

3rd Oxford Brookes International Hume Workshop: Hume and History

Saturday, October 18, 2014

Oxford Brookes University

Keynote speaker:

James Harris (St. Andrews)

‘The Vacant Post in the English Parnassus:
Hume’s Intentions as a Historian’

Following from the success of the 2012 *Hume and the Virtues* and 2013 *Why Hume Matters*, the annual Oxford Brookes Hume Workshop series continues this year with *Hume and History*. Abstracts are invited on all aspects of Hume’s relation to the writing of history, and on the connections between his philosophical writings and his *History of England*. Various interpreters have seen the *History* as Hume moving away from philosophy—which, by his own assessment, was not as well received as he would have liked—in order to devote his time to achieving literary fame (his ‘Ruling Passion’). Recently, though, closer connections are drawn between his two careers, with the history illuminating his philosophical views on character, morality and religion, and providing a ‘just medium’ through which to view human nature. The workshop will aim to explore such connections.

Abstracts of up to 500 words should be submitted to dobrien@brookes.ac.uk by July 1st, 2014. Decisions will be made by July 15th. Presentations along with discussion will be limited to one hour.

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