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PROGRAM

Thursday, 26 February

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  Reception
Best Western Village Park Inn

Friday, 27 February

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast
The University of Calgary’s Olympic Volunteer Centre

9:00 a.m.  Welcoming Remarks
.Rhonda Evans-Case, ANZSANA President, East Carolina University
.Theodore F. Sheckels, AAALS President, Randolph-Macon College
.John Hayton, Australia Education International

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Australian Texts from the Earlier 20th Century
Chair: John Scheckter, Long Island University
.“Rereading Kangaroo: Lawrence, Bourdieu, Thirroul”
Nicholas Birns, Eugene Lang College, The New School
.”Sad Eyes, Crooked Crosses: The Crucifix Motif in Ernestine Hill’s
The Great Australian Loneliness”
Peter Mathews, Centenary College of New Jersey

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Australian Film
Chair: Nicholas Birns, Eugene Lang College, The New School
.”Coming of Age, Father-Son Relations and Australian
Masculinities in Romulus, My Father, and Swimming Upstream”
Eva Rueschmann, Hampshire College
.”Reconsidering the ‘New Wave’ ‘Classics’: Maybe We Need a
New Narrative?
Theodore F. Sheckels, Randolph-Macon College

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon**

*Alan Wearne, Readings from his Poetry/Fiction*
Introduced by Nicholas Birns, Eugene Lang College, The New School

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Australian and New Zealand Children’s Literature**
Chair: Theodore F. Sheckels, Randolph-Macon College
.”Self and ‘Place’ in Australian and New Zealand Children’s Literature”
Ruth Feingold, St. Mary’s College of Maryland

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **Australian Texts from More Recent Times**
Chair: Carolyn Bliss, University of Utah
.”Peter Carey’s *Oscar and Lucinda*: How to Resist Telling a Common(wealth) Story”
Esther Prokopienko, College of Saint Rose
.”Anti-Suburbanism, Indigenous Australians and the Struggle for Belonging in Tim Winton’s *Cloudstreet*”
Nathanael O’Reilly, University of Texas, Tyler
.”Fishing for the Past: Memory and Authenticity within Gould’s *Book of Fish*”
Ross Taggart, Long Island University

6:30 p.m. **Reception and Conference Dinner**
Canada Olympic Park’s Naturbahn Tea House

Bus transportation departing Village Park Inn at 6:00
Cash bar and hors d’oeuvres at 6:30
Dinner at 7:00

*Keynote Address: “Never the Twain Shall Meet: Old and New Englands”*
Iain Davidson, University of New England and Harvard University
Introduced by Theodore F. Sheckels, AAALS President

**Saturday, 28 February**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

9:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **AAALS Executive Meeting**
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. The State of Australian Literary Studies
Chair: Robert Zeller, Southeast Missouri University
."’We’re gonna need a bigger boat’: Changing Contexts of (Australian) Literary Studies”
Horst Priessnitz, Wuppertal, Germany

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Perspectives on Indigenous Literature
Chair: Peter Mathews, Centenary College of New Jersey
Oliver Haag, University of Vienna
."The Main Thematic Current in Rimfire: The Poetry of Australian Indigenous Authors Romaine Moreton, Alf Taylor and Michael J. Smith”
Danica Cerce, University of Ljubljana

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Looking at History
Chair: Nathanael O’Reilly, University of Texas, Tyler
."Classic Histories in the Work of Geoff Page”
David Callahan, University of Aveiro
."The Matter of Gallipoli”
John Scheckter, Long Island University

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon

Ted Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and MLA for Foothills-Rocky View, Alberta
“Alberta and Australia: Shared Challenges, New Solutions”
Introduced by Rainer Knopff, University of Calgary

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. An Afternoon with Jonathan Bennett
Chair: Faye Christenberry, University of Washington
.Jonathan Bennett, Reading from His Fiction

."Dissolving Borders: Teaching Jonathan Bennett’s Verandah People in the United States”
Nathanael O’Reilly, University of Texas, Tyler

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. AAALS General Business Meeting