Article from *Studies in American Fiction* Return Issue Wins Award

An article in the first issue of the relaunched *Studies in American Fiction* journal recently received an award from ProQuest and the Research Society for American Periodicals (RSAP). A paper by Skidmore College faculty member Sari Edelstein was declared the best article on American periodicals published in a peer-reviewed journal in 2010 by a pre-tenure or independent scholar.

Edelstein’s article “‘Metamorphosis of the Newsboy’: E.D.E.N. Southworth’s *The Hidden Hand* and the Antebellum Story-Paper” appeared in the Spring 2010 issue of SAF. The journal is published by the Johns Hopkins University Press under the leadership of new editors Maria Farland and Duncan Faherty.

The article examines Southworth’s serialized novel, which appeared in one of a growing number of antebellum “story-papers.” These popular papers brought fiction into homes during a fractious time in the United States. While many stories sought to distract readers from upheaval, Edelstein shows how *The Hidden Hand* “disrupted gender norms and national coherence, cultivating chaos instead of domestic calm.”

The award will be presented to Edelstein at the American Literature Association convention in late May. She will take part in a panel which discusses the issues raised by her paper.

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