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Kerry Kilner: The Resource for Australian Literature

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Abstract

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About the speaker

Kerry Kilner is a University of Queensland Research Fellow and the Executive Manager of AustLit. Ms Kilner completed a Masters degree in Women's Studies at Monash University in 1996, investigating women's roles in the Australian little theatre movement of the 1920s and 1930s. She has published articles on Australian drama and introduced and edited (with Sue Tweg) a volume of three short plays written by Australian women in the 1920s, From Page to Stage (1995). Ms Kilner was a co-compiler of volume one of The Bibliography of Australian Literature: A-E published in 2001 and is Associate Editor of the final three volumes (2004, 2007, forthcoming); she has contributed to The History of the Book in Australia (2001) and The Cambridge Guide to Women's Writing in English (1999). Her current research interests include humanities research practice in the digital era. She has delivered conference papers and published a number of articles about AustLit's role in digital research practice.