



VICTORIAN NETWORKS and the PERIODICAL PRESS



Research Society for
Victorian Periodicals Conference

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University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis
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"Peace Concluded" (1856) by Sir John Everett Millais

Call for Papers

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*Annual Conference
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The Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (RSVP) will hold its annual conference at the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, Aug. 21-22, 2009. While papers addressing any aspect of Victorian periodicals will be considered, RSVP particularly welcomes proposals for papers on the ways in which the newspaper and periodical press relied on a variety of networks, including journalistic, business, communication and technology, transportation, imperialist, immigration, political/activist, scientific, philosophical, literary, artistic, and other social networks.

Other possible topics: gossip, celebrities, and blackmail; leisure clubs and societies; networks of influence; Transatlantic and transnational networks; family and kinship networks; networks of readers, writers, and publishers; sites of production, distribution, and syndication.

E-mail two-page (maximum) proposals for individual presentations or for panels of three to all three committee members: Molly Youngkin, myoungki@lmu.edu, Sally Mitchell, sm@temple.edu, and Deborah Mutch, dmutch@dmu.ac.uk.

Include a one-page C.V. with relevant publications, teaching, and/or coursework. **The deadline for submission of proposals is Feb. 1, 2009.** Final papers should take 15 minutes (20 minutes maximum) to present.

The program will also include a plenary speech named in honor of Michael Wolff, a presentation by the winner of the 2009 Colby Scholarly Book Prize, and workshops devoted to digital resources and to methods of teaching periodicals. Pre-conference activities include the William Holman Hunt exhibition at the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts. More information about the conference can be found at www.stthomas.edu/english/victorian or www.rs4vp.org.

RSVP will award grants covering the conference registration fee to three graduate students presenting papers. Graduate students who would like to be considered should include a cover letter explaining how their conference proposal fits into their long-term research plans as well as any other special considerations. Recipients will be notified in early spring of 2009.