

## **The Curran Fellowship for Research on the Victorian Press**

The Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (RSVP) is pleased to announce a new travel and research grant that will aid scholars studying 19<sup>th</sup>-century British magazines and newspapers in making use of primary print and archival sources. The Curran Fellowship, made possible through the generosity of Eileen Curran, Emerita Professor of English, Colby College, and inspired by her pioneering research on Victorian periodicals, will be awarded annually in the form of two grants of \$2,500 each.

The Curran Fellowship is open to researchers of any age from any of a wide range of disciplinary perspectives—literary scholars, historians, biographers, economists, sociologists, art historians, and others—who are exploring the 19th-century British press as an object of study in its own right, and not only as a source of material for other historical topics. Applicants' projected research may involve study of any aspects of that press in any of its manifold forms, and may range from within Britain itself to the many countries, within and outside of the Empire, where British magazines and newspapers were bought, sold, and read during "the long nineteenth century" (ca. 1780-1914).

Applicants should send a c.v., the names and contact information of two scholars who are familiar with the applicant and his or her research goals, and a description of the project to which these funds would be applied. The project description (approx. 500-800 words) is the key element of the application. That description should concisely explain the rationale of the larger project to which this research will contribute, and should indicate in its estimated budget how the Curran funds would assist in that research. The applicant should have done enough preparatory work with finding aids, catalogs, and queries to archivists and librarians to be able to explain why the project's goals require that one or more particular collections of primary sources (manuscripts, printed texts, or digital facsimiles) be closely examined.

Applications for the Curran Fellowship for research to be undertaken in 2009 must be submitted in electronic form and sent to [curranfellowship@rs4vp.org](mailto:curranfellowship@rs4vp.org) by October 1, 2008. Any queries about the application may be sent to the same address. Applicants will be notified by December 1, 2008. Successful applicants will be required to submit a brief report to RSVP at the conclusion of the funded portion of their project, describing the results of their research.

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