

The Department of English
cordially invites you to two special lectures entitled

“A Feeling for Books: Emotion and the Study of Literature”

and

“An Introduction to Medical Humanities”

by

Jane Thrailkill

Associate Professor, Department of English and Comparative Literature
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

on May 26 and 27, 2014

10.00 – 11.30 am

Room 708 Baromrachakumari Building

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Jane Thrailkill is an Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she teaches American literature, critical theory, and medical humanities. She is the author of *Affecting Fictions: Mind, Body, and Emotion in American Literary Realism* (2007) and articles which have appeared in *Neurology and Modernity*, *English Literary History*, *Journal of Narrative Theory*, *American Literature*, and *Poetics Today*.

At UNC, she has collaborated with the Honors Program and with colleagues across campus to create an undergraduate minor and a new graduate program in Literature, Medicine, and Culture. Her talk for TEDxUNC (2013) looked at the serious issue of hospital-based delirium and describes how literary study can give insight into medical problems. She has been part of the Medical Humanities initiative at the Institute for the Arts and Humanities.

She has recently received Chapman Family Teaching Award (2013) and Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Associate Professor (2012-17). She is currently working on her second monograph of *Arts of Mind: Jokes, Games, and Philosophical Toys in the Writings of Alice, William, and Henry James*.

Lecture 1: “A Feeling for Books: Emotion and the Study of Literature”

Date: Monday, May 26, 2014

Description: Thomas Jefferson, a founding father of the United States, famously worried that the "passion for novels" could infect readers' minds and ruin them for democratic citizenship. In this lecture, Professor Jane Thrailkill examines nineteenth-century literature by Harriet Beecher Stowe and Nathaniel Hawthorne to argue that emotions sparked by reading fiction actually helped to produce important social changes in nineteenth-century America--most importantly, the abolition of slavery.

Lecture 2: “An Introduction to Medical Humanities”

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Description: What can the study of literature contribute to modern medicine? This talk will explore the productive tensions between biomedicine and humanistic study. Professor Jane Thrailkill, a leader in the field of medical humanities in the United States, will discuss how a liberal arts education can help to prepare medical students training to be physicians in the twenty-first century.