

The 22nd Annual Town & Gown Lecture

David Cressy

What Not to Say - Dangerous Speech in Early Modern England

Wednesday, February 6

7:00 p.m.

The Alice Y. Holsclaw
Recital Hall,
UA School of Music

Presented by

- The Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies

Co-Sponsors

- The Department of English
- The Department of History
- The Group for Early Modern Studies (GEMS)
- The Medieval, Renaissance, and Reformation Committee (UAMARRC)
- The Religious Studies Program



David Cressy

Humanities Distinguished Professor, Ohio State University

Cressy is an award-winning social and cultural historian of early modern England, concerned with the intersections of elite and popular culture, central and local government, and official and unofficial religion. Among his many publications are the prize-winning *Birth, Marriage and Death: Ritual, Religion and the Life Cycle in Tudor and Stuart England* (1997) and *England on Edge: Crisis and Revolution, 1640-1642* (2006).

This lecture will examine scandalous, seditious, and treasonable talk among ordinary people from the late middle ages to the mid-seventeenth century. Exploring the popular political culture of Reformation England, it sets out to eavesdrop on lost conversations, to recover undutiful words, and to trace the fate of some of the offenders. •