
International Group Recognizes WVU Student's Efforts

West Virginia University's efforts in the Electronic Theses and Dissertations frontier received international accolades in 2004.

The Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations named Hilary Attfield, journals manager for the West Virginia University Press, the winner of the Most Innovative Electronic Dissertation Award.

Attfield, a doctoral graduate of WVU's Department of Technology, College of Human Resources and Education, has also been a contributing editor for the WVU journal *Victorian Poetry* since 1987. *Victorian Poetry* is

sponsored by the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences and its Department of English.

"Electronic theses and dissertations submitted for this award represent student efforts to transform the genre of the print dissertation through the use of ETDs," says John Hagen, NDLTD board member and WVU ETD Program coordinator. "We are very proud that a WVU alum has received this considerable recognition."

Attfield's dissertation, "The Future of Electronic Editing: Theory and Practice," investigates a lecture by David Hunter Strother, a West Virginia artist and journalist whose

works reflect civil war history, art, and culture. This particular lecture focused on John Brown. Attfield's dissertation uses multimedia components that highlight manuscript illuminations while exploring the theory and practice of editing as it evolves into the electronic era. Her dissertation is available online by searching Mountainlynx, the Libraries' online catalog, for "Attfield."

WVU is a charter member of the NDLTD consortium which consists of more than 200 universities globally. Members seek to promote the implementation and development of electronic theses and dissertation collections.
