



1874

The Northeast Victorian Studies Association

Boston University
April 5-7, 2013

Friday, April 5

1:30 pm **Tour of Victorian Boston with Martha Vicinus** (for more information, see below)

2:00-3:30 pm **Registration** (ground floor, 236 Bay State Road)

3:45 pm **Welcome** (Kenmore Room, 9th floor, 1 Silber Way)

4:00-5:45 pm: **Literary Culture, 1874**: Will Lee (Yeshiva U), Moderator (Kenmore Room)

- Maia McAleavy (Boston College), “Aurora Floyd (1874)”
- Sarah Weaver (U of Cambridge), “Tennyson Turns Playwright”
- Laura Green (Northeastern U), “Bathsheba Everdene, Young Brown, and Zelda the Gypsy: At Home in *Cornhill Magazine*, January, 1874”
- Dennis Taylor (Boston College), “Catholicism and Literary Culture in 1874”

5:45-7:15 pm **Welcome Reception** (Kenmore Room)

7:30-9:30 pm Optional dinner off campus (Please see instructions below)

Saturday, April 6

Book Exhibit (Slater and Barristers Hall)

All panels will take place at BU School of Law, 765 Commonwealth Avenue; the building is off Commonwealth Ave, with an entrance near the river. Please see map for location.

8:00-9:00 am **Breakfast and Registration** (Slater and Barristers Hall)

9:00-11:00 am **Keynote panel:** James Eli Adams (Columbia U), Moderator

- Isobel Armstrong (Birkbeck, U of London)
- Robert J. Richards (U of Chicago)
- Herbert Tucker (U of Virginia)

11:00-11:15 am **Coffee Break**

11:15 am-12:45 pm **Science, 1874:** Vanessa Ryan (Brown U), Moderator

- Elisha Cohn (Cornell U), “Playful Atoms and Beautiful Cells: Scientific Aestheticisms, 1874-1890”
- Kyle Fetter (SUNY Buffalo), “Anxious Scribblings: Genre, Heredity, and Periodization in Samuel Butler’s First Notebook of 1874”
- John Mulligan (Brown U), “Richard Proctor’s Sense of Scientific Duty and the 1874 Transit of Venus”

1:00-2:30 pm **Lunch** (14th Floor, BU School of Law).

The Saturday lunch, a long-standing tradition, is a convivial event at which topics are proposed and voted on for the following year. All are welcome.

2:30-4:00 pm **Technology and Design, 1874:** Aaron Worth (Boston U), Moderator

- Dory Agazarian (CUNY Graduate Center), “Past into Present: The 1874 Design Debate over the Completion of St. Paul’s Cathedral”
- Christopher Keep (U of Western Ontario), “Bodies, Machines, and the QWERTY Keyboard”
- Ayla Lepine (Yale U), “Watts and Company, Founded 1874: Religion, Decorative Arts, and Political Controversy”

4:00-4:15 pm **Coffee Break**

4:15-5:45 pm **Philosophy, 1874:** Vincent Lankewish (Professional Performing Arts School), Moderator

- Patrick Fessenbecker (Johns Hopkins U), “Sidgwick, Meredith, and Parfit on Reasons and Egoism”
- Matthew Sussman (Harvard U), “Henry Sidgwick and the Methods of Aesthetics”
- S. Pearl Brilmyer (NYU), “Schopenhauer’s Drive: Sex, Agency, and Victorian Literary Feminism”

6:00-7:00 pm **Reception** (The Castle, 225 Bay State Road)

7:00-9:30 pm **Dinner Banquet** (The Castle)

9:45 pm **After-dinner Drink** (Beacon Street Tavern, 1032 Beacon St., Brookline, MA)

Sunday, April 7

All events take place in Slater and Barristers Hall, BU School of Law, 765 Commonwealth Ave.

8:00-9:00 am **Breakfast**

9:00-10:30 am **Empire, 1874:** Sebastian Lecourt (Rutgers U), Moderator

- Lucy Sheehan (Columbia U), “Present Pasts: Performances of Slavery and Abolition in George Eliot’s *Daniel Deronda*”
- Mark Doyle (Middle Tennessee State U), “The Bombay Riots of 1874: Liberty and Violence in an Imperial City”
- Jane McGaughey (Concordia U), “The Orangeman in Winter: Ogle Gowan, Masculine Frailties, and the Rise of the Orange Order”

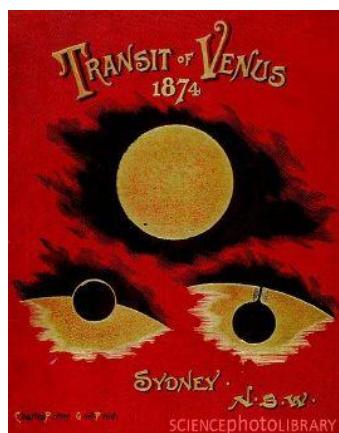
10:30-10:45 am **Coffee Break**

10:45 am-12:15 pm **Teaching 1874:** Lisa Rodensky (Wellesley College), Moderator

- Anne Humphreys (Lehman College)
- Timothy Alborn (Lehman College)
- Rosemarie Bodenheimer (Boston College)

12:15-1:00 pm **Conference Wrap-Up**

- John Plotz (Brandeis U)
- Jonathan Loesberg (American U)



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Boston University is easily accessed by subway. Take the Green Line to Boston University East for all conference events. For more information on travel to the conference site, please see the conference webpage (below).

Rooms are available at three hotels:

1) Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel Boston (400 Soldiers Field Road, Allston, MA), which is a short taxi ride, a five-minute drive, or a long walk along the Charles River from the conference site:

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/massachusetts/doubletree-suites-by-hilton-hotel-boston-BOSSBDT/index.html>

The conference rate is **\$179** plus tax per night and is guaranteed for reservations made by **March 6**; the group rate will be applicable for three days before and after the conference dates, for those wanting to extend their time in Boston (**April 2 through April 9**). You can reserve on the group website:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/B/BOSSBDT-GRP-20130331/index.jhtml>

Or call 1-800-222-TREE (8733) and request the group rate for the Northeast Victorian Studies Association. We have a block of fifty rooms set aside at this hotel, so this will be the main conference hotel. Onsite parking is available or (less-expensive) parking at a nearby lot: 100 Cambridge Ave.

2. Hotel Commonwealth (500 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA), which is in easy walking distance from the conference:

<http://www.hotelcommonwealth.com>

The conference rate starts at **\$269** plus tax per night and is guaranteed for reservations made by **March 6**; the rate is applicable **for April 5 and April 6**. Call 1-866-784-4000 or 617-532-5019 or e-mail [allreservations@hotelcommonwealth.com](mailto:allreservations@hotelcommonwealth.com) to make reservations. Please specify that you are with NVSA or the Northeast Victorian Studies Association. There are 15 rooms blocked off at this hotel, so if this is your preferred accommodation, please book early. Valet parking only.

3) The Gryphon House Bed and Breakfast (9 Bay Street Road, Boston, MA), which is a short walk from the conference site:

[http://innboston.com/?gclid=CJSh\\_6ierbUCFUXf4Aod\\_B4AEQ](http://innboston.com/?gclid=CJSh_6ierbUCFUXf4Aod_B4AEQ)

The conference rate starts at **\$189** plus tax per night and is guaranteed until **March 5**; the rate is applicable for **April 5 and April 6**. To make reservations, e-mail [innkeeper@innboston.com](mailto:innkeeper@innboston.com) and specify that you are with the Northeast Victorian Studies Association conference at Boston University.

**PLEASE BOOK EARLY.**

## **FRIDAY WALKING TOUR OF VICTORIAN BOSTON**

Those interested in joining Martha Vicinus for a tour of Victorian Boston on Friday, April 5, should meet at the Park Street T stop (on both the Red and Green subway lines) at 1:30 pm. Martha will be at the Park Street T exit to Common/Tremont Street, waiting outside on Boston Common. Those joining the walking tour are advised to purchase a \$5.00 round-trip ticket if coming from BU. The group will return with Martha to the conference site by 3:30 pm.

## **FRIDAY DINNER**

Please e-mail both Aaron Worth ([worth@bu.edu](mailto:worth@bu.edu)) and Anna Henchman ([henchman@bu.edu](mailto:henchman@bu.edu)) by **March 31** with “FRIDAY NVSA DINNER” in the subject line if you would like to join a group for dinner at a restaurant on the Friday night after the first panel and reception. The conference organizers will arrange reservations for as many as would like to join us.

## **WEBSITES**

The conference website is <http://sites.bu.edu/nvsa2013>.

NVSA’s website is <http://www.nvsa.org/>.

Maps of campus: <http://www.bu.edu/admissions/visit-us/map/>

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REGISTRATION

Return completed registration by **March 15** to Aaron Worth, Boston University, College of General Studies, 871 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA, 02215. Payment is by check, and checks should be payable to “College of General Studies, Boston University.”

Please direct all questions to Aaron Worth (worth@bu.edu) or Anna Henchman (henchman@bu.edu).

\$80 Members
 \$95 Non-members
 \$45 Student members
 \$15 NVSA dues
 \$10 NVSA student dues

Total remittance

\$25 Lunch, faculty
 \$15 Lunch, students
 \$60 Banquet, faculty
 \$40 Banquet, students

- Please note that due to space constraints banquet attendance is limited to the first sixty-five attendees to sign up

Banquet main course choice:

Chicken_____

Fish_____

Vegan_____

Check here if you have e-mailed
Aaron Worth and Anna Henchman to
reserve a spot at dinner Friday night at a
neighborhood restaurant.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____