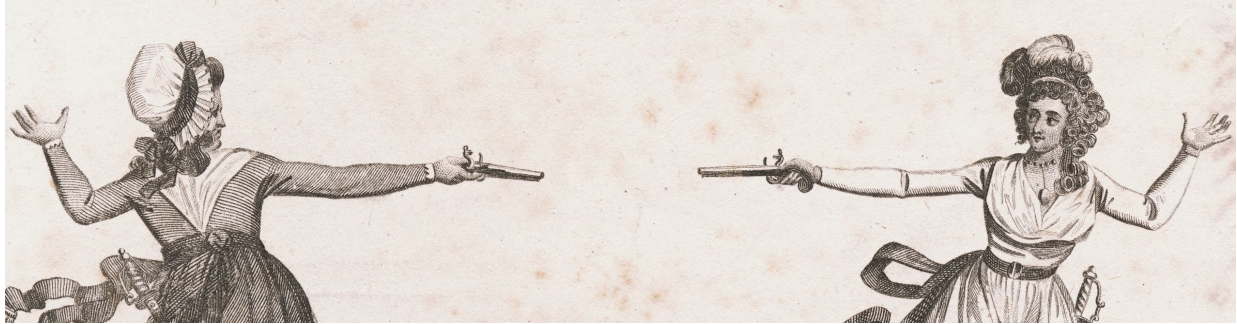


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## The Familiar and the Strange



"Petticoat Duellists," 1792. Courtesy of The Lewis Walpole Library, Yale University.

For the 2016 EC/ASECS conference, papers are invited on any aspect of **the familiar and the strange**. Are the familiar and the strange truly different? When is each welcomed, feared, sought, rejected? What is the role of the strange or the familiar in scientific breakthroughs, cultural representation, the construction of knowledge, individual experience, the creation of art?

We welcome papers on **people**: visitors, observers, interlopers, kin, strangers, friends, intimates, oddballs, newcomers, foreigners, countrymen, societies, clubs, circles. . .

We welcome papers on **geographies** and **objects**: home, abroad, transit, discovery, exile, return, place, space, the local, the exotic, cities, villages; foods, shoes, beds, books, art, verse . . .

We welcome papers on **states of being**: desire, comfort, restlessness, ease, satisfaction; youth, mid-life, aging; fitting in or standing out; health and sickness; the pristine, worn out, or broken in; the bizarre, outré, or outlandish . . .

We welcome papers on **practices and approaches**: certainties, convention, improvement, daring, experimentation, defamiliarization, innovation, eccentricity, recuperation, renovation, insight, recklessness, novelty, surprise . . .

We welcome papers on **pedagogies** and **researches** familiar or strange . . .

We welcome papers on **knowledge, literature, the fine arts, music, science, law, medicine, history, government, philosophy, economics, religion, entertainments, daily life**, and all the strange and familiar ways in which we profess the eighteenth century.

Panel proposals are due March 1, 2016.

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