

## BELOW STAIRS

### *400 Years of Servants' Portraits*

Seminar, Saturday 10th January 2004 at the National Portrait Gallery

The Centre is supporting a seminar in association with the exhibition *Below Stairs: 400 Years of Servants' Portraits*, on show at the National Portrait Gallery from 16th October 2003 to 11th January 2004. This is the first study devoted to portraits of servants in Britain and the exhibition will bring together, for the first time, many works that have rarely been seen in public. On display are portraits of grooms, governesses, maids and musicians. The seminar will explore many of the issues raised in the exhibition, including class and power relationships, the status of black and female domestic servants as well as servants and costume. Speakers will include:

Giles Waterfield and Anne French (curators of the exhibition)

Pamela Horn (author of *The Rise and Fall of the Victorian Servant*)

John Styles (Head of Postgraduate Studies, Victoria & Albert Museum)

Jessica Gerard (author of *Country House Life: Family and Servants, 1815-1914*)

Dr Alison Light (Visiting Professor, University of East London)

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John Riley, *The Scullion*.