Empire, Humanitarianism and Non-violence in the Colonies
Wednesday 23 April, Henry Jones and Co. Room

8.30am: Registration
9am: Welcome and Introductions: Penny Edmonds, Julie Gough, Anna Johnston.

9.30am: Keynote
Assoc. Professor Elizabeth Elbourne, McGill University, Canada:
‘Humanitarian Activism, Moral Imperialism and the Question of Violence:
Three Case Studies from Colonial Battlegrounds, 1770s-1840s.’

10.45am: Morning Tea

11.15am: Panel 1: Protection and Indigeneity

Amanda Nettelbeck (University of Adelaide)
“We are sure of your sympathy”: Aboriginal uses of the Politics of
Protection in 19th Century Australia and Canada’

Samuel Furphy (Australian National University)
‘Regulating Frontier Violence: Aboriginal Protectors in Colonial Australasia’

Rachel Stanfield (Monash University)
‘William Thomas and the Problem of Violence in the Protection of Victorian
Aboriginal Peoples’

12.45pm: Lunch

1.45pm: Panel 2: Special panel: British Humanitarianism and Female Convict Transportation
Discussion chaired by Lucy Frost.

Lucy Frost (University of Tasmania)
‘The Voyage Out’

Trudy Cowley
‘Fifty Years of Female Convict Punishment in Van Diemen’s Land’

Dianne Snowden
‘Caring for the Children of Convict Mothers at the Orphan Schools’

Chris Leppard-Quinn (University of Tasmania)
“Such of the fallen as might be induced to abandon their evil courses”

3.15pm: Afternoon Tea

3.45pm: Panel 3: Conflict, Concentration and Humanitarianism

Christina Twomey (Monash University)
‘Humanitarianism in the Settler Colonies: The Case of Concentration
Camps in the South African War’

Andrew J. May (University of Melbourne)
‘Lions and Lambs: Violence, Benevolence and Sympathy on India’s
Colonial Northeastern Frontier’

5pm: Symposium drinks Dechaineaux Theatre, Tasmanian School of Art, Hunter St.

6pm: Public Lecture: Assoc. Professor Sean Scalmer, University of Melbourne:
‘Gandhi and the Humanitarians of Empire: A Genealogy of Nonviolence.’
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9.30am:
Keynote
Professor Tony Ballantyne, University of Otago, New Zealand:
'Moving Texts: Materiality, Mobility, and the Emotions of Imperial Humanitarianism.'

10.45am: Morning Tea

11.15am: Panel 4: Networks, Archives and Agency

Penny Edmonds (University of Tasmania)
‘Collecting Looerrymine’s ‘testimony’: Quaker Humanitarian Anti-slavery Thought and Action in the Bass Strait Islands and the Politics of Witnessing’

Anna Johnston (University of Tasmania)
‘The awful depravity of human Nature’: Humanitarian Narratives and Knowledge Production in Early Colonial Australia’

Jane Carey (University of Wollongong)
‘Indigenous Humanitarian Actors? Maui Pomare’s Civilising Mission’

12.45pm: Lunch

1.45pm: Panel 5: Travelling Humanitarianism

Roslynn Haynes (UNSW and University of Tasmania)
‘Visionary Humanitarianism: The Journeys of Charles Darwin and James Backhouse’

Kristyn Harman (University of Tasmania)
‘The humanitarians of the age’: Transnational Influences on Early Debates over the Abolition of Capital Punishment in the Australian Colonies’

Audrey Peyper (University of Tasmania)
‘Temperance, Trade and Tragedy: Daniel Wheeler, a ‘concerned’ Quaker in Tahiti, 1835’

3.15pm: Afternoon Tea and Close

Convenors: Assoc. Professor Penelope Edmonds and Assoc. Professor Anna Johnston. This symposium forms part of the Australian Research Council funded Future Fellowship project ‘Reform in the Antipodes: Quaker Humanitarians, Imperial Journeys and Early Histories of Human Rights’ led by Penelope Edmonds. It is organised by the Centre for Colonialism and Its Aftermath and the History and Classics program, University of Tasmania.