American Association of Australasian Literary Studies

November 2026

Dear Friends of AAALS,

AAALS recently had our annual Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting. We have several exciting updates from those meetings.

AAALS at the Australian Literary Studies Convention 2027

We are thrilled to announce that AAALS will be holding our 2027 Conference in tandem with the **5th Triennial Literary Studies Convention** to be held **5-9 July, 2027**, at Charles Darwin University, Darwin/Garramilla, Northern Territory, Australia. The theme is *Literary Capitals.* We hope to welcome many AAALS members to gather and collaborate with our Australian colleagues in literary studies.

AAALS is co-hosting this event along with the Australasian Universities Language and Literature Association, Australian Universities Heads of English, and the Association for the Study of Australian Literature.

AAALS will host events and panels, including online sessions for those who cannot travel to Australia. More details on AAALS-specific activities are forthcoming. For now, we encourage AAALS members to submit proposals to the general ALS Convention CFP (attached).

From *Antipodes*

Antipodes editor, Brenda Machosky, encourages interested members to submit papers for a forthcoming **Special Issue: John Kinsella—Writing Wrongs**. Please submit a full-length draft through the *Antipodes* website by 1 February 2027. Submissions should be in American English and follow the journal's style guide, with essays 5000–7000 words in length. *Antipodes* is published by Wayne State University Press, and further details about the journal can be found here. Please contact guest editors Nicholas Duddy and Joseph Steinberg with any questions.

In addition to this special issue, the journal encourages members to **submit essays for general consideration**. Papers of 5000-7000 words should offer a clear and original argument and engage with existing scholarship, and must follow the *Antipodes* Style Guide. Contact the editor antipode@hawaii.edu with questions. All essays, poetry, and creative prose works must be submitted here.

Update Your AustLit Profile

Maggie Nolan, the director of AustLit, is asking for updated profiles of Australian literary studies scholars. Any information you can provide will allow people to more easily find your scholarship on the database. Please send a Word document to austlit@uq.edu.au including: your name and brief biography; a list of Australian-related publications; date and place of birth; information about any time spent in Australia (residencies; visiting professorships; workshops; etc.); your cultural heritage; etc. The more information you include, the more findable you will be!

As a reminder, all **AAALS members get access to AustLit**, the premier database for all things related to Australian literary studies. If you are interested in becoming a member of AAALS or renewing your membership to take advantage of this exciting opportunity, please fill out this form.

Looking Ahead

MLA 2027: Join us at the AAALS guaranteed panel, "Imagining Emancipation in Australasian Literature," on **Saturday 9 January 5:15 to 6:30 PM Pacific Time,** Room 304B Los Angeles Convention Center. Contact AAALS VP and Panel Chair Weihsin Gui for more details.

2027 Creative Writing Contest: Keep an eye out for the Call for Submissions for our annual Creative Writing Competition, coming in December 2026!

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Thank you for your continued interest in AAALS! We'd love to reconnect and explore ways to help you become more involved or renew your connection with our organization. There are many opportunities to engage with AAALS, and we'd be happy to help you find the one that's right for you!

Sincerely,

Barbara M. Hoffmann
President, AAALS

Atts.