

# The Project

History Extension Seminar 2020

An online event for students and teachers  
6 November 2020, 9am–2pm

Presented by Sydney Living Museums and  
the State Library of New South Wales

**This year we have taken our History Extension student seminar online! Focusing on The Project, this interactive online experience will equip students with the tools, advice and confidence to embark on their major project. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with speakers and panelists through an online Q&A.**

## Program

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9am–9:15am

**Janson Hews**, Head of Experience and Learning, Sydney Living Museums

**Welcome**

**Richard Neville**, Mitchell Librarian and Director, Engagement,  
State Library of New South Wales

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9:15am–10am

**Dr. Stephen Gapps**

**Keynote Speaker**

Dr Stephen Gapps has a long-standing interest in public history and the history of early colonial Sydney. In 2011 he won the NSW Premier's History Prize for Regional and Community history with his book *Cabrogal to Fairfield – A history of a multicultural community*. Since then Stephen has held a position as a curator at the Australian National Maritime Museum.

In 2017 Stephen was awarded the NSW State Library Merewether Fellowship during which he conducted research for his 2018 publication with New South Press, *The Sydney Wars – Conflict in the early colony 1788–1817*.

In 2019 Stephen became the President of the History Council of New South Wales and a Conjoint Lecturer in the School of Humanities and Social Science, University of Newcastle. He is currently working on his next book *The Bathurst War – The first Wiradjuri war of resistance 1822–1824*.

### Summary of session

Stephen will focus on the writing of history, with reference to the frontier wars and the position of the *Sydney Wars* book in the historiography of this.



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10:10am–10:55am

## Panel Discussion

### Historians on the writing of The Project

You've chosen your topic. You've completed your research. Now you just need to turn your ideas and data into a great essay.

Dr Jennifer Lawless will chair a panel discussion driven by questions from the student audience about what it takes to produce an effective piece of writing based on historical research. Practising historians Dr Craig Barker, Dr Bruce Dennett and Stephen Gapps have published widely on a variety of topics across many areas of history and will share their insights and recommendations on getting from initial plan to final proofread. Get tips on how to increase your efficiency, reduce your stress and experience the satisfaction of crafting an essay that doesn't just give good history, but is also a good read.



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11:15am–12pm

## Keynote Speaker

### Jonathon Dallimore

Jonathon is currently working as a Professional Officer for the History Teachers' Association of NSW. He is the author of various HSC History texts including the *HTA Modern History Study Guide 2nd Edition* (HTA NSW, 2020), *Conflict in Indochina* (Cengage, 2018) and a contributor to the *History Extension Resource Book* (HTA NSW, 2017). Jonathon was a recipient of a NSW Premier's Scholarship (2016) and currently teaches History Methods at the University of New South Wales and the University of Wollongong.

### Summary

The History Extension Project: getting the job done

The History Extension Project gives students an opportunity to participate in a conversation about how history is made. It is exciting, creative and challenging all at once. This session aims to give students practical advice about setting up and completing their major works. More specifically, it places the major work in the context of the broader course to help students understand its purpose and outlines a range of strategies for getting the job done.



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12:10pm–12:55pm

**Workshop:**  
**Write like a historian**

**Sally Johnstone**

Sally Johnstone is an experienced teacher of Ancient History, Modern History and History Extension. She is currently working as a Pedagogy Coach at St Luke's Catholic College. Over the last five years, Sally has presented at a number of professional development courses and she has delivered lectures to HSC students.

**Summary**

This session will give students the opportunity to explore excerpts from major works constructed by students in the past four years. By examining these pieces of writing, we will be able to identify the methods students use to compose well-structured texts that argue for a particular historical position. We will also examine how historians use the written word to challenge positions and evaluate issues. By participating in this activity, students will develop the skills needed to write an excellent major work in History Extension.



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1:20pm – 2pm

**Panel discussion**

**Ex-students on the writing of The Project**

This is your chance to ask all your burning questions about the project. Where do I start? How do I find the right topic? How much time do I need to spend on the essay? Where will I find the best resources? The panel will be made up of high-achieving ex-students for whom the experience is very fresh, so ensure you make use of the online Q&A tool to engage with the panellists!

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## Registration

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### Venue

Online in 2020

### Cost

\$20 per student or teacher  
(each participant must register  
as an individual)

### Make a booking today

[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/HEP2020](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/HEP2020)

### Bookings

Bookings will open in October and are managed by the State Library of New South Wales, via Eventbrite.

To purchase tickets, click on 'Book Now' and complete the form with all your details. Please ensure that your email address has been entered correctly, as this will be used for all communication regarding the event. Payment can only be made via debit or credit card.

There are limited places available. To avoid disappointment, we recommend that you book early. If you have any inquiries about your booking, please contact Learning Services at the State Library of New South Wales on **(02) 9273 1778** or [learning.library@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:learning.library@sl.nsw.gov.au)

You will receive your webinar link a few days prior to the event. Please note that all links and passcodes are unique and valid for one person to use on one device only, sharing this link may result in losing your place.

## For more information

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