
Centre for Tasmanian Historical Studies
31st Annual Conference

Life Sciences Lecture Theatre
Saturday 10 September 2016

Divisions, Discord and Disputes in Tasmanian and Australian History

PROGRAM

- 8:30 a.m.** **Registration**
- 9:00 a.m.** **Welcome:** Associate Professor Stefan Petrow, Director, CTHS, University of Tasmania
- 9:05 a.m.** **Professor Phillip Deery**, Victoria University
Division and Discord in Cold War Australia: Communism and Anti-communism
- 9:55 a.m.** **Professor Philippa Mein Smith**, University of Tasmania
Fraction too much Friction: Points of Tension in the Australia-New Zealand Relationship
Session Chair: Associate Professor Stefan Petrow
- 10:45 a.m.** **Morning Tea**
- 11.10** **Associate Professor Peter Chapman**, University of Tasmania
The Fall of Governor George Arthur's System: 'The Scheming of a Small Party of Discontented Persons'?
- 12:00 noon** **Professor Hamish Maxwell-Stewart**, University of Tasmania
The Run Rebellion': Convict Absconding in Van Diemen's Land
Session Chair: Dr. Tom Dunning
- 12:50 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:35 p.m.** **Dr Tom Dunning**, University of Tasmania
Launceston: Challenges and Triumphs of the Northern Capital
- 2:25 p.m.** **POSTGRADUATE SESSION**
Imogen Wegman, University of Tasmania
Mine! Casual expansion by land grantees in Van Diemen's Land
- Dr Alan Brooks**, University of Tasmania
Am I to be the transferable property of the King of Great Britain?
Session Chair: Associate Professor Peter Chapman
- 3:25 p.m.** **Stand up and stretch time!**
- 3:30 p.m.** **Associate Professor Stefan Petrow**, University of Tasmania
'Widespread Discord and Bitter Feeling': The Conscription Referenda 1916-17 in Tasmania
- 4:20 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**

SPEAKERS

Philip Deery is Professor of History and Director Research in the College of Arts at Victoria University, Melbourne. He has written extensively in the fields of communism, espionage and the Cold War. He has published *Red Apple: Communism and McCarthyism in Cold War New York* (2014, 2016), co-authored *The Age of McCarthyism* (Boston, 2016) and *Espionage and Betrayal: Behind the Scenese of the Cold War* (Milan, 2011), and co-edited *Fighting Against War: Peace Activism in the Twentieth Century* (Melbourne, 2015).

Philippa Mein Smith is Professor of History, Head of the History and Classics Discipline and Honours Co-ordinator at the University of Tasmania. She has a number of publications on the history of New Zealand including *A Concise History of New Zealand* 2nd ed (2012). Other research interests include the Australian-New Zealand relationship, transnational history, and health history.

Peter Chapman taught History at the University of Tasmania Hobart campus for many years, reaching the rank of Associate Professor. He has received a number of Australian Research Council grants for his long-term, on-going project the *Historical Records of Australia*, resumed series on Tasmania.

Hamish Maxwell-Stewart is Professor of History and the Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Tasmania. He has written the multi-award winning *Closing Hell's Gates: The Death of a Convict Station* (2008). He is the driving force behind the research group *Founders and Survivors*, which seeks to record and study the founding population of 73,000 men women and children who were transported to Tasmania.

Tom Dunning taught History at the University of Tasmania Launceston campus for many years and is now an Adjunct Senior Lecturer in the History and Classics discipline. He has recently edited (with Barbara Valentine and Paul Richards) *The Fabric of Launceston: A Collaborative Community History* (2016).

Imogen Wegman is a PhD student in the History and Classics Discipline at the University of Tasmania. Her thesis is on 'The Colonial Tasmanian Landscape: A Home Recreated or a Fresh Start?'.

Alan Brooks recently completed his PhD at the University of Tasmania. His thesis was entitled 'Prisoners or Servants? A History of the Legal Status of Britain's Transported Convicts'.

Stefan Petrow teaches Australian History at the University of Tasmania. He has published widely on Tasmanian history, specializing in legal and planning history. In 2016 he published (with Carey Denholm) *Dr. Edward Swarbreck Hall: Colonial Medical Scientist and Moral Activist* and is working on a book called *Tasmanian Anzacs: Tasmanian Soldiers and World War One*.