



Rare Bites 2017 Schedule Semester 1

1. Tuesday 28 March, 12:30–1pm

Speaker: Richard White, Honorary Associate, Discipline of Psychiatry, Central Clinical School, University of Sydney

Library Seminar room 218, level 2

Item Info: RB 1568.47 Deane, <https://opac.library.usyd.edu.au:443/record=b1605108~S4>

Title: Report on Lunatic Asylums by Dr Frederick Norton Manning (1868)

Abstract: This Report, certainly a seminal document in the history of Australian psychiatry, is the product of eleven months of travel and research by Dr Norton Manning. It is comprehensive, exceptionally useful, and provided a template for mental health services for NSW for more than 30 years.

When Dr Norton Manning visited Sydney in 1867, he was offered the role of Medical Superintendent of the Colony's Mental Asylum by the NSW Colonial Secretary, Henry Parkes. Dr Norton Manning, then 29, and inexperienced in psychiatry, accepted on condition that he should firstly travel the civilised world to learn about psychiatry, and about mental asylums and their management.

Dr Norton Manning's remarkable and illustrious career included: the first Inspector-General of Insanity for New South Wales; a principal Founder of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, the first Lecturer in Psychological Medicine at the University of Sydney and President of the Board of Health for NSW and Adviser to the NSW Government.

He published papers on more than a dozen subjects, including: insanity in Australian Aboriginals, cretinism, hereditary factors in insanity, brain damage, legal issues and speculation whether insanity was increasing.

Speaker Bio: Dr Richard White is a PhD candidate in the Unit for the History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Sydney. Formerly he was a Senior Clinical Lecturer in Psychiatry.

Richard's career in psychiatry started in 1968. He worked in several psychiatric hospitals in the UK and in NSW, but for the last 35 years, at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where his roles have included Director of Psychiatry.

His recently published papers concern Sir John Macpherson (our first Professor of Psychiatry), and the advent of prefrontal lobotomy in Sydney. Richard feels that the history of Australian psychiatry is uniquely interesting and should be much better known and celebrated.

2. Wednesday 26 April, 1–1:30pm

Speaker: Ivan Crozier, ACR Future Fellow, Department of History
NanoScience Hub Lecture Theatre 4002

Item Info: Sexual inversion. By Havelock Ellis and John Addington Symonds
Anderson 0344, vol.1, <https://opac.library.usyd.edu.au:443/record=b1387136~S4>

Title: Sexual inversion. By Havelock Ellis and John Addington Symonds (1897)

Abstract: In 1897, Havelock Ellis and John Addington Symonds jointly published *Sexual Inversion*, the first English medical book on homosexuality, in which they argued that homosexuality should not be illegal as it was a natural sexual variation. Despite this radical political view, medical and psychiatric writing about homosexuality was largely negative from the 1860s. This paper considers Ellis's writing about sexuality in the broader context of other sexological works about sexual variations, and suggests that his views (which drew on the nascent homosexual rights movement as well as sexual psychology) were an important way of thinking about sexuality differently to the pathological discourses that many of his sexological colleagues produced.

Speaker Bio: Associate Professor Ivan Crozier is a historian of psychiatry in the Department of History, University of Sydney. He was previously a senior lecturer in the Science Studies Unit at University of Edinburgh, and a fellow at the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at University College, London. Editor of [*Sexual inversion: a critical edition: Havelock Ellis and John Addington Symonds : a critical Edition. Basingstoke, UK : Palgrave Macmillan, 2008*](#), Ivan researches in history of psychiatry, history of the body, and history of sexuality.

3. Tuesday 23 May, 1–1:30pm

Speaker: Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Julius Sumner Miller Fellow, Science Foundation for Physics Abercrombie Business School Case Study Lecture Theatre 1050

Item info: *Philosophiae naturalis principia mathematica* by Isaac Newton, first edition 1687 Wing N1048 <https://opac.library.usyd.edu.au:443/record=b3761126~S4>

Title: Isaac Newton's Principia (First Edition, 1687)

Abstract: Isaac Newton was one of the greatest scientists of all time and this copy of *Principia* is one of four annotated copies with various annotations, including textual corrections by Newton himself. Newton revolutionised our thinking in so many different fields of science. (However, the majority of his intellectual work was spent on biblical matters. He was also Master of the Mint, and used his fearsome intellect to both foil and convict counterfeiters.) He lifted our understanding of Gravity from 'Gravity *sux*' to a deep mathematical understanding. As a result, in order to explore the outer solar system, we humans have shoved Jupiter (slightly) out of its orbit.

Speaker Bio: Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki is one of Australia's 100 National Living Treasures with a media career spanning more than 30 years. He has authored 40 books to date with more on the way. His accolades range from the Ig Nobel Prize from Harvard University for his ground-breaking research into belly button fluff and why it is almost always blue, to being one of the first Australian Apple Masters, of which there are only 100 worldwide.

A lifetime student, Karl has earned degrees in Physics and Maths, Biomedical Engineering, Medicine and Surgery. Since 1995, he has been the Julius Sumner Miller Fellow at Sydney University, where his 'mission' is to spread the good word about science and its benefits.