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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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