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**"HOW DOES A RISK SOCIETY EVOLVE?  
CONTROLLING FIRE IN EARLY AMERICA"**

ARWEN MOHUN  
*University of Delaware*

Friday 22 FEBRUARY 2008

*Discussion:* 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Followed by a social hour with light dinner

*Location:* The Library Company of Philadelphia  
1314 Locust Street

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and read it in advance.*

**The inaugural session of the Philadelphia Area Regional Colloquium in History of Science, Technology and Medicine** is a discussion of Arwen Mohun's paper about the elaborate public culture of risk management in pre-industrial Europe and the Americas. The paper documents how that culture was changed by new ideas and new techniques arising out of the Enlightenment and merchant capitalism.

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