CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

"WOMEN'S EPISTOLARY CULTURE IN THE AGE OF GOETHE"

An Undergraduate/Graduate Research Abroad Opportunity funded by SSHRC
June 5 to July 5, 2015 - Trier, Germany

Eligibility: Students with a focus in the Humanities and Social Sciences, with advanced reading knowledge of German (circa 1800) and sufficient oral language skills to participate in an academic literature course in German. In addition, demonstrated interest in archival and editorial studies, the culture of letters, and epistolary discourse and media at the time.

Funding: This opportunity forms part of a new SSHRC Insight Grant Project dedicated to the letters of Charlotte Schiller, née von Lengefeld (1766-1826), wife to Friedrich Schiller, and acquainted with numerous people (including Charlotte von Stein and Johann Wolfgang Goethe). Research Directors: Gaby Pailer and Florian Gassner (UBC-CENES), in collaboration with Franziska Schößler (University of Trier).


Objectives: To explore the culture of correspondence in the late 18th and early 19th century in central Europe by focusing on a range of letters (sent/received by Charlotte Schiller), and produced in different cultural-historical contexts: love letters, letters to publishers, intellectuals, princesses, and court representatives; reports on events, books circulated and read, new scientific discoveries, travel accounts, reflections on political change of the European landscape, (the Napoleonic Wars and Congress of Vienna, for instance). In small groups and in collaboration with students at Trier, the UBC students will work on selected letters (from a corpus of approx. 5000), learn to read/transcribe 18th/19th century German handwriting, and investigate the material in the context of the planned hybrid edition of the entire correspondence.

Timeline: June 5 to July 5, 2015.

- Weeks 1 ,2 and 4: Classes at the University of Trier, on-site workshops and fieldtrips (Digital Humanities Center, Library and Archival collections, Museums etc.).
- Week 3: Weimar and Jena (Goethe- und Schiller-Archiv, Schillerhäuser etc.), and Freie Universität Berlin, Masters Program in Editorial Studies ("Editionswissenschaft").

Application:
In preparation of your application, please contact Dr. Florian Gassner, Department of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies (CENES), Buchanan Tower 217. Submit your Statement of Intent (one page) and CV by December 1, 2014 to: florian.gassner@ubc.ca.

SSHRC Funding is available to cover the travel and accommodation for five UBC undergraduate or graduate students. Additional participation may be possible against a program fee. The Research Directors will notify the successful candidates by December 6, 2014.