PhD Oration - Caroline Clark

Reformers, Doctors and the State: Dealing with Chronic Drunkenness in Victoria 1870-1930

Abstract

Caroline’s thesis analysed the interplay of doctors, temperance interests, business entrepreneurs, religious and charity organisations, alcohol sellers and the state in the handling of chronic drunkenness in Victoria from 1870 to 1930. This was done through a study of the history of four institutions, all of which varied in their treatment approaches, concepts of the condition being treated, client groups and funding models. The thesis concluded with a discussion of implications for current views and handling of alcohol problems.

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Caroline has worked in the alcohol and other drug sector for many years, in community development, education and research. At Turning Point she taught in its graduate program for many years, and is currently working at Victoria University researching drug issues in Melbourne’s west.

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