Science: Natural Knowledge and the British Slave Trade, 1660-1807. It will be the first sabbatical that, with the ACLS fellowship, will allow her to be relieved of teaching duties for next year and focus on researching and writing her book manuscript, Slaving any time before April 26 to wish her well.

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