

Chawton House Library Fellow's Lecture

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Reading Jane Austen After Reading Charlotte Smith

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Although many scholars have noted individual borrowings Austen made from Smith's novels, none have as yet placed Smith as a formative influence on Austen in the way Burney has been situated. In this lecture, Professor Labbe will discuss what happens if we read Austen after and alongside reading Smith, arguing that in drawing what have come to be seen as her key scenes and characterizations from Smith, Austen does more than pay homage to a forebear; she initiates a partnership that allows us to reinterpret the parameters of the modern novel.



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Lecture Tickets: £10 & £7.50 for friends/students (includes wine)

6.30pm Reception with wine.

7.00pm Lecture

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