



Humanities Institute at Stony Brook
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Thursday, December 6, 2012

4:00 p.m.

Humanities 1008

Reception to follow

Peter Manning

Wordsworth on the Continent: Beyond Enlightenment?

This talk takes literally the title of the series, *Journeys Through Enlightenment*, by following Wordsworth's successive trips to Europe, from the days of the French Revolution in the 1790s through the post-Napoleonic 1820s to a final visit in 1837. These returns map a changing intellectual itinerary as notable and culturally resonant as Wordsworth's famous exclamation on the Revolution: "Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, / But to be young was very heaven!"

Peter Manning is Professor and former Chair of English at Stony Brook University. Previously he taught at UC Berkeley and the University of Southern California, from both of which he received awards for outstanding teaching. He also held the visiting Moss Chair of Excellence in English at the University of Memphis. He is the author of *Byron and His Fictions* and *Reading Romantics*, of several essays in the Romantic period, and the co-editor of *The Romantics and Their Contemporaries* and other texts.

