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ASECS Announces Winners of 2022 Mentorship Award

The American Society for Eighteenth-Century (ASECS) is pleased to present its 2021 Award for Excellence in Mentorship to **George Haggerty**, Professor Emeritus of English at the University of California, Riverside.

In conferring the award, the ASECS Graduate and Early Career Caucus expressed admiration for how Professor Haggerty has gone above and beyond to mentor students, especially those interested in queer studies and disability studies. Too often, they continued, senior scholars of his stature retreat into their own worlds, yet Haggerty has remained generously “present” in their students’ professional and personal lives, going out of his way to share his time, knowledge, energy, and wisdom. George is the kind of generous colleague who gives back endlessly, using his significant scholarly standing as a platform to support and extend the work of others. Nominators noted that teaching is for many of us where scholarship, historical revision, intellectual inspiration, and cross- generational support come together. It is important that a scholar of George’s standing makes that commitment and value visible. Here we see the full circle—a mentor who brings together scholarship and teaching in his own work and in his approach to students, new PhDs developing their professional practice, and more established rising scholars.

The ASECS Graduate and Early Career Caucus Excellence in Mentorship Award was established in 2007. The American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies is a not-for-profit educational organization founded to promote the study of all aspects of the eighteenth century. It sponsors conferences, awards research fellowships and prizes, and publishes *Eighteenth-Century Studies* and *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*.