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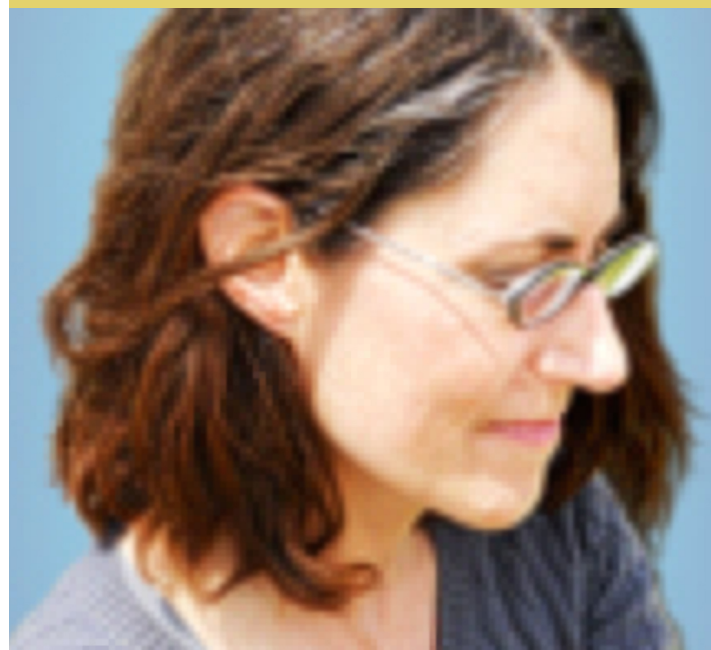


An Evening With Professor Rebecca Shapiro

Please join us for an intriguing and informative discussion of Dr. Shapiro's work in progress: *The Wants of Women: Lexicography in 18th Century English Dictionaries*. Dr. Shapiro will discuss the 18th century as a time of monumental change for women—a seminal century that marked the moment they (women) became arbiters of their own education. Shapiro argues that the late 18th century ushered in a period where lexicography no longer ignored women as serious readers or thinkers but, instead, marked their significance as wives, mothers, **and** scholars.

"I agree with her own estimate of its importance: currently, there is no easy access to the front matter of dictionaries from 1604...through the nineteenth century....Collecting them is an inspired idea."

—Dr. Michael P. Adams
American Speech, Editor &
President of the Dictionary Society of North America



The plain truth is that this is an invaluable undertaking, given the difficulty of assessing these texts...It will certainly prove of interest to those groups [lexicographers or scholars of the history of lexicography] but is likely to be of equal or greater interest to social historians and scholars of the history of education, gender, and even religion.

—Dr. Edward Finegan, *Dictionaries*, Editor

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