

The Humanities Research Colloquium Presents:

“Queering Nineteenth-Century Romantic Friendship: Mathilde Franziska Anneke and Mary Booth, 1859-1865”

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German American feminist Mathilde Franziska Anneke and Milwaukee abolitionist Mary Booth enjoyed an intense, cohabitating relationship from 1859 to 1865. Although Anneke and Booth’s romantic friendship was unique, it offers a window into a type of bond that found social sanction. In this talk, Dr. Efford discusses her collaboration with Dr. Viktorija Bilic (UWM) to translate and publish Anneke’s extraordinary letters. Dr. Efford argues for a queer interpretation of romantic friendship that resists the categories of lesbian or straight, sexual or platonic, and she suggests the lesson this form of relationship might hold for our own times.



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