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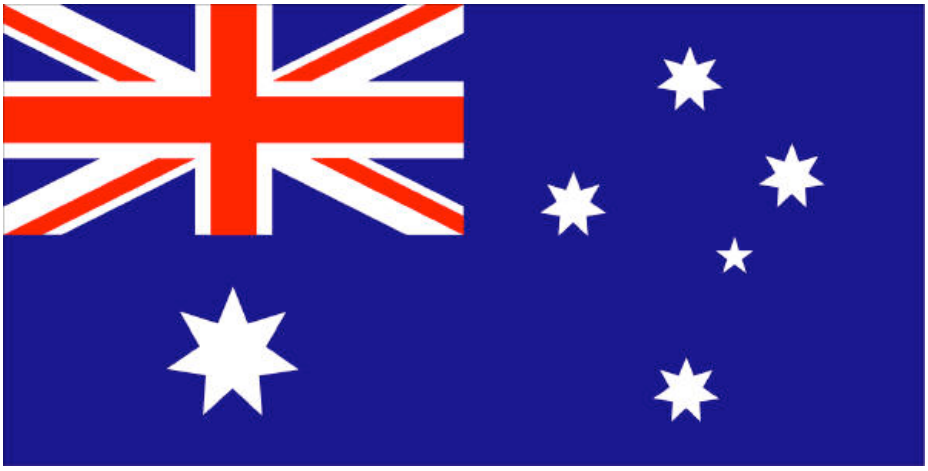

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PROGRAM

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 ."Indigenous Literatures in Translation: A Statistical Analysis of the Reception of the Indigenous Literatures of Australia and Aotearoa/New Zealand in Europe" 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