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2024 State Library of NSW fellowships announced

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Eight prestigious research fellowships totalling \$236,000 have just been awarded by the State Library of NSW.

According to Mitchell Librarian Richard Neville: "Each year, the State Library and its Foundation supports original research across a variety of areas through its Fellowship program."

"The 2024 Fellows will bring fresh eyes and ears to a diverse range of topics – from 19th century Aboriginal histories through to the impact of traditional Chinese therapies on contemporary Australian medicine, and many more," says Richard.

"Our Fellowship program is generously supported by significant private benefactors, and we are enormously grateful for their commitment to original research."

The State Library's 2024 Fellowship are:

CORAL THOMAS FELLOW (\$110,000) Associate Professor Nancy Cushing for 'Beauty and the Beasts: A History of Animals in Sydney'

CH CURREY FELLOW (\$20,000) Dr Michael Bennett for 'Empowering Dharriwaa Elders: Towards an Aboriginal History of Walgett'

AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS HISTORY FELLOW (\$20,000) Dr Matthew Grubits for 'Two Young Clergymen: Francis Russell and Peter Beamish in NSW'

ROSS STEELE AM FELLOW (\$12,000) Deborah Beck for 'Exposed and Composed: Artists' Models in Australia'

MEREWETHER FELLOW (\$12,000) Associate Professor Adele Wessell for 'A Natural-Cultural History of the Richmond River: 1828–1928'

DAVID SCOTT MITCHELL FELLOW (\$12,000) Dr Nicholas Hoare for 'Australia's Voice of the Pacific: A History of the *Pacific Islands Monthly*, 1930–2000'

DR AM HERTZBERG AO FELLOW (\$25,000) Dr Caitlin D'Gluyas for 'Archival Archaeology: A Spatial Reading of People and Things in Early Convict Parramatta'

NANCY KEESING AM FELLOW (\$25,000) Dr Chi Chi Huang for 'Integrating Chinese Medicine into Australian Public Health'



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State Library Fellows enjoy exclusive use of the Library's Donald and Myfanwy Horne Room and special access to Library expertise.

Applications for all Fellowships for 2025 will open on Monday 13 May 2024.

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