

Victorian Environments: Spaces, Places, Traces

Midwest Victorian Studies Association Annual Conference Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas April 15-17, 2011

The theme for the Midwest Victorian Studies Conference's thirty-fifth annual conference is "Victorian Environments: Spaces, Places, Traces." We invite submissions of papers covering the full range of possible meanings of the theme, including, but not limited to:

- urbanization and the shaping of place
- gendered spaces
- built environments
- architecture and the decorative arts
- ecology and relations with nature
- musical, theatrical, & performance spaces
- electoral and political spaces
- gardens and landscapes
- metropolitan/colonial spaces
- the home and the pub
- work spaces (the factory, mine, atelier)
- exhibition spaces (the Crystal Palace, the museum)
- the traces of vanished places (ruins, palimpsests)



We are pleased to have as our plenary speaker Tim Barringer, Professor of the History of Art at Yale University and author of *Reading the Pre-Raphaelites* (1998) and *Men at Work* (2005). Another special feature of the conference will be tours of Topeka's Victorian homes. Even if you do not submit a paper, we hope you will still attend!

Those interested in proposing papers or full panels should submit 500-word abstracts and vitas by November 15, 2010 to the Midwest Victorian Studies Association's email: conferencesubmissions@midwestvictorian.org; if you receive no reply within 3-5 days, please re-send.

Victorianists studying and working in the Midwestern or southern United States will want to make a home in this long-standing scholarly organization. Graduate students are particularly welcome as attendees and presenters at MVSA conferences: conference fees are adjusted to make attendance more affordable, MVSA annually awards the Bill and Mary Burgan Prize for an outstanding conference paper by a graduate student, and the prestigious Arnstein Prize supports interdisciplinary dissertation research.

For further conference details (accommodations, etc.), please see:

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