

JRF Report

Dr Meg Foster

Mary Bateson Research Fellow

October 2021-April 2023

Special Distinctions

Shortlisted for AHRC / BBC New Generation Thinkers.

Appointed a Visiting Fellow at the School of Humanities and Languages, University of New South Wales. This post was granted in recognition of my intellectual achievements, and is intended to provide resources and networks to further my Newnham fellowship project.

Publications

Books

Boundary Crossers: the hidden history of Australia's other bushrangers (Sydney: NewSouth/University of New South Wales Press, 2022).

Book Chapters

'The Other Bushrangers', in Nancy Cushing (ed.), *A History of Crime in Australia: Australian Underworlds* (London: Routledge, 2022), pp. 98-99.

'Unprecedented Times?: COVID-19 and the lessons of history', in Paul Ashton and Paula Hamilton (eds.), *The Australian History Industry* (Sydney: Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2022), pp. 226-239.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

'Protecting the Colony from its People: bushranging, vagrancy and social control in colonial New South Wales', *Law and History Review* vol. 40, no. 4 (2022), pp. 655-677.

Other Publications

'William Douglas: the infamous bushranger', *BBC History Magazine* (April 2023), pp. 42-44.

'The Comfort of Things Past', *Meanjin* (Autumn, 2023), pp. 74-81.

'The Bushrangers We Forgot', *History: The Magazine of the Royal Australian Historical Society*, no. 151 (March 2022), pp. 6-8.

'On Time: reflections on temporality and COVID-19', *Overland Literary Journal* (9 November 2021), available at: <https://overland.org.au/2021/11/on-time-reflections-on-temporality-and-covid-19/>

Conference Papers and Invited Talks

'Reimagining the Bushranging Legend', Royal Australian Historical Society Special Lecture, Online (21 March 2023).

'Boundary Crossers: the forgotten bushrangers of Australian history', State Library of New South Wales Scholar's Talk, Online (7 February 2023).

'Boundary Crossers: Meg Foster in conversation with Grace Karskens'. Gleebooks, Sydney (2 December 2022).

'Banditry: a criminal inheritance?', Marginalised and Peripheral Perspectives: Long 19th Century Seminar, Manchester Metropolitan University and Online (27 October 2022).

'British Highway Robbery and the Origins of Australian Bushranging', Britain and the World Conference, University of Plymouth and Online (17 June 2022).

'Monumental Exclusion: the ethics of creating new monuments to forgotten bushrangers', Culture, Things and Empire Seminar Series, Online (11 May 2022).

'The Legend of the Diggings: Black Douglas, bushranging and disorder in 1850s Victoria', Monash University Interdisciplinary Nineteenth Century Symposium, Online (3 December 2021).

'Old Legends, New Names? writing subaltern bushrangers into national histories', Australian Historical Association Conference, Online (30 November 2021).

Academic Community Engagement

Assistant Tutor (Undergraduates), Newnham College, University of Cambridge, 2022-2023.

Postgraduate Mentor, Newnham College, University of Cambridge, 2021-2023.

Founder and Convenor, *Imperial Genealogies of Crime* Conference and Workshop Series, University of Cambridge and University of Liverpool, 17-18 & 24-25 May 2022, <https://imperialgenealogiesofcrime.com/>

Admissions Interviewer for History and Politics (Undergraduates), Newnham College, University of Cambridge, 2022.

Guest Lecturer, 'Australian Colonial History Part One: early colonisation, 1788-1830s', in *Global Education Designs' Semester Abroad Program*. Convened by Nataalka Hardeman, University of Sydney, 12 January 2023.

Guest Lecturer, 'Australian Colonial History Part Two: crime and consolidating colonisation, 1830s-1860s', in *Global Education Designs' Semester Abroad Program*. Convened by Nataalka Hardeman, University of Sydney, 12 January 2023.

Supervisor, 'HP2: Historical Project', *History and Politics, Part 1B*, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge, Michaelmas Term 2022-Lent Term 2023.

Supervisor, *Paper 21: Empires and World History from the Fifteenth Century to the First World War*, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge, 2021-2022.

Seminar Convenor, 'Histories of Race' for *Historical Argument and Practice*, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, 14 October 2022.

Seminar Convenor, 'Histories of Empire' for *Historical Argument and Practice*, Newnham College, University of Cambridge, 9 November 2021.

Seminar Convenor, 'Histories of Race' for Assistant Undergraduate Tutor, Newnham College, University of Cambridge, 2022-2023.

Elected member of the Newnham College Valuable Possessions Committee, 2021-2023.

Elected member of the Cambridge History Faculty World History Subject Group, 2021-2023.

Elected member of the Cambridge History Faculty Social and Economic History Subject Group, 2021-2023.

Elected member of the Cambridge History Faculty Modern British History Subject Group, 2021-2023.

Public Engagement

Historical Collaborator with artist Jamie Preisz on the piece: *The Bushranger of Bunnings part 2*, 2021. Oil on canvas, 130 x 100cm.

Guest on the news and current affairs program, *The Drum*. Aired on ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) on 1 November 2022. Accessible via: <https://iview.abc.net.au/video/NC2207H197S00> (segment begins at the 38 minute mark).

On screen historian and consultant for the documentary *Our African Roots*. Chemical Media. Aired on SBS (Special Broadcasting Corporation, Australia) in October 2021.

‘Emigration’, *BBC Radio3 Free Thinking*, 9 March 2023, available via: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001jln7>

‘Behind the Mask of the Australian Bushranger’, *The Briefing Podcast*, 3 January 2023, available via: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/0gYPqtFsuUrKYHorZGwOh7?si=04a8bfd1eb994272>

Guest on ‘Uncommon Sense with Amy Mullins’, *Triple R Radio*, 13 December 2022, available via: <https://www.rrr.org.au/explore/programs/uncommon-sense/episodes/22997-uncommon-sense-13-december-2022> (segment starts at the 26 minute, 25 second mark).

Guest on ‘Mornings with Suzanne Hill’, *ABC Radio Sydney*, 2 December 2022, available via: <https://www.abc.net.au/sydney/programs/mornings/mornings/14111890> (segment begins at the 1 hour 1 minute mark).

Guest on ‘Evenings with David Astle’, *ABC Radio Melbourne*, 16 November 2022, available via: https://www.abc.net.au/melbourne/programs/evenings/evenings/14101492?utm_campaign=abc_radio_melbourne&utm_content=link&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_source=abc_radio_melbourne (segment begins at the 2 hour 7 minute mark).

‘Has History Erased a Bunch of Australian Bushrangers?’, *ABC Sunday Extra*, 30 October 2022, available via: <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/sundayextra/the-forgotten-bushrangers/101588574>