaches to the writers of this period, and we are especially interested in the ways women writers gain, accept, resist, and complicate authority and power. Our keynote speakers will be Deborah Epstein Nord, Sally Mitchell, Teresa Mangum, Ann Ardis, Laura Rosenthal, and Ellen Rosenman. We encourage proposals for panels and individual papers that consider, but are not limited to, the following issues:

### Narrative as Political Tool

Issues of empire and colonization  
The politics of representing social class  
Nationalism and female agency  
Sexuality and the body  
Race and subjectivity

### Women Writing in Subgenres

New Woman fiction  
The gothic novel  
Sensation fiction  
The domestic novel or the comedy of manners  
Poetry  
Drama  
Non-fiction in all its forms

### Representations of

### and Responses to Women's Voices

Women's letters and journals  
Representations in popular media  
Advice literature  
Fictional representations of the woman writer  
Issues of backlash

### Reading/Writing/Creating Cultural Spaces

Architecture (i.e. the British Museum, Crystal Palace)  
Circulating libraries  
The publishing industry  
Sports and entertainment  
Clubs or organizations  
The private and public spheres

Please submit brief abstracts for individual presentations and panel proposals (including the name of a moderator) by October 1, 2006. Please do not include any identifying information on your abstract. Proposals may be sent through email (include name, phone number, mailing address, institutional affiliation and brief biographical paragraph in the body of the email) to: [bwwc07@uky.edu](mailto:bwwc07@uky.edu).

Abstracts may also be submitted via regular mail to:

British Women Writers Conference  
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Please include a cover sheet with your name, address, phone number, email address, institutional affiliation and a brief biographical paragraph.

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