

Seeing across Cultures, CAA (Dallas, 20-23 Feb 08)

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Call for Participation:

Seeing Across Cultures: Visuality in the Early Modern Period

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Proposals due: May 11, 2007.

What were the possibilities and limits of vision in the early modern period? How were differing visualities assigned spiritual, economic or cultural meaning? Between 1500-1800, political expansion, cross-cultural trade, scientific exploration, and discrete religious traditions required new ways of making the unknown visible. No less important were desires and imperatives to preserve or create invisibility, to render certain things "un-seeable". This session asks whether, and how, the ocular-centricism of early modern European cultures was challenged by sustained encounters with different peoples and practices. Papers might focus on the kinds of sight prompted or repressed by sacred images, material objects, urban constructions, ritual or other bodily practices. We seek studies that consider both the interactive space between diverse cultures and the history of vision as much or more than images as visible objects.

Mail proposals to both co-chairs:

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