

## *Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Association Essay Prize*

We are delighted to announce the call for the 2020 INCS Richard Stein Essay Prize in honor of Richard Stein, Professor Emeritus at the University of Oregon, a principal founder of INCS who provided long and crucial service to developing and nurturing our organization. His books and articles as well as his teaching at Harvard, Berkeley, and Oregon have focused on the connections among Victorian literature, history, visual culture, and other arts. In 1985, he recognized something we now take for granted: the need for a collaborative organization devoted to the interdisciplinary study of the nineteenth century.

### **INCS 2020 Richard Stein Essay Contest Guidelines and Eligibility**

Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies (INCS) invites nominations and submissions for its Richard Stein Essay Prize. The \$500 award recognizes excellence in interdisciplinary scholarship on any nineteenth-century topic.

Articles that appeared in print in a journal or an edited collection in 2020 are eligible; if the date of publication is not 2020, but the essay appeared in 2020, it is eligible. Essays published in online, peer-reviewed journals are considered to be “in print” and are thus eligible.

We encourage INCS members to submit their own work and to nominate essays written by other INCS members. **To be eligible for the prize, authors must be 2020 members of INCS.** If potential contestants have forgotten to join INCS during 2020, they may do so within a grace period of one month. Authors joining INCS on or after Jan. 1, 2021 in order for their 2020 essay to be eligible must specify that their membership count for 2020, rather than 2021. Membership is always for the calendar year.

The winning essay will be announced virtually, and celebrated at the next regular INCS conference. The winner will be invited to assemble a panel for this meeting. Please send an electronic copy of the nominated essay (PDF preferred) to Professor Eileen Cleere, Southwestern University, at [incsprize2020@gmail.com](mailto:incsprize2020@gmail.com) no later than June 30, 2021. In the case of an essay that appeared only online, a durable link is acceptable in lieu of a PDF. For more details about the essay competition, the conference, or the organization, we invite you to visit the INCS website: <http://www.incsscholars.org>. Specific questions about the 2020 Richard Stein Essay Prize may be directed to Eileen Cleere at [cleeree@southwestern.edu](mailto:cleeree@southwestern.edu).