

Kent History Federation Report – School of History, University of Kent.

Recent Developments:

- The School of History's Dr Julie Anderson, has won the Royal Historical Society's inaugural Jinty Nelson Award for Inspirational Teaching and Supervision in History. Judges said the prize was awarded in recognition of Dr Anderson's 'outstanding' teaching of history at undergraduate level and 'creative and highly effective' supervision of postgraduate historians in her field.
- PhD student Daniel Belteki, has been awarded the Humanities Postgraduate Research Prize 2018. The prize is based on his track record of achievements while at Kent, which includes completing a student internship at the Royal Museums Greenwich, providing assistance with research projects such as Dr Rebekah Higgitt's Transit of Venus 1874 digitization project, organising the School's Postgraduate Research Seminar Series this year, and his role as assistant to the Book Reviews Editor for The British Journal for the History of Science, amongst other achievements.
- The University of Kent has featured in the top 500 of Shanghai Ranking's Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) for the first time since its launch in 2003.

Recent Publications.

- Dr Emily Manktelow, *Gender, Power and Sexual Abuse in the Pacific*, (Bloomsbury, 2018).

In 1843 on the island of Tahiti the evangelical missionary Rev. Alexander Simpson was accused of sexually assaulting three of the female students under his care, and of taking 'improper liberties' with at least three more. The events did not come out in public for at least a decade, while Simpson's power in the local community only grew and rumblings relating to his wrong-doings were ruthlessly 'crushed'.

By exploring the case of Rev. Simpson, Emily Manktelow gives us key insights into the gender, power and racial dynamics of a particular case of sexual abuse on the frontiers of European colonialism. She explores the social and sexual context of clerical abuse, considers the hierarchies of gender and power that determined how the case was handled, and investigates the nature of colonialism, gender and abuse in the 19th century.

The uncomfortably timely content of *Gender, Power and Sexual Abuse in the Pacific* allows us to interrogate the way we deal with and represent issues of abuse, authority and childhood. It aims to give voice to those whom the archive has silenced, and to listen to what they have to tell us about gender, sexuality and abuse in the modern world.

Future events:

The 2018 Bolt Lecture: 'Our Beloved Kin' – 22nd November 2018.

The Centre for American Studies Open Lecture Series.

Lisa T. Brookes, Professor of English and American Studies, Amherst College, Cornell University.

Lisa T. Brookes is currently a Professor at Amherst College. She teaches courses in Native American studies, early American literature and comparative American Studies. Before Amherst, she was John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Humanities at Harvard University. As a writer, literary scholar and historian, Lisa works at the crossroads of early American literature & history, geography and Indigenous studies. In her writing and teaching, she asks questions about how we see the spaces known as "New England" and "America" when we turn the prism of our perception to divergent angles. Indigenous methodologies, including a focus on language, place, and community engagement, are crucial to her research, as is deep archival investigation.

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