

# COOLBRITANNIA

Study Abroad in Summer 2010

**Faculty:** Professors Peter and Kathryn V. Graham (English) and Professor Jane Stein (Theatre)

**Credit:** 6 Hours ENGL 4984 and/or Theatre

**Dates:** 22 May 2010 – 20 June 2010

**Where:** Edinburgh, Scotland (one week) and London, England (3 weeks)

**Cost:** \$3850 (cost for 2008 and 2009), plus VT tuition, airfare, and meals. Program fee may increase, depending on international exchange rate at time of fee payment

**Deadline:** Admission by application only and limited to 30 students. Deadline is January 1, 2010, visit [www.studyabroad.english.vt.edu](http://www.studyabroad.english.vt.edu).



In this Study Abroad experience, we'll focus on the literature and material culture of Britain from about the time of the American Revolution to the present—that is, from the “Rule Britannia” of imperial days to the postmodern, postmillennial “Cool Britannia” of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. Some sights, sites, and texts:

\*the ever-fashionable West End of London, from Parliament Square and Big Ben to the shops of Bond Street, as commemorated in Virginia Woolf's **Mrs. Dalloway**

\*the London theater scene

\*Chelsea's Carnaby Street, the Main Street of Mods and Rockers

\*Oxford's “dreaming spires”—academic Arcadia and the birthplace of **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** and **Brideshead Revisited**

\*Regency Bath, where Jane Austen heroes and heroines mixed, mingled, danced, and drank stinky therapeutic water in **Northanger Abbey** and **Persuasion**

\*Edinburgh, UNESCO City of Literature, birthplace of now-canonical texts from **Treasure Island** and **The Heart of Midlothian** to **Trainspotting**

\*Edinburgh's Museum of Childhood, galleries, and castles, and controversial new Parliament building

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*During a long weekend, students will have the chance to pursue independent projects that might take them to such places as:*

*\*Liverpool, where the Beatles got their start in the still-operational Cavern Club, and where there are even more extant Georgian buildings than in Bath*

*\*Glasgow, epicenter of British Art Deco and the style capital of 21<sup>st</sup>-century Britain*

*\*Cambridge and nearby Hemingford Grey, where Lucy Boston worked on her three remarkable accomplishments: the Green Knowe series of children's novels, the restoration of the oldest continually inhabited manor in Britain, and some of the most exquisite quilts ever designed.*