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**Fall Meeting: September 20,
2014**

Jane Austen: Reimagined

Jane Austen in the News!



New Jane Austen wax statue uses modern forensics to create a realistic likeness. [Click here](#) to read more.



Mansfield Park shows the dark side of Jane Austen. [Click here](#) to look at the Telegraph article.

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The program will include Syrie James who will be sharing research into the life of Edward Taylor for her latest book, *Jane Austen's First Love* and presentation by the creative team of Jay Bushman, Jay Bushman and Kate Rorick from Pemberly Digital, who have brought Jane Austen back to life through Tony Award-winning web series including *Lizzie Bennet Diaries* and *Emma Approved*. The meeting will be held at the Glendale Public Library. Registration will open in mid-August.

Syrie James Book Signing



On Saturday, August 16, Syrie James will be celebrating her new book release at the Barnes and Noble in Santa Monica. A portion of all book sales at the event go to JASNA-SW. For more information please [click here](#).

JASNA-SW National Essay Contest Winners

A big congratulations to JASNA-SW Board Member Lynda Hall and her students, Amanda Styron and Jenny Howard for winning first and third place, respectively, in the 2014 JASNA Essay Contest. The two women are Master's students in the English Department at Chapman University where Lynda is an Assistant

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professor.

Amanda Styron (M.A. English) won first place for her essay titled "Silence Speaks: Refracted Subversion in Jane Austen's Mansfield Park." Jenny Howard (MFA English) won third place for her essay "'...easy manners, excellent spirits, a large acquaintance, and a great deal to say': Eloquence, Artfulness, and Actors in Mansfield Park."

Amanda and Jenny will be attending the AGM in Montreal as part of their award. JASNA-SW has also provided a travel stipend to the two women.

This is the second year in a row that Hall's students have won in the nationwide essay contest.


Winter Meeting: Jane Austen and the Theater

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 6 for the JASNA-SW winter meeting to be held at USC's Town and Gown.

We will have a delightful line-up of theatricals for you to enjoy, including the new Syrie James/Diana Birchall play *A Dangerous Intimacy*. This comes to JASNA-SW right after its debut at the AGM in Montreal. Also included in the program will be Persuasion's editor, Susan Allen Ford's presentation on *Lover's Vows*.

Watch for program and registration updates this fall.

Spring Meeting Recap



Over 130 Janeites joined together for a delightful day on May 31 at the UCLA Faculty Center. In the Garden with Fanny Price included wonderful speakers on Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park* in the morning. The program continued after lunch where attendees had an option of a guided garden tour or listening to talented student speakers. The day concluded with two JASNA-SW speakers, Terry Ryan and Diana Birchall who discussed further insights into the novel.



Octavio Olvera shows original garden illustrations.

Octavio Olvera is the Visual Arts Specialist in the UCLA Library Special Collections Department. He brought two early 19th century books by Humphrey Repton, *Odd Whims and Miscellanies* (1804) and *Observations on the Theory and Practice of Landscape Gardening* (1805). These are rare and valuable volumes located in the Young Research Library Special Collections.

Upcoming Jane Austen Events

JASNA-SW to host 2017 AGM! The 2017 AGM, Jane Austen in Paradise, will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Huntington Beach. JASNA-SW will need a lot of volunteers over the next three years to assist with the planning and hosting of the AGM. Please let us know if

you want to help. JASNA-SW will also be posting volunteer opportunities as needed.

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