



Georgette Heyer in her salad days

Come hear Dr. Jennifer Kloester talk about

## WITTY WOMEN: JANE AUSTEN AND GEORGETTE HEYER Jane Austen's influence on Georgette Heyer's Regency Novels

**Dr. Kloester:** Heyer's success lies in her elegant prose, clever plots and comic irony and in her ability to make her readers laugh. She was a great admirer of Jane Austen and always acknowledged her favourite author's influence on her writing. A close reading of Heyer's novels reveals many moments where she pays homage to her literary idol through her use of Austenesque humour, witty dialogue, town and country settings and characters and personality frequently show them to be literary descendants of some of Austen's greatest creations. This talk will examine the ways in which Heyer drew inspiration from Austen and demonstrate her deliberate inversion of, not only the romantic plot, but also her use of Austen's plots and dialogue to create comedy. Georgette Heyer always recognised the literary gap between her historical novels the superior stories of her famous predecessor but this did not preclude her from creating something new or offering her readers her own version of the comedy of manners.

In 2004 Dr. Kloester completed her Doctorate at the University of Melbourne on Georgette Heyer and her Regency novels. Since then she has written extensively about Heyer, the Regency and history in fiction. She is the author of *Georgette Heyer's Regency World* and *Georgette Heyer: Biography of a Bestseller*, to be published by Random House in October 2011.

Date: Monday, June 27 Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7 West 55th Street  
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