



Weekly Seminar: Reading as Bee-ing: The Case of Commonplace Books

Speaker:

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Date / Time:

April 3, 2012 - 3:30pm

Venue:

Room 307, Third Floor, Pixel B, APU

Abstract:

In this talk, the speaker will discuss a distinctive, early modern pedagogical genre called *commonplace books* and the activity of *commonplacing*, made use of to gather content from various books and compile them all into one's own. In doing this, attempts will be made to sketch the genre's history, its evolution from a medieval mode of writing called *florilegium*, schemes developed for commonplacing, varieties of commonplace notebooks (both published and manuscripts), and the relationship between this genre and various schemes to classify knowledge.