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2018 CHASS Australia Prizes Shortlists Announced

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) has announced the shortlists for its prestigious 2018 Australia Prizes, which will be presented on 29 October in Melbourne.

For the 2018 CHASS Australia Prize for a Book, the shortlisted titles are Bernadette Brennan, **A Writing Life: Helen Garner and Her Work** (Text Publishing), Judith Brett, **The Enigmatic Mr Deakin** (Text Publishing) and Kate Cole-Adams, **Anaesthesia: The Gift of Oblivion and the Mystery of Consciousness** (Text Publishing). The winner will receive \$3,500. Sponsored by Routledge, the Book Prize is for an Australian author whose non-fiction book, published between January and December 2017, contributes most to Australian cultural and intellectual life.

For the 2018 CHASS Australia Prize for Distinctive Work, the finalists are **Defiant Lives** (Sarah Barton and Liz Burke), **International Polychoral Music Research, Creation and Recording Project** (Jonathan David Little) and **The Harmonic Oscillator Project** (The Cad Factory). The winner will receive \$3,500. Sponsored by Routledge, the Distinctive Work Prize is for a performance, exhibition, project or a specific advance in policy development in any Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) field between January and December 2017.

For the 2018 CHASS Australia Prize for a Future Leader, the finalists are **Billy Griffiths**, **Olga Oleinikova** and **Pichamon Yeophantong**. The winner will receive \$2,000. Sponsored by Future Leaders, the Future Leader Prize is being awarded to an individual aged under 30 demonstrating clear leadership and potential in any HASS field.

For the 2018 CHASS Australia Prize for a Student, the finalists are **Rachel Franks** (The University of Sydney), **Michele Jarldorn** (Flinders University) and **Zhenjie Yuan** (The University of Melbourne). The winner will receive \$500. Sponsored by CHASS, the Student Prize is for a student project, performance or exhibition that best exemplifies the contribution of HASS areas to our understanding of our nation and us.

"We would like to congratulate all the finalists, and thank jury members for their tireless efforts in selecting such strong candidates from an exceptional pool of nominations. We would like to thank all nominators and nominees for the high standard and diversity of the 290 nominations received this year. We look forward to seeing the finalists and jury members at the Prizes Dinner, and invite colleagues in the HASS sector to come along and show their support," said Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz AM, Patron of the annual Australia Prizes.



EVENT INFORMATION FOR YOUR DIARY/CALENDAR AND EVENTS PAGES:

What: 2018 CHASS Australia Prizes Dinner

Where: Storey Hall Auditorium, Building 16, RMIT University, Melbourne

When: 6.30-9.30pm, 29 October 2018

Cost per person (including GST): CHASS Member: \$121, Non-Member: \$132, Student/Concession: \$108

Web: 2018chassprizesdinner.eventbrite.com.au

For more information, please contact CHASS Executive Officer Divya Das on 03 9925 3935 or via membership@chass.org.au.

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Further information

About the CHASS Australia Prizes

Established in 2014, the CHASS Australia Prizes are designed to honour distinguished achievements by Australians working, studying or training in the HASS (Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences) areas, including academics, practitioners, philanthropists, policy makers and students. The Australia Prizes are intended to draw international attention to Australia's achievements in HASS. In 2018, four prizes will be given out. Two are cash prizes of \$3,500 each and sponsored by Routledge: one for a non-fiction **Book** that enriches Australian cultural and intellectual life, the second for **Distinctive Work**, an exceptional artistic performance, exhibition, film, television show, play, composition or practical contribution to arts policy. The third cash prize of \$2,000 sponsored by Future Leaders is for a **Future Leader**, an individual under 30 years of age demonstrating leadership skill and potential in HASS. CHASS has sponsored the fourth cash prize of \$500 for a **Student** essay, exhibition, performance or project in any HASS area. In 2017, CHASS appointed Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz AM as the Patron of the annual Prizes.

About CHASS

Established in 2004, the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) promotes and provides advocacy services for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences in Australia. It serves as a coordinating forum for teachers, researchers, professionals and practitioners in the sector. Supporting its member organisations in their relationships with policy makers and the broader community, CHASS is an important network for knowledge and skills. It provides a strong voice to the sector and helps members to contribute to public debate through programs for knowledge exchange and media awareness. For more information, please visit www.chass.org.au or call CHASS Executive Officer Divya Das on (03) 9925 3935.