

Call for Papers

A Special Issue of *Women's Writing* on Female Authorship and Regional Romanticism

The revision of the Romantic canon has frequently resulted in scholars' moving away from the centre to the periphery. Increasingly, burgeoning industrial urban centres such as Sheffield, Leeds and Manchester are recognised as hubs where, partly as a result of the democratisation of print and writing activity, vibrant coterie of young poets were formed in the 1780s and 1790s. Local publishing networks in England, Scotland and Ireland (with close links with the London booktrade) and the large number of literary and philosophical societies founded in these decades encouraged and promoted regional literary production and publication. In the 1780s and 1790s also, regional periodicals thrived as they had never done before and offered a virtual writing community to readers in which women actively participated, not only by reading these papers but also by contributing to them. A large number of women wrote poetry which was frequently published in editions of collected poems or in miscellaneous form in the periodical press.

The focus of this special issue of *Women's Writing* will be on regional Romanticism and female authorship. It is high time to access local archives so as to contribute to mapping regional Romantic writing culture and women's involvement with literary circles, booksellers, editors and the periodical press.

Articles on 6000 to 7000 words, preferably on lesser known regional female authors, their coterie and writing communities, as well as studies of poetry (both printed and in manuscript) are encouraged and should reach the guest-editor of this special issue on Female Authorship and Regional Romanticism by **31 December 2010**.

Expressions of interest or queries should be addressed to the special issue editor, Dr Sandro Jung, at S.Jung@salford.ac.uk (ESPaCH, University of Salford, Salford M5 4WT, UK, 0161-2950449).

Please also send a 400-word proposal of your contribution. All submissions will be peer-reviewed. The special issue will be published by Routledge/Taylor & Francis in 2012.

