

Australian and New Zealand Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual report 2022

The activities of ANZSECS continue to revolve around our major conference, the David Nichol Smith Seminar. As noted in the 2021 report, the 2017 conference produced a volume of selected papers: "Spaces of Enlightenment: From Domestic Scenes to Global Visions," edited by Peter Denney and Lisa O'Connell, papers from the Sixteenth David Nichol Smith Seminar, *Eighteenth-Century Life* (September 2021) vol. 45, no. 3.

<https://read.dukeupress.edu/eighteenth-century-life/article/45/3/1/174268/Spaces-of-Enlightenment-From-Domestic-Scenes-to>

A second edited publication, focussing on art, garden, and architectural history, also emerged from the 2017 conference: *Making Ideas Visible in the Eighteenth Century*, edited by Jennifer Milam and Nicola Parsons (University of Delaware Press, 2022).

<https://udpress.udel.edu/book-title/making-ideas-visible/>

Another special number of *Eighteenth-Century Life*, containing papers from the 2020 conference 'Dark Enlightenments', is under way.

2022 conference

The 18th David Nichol Smith Seminar will be held from 7-9 December 2022 at Australian Catholic University, Melbourne campus (Fitzroy, VIC), on the theme 'Marine Worlds of the Long Eighteenth Century: Practices, Imaginaries, Geographies'.

<https://dnsxviii2022.org/>

The focus is especially on exploring experiences, knowledges and spaces of the sea and the undersea, 1650-1850. We will be open to work on any marine world, though perhaps will emphasise Global South subjects. We are most keen to highlight and interrogate how the 'blue humanities,' and environmental humanities in general, are reshaping the study of eighteenth-century worlds across disciplines.

The keynote speakers are:

Prof. Lynette Russell, Monash

Prof. Kevin Dawson, UC Merced

Dr Miranda Stanyon, Melbourne

This will be an in-person conference, but it will be accompanied by a digital gallery of invited oceanic micro-talks, hosted on the website. A small number of travel grants are available to assist (post)graduate students to attend.

A selection of the papers will again be published.

The convenors are Kristie Flannery, Kate Fullagar, and Killian Quigley.

Committee

Following the Todd Dearing's successful completion of his doctoral thesis, we have a new postgraduate representative on our committee. Thomas Combe is a PhD candidate at Griffith University, Gold Coast, where he is working on the influence of technology in European thought during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. His research focuses on how Enlightenment visions of a technological mastery of nature continue to inform contemporary political and economic thought.

A new Committee will be elected at the next David Nichol Smith Seminar in December.

Jennifer Milam, President

David Garrioch, Secretary