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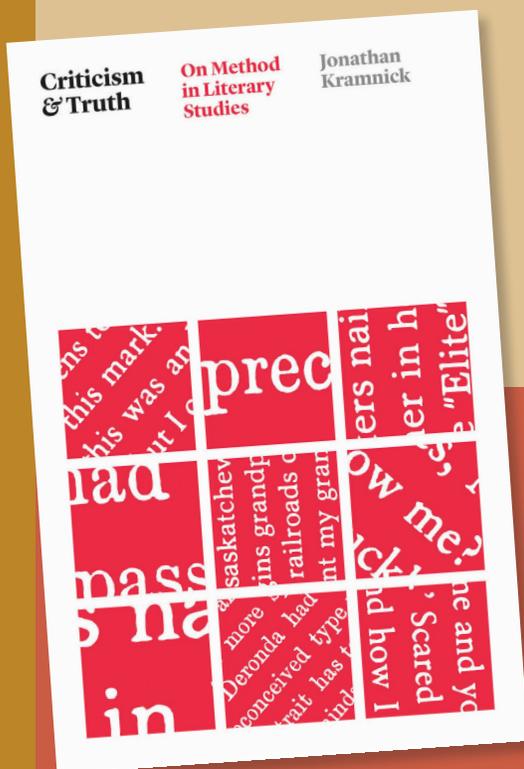
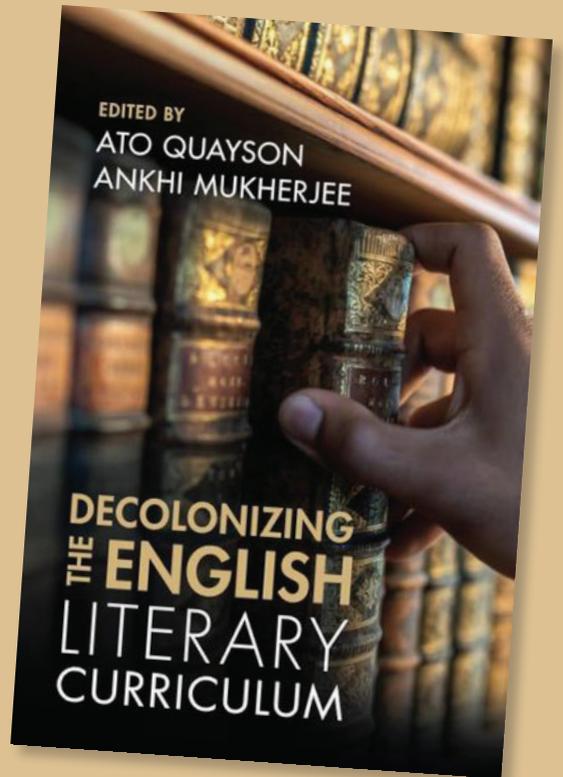
# VITAL BOOKS

*in the Humanities*

## METHOD AND DECOLONIZING PRAXIS IN LITERARY STUDIES

**Friday, March 29 | 1:00–4:00 pm**

Humanities Quadrangle (HQ) 276



The theoretical underpinnings and praxis of literary studies have come under scrutiny in influential books published in recent years. Focusing on two such books, this event appraises the state of criticism, its value and suppositions, and future directions. Panelists discuss the significance of Jonathan Kramnick's *Criticism and Truth* (Chicago 2023), and *Decolonizing the English Literary Curriculum* (Cambridge 2023), edited by Ato Quayson and Ankhi Mukherjee, while pursuing productive lines of inquiry beyond the texts. Don't miss the opportunity to hear and engage leading scholars of literary criticism, including Ankhi Mukherjee, Ato Quayson, Debjani Ganguly, Elaine Scarry, Jeanne-Marie Jackson, Joe Cleary, Jonathan Kramnick, and Paul Saint-Amour.

## SCHEDULE

**12:15 LUNCH** (*for those who RSVP by March 23*)

**1:00 DECOLONIZING THE ENGLISH LITERARY CURRICULUM**

Joe Cleary, Yale University  
Debjani Ganguly, University of Virginia  
Jeanne-Marie Jackson, Johns Hopkins University

**2:15 ON METHOD: CRITICISM AND TRUTH**

Ankhi Mukherjee, University of Oxford  
Paul Saint-Amour, University of Pennsylvania  
Elaine Scarry, Harvard University

**3:30 LITERARY FUTURES AND FUTURES OF LITERARY CRITICISM:  
A CONVERSATION**

Jonathan Kramnick, Yale University  
Ato Quayson, Stanford University  
Ankhi Mukherjee, University of Oxford  
Moderated by Jeanne-Marie Jackson, Johns Hopkins University



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