A Conversation with CLARE LYONS

Wednesday
March 7
4:30 pm

McKeldin Library
Special Events Room
(Room 6137)

Associate Professor of History
Clare Lyons will discuss her new book, Sex Among the Rabble: An Intimate History of Gender and Power in the Age of Revolution, Philadelphia, 1730–1830.

Placing sexual culture at the center of power relations in Revolutionary-era Philadelphia, Clare A. Lyons uncovers a world where runaway wives challenged their husbands’ patriarchal rights and where serial and casual sexual relationships were commonplace. By reading popular representations of sex against actual behavior, Lyons reveals the clash of meanings given to sex and illuminates struggles to recast sexuality in order to eliminate its subversive potential.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served.