**Performative Shakespeare**

**Richard Schumaker, Moderator**

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Nearly 250 years ago David Garrick convened a Shakespeare Jubilee at Stratford on Avon, the first such major public celebration of Shakespeare’s birth (however missing the actual bicentenary by five years). This event at once symbolized and gave impetus to the bardolatry that launched the dramatist to his stature as the pre-eminent English writer. This panel invites papers that examine Shakespeare’s place in the literary and social culture of eighteenth-century Britain. While papers focusing upon Shakespeare in dramatic performance are especially welcome, all proposals will be considered.

Please email a 300-500-word abstract plus a brief (1-2 pp.) current vita to Richard Schumaker by 15 June 2018 at: rschumaker3@gmail.com.