Welcome to the beautiful UC Santa Cruz campus and to the 37th annual Dickens Universe gathering, featuring George Eliot’s novel, *Middlemarch* (1871-72). The Universe is a unique event that combines features of a scholarly conference, a festival, a book club, and summer camp. It brings together distinguished international scholars, students, and members of the general public of all ages and from many walks of life for a week of intellectual stimulation and Dickensian conviviality.

I want to extend special thanks to the Friends of the Dickens Project, whose support helps make this event possible, and I urge you to respond generously to their appeal for contributions to the Friends endowment drive, which aims to make the Universe a permanent and financially self-supporting event.

I look forward to a wonderful week and to greeting old friends and making new ones.

John O. Jordan, Director
The Dickens Project
CONFERENCES LOCATIONS

COLLEGES NINE AND TEN

1. Community Room
2. Apartment Building 2
   Dickens Project #2103
3. Apartment Building 4
4. Apartment Building 5
5. Social Sciences 2
6. Social Sciences 1
7. University Center
   (second floor)
   - Bhojwani Dining Room
   - Alumni Room
   - Sentinel Room
   - Ringold Rotunda
   - Levin Lanai
   - Chancellor’s Conference Room
8. Dining Commons
   (first floor)
9. Multipurpose Room
10. Namaste Lounge
11. Conference Services
    Open Daily: 7AM-8PM
    College Ten Bldg. R5
    (Amnesty House), #5130
    (831) 502-7004
## SATURDAY, JULY 29

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The conference schedule is also available as a mobile app, compatible with iOS, Android, and Windows. Download and install the EventsXD application, then search for “Middlemarch.” Star any session to create a custom agenda.
## Wednesday, August 2

**8:00-8:30 Breakfast**  
Colleges Nine/Ten Dining Commons

**8:45-9:30 Faculty-led Discussions**  

**9:45-11:00 Lecture:** Daniel Bivona (Arizona State University), "The Emergence of Emergence: G. H. Lewes, *Middlemarch*, and Social Orders"  
Multipurpose Room

**12:45-1:30 Lunch**  
Colleges Nine/Ten Dining Commons

**1:30-2:45 Repeat Film Screening**  
Alumni Room

**3:00-3:45 Victorian Tea Hosted by the Friends of the Dickens Project**  
Colleges Nine/Ten Apartments Building 2 Plaza

**4:00-5:15 Talk:** Jacqueline Barrios (Neighborhood Academic Initiative-NAI), Paul David Story (NAI), and Jon Varese (Dickens Project), "MiddleLab: Novel Readings in South L.A."  
Multipurpose Room

**5:15-6:00 Victorian Dance Lessons**  
Multipurpose Room

**6:00-6:45 Dinner**  
Colleges Nine/Ten Dining Commons

**7:00-8:15 Early Film Screening: Part 6 of *Middlemarch* (BBC, 1994)**  
71 Social Sciences 2

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*Tours are free, but you must sign up in advance to participate in the field trips.*

*Wednesday Graduate Professionalization Seminars: Journal Publication; Job Market; Dissertations; Public Scholarship and Working Beyond the Tenure Track*
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

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8:45-9:30 Faculty-led Discussions
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9:45-11:00 Lecture: George Levine (Rutgers University), “The Dickensian George Eliot”
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

8:00-10:00 Coffee & Tea
RINGOLD ROTUNDA

11:15-12:30 Graduate Student-Led Workshops
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2:00-3:00 Road Scholars Field Trip: Special Collections at McHenry Library*
MEET OUTSIDE MPR

3:00-4:00 Final Sale of Tee Shirts and Sweatshirts
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COLLEGES NINE/TEN DINING COMMONS

6:45-7:30 Post-Prandial Potations
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

7:30-8:30 Friends of the Dickens Project Fundraising Auction / Announcement of Next Year’s Book / Book Sale
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

8:30-11:00 Victorian Dance
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
AGENDA AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00-8:30 Breakfast
COLLEGES NINE/TEN DINING COMMONS

9:00 Return Shuttle to SJC (Advanced registration required)
COLLEGES NINE/TEN BUS STOP

10:00 Return Shuttle to SFO (Advanced registration required)
COLLEGES NINE/TEN BUS STOP

FIELD TRIPS

TUESDAY: COLLECTIVE MUSEUM (1:30-3:00 PM)
Meet outside the Multipurpose Room, where an Institute of the Arts and Sciences staff member will guide the group providing UCSC campus history along the way. You will shuttle back in time for Victorian Tea. This walk is moderate, with some small hills and stairs.

WEDNESDAY: SEYMOUR MARINE DISCOVERY CENTER TOUR (1:30-3:00 PM)
The group will meet outside the Multipurpose Room and with a UCSC student guide, take the shuttle to the Marine Center, have a short tour with a docent, the back on the shuttle to Colleges Nine and Ten in time for Victorian Tea. This tour is slightly less strenuous, but still involves a lot of walking.

TOURS ARE FREE, BUT YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE IN THE DICKENS PROJECT OFFICE.
UCSC SUMMER SESSION SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

During Summer Session, loop buses run Monday through Friday.

Counterclockwise (east to west) buses depart the Main Entrance bus stop at 7:30am, 7:40am, 7:50am and every 20 minutes from 8:00am to 9:40pm, at :00, :20, and :40. The last departure from the Main Entrance stop is 9:40pm.

Clockwise (west to east) buses depart the Barn Theater bus stop every 20 minutes from 7:30am to 9:50pm, at :10, :30, and :50. The last departure from the Barn Theater stop is 9:50pm.

Google Maps Transit Information
Transit information about UCSC campus shuttles on Google Maps lists the Counterclockwise trips as “LoopO” (for Outer Loop) and the Clockwise trips as “LoopIn” (for Inner Loop).

SANTA CRUZ METRO

City buses run between the campus and town during the summer. Please call (831) 425-8600 or see scmtd.com for schedules and routes.

Santa Cruz METRO Center (Pacific Station): 920 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

EAST FIELD HOUSE / OPERS

The East Field House Complex is located on the east side of the campus, just off of Hagar Drive. It features 6,500 square feet of workout space, including Olympic weightlifting platforms, over 50 pieces of cardio equipment, and excellent views of the Monterey Bay. Please see opers.ucsc.edu for more information.

OPERS Complex
Monday-Friday 7:00am-7:00pm
Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am- 6:00pm

50 Meter Pool
Monday-Friday 11:00am-7:00pm*
Saturday and Sunday 11:00am -5:30pm
*Limited swim lanes from 2:00-4:00 pm
SPEAKERS

JACQUELINE BARRIOS  
UC Los Angeles

While at work on her Ph.D. in English at UC Los Angeles, Jacqueline Barrios is also an English teacher at Foshay Learning Center. Additionally, she founded the Theater Workshop, a performing arts program in association with the University of Southern California Neighborhood Academic Initiative.

JILL GALVAN  
Ohio State University

Jill Galvan received her Ph.D. at UC Los Angeles. She currently works as an Associate Professor and as the Vice Chair of the English department at Ohio State University, where she specializes in Victorian literature and culture, early 20th-Century literature and occultism of both eras.

DANIEL BIVONA  
Arizona State University

Daniel Bivona is an English professor at Arizona State University, and has written and edited a variety of works concerning both science and literature. His most recent article, “The Comparative Advantages of Survival: Darwin’s Origin and the Economics of Nature,” was published in 2016.

NANCY HENRY  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Nancy Henry is Professor of English at the University of Tennessee, specializing in Victorian literature and culture. She has published three books on George Eliot, including The Life of George Eliot (2012).

DERMOT COLEMAN  
Independent Scholar

As the Founder and Director of SISU Capital Limited, and as a professor of English, Dermot Coleman is interested in the relationship between nineteenth-century British literature and finance. He is currently a visiting scholar at New York University.

DAVID KURNICK  
Rutgers University

David Kurnick teaches at Rutgers University, and researches the Victorian and modernist novel, in addition to modern Latin American fiction. He is the author of Empty Houses: Theatrical Failure and the Novel.
Jos Lavery
UC Berkeley

Assistant Professor at UC Berkeley, Jos Lavery studies critical theory, nineteenth-century British literature, and cultural studies. His recently completed book discusses the impact of the rise of Japan on Victorian cultural projects.

George Levine
Rutgers University

George Levine is a Professor Emeritus of English, having worked at Rutgers University from 1968-2006, where he also co-founded the Center for Cultural Analysis. He specializes in both Victorian literature and in literature and science, and has written four books regarding the subjects.

Ruth Livesey
Royal Holloway, University of London

Ruth Livesey works at Royal Holloway, where she researches nineteenth-century literature and thought. She was an editor of the Journal of Victorian Culture from 2009-2015, and her most recent book was published in 2016.

Helena Michie
Rice University

Professor Helena Michie teaches at Rice University and has written five books regarding Victorian Studies and the studies of gender and sexuality. She recently won (with co-author Robyn Warhol) the North American Victorian Studies Association Best Book of the Year award for Love Among the Archives.

Summer Star
San Francisco State University

With a poetry background, Victorian literature, and ethical theory, Professor Summer Star conducts research that involves the intersection of literary dynamics, Victorian accounts of the unconscious, and representations of mental and spiritual awakenings. She teaches at San Francisco State University.

Claudia Stevens
College of William and Mary

Pianist, playwright, and liberettist Claudia Stevens holds degrees in music from Vassar College, UC Berkeley, and Boston University. Stevens is a visiting scholar at the College of William and Mary, and has created multiple chamber operas in collaboration with composer Allen Sherer, including the sensation, “Middlemarch in Spring.”
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by Allison Clymer

ACROSS
2 Middlemarch character described as having a “scrappy slovenliness” to his speech
3 2016 Dickens Universe title character
8 Victorian heroine whose unfortunate fate was determined by a letter slipping underneath the carpet
10 Middlemarch genre
11 Author of Supposing Bleak House (2011)
13 George Eliot’s surname
15 Bell-shaped Victorian undergarment

DOWN
1 Dickens character who dies from spontaneous human combustion
4 Fruit associated with the UC Santa Cruz mascot
5 Famous member of Elizabeth Gaskell’s family tree
6 Modernist author who was a fan of
7 “Middlemarch,” but disliked all of Dickens’s novels except David Copperfield
9 “_________ people did what their neighbors did, so that if any lunatics were at large, one might know and avoid them.” (Middlemarch)
12 Extinct, flightless bird that appears as a nickname in Middlemarch
14 Irksome spoon habit of Causabon’s, to Celia
### FACULTY-LED CONTEXT GROUPS (8:30-9:30 AM)

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**READING SCHEDULE**

Monday, July 31: Book 1 and 2, through Ch. 16  
Tuesday, August 1: Book 2 and 3, reread Prelude  
Wednesday, August 2: Book 4 and 5, through Ch. 45  
Thursday, August 3: Book 6 and 7  
Friday, August 4: Book 8

Reading schedule allows especially for discussions of the following topics:  
Monday: realist fiction, omniscient narration, multiplots  
Tuesday: marriage plots and gender (part one)  
Wednesday: medicine (Lydgate, the hospital, Bulstrode)  
Thursday: government and politics (Brooke, Ladislaw)  
Friday: marriage plots and gender (part two)

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**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

A Study of Provincial Life  
Old and young  
Multiplotted novels (equivalent centers)  
This particular web  
Key to All Mythologies  
The narrator’s self-critiques  
The originary tissue  
Women’s education  
Men’s vocation  
History of Medicine  
Railways and progress  
Liberalism, Politics, and the Reform Bill

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**GRADUATE STUDENT-LED WORKSHOPS (11:15-12:15 PM)**  
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- Dorothea's cottages
- Agricultural reform
- Sympathy: “Why always Dorothea?”
- The squirrel's heartbeat
- Insiders/outsiders (natives/settlers)
- Narrative voice
- Genealogies
- Disinheritance
- Chapter epigraphs and intertextuality
- Marriage
- Money and debt
- Crime

- Heroic lives/unvisited tombs
- Characters and Types
- Later-born St. Theresa
- Marriage Plots
- Religion & Hypocrisy
- Class
- Gossip & Newspapers
- Serialization & Division into 8 Books
- Reception
- Pseudonymous authorship
- Adaptations: Plays, Films, Opera

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We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the forty-four donors who made contributions during UCSC’s second annual Giving Day, a 24-hour fundraiser used to fund UCSC students, faculty and projects.

Generally, consortium schools cover travel costs for their graduate students to attend the Dickens Universe, but we know financial support from home institutions isn’t always adequate or readily available. Our goal on Giving Day was to establish a fund to assist with travel costs associated with attending any Dickens Project event. This fund will be used to help ease the financial burden on future participants and enable them to take maximum advantage of our programming. We are pleased to report that we raised over $9,000 to establish a graduate travel grant program, and this year awarded funds to fourteen graduate students.
FACULTY-LED GRADUATE SEMINARS (1:30-3:00 PM)

* These seminars are for consortium member graduate students only.

SEMINAR A
71 Soc Sci 2
with James Buzard
+ Monique Morgan
Kirsten Andersen
Marissa Bolin
Rachel Cason
Staci Conner
Danielle Dye
Holly Fling
Zachary Garber
Amy Hale
Linda Liu
Samantha Nystrom
Sierra Senzaki
Elisabeth Strayer
Eliza Urban
Ted Zhang

SEMINAR B
110 Soc Sci 1
with Gerard Cohen-Vrignaud
+ Amy Wong
Mariana Badarnih
Katherine Brandt
Mark Celeste
Emily Corey
Rebecca Ehrhardt
Hannah Fogarty
Will Glovinsky
Katherine Harclerode
Lydia Maunz-Breese
Rosalind Parry
Yumi Shiroma
Sam Tett
Polina Vinogradova

SEMINAR C
141 Soc Sci 2
with Pearl Brilmyer
+ Rachel Teukolsky
Lauren Bailey
Zoe Hope Bulaitis
Christine Choi
Caitlin Crandell
Emma Eisenberg
Andrew Forrester
Lindsay Graham
Michael Hatch
Margaret Miller
Annemarie Pearson
Tsiia Sofer Elguez
Tara Thomas
Darby Walters

SEMINAR D
171 Soc Sci 2
with Jim Adams
+ Zoe Beenstock
Katherine Bergevin
Scott Caddy
Alli Clymer
Julie Cruz
Noa Erez
Zach Fruit
Jessica Gray
Sean Hughes
Veronica Mittnacht
Crescent Rainwater
Anna Stone
Rebecca Thursten
Rosie White

SEMINAR E
9/10 Community Rm
with Claire Jarvis + Allen MacDuffie
Sanders Bernstein
Sari Carter
Emily Cody
Leah Duncan Powell
Vanessa Febo
Holly Gallagher
Mackenzie Gregg
Cheyenne Kwok
Frances Molyneux
Max Sater
Sarah Storti
Jennifer Tinonga-Valle
Lucy Whitehead

PEDAGOGY A
261 Soc Sci 1
11:15-12:30 PM
with Rochelle Almeida + Sara Lyons + Simon Reader
Mariana Badarnih
Zoe Hope Bulaitis
Emily Cody
Hannah Fogarty
Lindsay Graham
Max Sater
Tsiia Sofer Elguez
Sarah Storti
Rosie White

PEDAGOGY B
265 Soc Sci 2
4:00-5:15 PM
with Devin Griffiths + Valentina Gosetti
Marissa Bolin
Rachel Cason
Emma Eisenberg
Holly Gallagher
Mackenzie Gregg
Lydia Maunz-Breese
Yumi Shiroma
Anna Stone
Elizabeth Strayer
Lucy Whitehead

PRESENTATIONS
Alumni Room
8:45-9:30 AM
with Simon Rennie + Robyn Warhol
Kirsten Andersen
Emily Corey
Julie Cruz
Holly Fling
Jessica Gray
Amy Hale
Katherine Harclerode
Michael Hatch
Annemarie Pearson

PUBLICATION
Alumni Room
4:00-5:15 PM
with Ryan Fong + Kathleen Frederickson
Lauren Bailey
Sari Carter
Staci Connor
Leah Duncan Powell
Vanessa Febo
Zachary Garber
Margaret Miller
Samantha Nystrom
Crescent Rainwater
Sam Tett
Jennifer Tinonga-Valle
Eliza Urban

WRITING
Sentinel Room
8:45-9:30 AM
with Michael Cohen + Andrew Miller
Sanders Bernstein
Christine Choi
Rebecca Ehrhardt
Noa Erez
Cherie Kwok
Veronica Mittnacht
Tara Thomas
UNDERGRADUATE AND SUMMER SESSION SEMINARS (1:30-3:00 PM)

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

The schedule for the week is very intense and you are expected to attend the following activities:

Monday-Friday Mornings
• Faculty-Led Discussions (8:45-9:30 AM)
• Lectures (9:45-11:00 AM)
• Graduate-Led Discussions (11:15-12:15 PM)

Monday-Thursday Afternoons
• Undergraduate Seminar (1:30-3:00 PM)

Evening Lectures (7:30-9:00 PM)
• Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday

There is a 7-10 page paper due no later than Monday, August 14, 2017. The title of your paper needs to submitted no later than Monday, August 7. Details about the paper and submission will be given to you in class.

SEMINAR A
265 Soc Sci 2
with Priti Joshi
+ Daniel Pollock-Pelzner

SEMINAR B
363 Soc Sci 2
with Margaret Loose
+ Beverley Rilett

Sydney Ahmed
Veronica Cuddy
Beth Hightower
Maria Nunez-Romero
Daniel Parks
Patricia Springer
Maura Walden
Hanna Wilson

Bailey Bolton
Chris Chua
Kenia Coyoy
Kai Hanson
Kelsey Mansueto
Kimberly Mejia
Marlee Perez
Keith Turnage
Hunter Wilkinson

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM GRADUATE STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

One way in which the Dickens Project retains its annual funding from its consortium member schools is by providing evidence of its accomplishments in the areas of research and graduate student development. You can help us in this regard by writing a letter of appreciation to the Dean of Humanities (or other appropriate administrator) on your campus, briefly describing your experience at the Santa Cruz conference and mentioning some of the ways in which it was beneficial to your professional training. I hope such a letter will not be difficult for you to write. A single page should suffice.

Please send copies of your letter to the Chair of your department and to the faculty Dickensian(s) in your department. A copy should also be sent to me at:

Professor John O. Jordan,
University of California, Santa Cruz
Humanities Academic Services
1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Thank you in advance for your help!
What will we feminists think of next? That somehow, the work of caring, soothing, remembering to call Grandma on her birthday, planning dinner, and countless other things that keep the world connected, is actually work, and not a woman’s blessing, her “graces of the soul” (163). While Charles Dickens is clearly of the mind that this “work” is necessary and valuable, it would be difficult to read *Hard Times* without coming away with the idea that it is something which is a pleasure, rather than a burden, to women.

The main conflict in *Hard Times* is that of “fancy” against “reason,” but there are implicit assumptions in the novel’s treatment of “fancy” that remain unexamined. In “Fettered Fancy in ‘Hard Times’” David Sonstroem details the two facets of “fancy” that *Hard Times* is concerned with: “imagination” and “fellow-feeling.” The latter encompasses what modern sociologists call “emotional labor” when performed for pay, or “emotion work” if unpaid. First defined by Arlie Russell Hochschild in her 1979 book “The Managed Heart,” “emotional work” is the often-invisible work of maintaining relationships and managing emotions. Service workers are often subjects of studies of emotional labor—they are literally paid to smile and put others at ease. Until recently, however, the expectations of who performs emotional work in a domestic setting have remained unquestioned. Aren’t women just naturally better at “emotional stuff”? Few would dare proclaim that to be the case about housework—that battle is mostly won—but, the case for emotional work as work is complicated by deep-seated assumptions about the “natural” nurturing qualities of women, and reawakened interest in the concept establishes it as the next battle in the struggle for equality.

This deeply ingrained bias is vital to understanding the treatment of emotional work—or “fellow-feeling”—in *Hard Times*. The narrative exalts emotional work, and scorns Utilitarianism for devaluing it, but the fact that this work is performed by women creates tension. *Hard Times* simultaneously recognizes that emotional work must be taught and practiced while denying the burden it places on women. Emotional work is recognized necessary for familial and societal harmony, but the women who perform this work are not recognized as having made any sacrifices—selflessness should be its own reward, we are led to believe. In this regard, little has changed since the Victorian Age.

This tension is apparent in Dicken’s struggle to reconcile his dualist “fancy.” Sonstroem rightly delineates a division in how the characters in *Hard Times* experience “fancy.” Only one facet of “fancy” is available to his protagonists—“fellow-feeling.” As Sonstroem points out, imagination is relegated to the antagonists and the narrator, while the protagonists in *Hard Times* are, or strive to be, full of “fellow-feeling,” but are mostly lacking imagination. The hard-hearted industrialist Mr. Bounderby invented quite the fanciful backstory for his boyhood, and spinster housekeeper Mrs. Sparsit concocts a diabolical staircase—feats of imagination unseen in the protagonists (Sonstroem 586). As much as the narrator may pay lip service to the importance of imagination, within the world of *Hard Times*, the fate of characters is determined by their capacity for empathy—that is to say, “fellow-feeling” and “emotional work.” By examining the characters the narrator empathizes with, and the characters the narrator
demonizes, we can arrive at an understanding of how emotional work fits into Dicken's world, and how it fails to square with the Victorian ideals of womanhood espoused in the novel.

Three characters in *Hard Times* are treated sympathetically in the narration because of their relative success in the realm of emotional work: Sissy Jupe, Rachael, and Louisa. Sissy Jupe and Rachael are perfect Angels in the House (though Rachael might be more accurately described as an Angel Without a House). Rachael is boundlessly selfless. She devotes herself to a life of spinsterhood in honor of a love she has no legal commitment to and volunteers for a life of not only chastity, but charity as well, caring for an ungrateful drunk in honor of Stephen's memory. She bears this great self-sacrifice as if it were no sacrifice at all, and is rewarded with the narrator's sympathy. Sissy is the luckier of the two; after her father abandons her, she is adopted into the Gradgrind household, where she mitigates the harmful effects of Thomas Gradgrind's Utilitarian education on the younger Gradgrind children, and she eventually leaves that household to form one of her own. Both of these women exhibit high proficiency in the realm of “fellow-feeling,” but little in the way of imagination. They clearly exemplify the value of emotional work in the world Dickens constructs and they are exalted by the narrator because they labor without complaint or profit.

Louisa, on the other hand, presents a more complicated experience of emotional work. She struggles to access her store of “fellow-feeling” and occasionally her “fancy” breaks through, but it is always emotional—not imaginative. She asks Sissy to tell her not about *One Thousand and One Arabian Nights*, which Sissy's father used to read to her, but rather about her family-- she's interested in Sissy's family life, not her circus life: “Louisa asked these questions with a strong, wild, wandering interest peculiar to her; and interest gone astray like a banished creature and hiding in solitary places” (83). The metaphor here is the narrator's, not Louisa's. The spark that is extinguished—the fire that dies, like the ones Louisa watches night after night—is not one of imagination; it is one of empathy. A childhood filled with repressed “fellow-feeling” will complicate Louisa's adult life, and prevent her from fulfilling the role of Angel in the House.

Despite the fact that Louisa has limited stores of empathy, she is regarded with sympathy by the narrator. Louisa's saving grace is her self-awareness about her deficiency. She recognizes the importance of emotional work, and recognizes that it is not among “what little [she] is fit for” (75). This self-awareness is what motivates Louisa's marriage. Her choice to marry Mr. Bounderby is, at its surface, chilling. It seems to be a sign of Louisa surrendering to her father's values. Something deeper, and more human—a small triumph rather than a fatal defeat—underlies her decision, however. Harthouse correctly identifies Tom as the only thing Louisa cares for (78), and Tom himself states that Louisa married Bounderby for his sake (105), but he is not entirely correct in his conclusion. Though Louisa does care for Tom, and did hope to help him after her marriage, he is not the sole impetus behind her choice.

Louisa knows she is not fit for a proper marriage. As Mr. Bounderby is in pursuit of her as another social trophy—“Tom Gradgrind’s daughter”—to add to his collection, next to the venerable Mrs. Sparsit (whom he does not have to marry to “acquire”), she can be comforted by the fact that she will not be expected to exercise the kind of emotional work she is incapable of (85). Louisa's unwillingness to take on a role which would require her to engage in emotional work explains the heartbreaking exchange she has with her father when he brings news of Bounderby's proposal:

‘Father,’ pursued Louisa in exactly the same voice as before, ‘do you ask me to love Mr. Bounderby?’
‘My dear Louisa, no. No. I ask nothing.’
‘Father,’ she still pursued, ‘does Mr. Bounderby ask me to love him?’ (74)
It is only when Louisa is satisfied that Mr. Bounderby does not ask her to love him—that is, to provide tender care, and raise well-loved children—that she can accept the proposal.

This marriage affords Louisa the opportunity to do “what little she is fit for”—she is not fit for emotional work, so she might as well marry Mr. Bounderby and do her brother some good (75). Louisa makes a terrible mistake on the basis of empathy—following her desire to help her brother, armed with the knowledge that she is not fit to be a nurturing mother—and it is her empathetic motivation that saves her from the narrator's scorn.

In contrast to Sissy Jupe, Rachael, and Louisa, Dickens presents us with three women who fail in some degree in the practice of “fellow-feeling:” Mrs. Blackpool, Mrs. Gradgrind, and Mrs. Sparsit. The narrator is far from sympathetic to these three characters; Mrs. Blackpool is a repulsive obstacle to Stephen and Rachael's happiness (so much so that the reader finds herself hoping for an accidental suicide!), Mrs. Gradgrind’s most attractive feature (to her husband) is her inability to interfere with Mr. Gradgrind’s “system,” and Mrs. Sparsit is absurd comic relief.

The lack of sympathy for Mrs. Blackpool is no mystery; she does not fulfill her wifely duties in any sense, and she actively stands in the way of her husband's happiness. Her selfish actions and the stigma against alcoholism (particularly in the case of women) in the Victorian age—and now—makes Mrs. Blackpool a convenient villain. The cases of Mrs. Gradgrind and Mrs. Sparsit are not as straightforward, however, and it is within this puzzle that we find the key to the narrator's conflicting attitudes toward emotional labor.

Mrs. Gradgrind is caught in an impossible situation; her husband has no need for her to enrich their children—he has taken it upon himself to bring them up in his system of Facts and Figures. She is robbed of her rightful place as Angel in the House, relegated instead to enervated shadow of a person. It’s easy to see how Mrs. Gradgrind represents the Victorian archetype of faint and fragile woman. It’s difficult to see, however, any sympathy from the narrator. She is introduced with near-neutrality—“a little, thin, white, pink-eyed bundle of shawls, of surpassing feebleness, mental and bodily”—but the derision quickly becomes overt: “Mrs. Gradgrind faintly looked at the tongs, as the most appropriate thing her imbecility could think of doing” (13). Mr. Gradgrind was motivated to marriage by “a question of figures” (that is, her dowry), and her simplicity—not wise criteria, in retrospect. This failure of Mr. Gradgrind’s is not treated with admiration, but Mr. Gradgrind is spared the venomous scorn that is heaped on Mrs. Gradgrind. Of course, failure in emotional work is easier to forgive when it is perpetrated by men.

Mrs. Gradgrind escapes pity because of the damage her ineptitude does to her children, while Louisa is saved from contempt because she acknowledges her own deficiencies in emotional resources, and recognizes that she is not fit to raise a “little sphere” of her own (164). Mrs. Gradgrind is missing this self-awareness. She supports Mr. Gradgrind’s educational plan for Louisa and Tom, and urges them to be diligent in all their “ological” studies, because if they did otherwise, she would “never hear the last of it” from Mr. Gradgrind (43). She provides little warmth or encouragement to play and laugh, instead acting as a (weak) extension of Mr. Gradgrind. It is only on her deathbed that she reflects on her life, and finds something lacking: “not an Ology at all— that your father has missed, or forgotten...I shall never get its name now” (152). Her almost-insight comes too late, however. The damage is done for Louisa and Tom, who will struggle to reclaim a sense of humanity as adults. But the damage is done for Mrs. Gradgrind as well—her complicity in the upbringing of her children leaves her with more blame than her husband’s design of that upbringing.

Mrs. Sparsit, on the other hand, has not been “raised to high matrimonial position” by Mr. Bounderby, yet she performs the
courtesies/emotional work of a wife, without the social status of a wife, for an insufferable bombastic prig of a man. Unlike Mrs. Gradgrind, Mrs. Bounderby is well-versed in the intricacies of emotional work, and she does not deprive any children of “fellow-feeling”--why, then, is she the object of scorn?

Contempt for Mrs. Sparsit is so deeply imbedded in the narrative of *Hard Times*, that the reader might easily miss that she is indeed, a pitiable character. To summarize: she was left destitute by the death of her husband, forced to rely on her relation Lady Scadgers for financial support, and then she persevered in finding a way to support herself after a falling out with that Lady. These are problems of privilege, to be sure--the indignity of working for a wage! But even disregarding Mrs. Sparsit’s expectations of her life based on her societal rank, theoretically, the reader should side with anyone who has to endure life with Mr. Bounderby, the main antagonist of the novel.

And yet, the reader is not inclined to side with Mrs. Sparsit. It’s shocking how little regard for the hardships of Mrs. Sparsit’s life the narrator holds. Even Louisa--his *wife*--does not pretend to like Mr. Bounderby, and yet Mrs. Sparsit receives no admiration for succeeding in that difficult task. Sure, she acts antagonistically toward Louisa, our darling protagonist, but is Mrs. Sparsit not right to be threatened by Louisa? Mrs. Sparsit’s position is made redundant by a wife. Furthermore, Mrs. Sparsit rightly intuits that Louisa is unfit for emotional work, and that Mr. Bounderby’s household harmony will suffer for it.

The difference between Mrs. Sparsit and the other female practitioners of emotional work in *Hard Times* is that she does not hold house for Mr. Bounderby, serving tea and making sure he has his sherry to his liking after dinner, for love, but for a wage (pardon, “an annual compliment”). Mrs. Sparsit, unlike the rest of the female characters in *Hard Times*, does not engage in emotional work–she engages in emotional labor. Because she engages in the work of coddling and supporting for a wage, Mrs. Sparsit exposes the nature of emotional work as work. Essentially, Mrs. Sparsit is a wife for hire. The most crucial component of emotional labor/work is the appearance of effortlessness. Now, Mrs. Sparsit has mastered this facet of emotional labor as well:

...she was never hurried. She would shoot with consummate velocity from the roof to the hall, yet would be in full possession of her breath and dignity on the moment of her arrival there. Neither was she ever seen by human vision to go at a great pace. (146)

But while Mrs. Sparsit may fool Mr. Bounderby and other members of the *Hard Times* universe, she cannot fool us or the narrator.

It is not enough for a woman to bear her duties silently; she must also bear them without resentment--with joy, even. The same cognitive dissonance of the Victorian-era Angel in the House ideal underlies our current struggle to value emotional work. The narrator’s attitude toward the female characters reflects the conflict at the heart of *Hard Times*: emotional labor is necessary for the world to keep spinning, but a patriarchal system necessitates this work be undertaken without compensation.

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