

The Women's Print History Project

Introducing *The WPHP Monthly Mercury*

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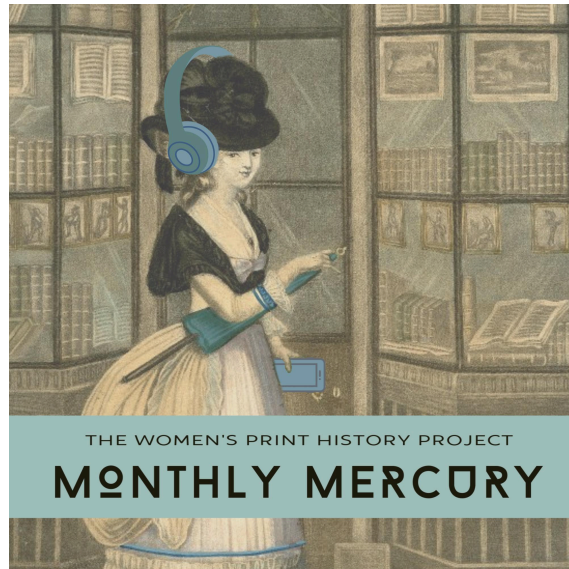
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The *Women's Print History Project* is pleased to announce the arrival of its very own podcast. Introducing: the *WPHP Monthly Mercury*.

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In the eighteenth century, a 'mercury' was "a hawker or distributor of pamphlets, news-sheets, etc.; esp. a female one" (OED). Who better to share the ins and outs—the rectos and versos, if you will—of the *Women's Print History Project*?

Inspired by periodicals of the same period, the *WPHP Monthly Mercury* dives into the gritty and gorgeous details of working on this database to recover women's print history. Sharing the stories of prolific and not-so-prolific women authors and the oft-widowed women publishers, printers, and booksellers of the period, as well as the rabbit-hole-filled processes of recovery and the adventures of our research assistants, our project manager, and our primary investigator, the *WPHP Monthly Mercury* centres the discovery of women and their work.

The *WPHP Monthly Mercury* will be released every third Wednesday of the month, starting June 17, 2020, so welcome to our first-ever podcast episode—"Episode 0.5: Introducing the *Monthly Mercury*." Each future episode will have a corresponding blog post here on the WPHP that contains further reading, a bibliography, and a full list of all WPHP entries referenced in the episode.

Join us next Wednesday, June 17, 2020, for our inaugural episode!

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- 00:00:08 Kate Moffatt (co-host) *The Women's Print History Project* is pleased to announce the arrival of its very own podcast. Introducing: *The WPHP Monthly Mercury*.
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- 00:00:26 Kate Moffatt (co-host) In the eighteenth century, a 'mercury' was "a hawker or distributor of pamphlets, and news-sheets, etc.; esp. a female one," according to the *Oxford English Dictionary*. Who better to share the ins and outs—the rectos and versos, if you will—of *The Women's Print History Project*? *The Women's Print History Project* is a bibliographical database tracing women's involvement in print in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Inspired by periodicals of the same period, *The WPHP Monthly Mercury* dives into the gritty and gorgeous details of working on *The Women's Print History Project* database to recover eighteenth- and nineteenth-century women's print history.
- 00:01:02 Kate Moffatt (co-host) Sharing the stories of prolific and not-so-prolific women authors and the often-widowed women publishers, printers, and booksellers of the period, the rabbit-hole-filled processes of recovery, and the many adventures of our research assistants, project manager, and primary investigator, *The WPHP Monthly Mercury* centres the discovery of women and their work.
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- 00:01:30 Kate Moffatt (co-host) *The WPHP Monthly Mercury* will be released every third Wednesday of the month, starting June 17, 2020. Each episode will have a corresponding blog post on the WPHP website—womensprinthistoryproject.com—that contains further reading, a bibliography, and a full list of any WPHP entries mentioned in the episode. My name is Kate Moffatt, and I'm one of the hosts for *The WPHP Monthly Mercury*. I hope you'll join me and our other fantastic host, Kandice Sharren, for our inaugural episode next Wednesday, June 17.
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