

New academic staff at The Shakespeare Institute

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In 2010-11 we will be welcoming new academic staff to the Institute:

Ewan Fernie (</staff/profiles/shakespeare/fernie-ewan.aspx>), currently reader in the English Department at Royal Holloway, University of London has been appointed to a new chair of Shakespeare Studies. Ewan is author of *Shame in Shakespeare* (Routledge 2002) and editor of the Continuum Series 'Shakespeare Now!'. He is principal investigator in an AHRC funded research project that seeks to investigate the spiritual possibilities of the present through re-presenting *The Faerie Queene* in a variety of civic and liturgical locations.

Erin Sullivan (</staff/profiles/shakespeare/sullivan-erin.aspx>) took the **MA in Shakespeare Studies** (</postgraduate/courses/taught/english/shakespeare-studies.aspx>) with Distinction in 2005 and her PhD was awarded in June 2010, the day before she was interviewed for the post here. She undertook her PhD at University College London, where she was awarded the Roy Porter Memorial Studentship and was jointly affiliated with the English Department and the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine. Her thesis, which she is currently revising for publication, looked at the understanding and (to the extent that it is possible) the experience of sadness in early modern England, considering the ways in which medical, moral philosophical, and religious ideas influenced cultural understandings of the passions and interiority at this time. Erin will be leading the Institute developments in distance learning.

