

Liverpool University Press, *Essays in Romanticism*, BARS, and the NASSR 2023 Conference Committee are excited to announce the first of what we hope will be an annual

Ridiculous Romantics Comics Competition

From Wordsworth and Coleridge's pompous posturing to Shelley and Byron's (self-)destructive libidos, one way to 'do justice' to the Romantics is to ridicule them. Romantic writers including all of the above and figures from Jane Austen to Charles Lamb were alert to the pleasures and pains of feeling ridiculous, bringing people together in shared laughter. The organizers of NASSR 2023 challenge attendees to laugh at or with the Romantics in an original, postcard-sized (5 x 8 inches / 12.7 x 20.32 cm) cartoon or comic strip.

Call for submissions

**Please note: this competition is open to all conference attendees
as well as
your past and present students!**

Please send entries to nassr2023@shsu.edu by March 27, 2023

Finalists will be featured on the website

The winner will receive a \$100 cash prize

The winning entry will be turned into a postcard and sent to all conference participants, and will be submitted for possible publication in
Essays in Romanticism

Entries will be judged by a panel of judges, organized by Andrew McInnes of Edge Hill University and lead organizer of NASSR/BARS 2022, whose current research and recent collaboration with Wordsworth Grasmere inspired this competition.

Students of conference attendees who wish to submit an entry do not need to register for, or attend, the conference. We hope that this competition will occasion lively discussions of conferences in classrooms, especially among first-generation students who may be unaware of larger academic communities.

All entries should be sent as digital files to nassr2023@shsu.edu with the subject line "Comics Competition Entry." The conference organizers will print them and put them on display in the book exhibit for the conference. The finalists will be posted on the conference website and postcards of the winning entry will be sent to all conference attendees.

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