

## Biography Workshop

Angela Woollacott

Writing the life of Don Dunstan (1926–1999): Using ‘Autobiographies’

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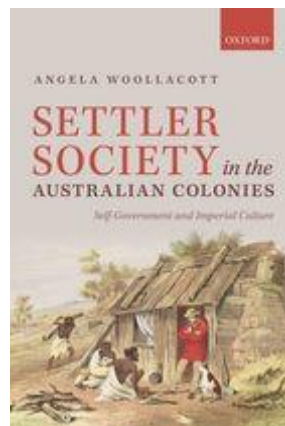
Venue: Seminar Room A, Coombs Building

Time: 12 midday to 2.00 p.m.

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Don Dunstan was Premier of South Australia throughout the 1960s and 1970s and is widely credited as a reforming, even transformative, democratic socialist. Born and raised in South Australia, Professor Woollacott will discuss her research, Dunstan’s childhood and schooling, and the importance of Fiji in his life. She will also ponder issues for a biographer of using various genres of the subject’s ‘autobiographies’.

Professor Angela Woollacott is Manning Clark Professor of History at the Australian National University, a post she has held since 2009. She is President of the Australian Historical Association, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, the Academy of Social Sciences (Australia), and the Australian Academy of the Humanities.



Angela is the author of five books, and has co-edited four others. Her most recent book is *Settler Society in the Australian Colonies: Self Government and Imperial Culture* (OUP 2015). Before that, her interests in white settler colonialism, British Empire, postcolonial and transnational histories, and women’s and gender histories, saw her produce *Race and the Modern Exotic: Three ‘Australian’ Women on Global Display* (Monash University Publishing, 2011), *Gender and Empire* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), *To Try Her Fortune in London: Australian Women, Colonialism, and Modernity* (OUP, 2001) and *On Her Their Lives Depend: Munitions Workers in the Great War* (University of California Press, 1994).