Book Launch
Darwin and the Making of Sexual Selection

By Evelleen Richards
University of Chicago Press

“Simply stunning…not only is this a great book on Darwin, it is also one that serves as a guide on how to write books about Darwin that matter and make a lasting contribution to how we understand his work and its continuing influence.”

Times Higher Education Book of the Week

Event details
18 May 2017, at 6.00pm
Nicholson Museum
All welcome; please RSVP: hps.admin@sydney.edu.au

Co-hosted by the Unit for History and Philosophy of Science and The Sydney Centre for the Foundations of Science

Book launched by: Professor Stephen Garton, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor; and Professor Paul Griffiths, Associate Academic Director, Charles Perkins Centre

The Co-op Bookshop will have copies of the book available for purchase at the launch event.

“Brilliantly written and deftly constructed, this epic work sets Darwin’s theorizing about sex, race, and reproduction in a long-term context extending from the late Enlightenment to the end of the Victorian era. It provides an entirely fresh account of the development of the theory of sexual selection, tracing its origins in issues ranging from birth control and radical politics to feminine fashion and the marriage market. A landmark not only in Darwin studies, but also in our understanding of the era in which science achieved unprecedented authority as the arbiter of truth.”

James A. Secord, Professor of History and Philosophy of Science, and Director, Darwin Correspondence Project, University of Cambridge