



MIDWEST VICTORIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Call for Seminar Applications | Conference dates: March 24-26, 2023
Washburn University, Topeka, KS | **Applications due: Feb 10, 2023**

CURRENT DIRECTIONS IN VICTORIAN STUDIES

MVSA offers annual seminars open to graduate students, faculty, and independent scholars to provide a collaborative opportunity to read and receive/provide feedback on each other's research. This year, seminars are not limited to specific themes, but are accepting works-in-progress addressing any topic related to the field of Victorian Studies, broadly construed.

To participate, you don't have to write a new paper! Join us to talk about any work that would benefit from the input of other engaged scholars.

Participants will:

- submit up to 30 pages of work-in-progress to be pre-circulated to other participants two weeks prior to the conference (by March 13, 2023);
- identify 1-2 key issues on which they'd like feedback;
- serve as primary reader on ONE other submission (including providing detailed feedback in the form of up to one page of single-spaced typed notes);
- review more briefly, and be prepared to discuss, remaining seminar submissions (writers will indicate an excerpt, up to 6 pages, on which secondary readers should focus).

Seminar leaders and participants typically identify points of intersection and divergence among papers, help each other think through future areas of inquiry or revision, and often form longer-lasting collaborations. Seminars are limited to 8 participants.

Seminars will be held in-person on the morning of Saturday, March 25. All seminar participants are listed in the conference program and will need to become members of MVSA and register for the 2023 conference, "Ruling Visions: Citizens, Subjects, Sovereigns." Conference events will include: a plenary talk by Arianne Chernock, Boston University (History), author of *The Right to Rule and the Rights of Women* (Cambridge UP, 2019); a Lifetime Achievement Award roundtable. Full program and registration details will be available in early February at the [conference website \(midwestvictorian.org/conference\)](http://midwestvictorian.org/conference).

MVSA encourages applications from graduate students, post-docs, contingent faculty, and independent scholars. We are also eager to bring together work from as wide a range of disciplines as possible. We ask that you please identify your name, discipline, current position, and institutional affiliation if applicable on your application, so that we include a diverse array of participants in the seminars and ensure that everyone gets feedback from a range of perspectives.

To apply, please send a 300-word abstract (as Word or PDF files), including the identifying details mentioned above, to Andrea Kaston Tange (akastont@macalester.edu) by February 10, 2023. Selected participants will receive confirmation of their acceptance by February 14, 2023.

The Midwest Victorian Studies Association is an interdisciplinary organization welcoming scholars from all disciplines who share an interest in nineteenth-century British history, literature, art, and culture.