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Places, Spaces, and the Victorian Periodical Press

The Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (RSVP) will hold its annual conference at the University of Delaware, 12-13 September 2014. While papers addressing any aspect of 19th-century British periodicals or newspapers are welcome, RSVP particularly encourages proposals for papers (or panels) on the idea of “spaces and places” as it informs the study of the 19th-c. press.



Topics on the conference theme might include:

- the country/city dynamic, seen through lens of the periodical press
- the provincial or urban press (regional niche markets)
- industrial spaces (occupational niche markets)
- periodicals and the “sense of place”
- locality: representation of London’s spaces
- mapping of networks, transatlantic exchange
- place and image: travel narrative and illustration; colonial space; grand tour representation
- social position and classed spaces
- selling places (where periodicals were sold)
- forbidden spaces (taboo topics)
- imaginary places (and children’s periodicals)
- scale and page layout
- poetry “spaces” on the page
- illustrations, cartoons, adverts, and other things that take up space



Please email two-page (maximum) proposals for individual presentations or panels of three to rs4vp2014@gmail.com. Please include a one-page cv with relevant publications, teaching, and/or coursework. The deadline for submission of proposals is **1 February 2014**. Final papers should take 15 minutes (20 minutes maximum) to present. The program will include the annual Michael Wolff Lecture by a distinguished scholar, a presentation by the winner of the 2014 Robert and Vineta Colby Scholarly Book Prize, and workshops devoted to digital resources and to methods of teaching periodicals.

For further information about local arrangements, check the RSVP website, www.rs4vp.org, or contact Iain Crawford: icrawf@udel.edu