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Authorised Theft: writing, scholarship, collaboration – the refereed papers of the 21st conference of the Australasian Association of Writing Programs, University of Canberra, Australia, 28-30 November 2016.

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Editorial Introduction

The 21st annual conference of the AAWP invited writers and academics to respond to the idea that, as writers, we are engaging in a type of ‘authorised theft’. Over 100 delegates responded enthusiastically by presenting papers that straddled genres, disciplines, modes of expression, as well as languages and cultures. Panel topics included sociologies of writing, poetry and song, narrative and narrative modes, responses to pain and trauma, digital literature and the online space, memoir/biography and travel writing, identity and voice, oral storytelling and ways of knowing, as well as translation and cross-cultural encounters.

The collection of papers presented in the proceedings has been double-blind peer-reviewed by a number of supportive academics including many of the contributors themselves. They are arranged in two sections; critical and creative.

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