



Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

March 2019 Newsletter

It's All Relative: Relationships in Austen

A Day at the Huntington, June 1



JASNA Southwest's second meeting of the year will be held at Huntington Library's Haaga Hall, on Saturday, June 1, 2019, with an estimated start time of 10 a.m.

Registration materials will be emailed the third week of March. We look forward to seeing you there!

Featured presentations:

- Ted Scheinman, author of *Camp Austen: My Life as an Accidental Jane Austen Superfan*, and his mother, noted Austen scholar Deborah Knuth Klenck, on "A Slave to Their Education? Mothers as Teachers in Jane Austen"
- UCLA Professor Charles Lynn Batten, on other relationships in Austen's novels

Afternoon tea will be served for lunch and attendees will have the opportunity to view the Jane Austen bench, dedicated by JASNA Southwest in October 2017 as part of JASNA's Annual General Meeting.

Your registration fee will include access to the Huntington grounds. Parking is free.



Deborah Knuth Klenck

Deborah Knuth Klenck is Professor of English at Colgate University, where she has taught courses in the long 18th century (historians typically define this period as extending from the revolution of 1688 to the Battle of Waterloo in 1815) for 40 years. She has directed Colgate's London Study Group program for seven semesters. Her original scholarly focus was on the satire of Alexander Pope, but she soon turned to Jane Austen, on whose work she has published more than 10 essays and book chapters.

A frequent JASNA Annual General Meeting and regional speaker, she also has enjoyed being part of the Jane Austen Summer Program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and serves as one of the judges of graduate-student entries in the annual JASNA essay contest.



Ted Scheinman

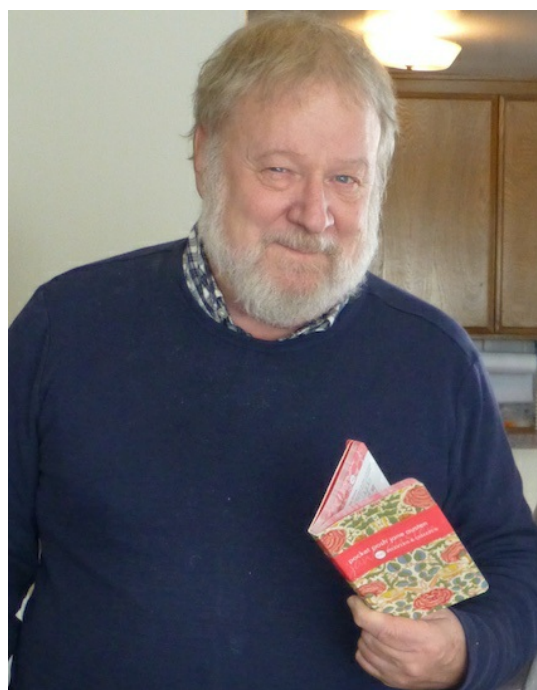
Ted Scheinman is senior editor at *Pacific Standard* magazine, where he directs special projects and climate coverage.

Among other duties, he reported from the United Nations climate summits in Paris and Marrakech in 2015 and 2016. A graduate of Yale University, with an MA in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he is the author of *Camp Austen: My Life as an Accidental Jane Austen Superfan* (2018), and his essays and reporting have appeared in the *Atlantic*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The New York Times*, the *Oxford American*, the *Paris Review*, *Playboy*, *Slate* and elsewhere. He is also a contributing editor at the *Los Angeles Review of Books*.

A longtime JASNA Southwest favorite, UCLA Professor Emeritus Charles Lynn Batten won numerous teaching awards throughout his career. Although his research interests focused on British literature from 1660 to 1800, he taught a wide range of courses, including the Bible as Literature and graduate courses in bibliography and literary criticism.

He is the author of *Pleasurable Instruction: Form and Convention in Eighteenth-Century Travel Literature* and appeared in two episodes of A&E's *Mysteries of the Bible*.

Lynn Batten



JASNA President Liz Philosophos Cooper on Jane Austen: Working Woman

Liz Philosophos Cooper gave JASNA Southwest her first official talk as JASNA's new president on Feb. 23 at Brand Library and Art Center in Glendale.

Attendees had the option of taking a tour of the library building or the new exhibit in the library's gallery.

The full story and additional photos from this event will be included in the April issue of the newsletter.





2019 Festival of Books: April 13-14

Since 1996, the [Los Angeles Times Festival of Books](#) has become a world-renowned experience gathering writers, poets, artists, filmmakers, musicians and emerging storytellers. More than 150,000 people attend, making it the largest festival of its kind in the United States. This year's lineup of speakers and events will be announced on March 7.

JASNA Southwest will celebrate a ninth year of participation at this year's festival, to be held April 13-14 on the University of Southern California campus. Make plans to visit our booth that weekend, or if you'd like to volunteer to chat with other Janeites at the event, sign up for a slot in our booth by contacting program chair [Emily Bergman](#). We always need help! You can sign up for two-hour volunteer slots on Saturday, Sunday or both.



Pride and Prejudice Rose Walk Unveiled



While the roses on our *Pride and Prejudice* Rose Walk at Chawton House

Library's Jane Austen walking trail are not yet in bloom, our commemorative plaque is now in place! For the many Southwest members who contributed to our fundraiser for this project, we are truly grateful. Thank you!



Hotel Block Now Open for the Mission Inn Event in May 2020

It's not too early to book a room at the Mission Inn Hotel and Spa in Riverside for our event on May 2, 2020, if you wish to spend the night instead of just commuting for the meeting. When booking, call the hotel's reservations department at 800-843-7755 or 951-784-0300, extension 850. Our discounted rates cannot be booked online. You must reference the Jane Austen Society, Southwest Region, Guest Room Block, to receive the group rates, which are available for both Friday and Saturday nights.

Additional nearby hotel options will be shared in an upcoming newsletter as well as in the registration materials.

Our theme for the meeting will be "Miss Austen Goes to Washington: Jane Austen and Politics." We have already booked two speakers: Congressman Mark Takano (who launched a Jane Austen reading group in Congress) and Austen scholar Sheryl Craig (author of *Jane Austen and the State of the Nation*).



A Living Museum

Hour-long tours will be available for those interested following the meeting (you will need to pre-book a spot along with your registration). The Mission Inn is home to priceless treasures and artifacts. The hotel features two on-site chapels, a collection of hundreds of bells and countless priceless paintings, including Henry Chapman Ford's oil paintings of the 21 California missions.



Stay Overnight

"It is the most unique hotel in America. It's a monastery, a museum, a fine hotel, a home, a boardinghouse, a mission, an art gallery and an aviator's shrine. It combines the best features of all of the above. If you are ever in any part of California, don't miss the famous Mission Inn of Riverside."

--Will Rogers



Reading/Game Groups

Saturday, March 2

Long Beach Reading Group

Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

The Castle of Otranto by Horace Walpole

For more information, contact [Sherwood Smith](#).

Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Reading Group

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Location: Mt. San Antonio Gardens, Gallery Room, 900 W. Harrison Ave., Claremont

Please bring an item for the group's buffet.

For information, contact [Kelly Duir](#).

Sunday, March 3

South Bay Reading Group

Ross Poldark by Winston Graham

For more information, contact [Jeanine Holguin](#).

Saturday, March 16, 2:30 p.m.

NEW Film Group

From Prada to Nada (modernization of *Sense and Sensibility*)

For more information, contact [Teresa Chien](#). New members welcome!

Saturday, March 16, 10-11:30 a.m.

North Orange County Reading Group

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (first half, through Elizabeth's arrival at Rosings Park)

Location: Panera Bread, downtown Fullerton

For more information, contact [Melissa Buell](#).

Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ventura County Reading Group

Lady Susan by Jane Austen and *Silas Marner* by George Eliot

Location: Marie Calendar's, 185 E. Daily Dr., Camarillo

For more information, contact [Priscilla Diamond](#).

Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m.

Westside/405 Reading Group

North and South by Elizabeth Gaskell

The group will discuss the novel and watch the 2004 BBC mini-series.

Location: Home of Syrie James

For more information, contact [Karen Berk](#).

Sunday, March 17, 2-4 p.m.

South Bay Game Group

Learn whist and other Austen-centric games.

For more information, contact [David Poepoe](#), 310-640-2985.

Sunday, March 17

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte

For more information, contact [Cheryl Cole](#).

Sunday, March 17, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Orange County Reading Group

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

For more information, contact [Maryann Pelensky](#).

Sunday, March 24

Pasadena Area Reading Group

Love in a Cold Climate and *The Pursuit of Love* by Nancy Mitford

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact

[Susan Ridgeway](#) for more information.

Sunday, April 7, 1 p.m.

Riverside Reading Group

Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen and the retelling by Joanna Trollope

For more information, contact [Vicki Broach](#).

Sunday, April 7, 5 p.m.

Santa Monica Reading Group

The Fashion in Shrouds by Margery Allingham

Location: home of Kathi Stafford

For more information, contact [Kathi Stafford](#).

Sunday, April 7, 1:30-4 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Clara Browda](#) for more information.

Thursday, April 11

Janeites Reading Trollope

Alaya's Angel by Anthony Trollope

For more information, contact [Lora Walker](#).

Saturday, April 20, 10-11:30 a.m.

North Orange County Reading Group

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (second half)

Location: Panera Bread, downtown Fullerton

For more information, contact [Melissa Buell](#).

Saturday, May 11

Pasadena Area Reading Group

Queen Lucia by E. F. Benson

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Susan Ridgeway](#) for more information.

Sunday, May 19

South Bay Reading Group

Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

For more information, contact [Jeanine Holguin](#).

San Diego Region

Although San Diego is a separate JASNA region, many JASNA Southwest members are interested in San Diego JASNA events and vice versa.

For information on, or to RSVP for, upcoming San Diego JASNA meetings, visit [JASNA San Diego's Facebook page](#).

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