**XAVIER READER**

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**SELECTED EMPLOYMENT**

**UWA HISTORY DEPARTMENT** Oct 2023 – Aug 2024

Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia History Faculty, school of Humanities

**UWA West australian legacies of British Slavery Project** Dec 2021- Sep 2023

Research Assistant for the ARC discovery project West Australian Legacies of British Slavery, school of Humanities, University of Western Australia.

**ABORIGINAL HISTORY WA** Jan 2023 – Sep 2023

Research Officer for the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Aboriginal History Research Services division.

**UWA CENTRE FOR PUBLIC VALUE** April 2022 – Jan 2023

Research Assistant at the University of Western Australia Business school for the UWA Centre for Public Value and the Economics and Business History Research Network

**sTATE RECORDS OFFICE of Western australia** Oct – Dec 2022

Digitisation of the early colonial blue books of Western Australia, volumes 1836-1869

**Telethon kids institute** March 2022

Research Assistant and fieldworker for the Perth COVID-19 infection study

**BURKE MUSEUM** June - Nov 2021

Cataloguing and Research Intern, Burke Museum Cataloguing Project

Part of Team awarded Australian Museum and Galleries Association Victoria’s *Excellence in Museum Cataloguing Award*

**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY of oxford** June 2024

**Master of Studies (Women’s Gender and Queer History)**

Dissertation: ‘Sex, Power, and the Plantation: Enslaved Navigations of the Regulation of Sex in the American South’

*Graduated with Distinction*

*Award: Awarded Clarendon scholarship*

*Dissertation mark:* 75

**Deakin university** June 2022

**Graduate Certificate of Museum Studies and Cultural Heritage**

GPA: 7, WAM: 87

*Award: Golden Key honours society*

**university of western australia** December 2021

**Bachelor of Arts (Honours) History major**

*First Class Honours*

*Dissertation mark: 90,* GPA: 7, WAM: 86.750

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Journal articles**

**Xavier Reader,** “An itchin ‘roun the heart you can’t get at to scratch’: Exploring the Emotion of Love in Black Enslaved Communities of the 19th Century,” [published by *Journal of American Studies* 2023] doi:10.1017/S0021875823000270

**Xavier Reader,** “Transforming Fortunes: Personal legacies of British slavery at the making of the Swan River colony,” [published by *History Australia* 2024] doi:10.1080/14490854.2024.2353560

**Other publications**

Jane Lydon and **Xavier** **Reader**, “Measuring Noah’s Ark: Western Australian Legacies of British Slavery,” [book chapter, *Legacies of British slavery in Australia and New Zealand,* under contract by Manchester University Press 2025]

Jane Lydon, **Xavier Reader,** and Caroline Ingram, “Mark John Currie,” *People Australia: National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2023): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/currie-mark-john-34172/text42889>

Jane Lydon and **Xavier Reader,** “Peter Augustus Latour,” *People Australia: National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2023): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/latour-peter-augustus-33759/text42256>

Jane Lydon and **Xavier Reader,** “Frances Louisa Bussell,’ *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2023): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/bussell-frances-louisa-33742/text42236>

Jane Lydon and **Xavier Reader,** “James Walcott,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2023): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/walcott-james-33338/text41632>

Jane Lydon, **Xavier Reader** and Zoë Laidlaw, “Charles Dawson Ridley,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2023): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/ridley-charles-dawson-33189>

**Xavier Reader** and Jane Lydon, “Archibald Paull Burt,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2023): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/burt-sir-archibald-paull-3122/text41349>

**Xavier Reader,** “William Hickman,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2022): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/hickman-william-32882/text40955>

**Xavier Reader,** Diane Brunning and Jane Lydon,“John Randal Phillips,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2022): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/phillips-john-randal-33009>

Georgina Arnott, Jane Lydon, Zoë Laidlaw and **Xavier Reader,** “George Leake,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2022): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/leake-george-2343/text40986>

David Gilchrist and **Xavier Reader,** ‘Parliament House Information Series: Paper No. 1. Women in Parliament Annotated Bibliography,’ (2022): Prepared for the *Parliamentary History Advisory Committee, Parliament of Western Australia, Perth.*

Sandy McGhie and **Xavier Reader,** “Shakespear Hamilton,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2022): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/hamilton-shakespear-32807>

**Xavier Reader** and Sandy McGhie, “Maria Susan Schaw,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2022): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/schaw-maria-susan-32769>

Sandy McGhie and **Xavier Reader,** “George William Mangles,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2022): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/mangles-george-william-32768#_edn21>

Sandy McGie and **Xavier Reader,** “Edward William Butcher,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2022): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/butcher-edward-william-32694>

**Xavier Reader,** Georgina Arnott, Jane Lydon and Zoë Laidlaw, “Peter Pegus,” *People Australia, National Centre of Biography: Australian National University* (2022): <https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/biography/pegus-peter-32630>

**Xavier Reader,** “Bonds of Slavery and Bonds of Love: Investigating the Role of African-American Families and Partnerships in the Struggle Against Slavery,” *Inquiries Journal* 12, no. 11 (2020): <http://www.inquiriesjournal.com/a?id=1845>

**Xavier Reader,** “Was One Franc Enough to ‘Buy Your Way In’ to the Belle Epoque?” *Apollon Undergraduate Journal* 12, no. 1 (2021): 27-46. <http://www.apollonejournal.org/apollon-journal/was-one-franc-enough-to-buy-your-way-in-to-the-belle-epoque>

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Queer and Trans History Now Symposium 2024 (QTHN)**

**Xavier Reader,** “The Queer South: Slavery and the Regulation of Sex in Antebellum and Early Postbellum America,” Oxford University, 19th June 2024

**British Association of American Studies Conference 2024 (BAAS)**

**Xavier Reader,** “Queering the Plantation: Exploring the Presence of Queer Enslaved Individuals in the Antebellum American South and their Navigations of Hetero- and Gender-Normative Plantation Regimes,” British Association of American Studies Conference, Online, 10th-12th April 2024

**Australian Legacies of British Slavery Conference 2023 (WALBS)**

Jane Lydon and **Xavier Reader,** “Measuring Noah’s Ark’: Western Australian Legacies of British Slavery,’ Australian Legacies of British Slavery Conference, Perth, 1st-3rd December 2023

**Society for the History of Emotions Conference 2023 (SHE)**

**Xavier Reader,** “No Graveyard Love’: Challenging Historical Representations of Love in Black Enslaved Communities of the Antebellum South,’ Society for the History of Emotions ‘Unsettling Certainties’ Conference, Adelaide, 28th November – 1st December 2023

**Asia Pacific Economic and Business History Conference 2023 (APEBHC)**

**Xavier Reader,** “Western Australian legacies of slavery and imperial wealth,” Asia Pacific Economic and Business History Conference, Sydney, 9-10th February 2023

**Western Australian Economic History Summit 2022 (WAEHS)**

**Xavier Reader,** “Examining the investments and land returns that founded the Swan River Colony, 1829-1831,” Western Australian Economic History Summit, 10th November 2022

**Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association 2021 (ANZASA)**

**Xavier Reader,** “Beginnings in Endings: the Survivance of Enslaved Families and Partnerships in the Antebellum South,” Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association Annual Conference, held virtually due to COVID19, 24-25th November 2021

**AWARDS**

2024 *Graduate Research Grant, awarded by St Anne’s College, Oxford*

2024 *History Faculty Graduate Travel Grant, awarded by Oxford University History Faculty*

2023 *Clarendon Scholarship, awarded by Oxford University*

2023 *Graduate Travel Grant, awarded by St Anne’s College, Oxford*

2023 *Oxford Australia Scholarship, awarded by Australian National University* [declined]

2022 *Postgraduate Scholar Bursary, awarded by the Society for the History of Emotions (SHE)*

2022 *Postgraduate Scholar Bursary, awarded by the Australian and New Zealand Economic History Society (ANZ EHS)*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2024British American Nineteenth Century Historians (BrANCH)

2024 British Association of American Studies (BAAS)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

‘Digital Mapping and Geographic Information Systems,’ Oxford University, Centre for Continuing Education April 2024

‘Life Course Tracing (19th and 20th centuries),’ National Archives United Kingdom April 2024

‘Early Modern Colonial History,’ National Archives United Kingdom May 2024

‘Using Historical Maps in GIS,’ Institute of Historical Research London May 2024

‘Making Maps and Analysing Historical Data in GIS,’ Institute of Historical Research London May 2024

**VOLUNTEERING**

**Contested histories initiative** July 2024

Reviewer of case studies for publication in Contested Histories database

**STATE RECORDS OFFICE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**  Nov-Dec 2022

Archival officer