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The HPRC Newsletter



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Head of School

Welcome to the 2008 academic year. The School began the year with a new School Manager, **Ms Natalie Wyer**, who came to us from the State Government (2003-2007). Unfortunately, for personal reasons, Natalie has had to leave and we wish her well. In the short time she was with us, Natalie quickly took quiet charge of most of the financial and administrative business of the School, ably coached by our skilled office staff. HPRC has begun advertising for a replacement. A word of thanks is offered to our Finance and HR Officer, **Ms Cindy Cheung**, who took on the tasks of the School Manager during the transition until Natalie arrived. Well done and thank you to all!

Strategic directions

The Executive Committee of the School is currently considering strategic directions by which to see our way into the future. New developments are already evident as several members of HPRC are currently teaching into large introductory courses in the BSc degree program for the first time this year. Other constructive directions are in the offing in terms of raising the profile of the School in the Southeast Queensland State School scene as soon as possible, and a foreshadowed review of the Centre for Buddhist Studies later in the year.

Visiting Fellows

We welcome **Leland Turner** from the University of Texas as Visiting Fulbright Fellow, 2007-2008. His work is on 'Grassland Frontiers of the Outback and Southwest: Bovine Economics, Arid Environments, and Enduring Myth,' with a comparison of the resultant frontier mythologies, particularly the Australian Bushman and the American Cowboy. Giddy-up! Arriving in May for a brief stay will be Professor **Michael Birkner** from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. He specializes in American political history of the 20th-century. His specific research focus is American/Australian cultural relations in the mid 20th century. He also knows a thing or two about the Civil War and the Battle of Gettysburg, especially for those of us who fancy that formative period of American History.

Succession planning

Finally, during 2008 the School will be deliberating on a successor to the current Head of School, whose three-year term concludes in the middle of second semester. The Vice-Chancellor will be visiting HPRC in April in this regard. He hopes to share views about the School with all members of staff, academic and general. So, the months ahead promise to be interesting and, hopefully, proactive on a number of fronts already. I wish everyone all the best as we look forward to a good year ahead!

Richard Hutch

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The vagaries of publication

Martin Stuart-Fox, a recent retiree from the History ranks, scratches his head:

"I was asked to contribute a chapter to a book entitled *Historians and Their Disciplines: The Call of Southeast Asian History* about how we all came to be interested in what we write about. I duly sent off my chapter ('Serendipity, or discovering Lao history') and thought no more of it. A year later a copy of the book arrived in the mail from Malaysia, where it had been produced and printed for the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. There in the table of contents was my name and contribution.

When I idly flipped through the pages, many of them by old friends, and came to my own, however, I discovered the chapter had been written by one James Stuart-Fox, a relative or ancestor unknown to me. How this interloper got involved is a mystery. There is no James among other contributors, so where could James have come from? The nearest is Jamie Mackie, but he is not called Martin. The editor, Nicholas Tarling, claims to know nothing. Gremlins, or sabotage, or does someone want to make trouble for the publication record? Anyway, I can't see the School getting credit for this publication: no James Stuart-Fox on staff. We should do better with my article in *History Australia* (vol. 4, no. 2, Dec. 2007) on 'Two views of the history of historiography and the nature of history' (pp 44.1-44.17), and the third (expanded) edition of my *Historical Dictionary of Laos*.

Speaking of Laos brings me to another small publication problem. To add to my previous article on 'The political culture of corruption in the Lao PDR', I contributed a critical chapter on law and governance in Laos for *Countries at the Crossroads 2007: A Survey of Democratic Governance* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008), pp. 369-391. This has just appeared in print. All things considered, therefore, I have decided not to risk applying for a visa from the Lao Embassy in Canberra, and instead intend to slip into the country by obtaining an on-the-spot tourist visa at a little used northern entry point - just in case. I leave at the end of the month. Wait for the next instalment!"



Call for Papers

Alternative Expressions of the Numinous: Third Annual Conference

The highly successful Alternative Expressions of the Numinous Conference will be held over the weekend of August 15 to 17 2008 at the University of Queensland. This conference attracts a large number of international scholars as well as prominent academics from around Australia. Abstracts (250 words) are invited for, but not limited to, the following strands: esotericism, mysticism, alternative expressions of major religions, religions of re-enchantment, popular culture religions, indigenous religions, paganism and neo-paganism, New Religious Movements, personalised religion, and alternative methodologies. The conference committee (Helen Farley, Hakan Sandren and Julie Washington) is open to proposals for workshops and panels. The deadline for abstracts is Monday 30 June 2008.

See the conference website:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/hprc/index.html?page=64294&pid=0> or contact conference co-chair Helen Farley on 3365 6324 or email: h.farley@uq.edu.au.

The conference is presented by the School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics and the Esoteric Studies Research and Teaching Group (ESRTG).



Seminars

6 March: History

4.15-5.30pm, Rm. 213, Richards Bldg. (5)

Clive Moore: 'Gwaumauri'anga (The Good Life): Epistemology, Governance and Politics in the Solomon Islands'

7 March: Classics and Ancient History

3.30 p.m., Rm. 323, Michie Bldg. (9)

Jennifer Manley: 'Cultural Change in Illness Narrative'

14 March: Classics and Ancient History

3.30 p.m., Rm. 323 Michie Bldg. (9)

Lynn Crawford: 'Pliny's Natural History Book 37' (confirmation seminar, provisional title)

3 April: History

4.15-5.30pm, Rm. 213, Richards Bldg. (5)

Robert Mason: 'A Separated People: The Negotiation and Articulation of Spanish Regional Identities in Queensland, 1900-1975'

4 April: Classics and Ancient History

(venue to be announced)

Emer. Prof. Beryl Rawson (ANU) (Inaugural Milns Scholar): 'Slave Children and the Circulation of Slaves and Ex-Slaves in Roman Society'

7 April: Religion

11.00am, Rm. E108 Forgan Smith Bldg. (1)

Hakan Sandgren: 'A study of the history, symbolism and function of two types of Bhutanese Buddhist festivals in Western Bhutan' (confirmation seminar)

11 April: Classics and Ancient History

3.30 p.m., Rm. 323 Michie Bldg. (9)

Michael Welch: 'Alexander in India' (confirmation seminar, provisional title)

17 April: History

4.15-5.30pm, Rm. 213, Richards Bldg. (5)

Leland Turner: 'Grassland Frontiers: Beef Cattle Agriculture in Queensland and Texas, Environments, Economies and Emerging Mythologies'

18 April: Classics and Ancient History

3.30 p.m., Rm. 323 Michie Bldg. (9)

Paula Johnson: 'M. Claudius Marcellus and Q. Fabius Maximus (provisional title)'

Philosophy Seminars

The following seminars have been scheduled, with further details to be advised:

5 March 2008: **Jennie Louise** on Ethics

14 March 2008: **Fred D'Agostino** on Epistemology

18 April 2008: **Laura Roberts** (Confirmation Seminar)
 9 May 2008: **Honours seminar**
 6 May 2008: **Honours seminar**
 30 May 2008: **Michael Moore** on Philosophy of Law
 6 June 2008: **Hugh Silverman**
 13 June 2008: **Ben Kearns** (Confirmation Seminar)



Some recent publications

Andrew Bonnell, *Shylock in Germany: Antisemitism and the German Theatre from The Enlightenment to the Nazis* London: I.B. Tauris, 2008.

Andrew Gentes, "The Russian Avant-Garde, Maiakovskii, and the Maiakovskii Museum," *Journeys: The International Journal of Travel & Travel Writing* 8, no. 1 (2008) 27-41.

Andrew Gentes, "Aigun, Treaty of, 1858"; "Russian Far East"; "St. Petersburg, Treaty of, 1875"; "Sakhalin" in *Encyclopedia of the Age of Imperialism 1800-1914*, 2 vols., ed. Carl Hodge (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2008), 16-17, 618-20, 627-28, 673-74.

Neil Pembroke, *Moving Toward Spiritual Maturity* Binghamton, NY: Haworth Pastoral Press, 2007.

Neil Pembroke, "The Theologian Psychotherapist Requires Diversity Competence not Non-specific Orientation: A Response to Stephen Bright." *Psychotherapy in Australia* 14, no. 2 (Feb 2008) 66-70.



Harold White Fellowships 2009

Applications for 2009 Harold White Fellowships at the National Library of Australia are now open, and close on 30 April 2008.

Each year several Harold White Fellowships are awarded to enable established scholars and writers to undertake research at the National Library for periods of between three and six months. The Fellowships provide a return economy fare to Canberra, a living allowance, a fully equipped office and special access to Library collections and services. Honorary Fellowships are also awarded to scholars and writers who do not require financial assistance but would benefit from other privileges associated with the Fellowship.

Research projects supported by Harold White Fellowships can be in any discipline or area in which the Library has strong collections. Past Harold White Fellows have undertaken research in fields including Asian studies, history of science, biography, media history, Australian history, musicology, religious history, anthropology, children's literature, art history, politics, Indigenous history, Australian literature, Pacific studies, eighteenth century studies, geography, international relations and folklore. Fellowships have been awarded to researchers working across Australia, in the USA, Canada, the UK, New Zealand, Hong Kong, China, Germany and South Africa.

See also www.nla.gov.au/grants/haroldwhite, or contact: fellowships@nla.gov.au.



History in the Making

The history discipline's biannual "History in the Making" work in progress day will be held on **Monday 2 June** – the first day of the revision period.

As well as the intrinsic function of providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, the principal purposes of these days are to showcase and celebrate the historical research being conducted at UQ, to provide a collegial environment where all historians within (and in some cases outside) the history discipline of HPRC can come together, whether they are postgraduates, staff or honorary staff, and to offer experience to postgraduate students in the presentation of conference papers.

It is an expectation of all full-time postgraduate students that they attend and of all confirmed postgraduate students that they present a paper at one of the two days (there will be a second History in the Making day at the end of the second semester). Part-time postgraduates are required to attend one of the two days and to present a paper every second year.

All History staff within HPRC are strongly urged to attend to offer a paper on one of the two days. Several historians employed in other schools within UQ, honorary staff and other guests are also welcome and will also be invited to participate. All papers will be of 20 minutes duration with ten minutes for questions and discussion. A call for papers will be issue in early-to-mid April. The day will feature at least one panel on Queensland history in anticipation of the Q150 commemorations next year. Further papers or panels on Queensland history will be especially welcome.

Catering for morning and afternoon teas will be provided by Histori|co Research Services. We look forward to your participation in what promises to be an exciting occasion.

Martin Crotty (History Postgraduate Co-ordinator)

Crossroads

HPRC's online journal *Crossroads* publishes high-quality academic essays and book reviews by students of history, philosophy, religion, and the classics. The e-journal also encourages papers that dialogue between two or more of these disciplines. Students are encouraged to submit either as individual authors or as co-writers with relevant disciplinary or multi-disciplinary interests.

Our current published issue, volume 2 issue 1, includes articles on such diverse subjects as biorevolution, shamanism, Virgil and Sartre. We also have an upcoming short essay competition, for which we encourage entries from both undergraduates and postgraduates at UQ, on any topic in history, philosophy, religion and classics. Multi-disciplinary work, as ever with *Crossroads*, is encouraged. We hope that the competition, the first we have run, will be a success, as we hope to make it an annual event.

CROSSROADS

An interdisciplinary journal for the study
of history, philosophy, religion and classics

Also on the agenda are our forthcoming special issues. One will present a selection of work from Brazilian Intellectual, Luiz Costa Lima, from 1980-2008, concerning his groundbreaking work on the control of the imaginary. Half of this selection draws on work already available in English, from books and journals. And the other half is being translated for the first time from Portuguese, a selection from his books, plus additional conference papers never published before.

The other Special Issue will consist of the proceedings of the fourth annual Rhizomes Conference that took place earlier this year. The Rhizomes conference encourages interaction between various humanities disciplines, including history, philosophy, literature, cultural studies and many more. The theme for this year was Power, Violence, Language. The response from participants so far has been excellent, and we look forward to a fascinating and diverse publication.

For our latest issue and further details on all the above, including competition information and entry forms, visit our website at <http://www.uq.edu.au/crossroads>, or email crossroads@uq.edu.au.



QHAtlas Workshop

On Friday February 22 approximately 65 people gathered for a full day workshop on the Queensland Historical Atlas held at the Queensland Museum, South Bank.

Suggestions for individual invitations to the workshop were generated by the Reference Group, and general invitations were issued to a number of associations and organisations, government departments and tertiary institutions with interests related to the atlas. The day drew a good cross section of people across Brisbane (including a number of HPRC luminaries!), and proved of great benefit progressing ideas in planning the Atlas.

Leonie Coghill, Manager Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Relations within the Cultures and Histories Program at the Queensland Museum, opened the day with a welcome



to country. Deputising for our host, the Director of the Queensland Museum Ian Galloway, Judith Powell welcomed everyone to the Queensland Museum Theatre.

Thereafter the day consisted of several group discussions, a chance to map our own version of Queensland, topic presentations and focussed workshops, each considering aspects of the Atlas's thematic structure and suitable content and approaches. For more detail, see the Update newsletter at: www.uq.edu.au/qhatlas. A second workshop will be held in North Queensland later this year.



School News

John Moorhead (History) has been appointed *Membre adhérent* (Corresponding Editor) of *Latomus revue des études latines*. He also thinks plans are afoot for a translation into Russian of the introduction to his *Gregory the Great* to be posted on the Web!



It was recently announced that the Museum of Brisbane will rename its Memory Theatre to '**Helen Taylor Theatre**'.

Many at in the UQ history community will remember Helen's sterling work as a research historian and teacher. She is being honoured by the Museum for her professional achievements and the 'contributions made to Brisbane City Council by this remarkable historian.'



John Oxley Library Fellowships

Applications for the \$20,000 John Oxley Library Fellowship close at 5pm Tuesday 25 March.

The Fellowship encourages the research and documenting of Queensland history using sources contained within the collections of the John Oxley Library. Examples of acceptable project outcomes include a publication, exhibition, website, cultural production such as a play, a significant acquisition for, or a substantial curatorial contribution to, the John Oxley Library collection.

For further information, see:

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/ppp/lb-award/jol-fellow>.



Call for papers

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE: CANADA IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION

Emmanuel College, UQ: 1st–3rd July 2008

The Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand (ACSANZ) is a multi-disciplinary organization which recognizes and encourages interest in Canadian Studies and aims to promote greater understanding of Canada.

The Association's 2008 Biennial Conference will have the over-arching theme of "Canada in the Asia-Pacific" and will feature academic scholarship in a range of disciplines, relevant to Canadian Studies in an Asia Pacific context.

It is expected that the conference will facilitate dialogue on Canadian perspectives on regional issues and profile Canadian strengths in the region. The conference organisers plan to invite specific Canadian scholars with expertise in regional issues to present the conference's keynote addresses and participate in dialogues with their Australian and regional counterparts. Concurrent sessions will also explore a range of more diverse subject areas and facilitate dialogue and collaboration between Canadianists in the Asia-Pacific region.

Papers are invited which contribute to our knowledge of Canada or Canadian Studies, from any discipline in the social sciences and humanities. Papers with a focus on Canada or Canadian Studies in an Asia-Pacific context or of a comparative nature are especially encouraged.

Relevant disciplines include: architecture, arts, business studies, communications, democracy, education, environment, economics, geography, health policy, history, human rights, law, indigenous studies, international relations, linguistics, literature, media studies, peace and security, planning, policy, politics, public administration, rule of law, religion, science policy, sociology, etc.

ACSANZ would particularly encourage postgraduate students to present papers and they should contact the convenor regarding possible funding.

The keynote speaker is Professor Margaret Macmillan OC (Warden St Anthony's College, Oxford). Her books include *Parties Long Estranged: Canada and Australia in the Twentieth Century*; *Peacemakers: The Paris Peace Conference of 1919 and Its Attempt to End War*; *Nixon in China*.

Please submit abstracts to Prof Stewart Gill, Convenor 2008 ACSANZ Conference, Emmanuel College, University of Queensland, Sir William MacGregor Drive, St Lucia, Qld, 4067 AUSTRALIA or email s.gill@emmanuel.uq.edu.au by 31 March 2008.

Conference Website:

<http://www.acsanz.org.au/conference2008/index.htm>



New Museum Acquisitions

The R.D. Milns Antiquities Museum has just received some new acquisitions to our ever-expanding collection. In February 2008 six new artefacts were put on display for the enjoyment of students and tour groups. A few of the artefacts are pictured around this article.



The new acquisitions come from a variety of ancient cultures including a Phoenician Astarte figure, a Hellenistic gold hoop earring with a goose (below) a Roman finger ring with the Greek name LILOZI inscribed on an agate bezel, and two Roman baldric phaleras (above) and an Iron Age clay vessel from Macedonia.

Each of the artefacts demonstrates a different aspect of ancient life, with the phaleras highlighting the decoration of military weaponry, earring and ring showing the variety of personal adornment and the clay vessel is a wonderful example of domestic items from very early Greek culture. The diversity of these new artefacts are a testament to Dr Sonia Puttock's desire to acquire a variety of artefacts in order to provide students and visitors a clearer understanding of the ancient world. All items are now on display at the museum, located on Level 3, Michie Building.

Bethany Maguire, Museum volunteer.

