Exaggeration, Caricature, and Other Fervid Forms

The Sixth International Symposium
of the
James Smith Noel Collection

Shreveport, Louisiana, May 12–15, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011

9:00 am
Welcome
Robert C. Leitz, III
Curator, The James Smith Noel Collection

9:10 am
Kevin L. Cope, Louisiana State University
Opening Remarks
“The Inevitability of Exaggeration: Why Less is Always More and More is Never Less”

9:30 am
John J. Burke, The University of Alabama
“Caricaturing Mindless Piety; or, the Vanity of Mindless Prayers in Juvenal, Dryden, and Johnson”

10:30 am
Frieda Koeninger, Sam Houston State University
“The Erudite Ass’: Rivaling Fables and Braying Polemics in 1780s Spain”

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Lunch Break (catering for symposium participants)

1:15 pm
Brett McInelly, Brigham Young University
“Fighting Fire with Fire: Anti-Methodist Exaggeration in Samuel Foote and William Hogarth”

2:15 pm
James May, Pennsylvania State University
“Criticizing Authors: Edward Young’s Satires and Croft’s Life of Young”

3:15 pm
Concluding comments and afternoon recess

Evening: Dinner for Symposium Participants (departure from hotel)
Saturday, May 14, 2011

9:30 am
Bärbel Czennia, McNeese State University
“Mind-Bending Travel: Exaggeration in the Pursuit of the Far-Away”

10:30 am
David Eick, Grand Valley State University
“Voltaire’s Dictionary War: The Dictionnaire philosophique and its Hostile Epigones”

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1:15 pm
Bruce Mayer, Lynchburg College
“A Tale of Two Texts: Fénelon’s ‘Lettre à Louis XIV’ and Pygmalion’s ‘Reign’ in the Télémaque”

2:15 pm
Jeffrey Burson, Macon State University and Georgia Southern University
“Chinese Buddhism as Caricature: Establishing the Representational Legitimacy of Enlightenment Natural Philosophy in Selected Works of Voltaire and the Marquis d’Argens”

3:15 pm
Concluding comments

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The conference organizers thank The James Smith Noel Foundation for its support of this symposium and wish all conferees a happy and safe voyage home.