THE
DICKENS
UNIVERSE
JULY 30–AUGUST 5, 1995
JOIN US TO EXPLORE THE WORLD OF
DICKENS... ON THE UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA'S SANTA CRUZ CAMPUS
Presented by The Dickens Project
1. THE PLOT
(MY INVITATION)

This summer, the Dickens Project will present
the Dickens Universe, its fifteenth annual Summer
Institute on Charles Dickens. Distinguished scholars from
the various University of California campuses and other
major universities here and abroad will offer lectures and
small seminars. There will also be films, videos, readings
from Dickens’ works, a book fair, daily workshops for
teachers, Victorian teas, other festive events, and one or
two surprises. The comprehensive program is designed
both for teachers and the general public. The only pre-
requisite is a fondness for reading Dickens and talking about
his work.

In 1995 we will read and discuss two novels: Dickens’s
Great Expectations and Charlotte Brontë’s Jane Eyre.
We will look at both works critically, as novels and as
Victorian novels. We will also consider their historical
and biographical content, and examine each novelist’s
use of the first person narrator. We will pay particular
attention to the differences when a male novelist writes of
a young man growing up, and a woman novelist depicts
the development of a young woman. Does gender affect
style and technique?

In Great Expectations, Dickens examines the process by
which a gentleman is made, not born. Presented as Pip’s
confessional autobiography, Great Expectations describes
his childhood at the forge, his infatuation with the beau-
tiful Estella, his shame at his working-class origin and his
generosity to be a gentleman, and eventually his life as a
young man-about-town with “great expectations” of
inheriting a fortune. Recalling these events in maturity, Pip
is frank about his own mistakes and shortcomings.

Jane Eyre is also presented as autobiography. Jane de-
scribes her lonely childhood as an unwelcome member of
her aunt’s household; her education to be a governess and
her employment as such; and her relationship with the
handsome but mysterious Mr. Rochester. Like Great
Expectations, Jane Eyre is also a kind of confession,
admitting—and justifying—a passion and rebelliousness
supposedly forbidden to Victorian women.

2. THE CHARACTERS
(FELLOW PUPILS)

COORDINATOR

JOHN O. JORDAN, Associate Professor of English, teaches
Victorian literature, especially Dickens, at the University of
California, Santa Cruz. He is Director of the Dickens Project.

FACULTY

MURRAY BAUMGARTEN, Professor of English and Compara-
tive Literature at UC Santa Cruz, is Founding Director of the
Dickens Project and Editor-in-chief of a multi-volume edi-
tion of the works of Thomas Carlyle. He has published studies
of Dickens and other Victorian writers and serves on the
editorial board of Dickens Studies Annual.

ROBERT NEWSOM is Professor of English Literature at UC
Irvine and an Associate Director of the Dickens Project. He is
the author of Dickens on the Victorian Novel
and A Likely
Story: Probability and Play in Fiction in addition to essays in
Victorian Literature.

Associate Professor HILARY SCHOR teaches Victorian litera-
ture at the University of Southern California, and is an
Associate Director of the Dickens Project. She is the author of
Scheherezade in the Marketplace: Elizabeth Gaskell and
the Victorian Novel.

ROBERT TRACY is Professor of English and Celtic Studies at
UC Berkeley, and an Associate Director of the Dickens
Project. He is the author of Trollope’s Later Novels and of
many studies of Dickens and other Victorian writers.

Professor PHILIP COLLINS of the University of Leicester in
Great Britain is one of the world’s foremost Dickens scholars.
He is the author of Dickens and Crime, Dickens and Educa-
tion and many other studies of Dickens’s life and writings,
and is President-elect of the Dickens Society.

Professor JOHN G LAVIN teaches nineteenth-century literature
and playwriting at Georgetown University. He has written
articles on Oscar Wilde, Muriel Spark, and Anthony Trollope.
His plays God’s Boys and The Winter Cup have been staged
by the Philadelphia Company.

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tieth-century English and American Literature at UC
Santa Barbara, is author of books and articles on Joseph
Conrad, T. S. Eliot, Hawthorne, Dickens, Henry James,
Kipling, and Forster.

Dr. Wendy Jacobson is the author of The Companion
to The Mystery of Edwin Drood, and has published several
articles on Dickens and on John Fowles. She teaches
Victorian and Romantic literature at Rhodes University.

Professor James Kincaid is Aerol Arnold Professor of
English at the University of Southern California. His
writings include Dickens and the Rhetoric of Laughter,
and most recently, Child-Loving: The Erotic Child and
Victorian Culture and Annoying the Victorians.

Helena Michie is Professor of English at Rice Univer-
sity. She has written widely on Victorian fiction and is
the author of The Flesh Made Word: Female Figures and
Women’s Bodies and of Soroophobia: Differences
Among Women in Literature and Culture.

Dr. David Parker is Curator of the Dickens House
Museum in London. He has published many studies of
Dickens’s life and writings.

Gordon Philo is an independent scholar living in
London. Under the name of Charles Forsyte, he has
published many essays on Dickens and is the author of
The Decoding of Edwin Drood.
3. The Time Scheme

(I AM INFORMED)

Schedule

Sunday, July 30, 1995

2:00-3:30 p.m. Room Registration for participants staying on campus
5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30-7:30 p.m. Program Registration at Kresge Town Hall
7:30 p.m. Welcome and preview of the week’s events, followed by an opening address

Monday, July 31–Friday, August 4

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m. Small group discussion of Victorian contexts with Dickens Universe faculty
9:45-11:00 a.m. Faculty lectures on Great Expectations and Jane Eyre
11:15-12:30 a.m. Workshops on Great Expectations and Jane Eyre and the lecture material
12:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch
Afternoons Informal lectures, films, teas, teaching workshops.
5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30-7:30 p.m. Sherry and social hour
7:30 p.m. Films, performances, lectures

Friday, August 4

7:00 p.m. Closing festivities: party and performances

Saturday, August 5

Morning departures

[Universe participants may also choose to stay and attend the weekend conference on “Victorian Mind”]
4. **The Setting**

**(Pecuniary and Other Arrangements)**

**Credit and Fees**

We will be discussing *Jane Eyre* and *Great Expectations* in a setting less bustling than Pip’s London, less austere than Jane’s Yorkshire moors. The Santa Cruz campus of the University of California, 75 miles southeast of San Francisco and 50 miles north of Carmel, is perched on a hill high above the city of Santa Cruz, a place of open vistas, redwood groves, and nearly tame deer. There is easy access to Santa Cruz’s many shops, restaurants, and beaches. The climate is mild: cool mornings and evenings, warm afternoons. While we dwell imaginatively in nineteenth-century England, we will simultaneously enjoy the amenities of the most beautiful of the University of California’s campuses.

Since many people summer in Santa Cruz, off-campus housing is usually in short and expensive supply. For this reason, we suggest that you stay at Kresge College, where all conference events are held. Campus parking permits and meals at the dining hall are included in the room rates. Accommodations at Kresge feature two-bedroom suites, with common living room. Kresge is designed to resemble a traditional Mediterranean village, along a single winding street. There is a short walk among the redwoods to nearby Porter College for meals.

The registration fee for the conference is $596.50 for a single room and $524.50 for a double per person. Non-resident fee is $175. The registration fee includes all programs and parties.

You may receive 2 units of credit (quarter system) in Literature; please indicate your wish on the registration form. The course is approved to be repeated for credit.

Students taking the course for credit are expected to write a paper 5–7 typewritten pages in length, which will be due August 31. The topic of the paper will be discussed at the program.

**For More Information**

If you have questions not answered by this brochure, please write or phone the Dickens Project, 354 Kresge College, University of California, Santa Cruz, 95064, (408) 459-2103. A detailed schedule of activities will be sent to all registrants. All programs are accessible.

**Cancellations**

Cancellations must be received in writing before July 21. A service charge of $30 will be withheld from the registration fee refund. Housing cancellations must be arranged by 5 pm, July 28, or one night’s meals and lodging will be charged.

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**By Special Arrangement**

The Baytree Bookstore of UC Santa Cruz will supply copies of the Penguin editions of *Great Expectations* and *Jane Eyre*; these are the recommended texts for the Dickens Universe. Just indicate your wish on the registration form and include the amount with your total payment. The book will be sent directly by the Baytree; if you have questions about your order, please call them at 408-459-4216.

5. **The Plot Thickens**

*(An Intellectual Evening)*

From Thursday evening, August 3, through noon on Sunday, August 6, the Dickens Project will present a scholarly conference on “Victorian Mind,” to which all Dickens Universe participants are invited without additional fee. Well-known scholars of nineteenth-century literature and culture will discuss Victorian conceptions of the mind and mental functioning. Topics will include scientific and religious models of the mind; ethical and moral considerations; gendered conceptions of the mind; Victorian spiritualism; the emergence of modern psychology; ghosts, nostalgia, and the irrational. Conference registration for non-Universer participants is $60.
7. FACTS AND FIGURES

(THE TIME DRAWS NEAR)

REGISTRATION

THE DICKENS UNIVERSE, JULY 30 TO AUGUST 5

☐ Resident: Six nights, Sunday night to Saturday noon. Rooms are close to conference activities and fee includes programs, parties, meals, parking, and Victorian Mind.

☐ Extra Night Option: You may stay over one more night, Saturday, August 5. Especially useful if you are attending Victorian Mind.

If you cannot stay for an entire conference, meals and lodging can be arranged through the University Conference office at 408-459-2611. Tell the staff person you would like to arrange "guest housing" and the dates you will be needing it.

☐ Non-resident: Parking not included

You may take the Dickens Universe for credit at no extra charge.

☐ Post-baccalaureate credit ☐ Undergraduate credit

□ single room $596.50
□ double (per person) $24.50
□ single room $70.25
□ double (per person) $58.25

roommate’s name, if mailed separately

□ Non-resident: $175.00

Total Universe Registration $ _____

VICTORIAN MIND, AUGUST 3 TO 6

Three nights, Thursday night to Sunday noon. Registration for the Dickens Universe includes free registration to Victorian Work.

□ single room $270.75
□ double (per person) $234.75
□ non-resident $60.00

Total Victorian Work Registration $ _____

PUBLICATIONS

Please send me a copy of the indicated publications:

☐ Great Expectations $6.00 ☐ Jane Eyre $6.00
☐ Viewer's Guide to Martin Chuzzlewit and Hard Times $9.50

Total Publications $ _____

$88

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Please make checks payable to UC Regents and mail to The Dickens Project, Kresge College, UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

408-459-2103

6. THE READING PUBLIC

(THINGS NECESSARY)

If you enjoyed WGBH’s Masterpiece Theatre offerings this spring of Martin Chuzzlewit and Hard Times, you may order a hard-to-find viewer’s guide directly from the Dickens Project. The guide, on which Project faculty served as consultants, introduces Dickens as an author, elucidates the major characters, and discusses the historical context of the two novels. Just mark the order form as indicated, and we’ll get one in the mail to you right away.

Throughout this year, the Dickens Project has been collaborating with the Education unit of the British Broadcasting Corporation to produce educational materials to accompany the two Dickens television adaptations. The product of this collaboration, “Doorway to Dickens” will be available for purchase at this summer’s Dickens Universe. The Project consulted to BBC, and the result is an even richer resource than our earlier publications. The kit contains a 90-minute video, an audio tape, and printed materials for teaching and study. It is designed especially for use in schools, but will be of interest to any serious reader of Dickens.