



THE DICKENS UNIVERSE

... Join us to explore the world of Dickens
on the University of California's
Santa Cruz campus
August 1-7, 1983

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Introduction

This summer, University of California Extension, Santa Cruz, is pleased to present the third in a series of annual workshop/conferences on Charles Dickens. Bringing together many distinguished Dickens scholars from throughout the University of California system as well as from other major universities, the program combines formal lectures, small discussion groups and workshops, and films of Dickens' works. The comprehensive program is designed for both teachers and the general public.

The week-long course will focus each year on a different aspect of the vision of Charles Dickens as evidenced in one or two of his novels. In the summer of 1983, the topic will be "Dickens and the Fantastic."

We will explore the special mixture of realistic and non-realistic elements in Dickens' writing, including his use of fairy tales, coincidence, supernatural effects, and the grotesque. We will focus on *David Copperfield* as our principal text. Attention will be paid to the variety of Romantic qualities in Dickens' fiction and to the affinities between his work and that of other "magical realists" in his century and our own. A scholarly conference on Victorian autobiography and autobiographical fiction will be held concurrently with the course and will be open to Dickens Universe participants. The course will include film and video tape showings, dramatic readings from the novels, wine tasting, and other festive events of an appropriately Dickensian nature. There will be opportunity for discussion in small formal and informal groups.

Because a segment of the program presents teaching strategies, this course is of particular interest to teachers of English literature. It is also designed to increase the pleasure of reading Dickens for people who already love to read his work as well as those just discovering him.

On the afternoons of Thursday and Saturday, August 4 and 6, there will be a scholarly conference on "Victorian Autobiography and Autobiographical Fiction" that will be open to participants of the Dickens Universe.



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Format and Schedule

The program will begin Monday, August 1. Registration for those staying on the UCSC campus will be from 3-5 p.m. at Kresge College, Room 317, followed by dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Registration for the program will take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., Dr. John Jordan, Coordinator of the program, will welcome participants and review events of the upcoming week. A full length film version of *David Copperfield*, with W.C. Fields as Mr. Micawber, will be shown at 8 p.m.

Each day will begin with small group discussions of Dickens' work. Participants will be divided into small groups for general discussions led by Professors Edwin Eigner, Albert Hutter, Chris Vanden Bossche and other faculty members of the University of California Dickens Project staff. A lecture on the conference topic by a faculty member will follow. Workshop groups will then meet for discussion of the lecture and *David Copperfield*. Students will break for lunch at 12:15 p.m., and will

have the afternoon free to study, to enjoy the lovely Santa Cruz area, and to meet informally with fellow students.

After dinner we will gather for informal conversation over wine, port, and beer from 6:30-7:30 p.m. At 7:30, the Evening Seminar will convene, focussing on special topics. There will also be reader's theatre presentations of Dickens, a Dickens book fair, wine-tasting featuring products of our local vintners, and the unveiling of a Dickens Universe t-shirt. On Saturday evening, August 6, we will have a formal dinner, a witty speaker, and a party. We will conclude the Dickens Universe with panel discussions and a closing lecture on Sunday morning, August 7.

Students taking the course for credit will be expected to write a paper of 4-7 typewritten pages in length, which will be due August 26. The topic of the paper will be discussed at the program.

Lecture and Workshop Topics

- "The Dickens Pantomime: The Benevolent Spirit in *David Copperfield*"
- "Dickens and Victorian Children's Literature"
- "Family and Fantasy in *David Copperfield*"
- "Writing the Light Fantastic"
- "Contextualizing *David Copperfield*"
- "Widow, Orphans, and Bachelors: The Victorian Family"

Dates

7 days, Monday through Sunday, August 1-7, 1983.

Place

University of California, Kresge College, Santa Cruz. Maps and a detailed schedule of activities will be sent before the course begins.

Credit/Fee

2 units of credit (quarter system) in Literature, \$88; non-credit, \$85. Enrollment is limited. Credit is available in either post-baccalaureate or undergraduate units. Meals and lodging are not included in the course fee. Students staying off campus may purchase meals in the campus cafeteria on a cash basis.

Coordinator

John Jordan, Associate Professor, teaches Victorian literature at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He has conducted seminars on Dickens for many years. He has been instrumental in creating the Dickens Universe program.

Faculty

Murray Baumgarten, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, University of California, Santa Cruz, is Director of the Dickens Project. His widespread interests include Victorian literature, and he has published studies of Dickens, Carlyle, Mill, and others. He is a member of the Editorial Board of *Dickens Studies Annual*.

Professor Richard J. Dunn is chairman of the Department of English at the University of Washington, and the author of many studies of Dickens and Victorian literature. Among his most recent publications is *David Copperfield: An Annotated Bibliography*.

Professor Edwin Eigner teaches nineteenth century English and American literature at the University of California, Riverside. His recent study, *The Metaphysical Novel in England and America: Dickens, Bulwer, Melville and Hawthorne*, was awarded an honorable mention for the 1979 James Russell Lowell Prize.

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