Time and the Victorian Press

The Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (RSVP) will be holding its annual conference at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, from 14–16 September 2007.

In addition to considering proposals on all aspects of research into nineteenth century periodicals and serials, RSVP particularly welcomes papers that address the broad topic ‘Time and the Victorian Press’ including areas such as:

- periodical rhythms and periodicities
- local, national, global time
- modernities
- technologies and time
- memory
- presentism then and now
- historical pasts and projected futures
- historicity
- signs of the times
- time and space
- synchronicity and/or simultaneity
- visual culture and time
- speed
- dailiness, weekliness, monthliness, etc.
- timeliness
- nostalgia
- topicality
- time and reading
- time warps, gaps, duration
- leisure time, work time

We welcome proposals for individual papers or panels of three. Papers should be 15–20 minutes in length (no longer), and panels should plan on an hour and a half session. We hope to build in as much time as possible for conversation.

Please email a two-page (maximum) abstract of the paper/panel, and a one-page c.v. for each participant to the Programme Chair, Mark Turner, King’s College London: mark.2.turner@kcl.ac.uk.

The deadline for submission is 1 February 2007.
RSVP is pleased to be able to waive fees for a select number of graduate students presenting papers at the conference. If you wish to be considered for such an award, please indicate so on a cover letter attached to your proposal. Recipients will be notified in early spring of 2007.

Please direct all queries about local arrangements to David Latané at dlatane@vcu.edu.

For further information about RSVP and the conference, please consult our web site: http://www.rs4vp.org/.