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Alphabets, Black Arts, and Cyphers: Writing, Gender, and Jonathan Swift

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This paper considers issues of representation and gender in the works of Jonathan Swift. While the writer's notorious 'scatological poems' see women almost entirely in physical and corporeal terms, Swift's works also evince a consistent concern with women's access to language and to writing. Swift's important relationships with women, especially those with Esther Johnson and Hester Vanhomrigh, generated poems and letters in which Swift takes on the role of pedagogue, and emphasizes to his female friends matters of orthography and correct expression. Occasionally, this pattern is reversed and, as in the second book of *Gulliver's Travels*, a female figure of authority initiates a male character into writing. This paper discusses the power and danger associated with male and female writers in a range of Swift's works, including the 'Autobiographical Fragment', selected poems, *The Journal to Stella*, and *Gulliver's Travels*.

講演者について

Aileen Douglas's research and teaching interests centre on the writing of the long eighteenth century; on the novel; print culture; Irish writing; women's writing, and the disciplinary history of English studies. Underlying connections between these diverse areas of study are her theoretical concerns with somatic experience and literary representation, with literary form, and with the history of writing.

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Her other publications include *Uneasy Sensations: Smollett and the Body* (Chicago, 1995); a co-edited volume of essays, *Locating Swift: Essays from Dublin on the 250th anniversary of the death of Jonathan Swift* (Four Courts, 1998); as well as a range of journal articles and book chapters on eighteenth-century fiction and print culture.

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