



**Jane Austen Society of North America
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**Michael Chwe
- Game
Theorist
Author to
speak at
JASNA-SW
Fall Meeting**

UCLA Political
Science Professor
writes about Jane
Austen's work in his
recent book,
Game Theorist.

"Mr. Chwe puts it in
the book, 'Anyone
interested in human
behavior should
read Austen
because her
research program
has results.'"

Visit the [Game
Theorist Webpage](#)
or a [NY Times
Review](#) of his book
for more information
on the author or the
book.

Look for details,

May Alcott with the Long Beach Reading Group

Please join the Long Beach reading group as they discuss the the class novel, Little Women. Follow the lives of four sisters as they go through hardships and find true love. For more information, please email coordinator Gerda Kilgore at gskmuc@verizon.net, or call her at (562) 496-4452.

**Sunday, May 12, 6pm - WHAT MATTERS IN JANE
AUSTEN? TWENTY CRUCIAL PUZZLES SOLVED with
the Santa Monica Reading Group.**

Continue the discussion from April's meeting about this novel which draws on modern themes such as shopping, wages, and sex in the context of Austen's works. For more information, please call Diana Birchall at (310)394-2196, or please email her at birchalls@aol.com.

**Saturday, May 18, 11:30am - GEORGETTE HEYER'S
REGENCY WORLD with the Ventura Reading Group.**

Join the Ventura Reading Group as they examine GEORGETTE HEYER'S REGENCY WORLD by Jennifer Kloester. This book is a unique behind-the-scenes look at the history, culture, society and politics of the Regency Period. For more information email Dianne Moon at dianne.moon@gmail.com.

**Sunday, May 19, 12:30pm - REMARKABLE
CREATURES by Tracy Chevalier with the Orange
County Reading Group.**

Join the Orange County Reading Group on Sunday, May 19, at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Tracy Chevalier's account of . Mary Anning, the early nineteenth century woman who created a name for herself with the discovery of fossils off the coast of England. For more information, please contact Maryann Pelensky at 949-363-1165 or email her mairge@cox.net.

**Sunday , May 19, 2-4pm - POETRY in Jane Austen's
works with the San Fernando Valley Reading Group.**

Carla Washburn will lead the SF Valley Reading group in a discussion of Poetry mentioned in Jane Austen's works. Terry Ryan will host the meeting. For more

coming soon!



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information call Gina Gualtieri at (818)788-4383 or email her at gmgualtieri@yahoo.com.

Sunday , May 19, 7pm - THE HISTORY OF POMPEY THE LITTLE: OR, THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF A LAP-DOG or with the Pasadena Reading Group. Join the Pasadena Reading group to discuss The History of Pompey the Little: Or, the Life and Adventures of a Lap Dog by Francis Coventry.

This novel shows the reader the cultural norms of eighteenth century England through the eyes of its canine narrator.

NOTE: This group is at capacity and can't accept new members. JASNA SW is currently organizing a new San Gabriel Valley Reading Group. Please click here to email Nancy Gallagher if you are interested in becoming a charter member of the new group, or call her at 626-449-2984 .

West Los Angeles Reading Group Update: This group is at capacity and can't accept new members. JASNA SW is currently organizing a new Reading Group in the West LA area. Please click here to email Nancy Gallagher if you are interested in becoming a charter member of the new group, or call her at 626-449-2984 . The West Los Angeles group meets every two months and has a professional leader, Dr. Charles Lynn Batten. Every other meeting the group discusses an Austen title. For information on upcoming meetings, current members may call Clara Browda at 310-278-8759 or please click here to email her.

JASNA-SW at the Festival of Books Another successful year!

JASNA Southwest had a great number of visitors for the 2013 Festival of Books. Over 1000 people visited the booth. JASNA Southwest thanks all of the hard work of the volunteers and notably to Emily

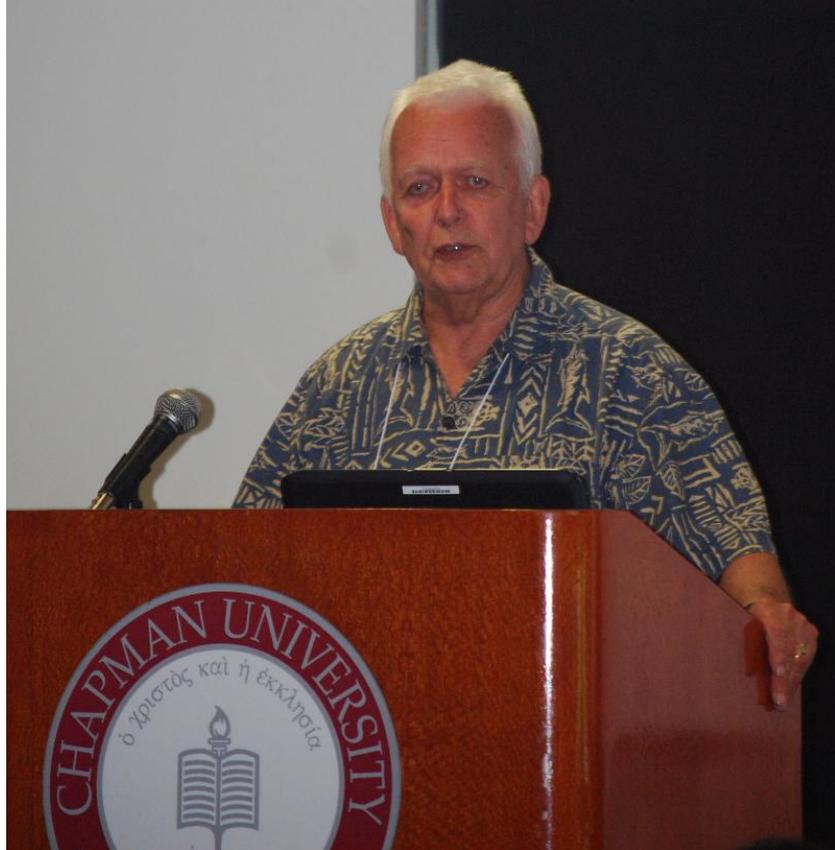
Bergman for coordinating the event and Paula Dacker for managing the book sales.



Nancy Gallagher, President and Regional Coordinator, JASNA-SW; Emily Bergman, LA Times Book Festival Co-Chair; and Paula Dracker, Assistant, LA Times Book Festival.

A Wonderful Examination of Pride and Prejudice in the O.C.

What great fun many JASNA-SW members and Janeites had in Orange County last month. With a two day event that included a two-night screening of the 1995 BBC miniseries of *Pride and Prejudice*, we could not get enough of Mr. Darcy or Mr. Davies! Andrew Davies (pictured below), the screenwriter of the miniseries, hosted the screenings both nights and gave a vivacious talk during the Saturday program.



In addition to Mr. Davies, several scholars and Chapman University students also gave talks on *Pride and Prejudice* themes. Rand Boyd, Special Collections and Archives Librarian at Chapman University discussed the book as an artifact. He focused on Chapman University's recent acquisition of the first American Edition of *Sense and Sensibility*. He was gracious enough to let audience members look at the book.



Clarissa Lee and Wendy Teng look at the first American Edition of *Pride and Sensibility*. Pamela Ezer, Senior Producer and Director of Panther Productions, gave a wonderful overview of the other film adaptations of *Pride and Prejudice*. Following her talk, contributing scholars from Chapman's English Department wowed the audience with their interesting and scholarly takes on the classic novel.

JASNA-SW would like to thank Chapman University for hosting and during the UCLA Summer Session, English 01C: Introduction to Fiction: the Novels of Jane Austen will be offered. This introductory class on Jane Austen is open to anyone who would like to enroll - you need not be a UCLA student. Although an introductory course, even the most knowledgeable Janeite would be sure to gain more insight into the novels of our favorite author through the discussions and interactions with other fans and scholars. The class runs from August 5-September 13 and is taught entirely online. You may view the full course syllabus, which contains some descriptive information or find more information, a short biography for Professor Mellor, and a video demo clip [here](#). For more information or to enroll, please visit [UCLA online class page](#).

