

PERSONAL PARTICULARS
Full Name: Dr Fiona Williamson
EDUCATION
Ph.D (History) University of East Anglia
M.A. (History) University of East Anglia M. A. (Higher Education) Higher Education Academy
B.A. Hons (History and Politics) University of East Anglia
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
<p>2015-current Research Fellow, United Nations University-International Institute for Global Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on the history of interactions between urban development, climate and public health <p>2012-2015 Senior Lecturer, National University of Malaysia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master and PhD level lecturer and supervisor. <p>2006-2011 Lecturer, University of East Anglia Lecturer in History, year one to master level.</p>
CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE OR SERVICES RENDERED
2011-current Regional Project Lead, ACRE Southeast Asia, UK Meteorological Office Research on historic weather observations and extreme weather
EDITORIAL & EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS OF INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS AND BOOK SERIES
Senior Editor for Oxford Research Encyclopaedia, History of Climate and Climate Science
OFFICIAL POSITIONS HELD IN ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES
Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (FrHistS), UK (2017-present) Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK (2011-present). Associate Fellow of the Climatic Research Unit, UK (2011 – present)
SHORT BIOGRAPHY
A social and environmental historian working on intersections between climate & urban society in Singapore and Hong Kong, especially how climate shaped cities, societies, and cultures. She also works on the history of meteorological science in the China Seas region, connecting this with the trend to view urban centres as global knowledge hubs. Her background is in British early-modern society and cities, exploring space, place, gender and urban topography. She also works on a variety of multi-disciplinary projects, including the history of urban heat, nature-induced disasters, and climate change with scientists and geographers. She is currently working on a monograph project provisionally titled <i>Cities and Climates: Extreme Weather and Society in Colonial Singapore and Hong Kong</i> .

CONFERENCES ORGANISED WHILE AT ARI

- Co-Organiser, Climate Disaster Governance 21-22 September 2017, NUS: <https://ari.nus.edu.sg/Event/Detail/4287bcda-04b4-42a3-b646-40fd36e62da9>*
- Organiser, Weather Science, Extreme Weather and Disaster Histories, Hong Kong Maritime Museum 01.03.17*
- Organiser, ACRE China Workshop 2, Hong Kong Observatory 02.03.17*
- Co-organiser, Disastrous Pasts: New Directions in Asian Disaster History, 21-22 November 2016, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore with Prof Greg Clancey & Dr Chris Courtney. The aim of this conference is to explore the role played by disasters in the history of Asia. It will adopt an interdisciplinary approach, appealing to historians, social scientists and natural scientists with an interest in events and trends in the history of disasters, and what past disasters can teach us about present conditions.

KEYNOTES, PLENARIES, PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCE ORGANIZER

- Invited Distinguished Lecture, 13th Annual Meeting Asia Oceania Geosciences Society, 31 July – 5 August, 2016, Beijing.*
- Keynote address KNMI-BKMG DiDah Conference, 19-22 May 2014, Jakarta, Indonesia.

RESEARCH PROJECTS / PROGRAMMES / INITIATIVES & COLLABORATIONS

Networks:

- Environment, Space and Place (ESP) Research Group, University of East Anglia, UK (2015-active)
- Atmospheric Reconstruction Circulations over the Earth (ACRE) international initiative, Hadley Centre, UK Meteorological Office from 2012 (active)
- Botanical and Meteorological History of the Indian Ocean 1600-1900 network, Centre for World Environmental History, University of Sussex (2012-2014)
- Historic Weather Network, King's College London (2010-11)

Funded Projects:

- Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Fund Award (NUS): "Urban Gardening in East and Southeast Asia: Transformations in Perspective and Practice" 2017-2018 SGD\$20,000*
- Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Fund Award (NUS): "Heat in Urban Asia: Past, Present, and Future" 2017-2018 SGD\$20,000*
- Asia Research Institute (NUS) Conference Funding for "Asian Extremes: Climate, Meteorology and Disaster in History", 17-18 May 2018, National University of Singapore SGD\$25,000.*
- Wellcome Trust Seed Award in Humanities and Social Science, 'Historical Perspectives on the Interplay between Public Health and Urban Planning in Penang, Malaysia' in conjunction with UNU-IIGH, 2016-17.*
- Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the Earth, Southeast Asia funded by the UK Newton Fund, via the Climate Science for Service Partnership: China (CSSP China), MET Office Hadley Centre, UK, 2015-18.*
- Fundamental Research Grant (FRGS), awarded by the Malaysian government. PI on research into the climatic and environmental history of British Malaya c. 1800-1930.
- Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research CAPaBLE Scheme 2013-15 Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the Earth: Southeast Asia (ACRE SEA) – towards new

weather and climate baselines for assessing weather and climate extremes, impacts and risks over Southeast Asia.

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Book and Monograph

- *Social Relations and Urban Space: Norwich, 1600-1700* (Boydell and Brewer, October 2014).

Edited Book

- With Bronach Kane, eds, *Women, Agency and the Law, c. 1300-1700* (Pickering and Chatto, 2013).
- F. Williamson, ed., *Locating Agency: Space, Power and Popular Politics* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010).

Book Chapter

- 'Crossing Colonial Borders: Governing Environmental Disasters in Historic Context', in M. Miller, M. Douglass, M. Garschagan, eds., *Crossing Borders: Governing Environmental Disasters in a Global Urban Age in Asia and the Pacific* (Singapore: Springer Jan, 2018).*

Refereed Articles

- F. Williamson, Rob Allan & Rosanne D'Arrigo, 'Towards new weather and climate baselines for assessing weather and climate extremes, impacts and risks', *APN Science Bulletin* (November, 2017).*
- F. Williamson, Rob Allan & Guoyu Ren, 'The Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the Earth (ACRE) initiative ACRE China workshop: Recovery, Digitization and Analysis of Pre-mid-20th Century Climate Observational Data in East Asia workshop 23-24th August, Beijing, China', *Earth and Space Science* (December, 2016).*
- F. Williamson, 'The Great Flood of 1926: Environmental Change and Disaster Governance in British Malaya', *Journal Ecosystem Health and Sustainability, Environmental Impact of Disasters - special issue*, 2:11 (2016).*
- F. Williamson, Cross-Disciplinary Working in the Sciences and Humanities: Historical Data Rescue Activities in Southeast Asia and Beyond, *Geoscience Letters* 3:31 (2016).*
- F. Williamson, 'A Milestone on the Road to Independence? Singapore's Catastrophicods', *Arcadia: Explorations in Environmental History* (October, 2016)*
- R. Allan, F. Williamson, et al., 'Achieving Integrated Climate Research', *WIREs Climate Change* (January, 2016): DOI: 10.1002/wcc.379
- F. Williamson, 'Weathering the British Empire: meteorological research in the early nineteenth-century Straits Settlements', *The British Journal for the History of Science* 48:3 (2015), 475-492.
- Article: 'Public Engagement, Historians and Higher Education: A Retrospective UK Case Study', *Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities* 23:3 (2015).
- F. Williamson, R. Allan, A. D. Switzer, J. C. L. Chan, R. J. Wasson, R. D'Arrigo, R. Gartner, 'New Directions in Hydro-Climatic Histories: Observational Data Recovery, Proxy Records and the Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the Earth (ACRE) Initiative in Southeast Asia', *Geoscience Letters* 2:2 (2015), 1-12
- F. Williamson, History and Climate Science: A Collaborative Relationship for the Twenty-First Century, *E-Bangi Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities*, Special Issue 1 (2015), pp. 1-7.

- F. Williamson & E. Southard, Drinking Houses, Popular Politics and the Middling Sorts in Early-Seventeenth Century Norwich, *Journal of Cultural and Social History* 12:1 (2015), 9-26.
- F. Williamson, 'When "Comoners were made slaves by the magistrates": Political Culture and Electioneering in the 1620s', *Urban History Journal* 42:2 (2015), 1-15.
- F. Williamson, 'The Spatial Turn in Social History: A Review of Recent Research Trends', *European History Quarterly* 44: 4 (2014), 703-17.
- F. Williamson, 'Recovering Historic Weather Data in Southeast Asia', *Asia Pacific Network Science Bulletin* (March, 2014).
- F. Williamson, 'Public and Private Worlds? Social History, Gender and Space', *History Compass Journal* (Special Issue) 10: 9 (2012), pp. 633-643.
- P. Brohan, R. Allan, E. Freeman, D. Wheeler, C. Wilkinson and F. Williamson, eds, 'Constraining the temperature history of the past millennium using early instrumental observations', *Climate of the Past Journal*, 8 (2012), pp. 1653-1685.
- F. Williamson, 'Space and the City: Gender Identities in the Seventeenth Century', *Journal of Cultural and Social History* 9:2 (2012), 169-85.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

- Area Representative (Southeast Asia) for the International Commission for the History of Meteorology (ICHM)
- Section President for Interdisciplinary Geosciences, Asia-Oceania Geosciences Society (2018-2020).