

## Research in English Literature



The Department of English Literature at Birmingham is a leading centre of research in English Literature and Culture. The diverse research interests and approaches of the department ensure a vibrant and dynamic research community. Our approach is to challenge disciplinary and pedagogical boundaries, and produce connected, innovative work that advances traditional methods of scholarship.

Research in the department takes place across medieval, early modern, eighteenth century, nineteenth century, and twentieth and twenty-first century literature and culture. The department has developed strong working groups in areas of shared research interests to bring together colleagues from different fields. These areas include the material text, literary editing, postcolonial studies, objects of modernity, and visual culture.

The Department is home to an active research community that brings together the work of staff and doctoral researchers, as well as research undertaken at Masters and undergraduate level. As a department we hold regular forums to discuss research, including the Department Seminar Series for staff and graduate students, and the Undergraduate Research Forum, where undergraduates, Masters students, doctoral researchers and staff present and discuss current work in progress. In addition we offer Undergraduate Research Scholarships, providing opportunities for Undergraduates to take up paid summer posts as research assistants on research projects being run by staff in the department. Several reading groups are run across the department, and in collaboration with other institutions. These include the Poetry Reading Group, **PsyLit Network** (<http://uobpsylit.wordpress.com>), and **Contemporary Fiction Seminar** (<http://events.sas.ac.uk/ies/seminars/332/Contemporary+Fiction+Research+Seminar>).

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