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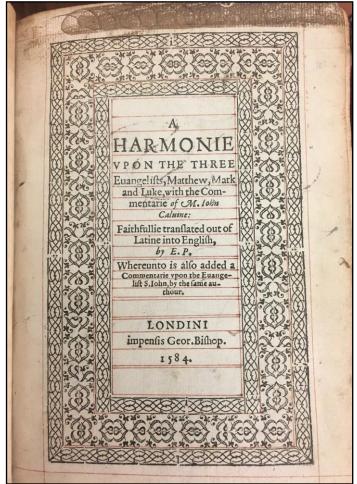
## "Discontented Harmonies: Words against Words in Pomfret Castle"

Monday, 6 Nov. 2017, 4:00 p.m. Victoria University Senior Common Room (rear of 91 Charles Street West)

Despite its ubiquity, Bible-reading in Shakespeare's day was not merely a linear transfer from text to reader,

but rather circulatory,
Scripture might reach out
references and echoes, or
glosses, marginalia, and
relationships were not
but could generate contrarepugnancy. In Act Five
Richard II, Richard,
Castle, contemplates a
word itself / Against the
Richard's meditations in
porary biblical harmonies
view of complex networks
particularly resonant in
setting of the theatre.

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folded and layered.
into a web of crossbe amplified through
other paratexts. These
always complementary,
diction, incoherence, or
of Shakespeare's
imprisoned in Pomfret
thought that "set[s] the
word." Considering
the context of contemand glosses opens a
of signification that are
the multi-dimensional

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