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**ROMANTICISM: NOW/THEN**

**Maureen N. McLane, New York University**

When was the future? Where? Between “the homeless Future’s wintry grove” and “the future, a broad sunrise” (Shelley, The Revolt of Islam) Romanticism’s futures oscillate. McLane will explore romantic “compositionism,” futurity, and poiesis. Is romanticism, like Habermas’s modernity, an “unfinished project”? Should it be decisively interred? Romanticism’s Futures? Romanticism: No Future?

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**READING FOR THE FUTURE**

**Theresa M. Kelley, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Romanticism has so often been described as the “Age of Prophecy.” Theresa Kelley asks instead how Romantic prophecy fails and how that failure might be productive for thinking about how we might read toward futurity without prophecy.

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