

## WVU employee wins international award for dissertation

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Hilary Attfield, journals manager for the West Virginia University Press, has been named the winner of the Most Innovative Electronic Dissertation Award in an international competition presented by the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations.

Attfield, a doctoral graduate of WVU's Department of Technology in the 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," said 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 at [https://etd.wvu.edu/etd/etdDocumentData.jsp?jsp\\_etdId=2851](https://etd.wvu.edu/etd/etdDocumentData.jsp?jsp_etdId=2851).

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