

Pacific Circle Newsletter

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Selected Recent Publications: Books and Chapters

Chris Jolly, Brendan Schembri and Stewart Macdonald, *Field Guide to the Reptiles of the Northern Territory*, CSIRO Publishing, 2023

Sam Lloyd, *Alight: A Story of Fire and Nature*, CSIRO Publishing, 2023

Tyrone Lavery and Tim Flannery, *Mammals of the South-West Pacific*, CSIRO Publishing, 2023

Alexander Statman, *A Global Enlightenment: Western Progress and Chinese Science*, University of Chicago Press, 2023

Publisher's Description

The Enlightenment gave rise not only to new ideas of progress but consequential debates about them. Did distant times and places have anything to teach the here and now? Voltaire could believe that they did; Hegel was convinced that they did not. Early philosophes praised Chinese philosophy as an enduring model of reason. Later philosophes rejected it as stuck in the past. Seeking to vindicate ancient knowledge, a group of French statesmen and savants began a conversation with the last great scholar of the Jesuit mission to China. Together, they drew from Chinese learning to challenge the emerging concept of Western advancement.

A Global Enlightenment traces this overlooked exchange between China and the West to make compelling claims about the history of progress, notions of European exceptionalism, and European engagement with Chinese science. To tell this story, Alexander Statman focuses on a group of thinkers he terms “orphans of the Enlightenment,” intellectuals who embraced many of their contemporaries’ ideals but valued ancient wisdom. They studied astronomical records, gas balloons, electrical machines, yin-yang cosmology, animal magnetism, and Daoist medicine. And their inquiries helped establish a new approach to the global history of science.

Rich with new archival research and fascinating anecdotes, *A Global Enlightenment* deconstructs two common assumptions about the early to late modern period. Though historians have held that the idea of a mysterious and inscrutable East was inherent in Enlightenment progress theory, Statman argues that it was the orphans of the Enlightenment who put it there: by identifying China as a source of ancient wisdom, they turned it into a foil for scientific development. But while historical consensus supposes that non-Western ideas

were banished from European thought over the course of the Enlightenment, Statman finds that Europeans became *more* interested in Chinese science—as a precursor, then as an antithesis, and finally as an alternative to modernity.

Christina Gerhardt, *Sea Change: An Atlas of Islands in a Rising Ocean*, University of California Press, 2023

Publisher's Description

Atlases are being redrawn as islands are disappearing. What does an island see when the sea rises? *Sea Change: An Atlas of Islands in a Rising Ocean* weaves together essays, maps, art, and poetry to show us—and make us see—*island nations in a warming world.*

Low-lying islands are least responsible for global warming, but they are suffering the brunt of it. This transportive atlas reorients our vantage point to place islands at the center of the story, highlighting Indigenous and Black voices and the work of communities taking action for local and global climate justice. At once serious and playful, well-researched and lavishly designed, *Sea Change* is a stunning exploration of the climate and our world's coastlines. Full of immersive storytelling, scientific expertise, and rallying cries from island populations that shout with hope—"We are not drowning! We are fighting!"—this atlas will galvanize readers in the fight against climate change and the choices we all face.

Journal Updates and News

Wildlife Research 50:4 (2023) is a special issue devoted to "Human-Wildlife Interactions." Articles include that subject in Taiwan, ocean environments and West Java (Indonesia)

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SOCIETY and ASSOCIATION NEWS



The Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine

What's On in Medical History*

May 2023

Don't miss the opportunity to present your research at the ANZSHM Biennial Conference "Second Opinions" (Adelaide 12-15 July 2023). Abstract submission closes on 30 April 2023. Visit <https://www.anzshm2023.com/> for more details.



AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY
OF THE HISTORY OF
MEDICINE

The 18th Biennial Conference
of the ANZSHM

Second Opinions

12-15 July 2023

University of Adelaide
Health & Medical Science Building

► **Call for Abstracts
now open. Submit via
anzshm2023.com**

Are you interested in the history of health and medicine? Do you have a fascinating health-related history to share? We look forward to you joining us to explore medical histories of all kinds, including re-examining long established historical opinions.

Grants for postgraduate students and early career researchers to attend the conference will be available.

For more
information visit
anzshm2023.com

To register your interest
or for more information
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New South Wales

10 May Quarantine Wander Tour: RAHS Excursion

11.30 am- This tour, by the Royal Australian Historical Society, and with experienced guides, will explore the heritage buildings of the wharf and hospital precincts to discover the processes that arriving migrants through the 19th and 20th centuries undertook on arrival at the quarantine station. The moveable heritage collection comprises thousands of artefacts unique to North Head Quarantine Station, many of which are displayed in the Visitor Centre's historical exhibit. Meet at the Visitor's Centre at least 15 minutes before the start of your tour. [More...](#)

15 May Society of Australian Genealogists Book Club

7.30pm- Stephen McGann's investigation into his family history revealed a legacy of immigration, illness and survival. In *Flesh and Blood*, he unearths their stories, which are deeply intertwined with the history of medical progress, social change and the development of a nation. Join us in our online book club for an opportunity to meet the author, share ideas with other enthusiastic readers and gain new perspectives on our own family history research. This event is FREE for Society members - if you are not yet a member, we'd love you to join! [More information and registration here](#)

23 May Edina: RAHS Excursion

10.30 am- Located in Waverley in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs is 'Edina', one of the grandest private houses surviving in Sydney from the late Victorian era. A central feature of the War Memorial Hospital, few people are nevertheless aware that it exists. A historical gem, it is hiding in plain sight. The Royal Australian Historical Society is pleased to provide a rare opportunity for members to have a private viewing of this grand building in a two-hour tour by Michael Waterhouse, author of the new book *Family, Faith and Fortune in Victorian Sydney. The Edina Estate*. [More](#)

Victoria

17 **Medical History Society of Victoria: meeting, talk and dinner**

May Members and friends are welcome to the next event of the MHSV (ANZSHM Victoria).

7.00 Dr Catherine Kovesi will be speaking on 'Unicorns, Rhinoceroses, and the Search for
pm the Most Sovereign of Remedies in the Early Modern World.'

Where: Kooyong Tennis Club 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong (parking avail opposite)

Bookings essential. [Booking form and abstract of Dr Kovesi's talk are here.](#)

Inquiries: [Secretary](#), Dr Rod Westhorpe

22 **'1000 Babies can't be Wrong': lecture by Dr Fallon Mody**

May In January 1961, 50 mothers marched through the Victorian town of Healesville

2-3 demanding their doctor be reinstated to the local hospital. Their placards declared '1000

pm Babies Can't Be Wrong'. These mothers were supporting Dr Arthur Deery, a Hungarian Jewish doctor and a person of interest to Australia's security services. Dr Fallon Mody from Melbourne University will present Dr Arthur Deery's migrant medical life which spanned 40 years. Hosted by National Archives of Australia

Where: Victorian Archives Centre, 99 Shiel Street North Melbourne, and online. [More...](#)

13 **Royal Historical Society of Victoria: Book launch**

June 'Failed Ambitions Kew Cottages and Changing Ideas of Intellectual Disabilities'

5.30 - 7 by Lee-Ann Monk and David Henderson with Christine Bigby, Richard Broome & Katie
pm Holmes.

Where: RHSV Gallery Downstairs, 239 A'Beckett St Melbourne. [More...](#)

Calls for Papers - International

Abstracts due: **13th Genealogies of Memory 2023: Pandemics, Famines and Industrial Disasters of the 20th and 21st Centuries**

26 May. A conference presented by the European Network of Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS). The aim of the conference will be to draw attention to the

Conference dates: discourses of memory and non-remembrance of large-scale natural and human-induced disasters in 20th-century Europe. We want to bring to the fore the

22-24 Nov perspective of diverse social actors – both individual and collective, thus

thematising the presence of such events in individual (family), regional and collective memory.

Where: Poland. [More...](#)

RESEARCH NOTES and COLLECTIONS

Royal Society (London)

[Science in the making](#), which offers access to over 30,000 items from our scientific journals. Also, don't miss our upcoming [scientific meetings](#), [Prize Lectures](#) and new [grant opportunities](#) in 2023.



Introducing Science in the making

Archivists at the Royal Society have completed a [five-year project](#) to gather a treasure trove of material spanning 400 years of scientific publishing. Until now, these pages from history have only been accessible to visitors to the Royal Society in London.

Explore the complex material that lies behind the published articles including reviews by Darwin, doodles by Newton, astronomical observations, electrical experiments, anatomical illustrations and more, drawing from every branch of science.

[Explore archive](#)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

BSHS Outreach and Engagement Project Grants

The British Society for the History of Science's Outreach and Engagement Committee offers grants of up to £500 to support engagement and outreach projects in the history of science, technology and medicine. Project grants are awarded three times per year, and the deadline for the next round is Friday 12 May 2023.

Project grants are intended to support initiatives that encourage engagement with the history of science, technology and medicine by non-academic audiences. For example, eligible projects might include supporting the costs of holding a public event, the creation of a public display, or the translation of research into educational resources. We particularly encourage projects that use innovative formats and reach audiences that might be new to the history of science, technology and medicine.

Further information, and a downloadable application form, can be found at: <https://www.bsbs.org.uk/grants/outreach-and-engagement-project-grants>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

• **The 32nd Annual World History Association Conference** will be held from June 22 - 24, 2023 at the University of Pittsburgh's World History Center. To learn about the keynote speakers and/or register at the early rate go to <https://www.thewha.org/conferences/2023-energies/>. If you have specific questions, email info@thewha.org.

• **The School of Pacific and Asian Studies (SPAS) and the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM)** seek to move beyond the 'traditional' regions of Asia for the 34th annual Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference, held in-person at the Center for Korean Studies on the UHM campus in Honolulu, Hawai'i, on April 27–28, 2023. Beyond the constructed and narrow boundaries of South, Southeast, West, Central, and East Asia, the conference presents participants with the opportunity to think particularly about the movements of peoples, ideas, forms, and technologies across space and time through the perspective of Inter-Asia.

Visit <https://spasgraduateconference2023.wordpress.com/> for more information.

Indigenous Histories of Encounters in Asia-Pacific

University of Cambridge, 19–20 June 2023

Keynote speakers:

Lynette Russell (Monash University) & Michael T. Carson (University of Guam)

The field of global history has embraced a call for new histories that cross borders and emphasise migrations and connections across large scales. Yet, in doing so, the field has at times overemphasised the history of European empires. This conference will explore new decolonial approaches which emphasise the agency of Indigenous and other non-European actors within the bustling, cross-cultural worlds of Asia-Pacific. Taking inspiration from the field of Pacific history, we will explore entanglements across oceanic spaces, shifting the focus from the dominance of European traditions towards analyses of cross-cultural exchanges.

We seek to broaden the geographical focus to incorporate the worlds of both the Pacific and Maritime Southeast Asia and beyond, including Latin America. This wider scope will allow for an exciting, boundary-shifting dialogue between Pacific, Asian, and Latin American historians working within the fields of Indigenous history and non-European histories of globalisation and cross-cultural exchange. Papers and panels focus on all time periods but especially those focused on the pre-modern era, which has been underrepresented in scholarship. Contributions will cut across different methodologies and forms of historical evidence, including Indigenous studies, decolonisation, visual and material culture, ethnography, and archaeology.

Inventing the Human

Conference, conversations, provocations, roundtables, and exhibition

30th November to 2nd December 2023

University of Melbourne (f2f and virtual)

Call for Papers

This interdisciplinary and hybrid conference sets out to place the (liberal-humanist) subject dispatched by posthumanism inside the much larger field of Enlightenment/Romantic thought on this topic—a field that, on the one hand, is no longer imagined as beginning and ending in Europe and, on the other hand, is always already in dialogue or conflict with non-European traditions, understandings, and discourses of the human. We take as our key themes the pasts, futures, and varieties of reason, imagination, liberty, and the body—terms crucial to modern understandings of the human. But we do this in order to ask, in a world where Europe is merely one centre among many, what of this legacy can be dispatched? What can be revised or extended by other traditions? What in the world's multiple humanities might open new possibilities for the future? And what does our answer to these questions mean for the methods, roles, and organising categories of the Humanities?

Confirmed Keynote Speakers / Provocateurs:

[Genevieve Bell](#), Director of the School of Cybernetics; Director of the 3A Institute (3Ai); Florence Violet McKenzie Chair at the Australian National University; a Vice President and a Senior Fellow at Intel Corporation.

[James Q. Davies](#), Professor of Music, University of California, Berkeley.

[Amanda Jo Goldstein](#), Associate Professor, English Faculty, University of California, Berkeley.

[Wantari 'Wanta' Pawu](#), Warlpiri Elder; and Professorial Fellow in Indigenous Studies, University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne.

[Delia Lin](#), Associate Professor, Chinese Studies, University of Melbourne.

[Sujit Sivasundaram](#), Professor of World History, University of Cambridge.

Topics include:

- Enlightenment-Romanticism and/or its legacies and the invention of the Human
- Indigenous, Asian, Southern Hemisphere traditions and knowledges about the human
- Re-inventing the human (or why developing an understanding of plural humanity matters)
- The pasts, futures, and/or varieties of
 - reason / critique • imagination / creativity • knowledge • literary arts / performing arts / visual arts • cosmopolitanism / worldliness • religion / faith / the secular / the post secular • the body • place • tradition

--- or topics not included in this list important for a particular tradition on the human.
- Life writing / Writing about the human
- Ability / disability / differently abled
- Gender / transgender / non-binary

BETWEEN NATIONS / ACROSS SEAS: THE TRANSNATIONAL AND TRANSCULTURAL PACIFIC

The 27th annual conference of the
New Zealand Studies Association (NZSA),
together with Stockholm University and the University of Turku

Stockholm, Sweden & Turku, Finland
26 – 30 June 2023



Les Sauvages de la Mer Pacifique, scenic wallpaper designed by Jean-Gabriel Charvet, manufactured by Joseph Dufour (1805)

Keynote Speakers:

- Professor Dominic Alessio
- Dr André Brett
- Associate Professor Patricia O'Brien
- Rena Owen
- Associate Professor Craig Santos Perez
- Professor Nicholas Thomas
- Dr Wonu Veys
- Susan Wilson

A special 5-day international conference

Includes an additional half-day free symposium for graduates & ECRs

Conference plan:

26 & 27 June - Stockholm; 28 June - ferry crossing; 29 & 30 June - Turku

Conference fee includes: coach transfers, ferry crossing and conference dinner

The New Zealand Studies Association has a long and strong history in promoting New Zealand and Pacific Studies, which for 11 years has been expanded through its twice-yearly *Journal of New Zealand and Pacific Studies*. The 2023 gathering builds on the successes of the conferences in Marseille (2022), Athens (2019), Aveiro (2018), Strasbourg (2017), Lugano (2016), Vienna (2015), Oslo (2014), Nijmegen (2013), Gdansk (2012), Frankfurt (2009), Florence (2008), London (2007), and Paris (2006).

Proposals for 20 minute papers to be sent by 29 January 2023 to Ian Conrich (ian@ianconrich.co.uk) or Mikko Myllyntausta (mijmyl@utu.fi). Abstracts need to be between 200 and 250 words with a bio added of 100-150 words. Interpretations of the theme are broad and papers can address a range of topics related to the Pacific and New Zealand.

Proposals for papers will be accepted within three main strands: 1) Oceania, 2) New Zealand and 3) Oceania/NZ in relation to any aspect of the Pacific Rim. We are particularly keen to receive papers on the third strand as we are hoping to extend the Association's interests into areas we have not widely explored before. Papers that explore relationships between New Zealand and/or the Pacific and Scandinavia are especially welcomed. The conference fee includes annual membership to the NZSA, which for 2023 includes a twice-yearly journal. A selection of papers from the conference will be published in the Scopus-indexed *Journal of New Zealand and Pacific Studies*, published by Intellect.

The conference will accept proposals on a range of subjects including the following: history, literature, film, music, art, cultural studies, media and communication, sociology, geography, tourism, war studies, politics, international relations, identity and multiculturalism, anthropology, Māori Studies, Pacific Studies, archaeology, heritage and museum studies.



Victorian Elements

VISAWUS 2023

Seattle Public Library (Seattle, WA), 10/19-10/21

Keynote Speaker: Jesse Oak Taylor (University of Washington)

We encourage papers across all disciplines. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Elements of style in the Victorian era (design, literary form, fashion, architecture, etc.)
- Braving the elements: weather, the environment, and climate change, then and now
- The periodic table of elements and its history
- The discovery of radium, polonium, and other “new” elements
- Classical elements: earth, water, fire, air, ether
- Elementals: gnomes, undines, sylphs, and salamanders
- Elementary education and educational reforms in the Victorian era
- Elements of detection and deduction in Victorian literature and culture
- Criminal elements in Victorian society
- Elements of Victorian art—landscape, portraits, narrative art, history painting
- Foreign and domestic elements that generated the rise of London’s art and literary markets
- Political, economic, and legal elements in Victorian literature and culture
- The exhibition, display, and interpretation of elements: chemical, natural, cultural, or social
- Elements and evolution, the elements of evolution
- Victorian Elements in the Modern Novel
- Elements of Victorian music (pitch, timbre, tonality, rhythm, volume, texture, tempo, etc.)
- Elements in the history of collecting: private and public museum collections, and curators’ and collectors’ motives at work.
- Rethinking what is elemental in Victorian Studies and in the Victorian Studies classroom
- Rethinking what is elemental in Victorian feminism and ideas about gender/sexuality



Submit a 300-word abstract and 1-page CV to visawus2023@gmail.com by April 30, 2023.
Graduate Students are eligible for the William H. Scheuerle Graduate Student Paper Award (\$600)