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THE ANNE LISTER SOCIETY

JOIN US FOR THE INAUGURAL ANNE LISTER SOCIETY MEETING, 2021

The Anne Lister Society will convene — hopefully in person — for the first time on 16-17 July 2021, in Halifax, U.K. Launched in the summer of 2020, the Society aims to foster knowledge of Lister’s extraordinary life and writings and to interpret her legacy. It seeks to nourish conversation among scholars and to build conversations between scholars and Lister’s wider readership and expanding network of invested enthusiasts. By encouraging research and greater understanding of her way of inhabiting the world, the Society aims to establish and sustain Anne Lister’s place — both in the cultural tradition and for the future.

We now seek proposals for papers on **any subject related to Anne Lister and the diverse contexts for interpreting her life and writings**. Given the comprehensive range of interests and areas of knowledge touched by the extraordinary written record she left us, we are especially interested in hearing papers and analysis from across the disciplines and from interdisciplinary perspectives.

Please send a descriptive title and a 300-word abstract (specifying the materials that would be the focus of a 20-minute paper and the basic approach to analyzing and interpreting those materials), along with an abridged cv of one page or 300-word biography to Prof Laurie Shannon (l-shannon@northwestern.edu) by **10 February 2021**.

For more information about The Anne Lister Society, please visit our website:
<https://english.northwestern.edu/about/anne-lister-society/index.html>

NOTE: Our meeting is planned to take place in person, alongside the events of the Anne Lister Birthday Weekend (<https://annelisterbirthdayweek.com/events>) in Halifax U.K., “Providence willing.” We recognize much uncertainty remains about whether travel will be possible at that point. To foster conversation, we do aim for an in-person meeting (rather than online presentations), so there is a possibility the symposium will be postponed to the autumn of 2021. While many contingencies remain, we adopt Anne Lister’s relayed advice to “bel[ieve] all th[ing]s n[ot] unreasonab[le] + hope all th[ing]s n[ot] imposs[ible]” (2 August 1833).