

Call For Applicants: NVSA Diversity Mentorship Program 2018-2019
The Northeast Victorian Studies Association

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The NVSA Diversity Mentorship Program seeks to enrich the field of Victorian studies by paving the way for a more inclusive professoriate that is representative of the populations we teach and serve. The program is especially geared towards graduate students of color, first-generation college students, students with disabilities, and trans/non-binary scholars whose work engages with critical race theory, postcolonial and transatlantic scholarship, disabilities studies, or related topics. Each cohort of mentors and mentees will provide a mutual support network while offering a platform to discuss professionalization issues and working towards equality in the field.

The program pairs graduate students with a faculty mentor in October. Students will receive feedback on a piece of scholarship and attend the annual NVSA conference in April with registration, travel, and lodging expenses defrayed. Students should submit one conference- or article-length paper and will receive comments from their mentor prior to the conference. Mentees will also be offered the opportunity to publish their revised paper online at the V21 Collective in a forum with responses.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in an M.A. or Ph.D program, and the work submitted must be in the field of long nineteenth-century studies. Please note that an application to the Mentorship Program is wholly separate from a submission to present a paper at the NVSA conference itself. Graduate students are most welcome to apply to both, and their applications will be considered independently.

Faculty Mentors

Tanya Agathocleous (CUNY Hunter): the novel; journalism; colonialism (with a focus on South Asia); comparative racisms and anti-racisms.

Erika Behrisch Elce (Royal Military College of Canada): travel and travel narratives; government-sponsored exploration and science

Sarah Gates (St. Lawrence University): the novel; poetry; fantasy/sci-fi; intertextuality; genre studies; gender

David Kurnick (Rutgers): history and theory of the novel; narrative theory; realism; sociology and the novel; queer/gender/sexuality studies; comparative literatures

Grace Lavery (UC Berkeley): nineteenth century literature and culture; critical theory with an emphasis on psychoanalysis; gender and sexuality studies

Sharon Marcus (Columbia): the novel and drama; feminist and queer studies; urbanism and architecture; theater, performance, media and celebrity studies

Jason Rudy (U of Maryland): poetry; settler-colonialism; race and empire

Talia Schaffer (CUNY Graduate Center & Queens): gender; disability studies; ethics; material culture; the novel

Greg Vargo (NYU): working-class literature; the novel; radicalism; periodical culture; drama; anti-imperialism; social problem fiction and other fiction genres

Application Requirements

(The attached PDF application is due via email to olivia.moy@lehman.cuny.edu by September 1, 2018).

Abstract: Please submit an abstract of the conference paper or article you wish to work on with a faculty mentor this spring.

Personal Statement: Briefly share any relevant aspects of your educational history, personal background, or scholarship that you feel would contribute to expanding the scope and diversity of NVSA.

Faculty Recommender: Provide the contact information of a faculty member at your home institution who can support your application. Your department should be able to detail the extent of travel funding they can offer to support your participation at NVSA this spring. Your acceptance into the program will not be affected by your institution's financial support.

Program Timeline

September 1	Applications due.
September 15	2018-2019 mentor-mentee matches announced.
October 1	Mentor feedback offered on abstract.
October 15	Deadline for proposals to NVSA's annual meeting. (optional)
March 1	Drafts of papers due to NVSA faculty mentors.
March 15	Papers returned to mentees for revisions.
April 1	Revised papers due back to faculty mentors.
April 12–14	NVSA Conference at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst Friday dinner with mentor-mentee cohort.