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is pleased to welcome

Michelle Ann Abate
2016 Summer Repository Research Fellow

From Chapbooks to Comic Books:
Exploring the Children’s Literature Collections at the Lilly Library

Please join us for a presentation by Michelle Ann Abate, Associate Professor of Literature for Children and Young Adults at The Ohio State University, who will discuss her work on two research projects at the Lilly Library.

The first project, entitled “Youthful Convictions: Piety and Imprisonment in Nineteenth-Century American Children’s Literature,” begins with the premise that the word conviction can refer both to a religious belief and to a prison sentence. Accordingly, Professor Abate examines what happens when these two usages are brought together and considered in tandem in U.S. children’s fiction, chapbooks, and religious texts from the 1800s.


Professor Abate’s presentation will take you on a journey from chapbooks to comic books, and from the holdings in the Elizabeth Ball collection to those from the collection of Robert Klein.

Friday, August 12, 2016, 2 p.m.
Slocum Room, Lilly Library
1200 East Seventh Street, Bloomington, IN 47405

This talk is open to the IU community and the general public.