

The Renaissance Studies Program  
“Individuals, Groups, and the Constitution of Renaissance Societies” Series  
Presents the first lecture by

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*Towards a New History of  
Early Modern Women’s Reading*



**5:30 p.m., Monday, March 4, 2013**  
**University Club, downstairs**  
**Indiana Memorial Union**

Taking as case studies the manuscript diaries of Lady Anne Clifford (1590-1676) and Lady Margaret Hoby (1571-1633), both of which provide extensive records of women’s reading, this talk revisits some long held assumption about the nature and purposes of women’s reading and of the use of books more generally. In particular, it argues that women, like men, read “for action,” not merely for leisure or ornament.

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