



Curran Index Editor

The Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (RSVP) seeks a highly qualified scholar to serve as Editor of the Curran Index (curranindex.org). This ongoing, open-access project is devoted to the compilation and dissemination of attribution research that identifies the authors of anonymous articles, reviews, verse, and fiction in the periodical press of Britain and its empire in the long 19th century. The successful candidate will have at their disposal up to \$10,000 (U.S.) annually to defray expenses of travel, scanning, database subscriptions, and other costs directly associated with attribution research in archival as well as online and published sources and with the timely entry of the results of that research into the Curran Index database.

The core requirements of the Editor position include extensive experience with both (1) the field of Victorian periodical research and (2) building and managing relational databases. The successful applicant will serve for a two-year, renewable term.

The Editor of the Curran Index will be responsible for:

- 1) **Maintaining** the database. Maintenance will involve monitoring the user interface of the Index for any problems, responding to queries from users, and when necessary working with the project's web design firm.
- 2) **Expanding** the Curran Index in innovative and challenging ways, by seeking attribution data on periodicals with a variety of aims, formats, authorial communities, and readerships. RSVP particularly welcomes expansion of the Index with attribution data from relatively unexplored areas of the press, including but not limited to colonial, women's, labor, and activist magazines and newspapers. Applicants are encouraged to consider how as editor they might connect their Curran Index research--the identification of unsigned or pseudonymous contributions to periodicals and the collection of biographical information about those writers--with their own broader research interests.
- 3) **Reporting** throughout the year to the Curran Index Advisory Committee and submitting an annual budget for approval by the RSVP Board. The Editor also delivers a year-end report to the Board on the progress of work on the Index and the expenditures associated with that work. The Editor will be closely involved in publicizing this exciting project and its many uses to scholars around the world.

RSVP welcomes applications from qualified and experienced scholars of all ages and backgrounds. Short-listed candidates will be interviewed. Please submit a CV and cover letter to Jennifer Phegley at president@rs4vp.org by 1 November 2020. Any questions may be addressed to her as well.

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