Call for Participation:
Networking Early Modern Women, January 23rd, 2016

#NetworkingWomen

What	Networking Early Modern Women, a **meetup and add-a-thon** featuring a **keynote by Prof. Amanda Herbert**
Who	Anyone with an interest in gender parity, early modern studies, digital humanities, and/or historical social networks
Where	Carnegie Mellon University, Hunt Library, Room 1A; Folger Shakespeare Library; Online
When	Saturday, January 23rd, 2016 10:30 AM - 4 PM EST
Bring	a laptop, goodwill, enthusiasm

Rationale

Women in 1500-1700 were half the population, and were indispensable nodes in news networks, print networks, food networks, court networks, literary networks, epistolary networks, support networks, and religious networks—in short, all networks. However, women make up only 6% of the corresponding entries in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (ODNB). As a result, there are far fewer women than men in Six Degrees of Francis Bacon (885 vs. 12,557). All but 5.5% of the relationships in Six Degrees are male-male. Though we at Six Degrees have been drawing attention to these biases for a while, the urgency is clear: reconstructing the full network of early modern Britain requires concerted action to repair the imbalance in representation of women's lives and relationships.

Additional Notes:

- Anyone with a confirmed email address from @cmu.edu will be able to create an account on NetworkingWomen.slack. com. Others can email sixdegreesfrancisbacon@gmail.com to join.
- For those wishing to organize local satellite events or to bring whole classes to one of the Networking Early Modern Women meetups, you can send an internet domain (e.g. @ georgetown.edu) to sixdegreesfrancisbacon@gmail.com and we'll ensure anyone with a confirmed email address from that domain will be able to join the Slack group.
- You are welcome to bring articles, books, lists, spreadsheets, or network diagrams - anything that will help you or other participants add women and their relationships to Six Degrees.

Goals

Networking Early Modern Women aims to equip participants with the time, training, and motivation to add women and their relationships to the collaborative reconstruction of early modern Britain at SixDegreesOfFrancisBacon.com. We will gather at Carnegie Mellon's Hunt Library, at the Folger Shakespeare Library, and online (via the Twitter hashtag #NetworkingWomen and Slack) to weave as many women as we can into Six Degrees.

Selected Resources for Researching Early Modern Women:

- Kate Emerson's Tudor Women
- Grove Music Dictionary
- Map of Early Modern London
- Oxford Dictionary of National Biography [subscription required]
- Early English Books Online (EEBO) [subscription required]
- Perdita Project
- State Papers Online [subscription required]
- Using State Papers Online to Research Early Modern Women [pdf]
- Women Writers Online [subscription required]