**The *Gaskell Journal***

**Joan Leach Memorial**

**Graduate Student Essay Prize 2024**

**Deadline for submissions: 1 February 2024**

*The Gaskell Journal* runs a biennial Graduate Student Essay Prize in honour of Joan Leach MBE, founder of the Gaskell Society. The winning essay will be published in the *Gaskell Journal* (with revisions as appropriate), and its author will receive £200 from the Gaskell Society, and a complimentary copy of the Journal. Please note that all shortlisted submissions will be considered for potential publication in the *Gaskell Journal*.

The essay competition is open to all graduate students currently registered for an MA or PhD. Entries must offer an original contribution to the field of Gaskell studies, whether a reading of her works in relation to Victorian cultural, religious, aesthetic and scientific contexts, or 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 winner being chosen by our guest judge, Professor Kate Flint of the University of Southern California (author of works including *The Woman Reader 1837-1914*, *The Victorians and the Visual Imagination*, *The Transatlantic Indian*, *Flash! Photography, Writing and Surprising Illumination*, and monographs on both Gaskell and Dickens).

Instructions for Submission:

Essays should be 6000-7000 words, and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Please follow the MHRA presentation guidelines – a short ‘Style Guide’ based on this is available on the *Gaskell Journal* website under the ‘Authors’ tab.

Please complete the form below to submit with your *anonymised* essay, to the Editors Dr Rebecca Styler ([rstyler@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:rstyler@lincoln.ac.uk)) and Dr Ben Moore ([b.p.moore@uva.nl](mailto:b.p.moore@uva.nl)).

If you have any queries about this, please send them to the Editor.

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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:

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