Held in a region of rich fossil beds, towering crags, plunging canyons, and snow-capped mountains, the 2022 INCS Annual Conference in Salt Lake City will dig deep into questions about stratification – physical and social, spatial and temporal, visual and textual. We invite papers that consider the myriad varieties of literal and figurative layering that played out across the nineteenth century. This conference will foreground how exploratory and creative acts of digging down and building up expose new truths and generate new knowledge both in the nineteenth century and in our present work as scholars of the period. Please join us in our transdisciplinary and interconnected investigations into what lies below, above, and on the surface.

Papers might address:

- Class Interaction, Wealth Distribution
- Race and Racial Uplift
- Layering and Bending Gender and Sexuality
- Social Climbing, Passing, Transvestivism
- Family Trees and Generational Conflict
- Descent and Breeding
- Secrets and Skeletons in the Closet
- Memory and the Subconscious
- Food Chain, Foodways, and Cookery
- Fads and Fashions
- Disability and Access
- Geology, Deep Time, the Longue Durée
- Evolution and “Lower” Animals
- Taxonomy and Classification
- Museum Display and Public Spectacle
- Archeology and Paleontology
- Exploration, Excavation, and Exhumation
- Horticultural Layering
- Urban Planning and Architecture
- Photomontage and Trick Photography
- Pastiche, Collage, Patina
- Empire, Center, and Periphery
- Displacement, Migration, and Travel
- Self and Soul, Spiritual Layering
- Surface Reading/Deep Reading
- Neo-Victorianism and Writing Over the Past
- Drafts, Revisions, Palimpsests
- Digging in the Archives
- Digital Mapping and New Media
- Victorian Historiography and Scholarly Presentism
- Any 19th-Century Topic

INCS has a unique panel format to facilitate discussion and collaboration. Presenters precirculate written versions of their papers shortly before the conference and give 7-8 minute synopses during the panels, leaving ample time for dialogue and exchange.

For paper proposals, send a 200-word abstract and a one-page CV to INCS2022@utah.edu by October 8, 2021. For panel proposals, please provide a brief overview of the panel in an email message and attach all paper proposals and CVs.

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