

EAST-CENTRAL / American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

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Dear EC/ASECS members,

I hope your summer has been going well. We have another terrific conference lined up for this year. My colleagues and I look forward to welcoming you to historic Fredericksburg, Virginia, and to the University of Mary Washington beginning the evening of Thursday, October 27, and ending the evening of Saturday, October 29.

The conference website can be found at www.ecasecs2016.wordpress.com/. The **registration form** is available there. The preliminary program has now been posted on the conference site, along with information about accommodations and transportation. To receive the early registration rate or reserve a hotel room at the conference rate, or to be part of the official program, you must return your registration form to Linda Merians and make hotel reservations no later than **September 27, 2016**.

This year's keynote presentation, "Familiarity Breeds Contentment: (Re)locating the Strange in Eighteenth-century Women Writers," will be by Dr. Catherine Ingrassia, Professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University. The conference also includes a reception in honor of 20 years of service by our wonderful Executive Secretary, Linda Merians, as well as time to take in some of Fredericksburg's eighteenth century attractions.

Graduate students, please consider submitting your work to be considered for the S. Eric Molin Prize for best conference paper by a student. You should have received an e-mail from me with information; a copy appears on the conference web site.

Finally, please remember to pay your 2016 dues promptly if you haven't already done so. The membership form is available on the main EC/ASECS website at www.ec-asecs.org/, and your membership must be current in order to participate in the meeting.

With all best wishes,

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