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## A Connecting World? Globalization of the United States, 1789-1861

This public lecture is presented in conjunction with the exhibition "Globalization of the United States, 1789-1861," taking place at the Lilly Library from September 15 to December 18, 2014.

Curated by Professor Dierks, the exhibition explores the paradoxes of U.S. expansion between the American Revolutionary War and the Civil War. At the same time as American diplomatic, commercial, military, missionary, and scientific capabilities were shrinking the geographical distance between the United States and almost every other place in the world, they enlarged the cultural distance between Americans and other people around the world.

Professor Dierks explores this paradox and other facets of American expansion using period literature as Americans recalibrated their country's position in the world: how did authors represent others from around the world, what force did the written word have as a call to action, and what kind of future were authors imagining and helping to shape with their writing?

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