Exemplarity/Singularity
International Conference, March 8-10, 2012
University of Chicago
The Franke Institute for the Humanities

Program:

Thursday, March 8

1:30-2:30 Susanne Lüdemann and Michèle Lowrie (Chicago): Introduction

2:30 Coffee

3:00-5:00 Precedent and Anecdote
Moderator: Justin Steinberg (Chicago)

Clifford Ando (Chicago):
“Exemplum, analogy and precedent in Roman law”

Paul Fleming (Cornell University):
“Exemplary Evidence: Freud’s Anecdotal Procedure in The Psychopathology of Everyday Life”

5:00 Coffee

5:30-6.30 Form and genre
Moderator: Susanne Lüdemann

Barbara Hahn (Vanderbilt):
“The Changing Genre of the ‘Case’: Rahel Levin’s Letters, Georg Büchner’s ‘Woyzeck Fragments’, Friedrich Nietzsche’s ‘Fall Wagner’”

Friday, March 9

9:30 Coffee

10:00-12:00 Knowledge and memory: transmitted or produced?
Moderator: Michèle Lowrie

Michael Peachin (New York University):
“Icon or Exemplum? Tiberius Gracchus in Valerius Maximus”

Matthew Roller (Johns Hopkins):
“Between extraordinary and typical: Roman exempla in a list”
12:00-1:30 lunch

1:30-3:30 Pathos and feeling/Cases of sensitivity
Moderator: Susanne Lüdemann

James Chandler (Chicago):
“The case of sentiment (Adam Smith)”

David Martyn (Macalester College):
“Exemplary Pathologies: Goethe, Schiller, Büchner”

3:30 Coffee

4:00-6:00 Situations, Singular and Plural
Moderator: Thomas Wild

Rebecca Langlands (University of Exeter):
“Roman exempla mediating between universal and particular”

Christiane Frey (Princeton):
“Singular Epistemologies: Leibniz, Kant, Kleist”

Saturday, March 10

9:00-11:00 Pragmatic applications
Moderator: John Weisweiler (Chicago)

Simon Malloch (University of Nottingham):
“Safely Apolitical? Frontinus’ Strategemata and Domitian”

John McCormick (Chicago):
“Machiavelli’s Exemplary Tyrants and Statesmen”

11:00 Coffee

11:30-12:30 Canon Formation
Moderator: Michèle Lowrie

Alex Dressler (University of Wisconsin-Madison):
“Dialogus and Difference: Abstraction and Specificity in Tacitus’ Construction of the Classics.”