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2021 State Library of NSW fellowships announced

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Seven prestigious research fellowships totalling \$116,000 have just been awarded by the State Library of NSW.

According to State Librarian John Vallance: “We are very pleased with the quality of this year’s Fellows and are looking forward to seeing the results of their work. The State Library of NSW is delighted to be able to support original research in a wide range of areas at a time when the humanities seem more and more under pressure in our universities.”

The successful Fellowship recipients for 2021 are:

Ross Steele AM Fellowship (\$12,000)

Professor Robert Phiddian (Flinders University) for his project which will explore the State Library’s extensive collections of cartoons from the first part of the 20th century, with a specific focus on the under-explored editorial cartoon collection.

Dr AM Hertzberg AO Fellowship (\$20,000)

Dr Lisa Murray (City of Sydney) for her project on the second major brewer in NSW – Tooheys – investigating its control of manufacturing and retail sales and its influence on pub culture in NSW.

CH Currey Fellowship (\$20,000)

Dr Alexandra Roginski for her project to investigate late 19th and early 20th century self-improvement practices and to consider how such practices and ideas reflect the aspirations of their time.

Nancy Keesing Fellowship AM (\$20,000)

Dr Scott McKinnon (University of Wollongong) for his project to investigate the campaign to decriminalise male homosexuality in NSW, particularly focusing on the work of the Gay Rights Lobby, an activist group founded in 1980.

Australian Religious History Fellowship (\$20,000)

Dr Jan Lanicek (University of NSW) for his project to explore the connections between the Australian population and the Holocaust and its aftermath, between 1933 and 1954, with a focus on how refugees brought different faith practices to Australia, and also how Christian faiths responded to their plight.

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David Scott Mitchell Memorial Fellowship (\$12,000)

Matthew Devine (heritage architect and independent scholar) for his project on NSW Government Architect Ted Farmer (1909-2001) who had a major influence on architectural design and debate across Australia during his tenure from 1958 to 1973.

Merewether Fellowship (\$12,000)

Dr John Zubrzycki for his project on the role that popular culture played in forging Australia's early links with Asia and how, as early as the 1850s, popular entertainers of increasingly diverse descriptions departed Australia's shores to tour South and South East Asia.

Mitchell Librarian Richard Neville said: "I am excited to see such innovative projects, exploring the State Library's collections in new ways to tell a new set of stories."

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