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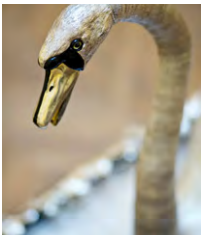
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"The Silver Swan," 1774, James Cox; Internal Mechanism, John Joseph Merlin

Learn more about the mechanical Silver Swan and its recent restoration:

- Mark Vallack, ca. 2023, linked in Erin Blakemore, "[This Robotic Silver Swan has Fascinated Fans for Nearly 250 Years](#)," *Smithsonian Magazine*, Feb. 3, 2017.
- [Silver Swan Study Week](#) (video, The Bowes Museum)
- "[The Silver Swan Story](#)," The Bowes Museum Blog, Jan. 30, 2019.

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## 104. **Roundtable: New Approaches to the Eighteenth-Century Novel [ID 131]**

*Friday, March 28, 2025, 11:00am-12:00pm EST*

**Chair:** Sabrina Ferri, Independent Scholar

1. Clorinda Donato, California State University, Long Beach, "Ambition, Purposefulness and Agency: Women in the English Translation of Pietro Chiari's *La Commediante in fortuna*"
2. Sayantani Mukherjee, University of Mississippi, "When Reason is not Reasonable: Reviewing the Past with Gothic Art"

## 105. **Polemics, Press, and Taking Things Personally [ID 133]**

*Friday, March 28, 2025, 11:00am-12:00pm EDT*

**Chair:** Sarah Phillips, Sorbonne Université/the Voltaire Foundation (University of Oxford)

1. Luke Horwitz, Graduate student at Regent's Park College, University of Oxford, "The Early Nineteenth-Century Ideological Divide Concerning Elgin and the Parthenon Marbles as Presented in the Poetic Corpora of Byron and Hemans"
2. Rebecca Copsey, Independent Scholar, "'Frothing up the Wonderful Sublime': Authors as 'Media Workers' in the Eighteenth Century"
3. K. Scott Baker, Independent Scholar, "Who is a Philosopher? Kant and Herder (Mis)using the Press"
4. Madeline Maya, British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, "'All People Bought 'Em': Frances Burney and the Critical Reception of 'Camilla'"

## 106. **The Art of the Table: Dining and Desire in the Early Modern Period [ID 138]**

*Friday 11:00am-12:00pm EDT*

**Chair:** Esther Gabel, Washington University in Saint Louis

1. Roberta Cruciata, University of Palermo, "The Art of the Table during the Eighteenth-Century in Sicily: Some Considerations on Silverware"
2. Jennifer Comerford, NorthwEDTern University, "Animal Appetites: Managing Animal Subjectivity in Eighteenth-Century Recipes"
3. Amber Burbidge, European University Institute, "Blackness at the Eighteenth-Century Dessert Table: Porcelain, Sugar and Servitude"
4. Susan Egenolf, Texas A&M University, "Novel Dining: Setting the Scene with British Ceramic Transferware"

## 107. **Special Session: Histories of Science: Rhetoric, Reception, Embodiment, and Environment in the Long Eighteenth Century [ID 140]**

*Friday, March 28, 2025, 11:00am-12:00pm EDT*

**Chair:** Danielle Spratt, California State University, Northridge

1. Aaron Hanlon, Colby College
2. Laura Miller, University of WEDT Georgia
3. Vivian Zuluaga Papp, CUNY City Tech

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