These emails went to our invited participants:

Hello everyone —

Hope you’re all doing well! We are both are so pleased that you’ve accepted our invitation to participated in our seminar on “Disability and Its Intersections” at SAA in 2019.

We realize you all haven't yet met and you don’t necessarily specialize precisely in all of the issues discussed in the abstract (number 8 on this page: http://www.shakespeareassociation.org/seminars-and-workshops.descriptions-and-abstracts/) but we are certain you’ll all have so much to bring to this conversation, coming from your respective/divergent vantage points.

All we will need from you now is confirmation of your name, email, and affiliation to send along to SAA so you can be added directly to the list of seminar participants.

We also would like to ask you to join/renew your membership to SAA (for academic year 2018-2019) if you haven’t already: http://www.shakespeareassociation.org/membership/

Do let us know if you have any questions in the meantime — and all best with the new semester!

— Seminar co-leaders Allison & Jonathan

Dear Rick, Seeta, Lindsey, and Amrita,

We are so excited about this session and our collaboration! Looking forward to working and learning together.

Jonathan and I are asking that each of you pick out a reading (not wildly long) you think would be useful and provocative for the group to pregame. Anything is on the table, so long as it gets folks thinking about disability and its intersections. Modern, early modern, medieval. Theoretical, lit crit, popular. DS or elsewise. Up to you. J and I likely will throw in a 5th reading as well.

We plan to ask folks to read those 4-5 pieces and write a 2 page "flash" response either to the readings in relation to their own work OR a new angle, mini work-in-progress of their own (same length) that gets other ideas/connections/theories/tensions on the table. All registered participants will have to read the shared readings, submit a 2 page response of some kind, and read all of those flash responses before coming to the sem.

Then when we are in the session itself, we are hoping you all can each say 3-4 min worth of prefatory comments about why you chose the reading you did, and a bit about what's on your mind lately in relation to this seminar. Like offer some provocative framing questions, etc.
Obviously, J and I will do this too. Then we will open it up and just have a great conversation. J and I will be responsible for bringing in distinct ideas from peoples' response papers–although you are welcome to do so as well, of course. We just want to make sure all voices/ideas get in the mix.

Sound ok to you all? If not, and you've got other, better ideas, please let us know.

Otherwise, if you can get us a reading by November 1, that would be splendid. Please make sure it's in accessible PDF form. We'll create a Drive or Dropbox for the sem and begin to circulate those readings once we have them.

J, am I getting this all right? Sounds good to everyone? Hope to hear from each of you soon.

Thanks and looking forward,
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