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OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS TO BE THE EXCLUSIVE WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTOR OF ELECTRONIC ENLIGHTENMENT



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Electronic Enlightenment (EE) re-creates online the web of correspondence between thinkers and writers of the 18th century. Designed and developed by scholars *for* scholars, *EE* will offer innovative online access to the full critical editions of the letters of more than 3,800 writers including Addison, Bentham, Boswell, Defoe, Hobbes, Hume, Kant, Locke, Pope, Rousseau, Smith, Swift, Sterne and Voltaire.

At launch, the full text of over 60 critical editions of letters published by the world's leading university presses will be fully cross-searchable. Agreements have so far been reached with the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Duke, Wales, Johns Hopkins and Delaware, as well as Norstedts, Meiner, the Virginia Historical Society and the Voltaire Foundation. Texts from many more academic presses will be included in 2008 and beyond.

The use of 'scholarly technology' reveals important new connections between authors reflecting their ideas on history, literature, language, philosophy, science, medicine, and arts in the era that gave birth to the modern world. Additional indexes synchronize historical calendars, nicknames and pseudonyms, manuscript, archive and editions information.

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Dr Robert V. McNamee (Director, Research and Development of the Electronic Enlightenment Project at the University of Oxford) comments: *"I am excited to be working in partnership with Oxford University Press. As the world's leading academic publisher, OUP has developed an enviable reputation for outstanding scholarly and digital publishing. Their experience in serving the scholarly community will complement EE's attention to textual and technological detail in the interests of the user. Together, we will be able to wed creative, innovative technology to the very best of scholarly resources."*

Susanna Lob (Head of Marketing, Reference and Online Publishing, Oxford University Press) comments: *"Electronic Enlightenment integrates the works of distinguished presses and recreates online the conversations of the original authors. The thoughtful design of EE enables the discovery of new insights by students and scholars through the use of primary sources not previously accessible."*

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