

The First Matariki Humanities Colloquium

Premodern Studies in the Matariki Network of Universities

Hosted by the Division of Humanities and the Library, University of Otago

8-10 December 2014

On 9-10 September 2013, representatives of humanities and libraries from Matariki partner institutions met at the conference on Research and the Humanities hosted by Leslie Humanities Center and the Library at Dartmouth College. The two-day event led to a plan for holding a series of colloquia that will enable scholars to share insights about the current state of their specific disciplines in an international setting, to make connections with other specialists in their fields, to examine the resources and best practices at other Matariki institutions, and to advance cutting-edge scholarship in the humanities.

The First Matariki Humanities Colloquium aims to bring researchers and librarians from the seven Matariki partner institutions in dialogue with one another about the current state of research and teaching in premodern studies: studies in the human life and thought before c.1800. There will be two streams of sessions: one is for academics who engage in premodern studies and the other is for librarians.

In the academic stream, three academics will represent each Matariki partner institution, each presenting a paper on one of the three key topics. The papers are circulated prior to the Colloquium so that the session will focus more on discussion than on presentations.

The academic stream will discuss three key topics:

1. The current state of the discipline as it is practiced at specific institutions
2. Showcasing an example of research within that discipline
3. How our discipline generate research-informed teaching

The library stream will include senior executive and those involved with managing special collections and heritage resources from across the Matariki partner institutions. These sessions will contain a practical component, with the sharing resources, expertise and experiences.

The library stream's key topics are:

1. Library engagement models to support the discipline as its practiced
2. Showcasing support for the humanities in the digital environment
3. How the Library supports user centric approaches to collections

After the Colloquium the University of Otago will produce the conference proceedings which include all the papers and a synopsis of discussions in each session.

Matariki Humanities colloquium preliminary schedule

Sunday 7 December	Arrive to Executive Residence*
Monday 8 December	Activities
9.00	Mihi Whakatau /Welcome
10.00-11.30	Concurrent Session 1
12.00-1.30	Lunch
1.30-2.15	Special collections exhibition
2:30-3:30/4:00	Otago Museum visit
5.30-6.30	Matariki Humanities Lecture
6.30	Welcoming reception and dinner
Tuesday 9 December	
10.00-11.30	Concurrent Session 2
12.00-1.30	Lunch
2.00-3.00	Concurrent Session 3
3:45-4:15	Music Dept. Albany st. Studio visit
4:30- 5:30	Hocken Library exhibition and tour
5:30	Hocken Library reception
7.00	Dinner
Wednesday 10 December	
9.00 – 10.30	Concurrent Session 4
11.00-12.00	Joint wrap up and way forward session
12.30 - 2.00	Lunch
2:00-2:30	Poroporoaki / Farewell
3:00-	Heritage Excursions

*Executive Residence: a boutique hotel, University of Otago, 68 Forth Street, Dunedin.

Web: <http://www.business.otago.ac.nz/com/executiveresidence/about.html>

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