

Monday, September 30th

7:00 PM

Humanities in the Village

Shane Butler:

*The Queer Mind of John Addington Symonds*

John Addington Symonds was one of Victorian Britain's most prolific writers. But his most remarkable works were unknown to the wider public, including a privately circulated essay in which he introduced the new term *homosexual* to English print, as well as a secret autobiography, long kept under lock and key. Shane Butler is the Nancy H. and Robert E. Hall Professor in the Humanities at Johns Hopkins University and Co-Director of the John Addington Symonds Project, which is reconstructing the contents of Symonds's private library.



He will be reading from his own book in progress on Symonds, as well as from some of Symonds's own trailblazing writing.



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