**The Gaskell Journal**

**Joan Leach Memorial Graduate Student**

**Essay Prize 2020**

**Deadline for submissions: 31st January 2020**

*The Gaskell Journal* runs a biennial Graduate Student Essay Prize in honour of Joan Leach MBE, founder of the Gaskell Society.

Terms

The essay competition is open to all graduate students currently registered for an MA or PhD in Victorian Studies. Entries must offer an original contribution to the field of Gaskell studies, whether by reading her works in relation to Victorian cultural, religious, aesthetic and scientific contexts, through innovative close readings enlightened by critical theory, or a comparative study connecting Gaskell’s with another author’s work. Essays will be shortlisted by the *Gaskell Journal* Editorial Board, with the final judgment being made by a leading scholar in Gaskell studies.

Prize

The winning essay will be published in the *Gaskell Journal* (with revisions guided by the editor, as appropriate), and its author will receive £200 from the Gaskell Society, and a complimentary copy of the Journal. Other high quality shortlisted submissions will also be considered for publication in the journal.

Conditions

Essays should be 6000-7000 words, and not under consideration for publication elsewhere. Please see the *Gaskell Journal* website for the stylesheet (MHRA with endnotes), and complete the form below to submit with your **anonymised** essay: [www.gaskelljournal.co.uk](http://www.gaskelljournal.co.uk)

Please submit your essay directly to the Editor Dr Rebecca Styler rstyler@lincoln.ac.uk by/on 1st February 2018, and direct any inquiries to the same.

**GASKELL JOURNAL JOAN LEACH MEMORIAL GRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE**

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Institutional Affiliation:**

**Position:**

**Supervisor/Advisor + their position + their email address:**

**Title of Essay:**

**DECLARATION**

**I certify that the attached essay is not under consideration for publication elsewhere and is all my own original work.**

**Signature: (Typing your name here, and sending this form from your named email address, will be taken as equivalent to signature)**

**Contact Email:**

**Postal address:**