Royal Botanic Gardens

Kew

Arts & Humanities Research at Kew

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Mark Nesbitt, Senior Research Leader, Interdisciplinary Research

Fiona Ainsworth, Head of Library and Archives
Who is involved?

**Library & Archives**
- Fiona Ainsworth
- Kiri Ross-Jones

**Interdisciplinary Research**
- Mark Nesbitt
- Philippa Ryan

**Education**
- David Iggulden
- Caroline Cornish
- PhD coordinator – currently recruiting
- Richard Gianfrancesco
Pacific Barkcloth
2016-2019

Hidden Histories
St Vincent Botanical

Plant Humanities: Where Arts, Humanities & Plants Meet
Where Next? Development Programme
Final Report to AHRC
December 2021
Other research projects

Reconciling Medical Knowledge Communities: Learning from the History of Indian Plant

Cataloguing & conservation of Miscellaneous Reports

Mobilising Richard Spruce’s 19th-century Amazon legacy

Places, Plants and People archive network

Plants and minerals in Byzantine popular pharmacy

Shiraz Bayjoo: On colonisation, landscapes and living collections
Arts and Humanities doctoral students (some of them)

Heather Craddock
Kim Walker
Frankie Kubicki
Lindsay Sekulowicz
Harriet Gendall

Christina Hourigan
Vivi Mellegård
Isobel Akerman
Pippa Pemberton
Michelle Payne
The future…

Strategy
• History
• Art
• Landscape ecology

Capacity
• Digitisation
• Diversity
• Partnerships

A focal point
• A Centre for the Plant Humanities

Priority 3: Interdisciplinarity and Inclusivity
Aim: to expand the impact and use of our collections and encourage interdisciplinary research
Thank you

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‘Papaver laciniatum’
https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/page/31505544

Sebastian Schedel (1570-1628): Calendarium (1610)
(codex of original illustrations for Hortus Eystettensis)
Papaver sp.