



Campion Hall

‘From Declamatory Academies to Poetry Slams: Literary Declamation and the Art of Speaking in Germany, 1750-1900’

Professor Mary Helen Dupree – Georgetown University



For much of its history, the term “declamation” has been something of a dirty word, synonymous with rhetorical excess and flamboyant gesture. Around 1800, however, the term was reclaimed by a generation of German intellectuals and performers who wanted to establish a more systematic approach to the art of speaking in public and promote the culture of oral reading outside of the theater. In this talk, Professor Dupree will present her current research on this transformative moment in German cultural and literary history and will discuss its larger implications for both media history and the history of rhetoric.

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*Lecture followed by Q & A session and drinks in the Lecture Room, Campion Hall,
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