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Marguerite Johnson is the 2017 *ABR* Gender Fellow



Marguerite Johnson is the *ABR* Gender Fellow. Her project is titled 'Mapping Gender, Sexuality and the Environment: *Picnic at Hanging Rock* Fifty Years On'. *ABR* will publish her Fellowship article later in 2017. Dr Johnson receives \$7,500 from *ABR*.

Marguerite Johnson has commented: 'Arguably, there is no novel like Joan Lindsay's *Picnic at Hanging Rock* when it comes to mapping Australia's gender, sexuality and environmental histories. Unlike *Miranda*, it simply refuses to remain lost in the vastness of Victoria's Macedon Ranges. On the fiftieth anniversary of Lindsay's novel, it is timely to review and reassess it.'

Andrea Goldsmith, Peter Rose, and Ilana Snyder chose our new *ABR* Fellow from an impressive field. We thank all the applicants for their interest and for their thoughtful proposals.

About Marguerite Johnson

Marguerite Johnson is Associate Professor of Ancient History and Classical Languages in the School of Humanities and Social Science at the University of Newcastle. An interdisciplinary cultural historian and comparative cultural analyst, she is the author of four books and countless articles and chapters. Her books include *Sappho* (2007), *Boudicca* (2012), and *Ovid on Cosmetics* (2016). She is a regular contributor to *The Conversation* and the ABC.

About the *ABR* Fellowship Program

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