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2019 ABR Patrons' Fellow

We have much pleasure in naming **Felicity Plunkett** as the recipient of the [**2019 ABR Patrons' Fellowship**](#) worth \$10,000. Felicity has been a frequent contributor to the magazine since 2010 and was a past Fellow (2015). A poet, critic, teacher, and editor, Felicity was chosen from a large field and will contribute several articles to *ABR* over the course of the year.

On accepting the Fellowship, she told Advances: 'I'm very grateful for the imaginative spaciousness the Fellowship enables. This allows me the precious gift of writing time, sometimes elusive in a freelance writer's life. I admire the width of *ABR*'s range – the diversity of forms, ideas and texts it explores – and this Fellowship enables me to extend my writing in new directions. I read *ABR* for the excellent writers it publishes, including the inaugural Fellow, Beejay Silcox. I feel honoured knowing my new work will appear alongside theirs.'



Felicity Plunkett

Felicity Plunkett is a poet and critic. Her first collection of poetry *Vanishing Point* (UQP, 2009) won the Arts Queensland Thomas Shapcott Prize and was shortlisted for several other awards. She has a chapbook *Seastrands* (2011) in Vagabond Press' Rare Objects series. Her new collection *A Kinder Sea* is forthcoming. Felicity was Poetry Editor for University of Queensland Press and edited *Thirty Australian Poets* (UQP, 2011). She has a PhD from the University of Sydney and her reviews and essays have been widely published in *The Australian*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Australian Book Review*, *Sydney Review of Books* etc. Her essay '[Sound Bridges](#)', a portrait of Indigenous Australian musician Dr G. Yunupingu, was first published in *Australian Book Review* and anthologised in *Best Australian Essays 2015* (Black Inc, ed. Geordie Williamson).

Further information

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Felicity Plunkett and Peter Rose are available for interview. Please direct requests to Darren Saffin at Progressive PR and Communications on (03) 9696 6417 or darren@progressivepr.com.au