



2025 RSVP Digital Event

Digital Victorians (2024) Book Launch with Paul Fyfe

Chat Transcript

- 10:03:19 From Shannon Mulligan : Good late morning from rainy Baltimore 😊
- 10:03:20 From Bethany Qualls : Greetings from sunny Caen, France
- 10:04:23 From Lucy janes : Hello from Glasgow, Scotland. (Where it will soon be cocktail hour... 🍸 😊 !)
- 10:04:31 From Bethany Qualls : Reacted to "Hello from Glasgow, ..." with 🍷
- 10:04:40 From Katherine Harris : SHAZAM!!!
- 10:05:14 From Lucy janes : Reacted to "SHAZAM!!!" with 😊
- 10:05:26 From Katherine Harris : 😞
- 10:05:29 From Shannon Mulligan : Reacted to "😞" with 😊
- 10:05:36 From Shannon Mulligan : Removed a 😊 reaction from "😞"
- 10:05:46 From Ian Volans : Hi, Ian looking in from a currently sunny St Albans. Amateur sports historian currently researching the life story of John Graham Chambers who was the principal author of the Queensberry Rules for boxing who also became editor of "Land and Water", a rival to "the Field".
<https://sportinglandmarks.co.uk/john-graham-chambers/>
- 10:05:54 From Shannon Mulligan : Thank you~ I'm in global health :(
- 10:06:34 From Kaari Newman : Interested in buying the book? Digital Events attendees get a discount!
- US/Canada: 20% discount with code FYFE20 at

<https://www.sup.org/books/literary-studies-and-literature/digital-victorians>

International: 20% discount with code FSF24 at

<https://www.combinedacademic.co.uk/9781503640948/digital-victorians/>

- 10:18:06 From Lucy janes : Reacted to "Interested in buying..." with 👍
- 10:25:17 From Linda Hughes : Alas, Russ has been DOGE'd, he reports
- 10:26:04 From Jessica Tebo : Reacted to "Alas, Russ has been ..." with 👎
- 10:27:40 From Katherine Harris : Reacted to "Alas, Russ has been ..." with 🤬
- 10:28:31 From Bethany Qualls : Reacted to "Alas, Russ has been ..." with 👎
- 10:29:11 From Kaari Newman : Reacted to "Alas, Russ has been ..." with 🤬
- 10:30:42 From Katherine Harris : 🙌
- 10:30:53 From Tobias Wilson-Bates : Awesome work, Paul!
- 10:30:57 From Ian Volans : 🙌
- 10:37:13 From Iain Crawford : To Patrick's point, one of the reasons Waterloo has fallen out of the histories we've constructed is, I think, the difficulty of accessing it. My university library, for instance, has never had it, and I suspect that's not unusual.
- 10:39:00 From Katherine Harris : And that many of those who did this work early on are disappearing due to age.
- 10:39:25 From Jennifer Phegley : Reacted to "Alas, Russ has been ..." with 😞
- 10:39:47 From Jennifer Phegley : Reacted to "To Patrick's point, ..." with 👍
- 10:40:00 From Patrick Leary : Reacted to "To Patrick's point, ..." with 👍
- 10:40:02 From Jennifer Phegley : Reacted to "And that many of tho..." with 😞
- 10:42:21 From Patrick Leary : RSVP has been good about preserving its history, but inevitably those histories have tended to paper over personal conflict -- and conflict was at the heart of the Society and of early Victorian Studies.

10:42:37 From Jennifer Phegley : Reacted to "RSVP has been good a..." with 

10:42:40 From Linda Hughes : Reacted to "RSVP has been good a..." with 

10:43:31 From Mia Ridge : Reacted to "To Patrick's point, ..." with 

10:43:33 From Patrick Leary : Reacted to "And that many of tho..." with 

10:43:52 From Mia Ridge : Replying to "To Patrick's point, ..."

And I worry about its longer-term availability

10:45:23 From Jennifer Phegley : I had the Victoria on a cell phone on my office door for years!

10:45:37 From Katherine Harris : Replying to "RSVP has been good a..."

So true. But RSVP was also the first to embrace emerging tech in a way that wasn't acknowledged by other orgs.

10:46:00 From Jennifer Phegley : Reacted to "So true. But RSVP wa..." with 

10:46:05 From Erica Haugtvedt : Reacted to "So true. But RSVP wa..." with 

10:48:24 From Katherine Harris : Replying to "RSVP has been good a..."

We saw at the recent MLA that ppl in Victoria studies still don't know that periodical studies is more capacious and less disciplinarily bounded — and it was Priti who reminded the speakers that treating the materiality of a periodical as merely a wrapper was to their own scholarly detriment

10:48:39 From Erica Haugtvedt : Reacted to "We saw at the recent..." with 

10:48:45 From Fionnuala Dillane : Norman Merrill Distad, in his fascinating unpublished 'History and Origins of the VPR, 1954-84'* in the RSVP Archive in the U of Toronto, wrote in 1984 that 'for scholars in many disciplines, familiarity with periodicals and periodical research has become a necessary prerequisite for nineteenth century studies, a kind of 'tool' discipline akin to palaeography, epigraphy or numismatics' (1) Numismatics! Paul's focus on Dorothy Deering has been so illuminating and such a needed recuperation of her key role in discipline formation, interdisciplinarity, collaboration, network

as both system and personal and affective (as is so evident in the letters or hers I have seen)

10:48:49 From Alison Chapman : Reacted to "We saw at the recent..." with 

10:48:56 From Natalie Houston : Reacted to "We saw at the recent..." with 

10:49:12 From Natalie Houston : Reacted to "Norman Merrill Distad..." with 

10:49:25 From Jennifer Phegley : Reacted to "We saw at the recent..." with 

10:49:28 From Matthew Stephens : Reacted to "We saw at the recent..." with 

10:49:54 From Patrick Leary : Reacted to "Norman Merrill Distad..." with 

10:50:10 From Jennifer Phegley : Reacted to "Norman Merrill Distad..." with 

10:50:16 From Patrick Leary : Replying to "Norman Merrill Distad..."

Another reason why those RSVP archives are so important!

10:50:27 From Jennifer Phegley : Reacted to "Another reason why t..." with 

10:50:34 From Gillian Walters : Reacted to "Another reason why t..." with 

10:50:44 From Erica Haugtvedt : Reacted to "Another reason why t..." with 

10:53:37 From Linda Hughes : Reacted to "Another reason why t..." with 

10:53:46 From Linda Hughes : Reacted to "Norman Merrill Distad..." with 

10:54:05 From Bethany Qualls : Great take on networks as web vs chain rooted in classical myth if anyone is interested: Galloway, Alexander R.

"Networks." In Critical Terms for Media Studies, edited by W. J. T. Mitchell and Mark B. N. Hansen, 280–96. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010.

10:56:25 From Erica Haugtvedt : this has been a fantastic conversation. Thank you! I have to go teach.

10:56:55 From Fionnuala Dillane : Reacted to "Great take on networ..." with 

10:56:58 From Fionnuala Dillane : Reacted to "Another reason why t..." with 

10:58:01 From Alison Chapman : There's also the nitty gritty problem of what to count and how to count, when it comes to periodicals

10:58:07 From Bethany Qualls : Reacted to "There's also the nit..." with 

10:58:51 From Alison Chapman : Reacted to "Great take on networ..." with 

10:59:27 From Katherine Harris : "Slow form reddit" 

10:59:37 From Sarah Walton : add 

10:59:43 From Francesca Colonnese : add 

10:59:49 From Kaari Newman : Reacted to ""Slow form reddit" ?..." with 

11:00:09 From Bethany Qualls : it always started earlier

11:00:11 From Bethany Qualls : always

11:00:16 From Alison Chapman : Reacted to "always" with 

11:00:31 From Patrick Leary : Notes & Queries! Made possible by the penny post.

11:00:31 From Jennifer Phegley : Reacted to "always" with 

11:00:37 From Bethany Qualls : Reacted to "Notes & Queries! Ma..." with 

11:00:43 From Jennifer Phegley : Reacted to "Notes & Queries! Ma..." with 

11:00:50 From Andrea Stewart : Thank you so much for this presentation and conversation! Just ordered the book and looking forward to diving in.

11:01:09 From Catherine Waters : Fantastic introduction to your book, Paul. Congratulations and thank you!

11:01:16 From Bethany Qualls : thanks all! excited about this book!

11:01:18 From Katherine Harris : 🙌

11:01:21 From Kaari Newman : And here again, if you'd like to buy: Interested in buying the book? Digital Events attendees get a discount! US/Canada: 20% discount with code FYFE20 at <https://www.sup.org/books/literary-studies-and-literature/digital-victorians> International: 20% discount with code FSF24 at <https://www.combinedacademic.co.uk/9781503640948/digital-victorians/>

11:01:21 From Patrick Leary : Thanks, Paul!

11:01:21 From Natalie Houston : Wonderful talk Paul!

11:01:21 From Iain Crawford : Fantastic discussion — thank you, Paul!

11:01:25 From Katherine Harris : And congrats on full prof promotion!!

11:01:29 From Jennifer Phegley : Can't wait to read the book, Paul! Thanks for a lively session.

11:01:29 From Bethany Qualls : Reacted to "And congrats on full..." with 🎉

11:01:29 From Fionnuala Dillane : Absolutely! Thanks Paul - Congratulations!

11:01:31 From Matthew Stephens : Great introduction - thanks. Looking forward to reading it.

11:01:31 From Martin Hewitt : Thanks Paul; great session and a great books, it's clear.

11:01:33 From Michelle Crowther : Thank you - lots to think about!

11:01:41 From Paul Fyfe : Appreciate everyone coming. Take care!

11:01:46 From Francesca Colonnese : Hurray for poetry references, Alison. But thank so much Paul for this excellent morning!

11:01:50 From Daniel Wilson : Congrats Paul

11:01:50 From Linda Hughes : Fantastic book launch talk and, clearly, your book itself. A copy is already in the TCU Library.

11:01:56 From Lena Boese : Thank you so much!

11:02:07 From Ian Volans : Thank-you Paul, everybody