

Collections Seminar Series

Seminar, Thursday 8 June, 14.30–16.00, Flett Events Theatre



This is the first modern biography of Hans Sloane, one of the seminal figures in 18th century England. He made his fortune as a society doctor and as physician to the royal family, through his links to the slave trade and through his substantial property investments in Chelsea, many of whose streets still carry his name. Taking advantage of England's expanding imperial and trading influence; Sloane established his reputation as a leading naturalist to become the greatest collector of his age and the centre of a global network of travellers and agents who knew he would pay for anything that interested him.

Speaker: James Delbourgo

Is a British historian educated at East Anglia, Cambridge and Columbia Universities, who specializes in the Enlightenment. In 2008, he became Associate Professor in the History of Science and the Atlantic World at Rutgers University.

Collecting the World: The Life and Curiosity of Hans Sloane

Sir Hans Sloane by Stephen Slaughter (1736): seated in his chair as president of the Royal Society, Sloane holds an illustration of Jamaican lagetto, displaying his work as a natural historian and master of visual knowledge.

Open to all

The seminar is open to all museum professionals.

Please email z.hughes@nhm.ac.uk for more information and/or to book a place.

Natural History Museum staff do not need to book.

It is suggested that the following staff will find the seminar most useful:

- **Science Group:** All senior department managers and collection management staff.
- **Public Engagement Group:** Any staff who work with and use collections or manage staff who work with collections.
- **Directorate and Science Directorate.**

Networking opportunity

Tea and coffee will be available in the lobby area at the end of the session.

