

**NCSA 2015 President's Award**  
**Christine Roth**  
**Associate Professor of English, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh**

Today's recipient of the NCSA President's Award has been a member of our community as a conference presenter, attendee, repeat organizer and Officer. She saw a need in the Association and brought her skills to bear to improve the group and its continuance in the twenty-first century. Indeed, many of the features that brought us all here today operate because of her invention and dedication. Knowing that she has been recognized for her outstanding teaching in both traditional and computer classrooms may give you some hint of the lasting contributions this member has made to our group. Hailing from Florida originally, but now a northerner, she does not let the cold weather slow her down at all as she continues her efforts in the classroom and beyond. I am delighted to recognize the contributions of Christine Roth, Director of the Graduate Program and Associate Professor of English at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

Her "Other[ed] Edens: Savage Children in Victorian Photography" was presented at NCSA in Alabama in 1998. She obviously enjoyed the conference, as she returned frequently, joining us in such sites as Savannah, GA and Salisbury, MD to present other work, addressing Evelyn Douglas and Tourist Images of Scotland; she became a familiar face at our conferences and then a Board member. Her interest in the visual is obvious throughout these presentations and her commitment to the Victorian period evident too in the edition of Ruskin's *The Two Paths* she published in 2004. Her published articles document an interest in the figure of the child in the nineteenth century, particularly the Victorian period, some of which was also evident in the larger commitment she made to NCSA when she co-organized the very successful 2005 conference in Augusta, GA. That conference led to many professional articles appearing and was obviously such a positive experience that Christine took on the co-organization of the conference again in 2009, when she hosted NCSA in Milwaukee, WI. Christine 'greened' the conference that year, as her developing interest in Environmental Studies impacted not only her own scholarship but also expanded into her life and conference practices, as she encouraged us all to use less paper, a commitment I endeavor to continue with this group today. Christine could not say no to another event just last year in Chicago, where she led all the local arrangements of the group's meeting. What attendees of Christine's conferences note is the attention to detail. The program is superb and there are touches on the flow of the crowd and the meals and arrangements that reveal a skill in event planning many of us envy. Christine enjoys selecting menus and finding new ways to bring people together, and the conferences she has organized linger in our memories and keep the bar for such events high.

Christine's scholarship and teaching and organizing skills are certainly worthy of recognition. But it is the fact that she created, launched, and maintained NCSA's first professional website that earn her this honor today. As the web developed and organizations began understanding the significance of the then emerging technology, Christine was ahead of the curve in recognizing the need for our group to have a professional representation online. She designed and built, from the ground up, much of the content we now rely upon on our professionally maintained site. In doing so, she launched an online presence that keeps NCSA at the forefront of interdisciplinary associations. She did so tirelessly and because she could; it was a remarkable achievement. As the time came for her to turn toward new ventures, such as her daughter and the cooking classes she takes when in France visiting family, Christine was also extremely helpful in transitioning the Association to a new website, one maintained professionally as there was no one else in the group able of following in such prominent electronic footprints. Christine is responsible for NCSA's electronic development, has several times organized our conference and frequently contributed as a presenter too, has served both as a Board member and Officer of our group—and it is my pleasure to recognize her contributions to NCSA today with the President's Award.

**Lucy Morrison**  
**NCSA President**  
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