

QUADRIVIA

The HPRC Newsletter



June 2005

Editorial

Another busy month on Planet HPRC has been condensed in these pages for your enlightenment: from the Seven Wonders to Buddhist seminars, from a Sixties 'wig-out' to some History in the Making.

For Semester 2 this year *QUADRIVIA* will be edited by Serena Bagley, with the assistance of ----- (insert your name here). With Geoff Ginn on SSP, a replacement is sought for issues July-December 2005. Applicants for this rewarding position should offer their services to Serena, and will surely be met with a positive response!

Your editors,

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Calendar

June 4: Semester 1 classes end

June 6-12: Swot Vac

June 8: 3 pm, farewell for Sue Peeters

June 14-25: Exam period

June 25: Semester 1 ends



Head of School's Report

School Review

I have submitted our six monthly report on Review implementation to the President of the Academic Board.

Chair

We are at an early stage of negotiation for a Chair in Islamic Studies (and in Petro-Chemical Engineering) with an overseas oil company.

Commercialisation report

The School's Centre for Applied History & Heritage Studies and its commercial arm 'Histori|co Research Services' were featured in the recent report on the commercialisation of research in Humanities and Social Sciences. Histori|co was one of seven national case studies singled out in the report by the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

Professional Doctorate

We have finalised our new PhD (in the field of Pastoral Work) program, to be headed up by Dr Neil Pembroke, a variation on the review recommendation that we develop a Doctor of Applied Theology.

Brisbane Buddhas

The Brisbane Buddhas exhibition is on at the Museum of Brisbane. Primoz Pecenko has had a hand in the organisation of this. The School is hosting a series of lectures on Buddhism in connection with this exhibition through our Buddhist Studies Centre.

Ally program

Several members of staff have been involved in the Ally program supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and transgender people, an initiative of the Equity Office (Look for the rainbow Triangles). I recommend this initiative to you.

Prof. Philip Almond

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School News

Singapore-bound

Michael Barr (HPRC post-doctoral fellow) is off to Singapore for a research trip from 20 June to 17 July. As well as conducting his own research he will also be co-ordinating a two-day symposium on July 14 and 15 at the National University of Singapore. The symposium is

entitled 'Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Postwar Singapore' and is being hosted and funded by the Asia Research Institute. The symposium will bring together academics from Australia, Singapore, the UK, Amsterdam and Macao. Michael's paper to the conference is entitled, 'Catholic Social Activists of the 1970s and 1980s: The Alleged 'Marxist Conspirators'' and is about a group of Catholic Church workers who were detained by the government in 1987 and falsely accused of participating in a communist plot to overthrow the state.

Award for Italians abroad

Stefano Girola (HPRC postgrad) was awarded second prize in an international journalistic award that was held in the city of Pescara, Italy, at the end of May. His entry was based on research on North Queensland for his book *The Three Saints: Faith History Tradition from Sicily to Queensland*, Brisbane, Minerva 2001. The award was specifically reserved to Italians living abroad (the other two winners were from Germany and Argentina) and was the first competition of this type in Italy. Stefano's prize is valued at 350 euros and will include the publication of his article in Italy.

VC and SDVC visit

On Monday June 6, Prof. **John Hay** and Prof. **Paul Greenfield** accompanied Assoc. Prof. **Richard Fotheringham** (Acting Executive Dean, Arts) to address the School regarding the incoming Headship. The appointment process and the significant challenges facing the School were both clarified, with substantial discussion on a range of points.

Young Researcher Scholarship

Gary Osmond (HPRC and Human Movement Studies postgrad) has been offered a 'Young Researcher Scholarship' from the Centre of Idraet at Aarhus University in Denmark. The Centre's expertise is the socio-cultural study of sport. The scholarship is for final-stage or just-completed PhD students and will enable Gary to spend the calendar month of October in Denmark working on his thesis in collaboration with the Centre's faculty members, such as Professor John Bale.

His thesis on 'Nimble Savage: Myth, Race, Social Memory and Sport', an analysis of Duke Kahanamoku (Hawai'i, surfing) and Alick Wickham (Solomon Islands, Australian Crawl), is partly supervised by Clive Moore.

Postgraduate success

Congratulations to **Tim McGrath** and **Sarah Tiffin**, who have both recently been awarded PhDs. Other recent graduates from the ranks of our postgraduates include: **Elaine Brown** (PhD), **Binoy Kampmark** (MPhil), **Michael Kelly** (PhD), **Craig Melrose** (PhD), **Paul**

Murray (PhD), **Lesley Roberts** (PhD), **Penelope Rush** (PhD).

Wonders never cease

The recent Ancient History Day on 'The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World' was a tremendous success, with nearly 200 attendees filling the Abel Smith lecture theatre. Speakers were Professor **Tim Parkin**, Emeritus Professor **Bob Milns**, Emeritus Professor **Trevor Bryce**, Assoc Prof **Dorothy Watts**, Assoc Prof **John Whitehorne**, Dr **Tom Stevenson**, and Mr **Don Barrett**. Each presenter featured in a short ABC radio interview on their particular 'Wonder' that week.

Appointments

Congratulations to **Michael Bird**, who has recently been appointed Lecturer in New Testament at the Highlands Theological College (University of the Highlands and Islands) in Scotland and is due to commence in August 2005. He says there is hope for all religious studies PhD students for life after studies! Congratulations also to Prof. **Paul Griffiths**, who has been appointed to the National Committee for History and Philosophy of Science of the Australian Academy of Science.

Award

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland has awarded the inaugural John Douglas Kerr Memorial Medal to HPRC's honorary research associate Dr. **Raymond Evans**. The award was announced at the Society's recent Queensland Day dinner, and formally acknowledges Ray's fine and career-long contribution to Queensland and Australian history.

Best wishes, Sue

Congratulations to **Sue Peeters** (Office) who has been appointed to a full-time position in the BEL Faculty. Her last day with us will be Wednesday, 8th June. All HPRC staff and students are invited to thank Sue for her contribution to the School at an afternoon tea: 3 pm, June 8, outside the HPRC Common Room, Forgan Smith Building.

Please bring a plate of food and your coffee cup. Milk, coffee, tea and sugar will be provided.



BLAST from the PAST



'Baby Belle'



Some recent publications

Clive Moore's *Happy Isles in Crisis: the historical causes for a failing state in Solomon Islands, 1998-2004* has just been published by Asia Pacific Press at the ANU, and was officially launched at the recent 'History in the Making' conference.

Andrew Gentes, 'Woodstock 1969: The Origins, Audience, and Impact of a Countercultural Festival,' *Transdisciplinary Journal of Emergence* 3, 1 (2005): 14-31.

Barbara Poniewierski (PhD candidate enrolled across HPRC and LCCS) has just published a revised version of her Master's thesis: *The Australia-First Movement*, with Glass-House Books, Brisbane. It is Barbara's fifth book (publishing as Barbara Winter). The book was launched at the National Archives (Brisbane), Cannon Hill, on 19 May.

Michael Bird, 'Jesus is the Christ: messianic apologetics in the gospel of Mark' *Reformed Theological Review* 64, 1 (2005): 1-14.



Brisbane Buddhas: Lecture Series

In partnership with the Museum of Brisbane, HPRC's Centre for Buddhist Studies presents a lecture series to accompany MoB's Brisbane Buddhas exhibition.

Wednesday, June 8

Venerable Lozang Thubten, Karuna Hospice:

'Compassion - the Practice of Buddhism'

Friday, June 17

Louise Denoon, MoB & Primoz Pecenko, Centre for Buddhist Studies:

'Brisbane Buddhas Exhibition'

Friday, July 1

Rosemary MacBride, Visual Artist:

'Buddhist Art'

Friday, July 15

Reverend Lionel Peiris, Chaplaincy, University of Queensland & Primoz Pecenko, Centre for Buddhist Studies:

'Bireligionism: Buddhism And Christianity'

Friday, July 22

Venerable Wu Chyuan, Pure Land Learning College, Toowoomba

'Buddhism and Education'

Venue for all lectures: University of Queensland, Forgan Smith Building, Room E302, 7pm-9pm. Further details:

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My Favourite Thing

Who: Maria Dwyer (History postgrad)

What: her Turkish prayer mat

Why: When I first began travelling, I decided that on every trip I would make one major purchase as a souvenir of my travels. I've since accumulated several pieces, but



the prayer mat is my favourite. It is the souvenir from my travel in 2001/2002 when I was an exchange student at the University of Wales, Lampeter.

Over my Easter holiday, I spent six weeks backpacking around Greece and Turkey. I had the most wonderful time in Turkey met great people, ate awesome food, discovered apple tea - and I decided to buy a carpet as my souvenir. I went to a carpet shop in Selçuk (near Ephesus) and entered into the process that is buying a carpet: considerable time, lots of bartering, the consumption of litres of apple tea, finally handing over many millions of liras. To this day, I

don't know exactly how much I paid for it - I got lost in the currency conversion from liras to pounds to aussie dollars, but it was a fun experience. There were hundreds of carpets to choose from but I was drawn to this mat by the bright red colour (my favourite) and the asymmetrical design. Not knowing a great deal about Turkish carpets, I didn't realise immediately that it was a prayer mat. However, it has proved to be quite the conversation piece as people are always curious about why I have a prayer mat in my lounge room.

After I bought it, I had to lug it around for the rest of my trip: it is wool and quite heavy but it proved to be a useful cushion and pillow on occasion. Whenever I look at it, I remember the great times I had on that trip and it makes me want to visit more of the Middle East. My husband and I are going to Syria and Jordan in December, so maybe I'll find a companion for my mat then.



Terry Hale

Members of the School would recently have heard the sad news that Terry Hale passed away in the evening of May 25. His funeral service was held at the Centenary Memorial Gardens, Sumner Park on Friday 27 May. Terry worked as our IT officer before the onset of his illness. Flowers and our condolences have been sent to Terry's wife Chris, his son and three daughters.



Out and About

Renee Worringer participated in the Queensland Government Curriculum Learning and Strategy Development's 'Access Asia Schools Program' 1-day Workshop (Friday, 20 May) for about 60 Queensland secondary school history teachers. She delivered their two keynote presentations entitled 'Islam in the Classroom: Approaches to Teaching the History of Islamic Civilisation and its Relevance to the Contemporary World' and a shorter country focus lecture on 'Feudal Japan.'

Renee also reports that the Queensland Studies Authority is interested in collaborating with UQ History and Ancient History staff for promoting our fields at school events. She will be discussing this idea with them in the near future, and welcomes input and suggestions from HPRC-ers interested in contributing.

Our Classics and Ancient History staff have been very busy in May. **Tim Parkin, Bob Milns, Tom Stevenson** and **Dorothy Watts** all attended the eleventh annual 'Darling

Downs Ancient History Day' on May 13, with 'Ancient Personalities' as the theme. Earlier, Bob Milns and Dorothy Watts gave talks to Year 11 and 12 students at St Aidan's Girls School, Corinda, on 10 May. Bob spoke on 'Was Alexander Great?', and Dorothy gave a talk on 'The importance of bones in archaeology, and the ethics of digging up bodies'.

Paul Griffiths (Federation Fellow) spent May as a Visiting Professor at the ESRC Center for Genomics in Society (Egenis) at the University of Exeter, UK. During this time he gave four talks:

'The Conceptual Impact of the Genomic Revolution' (to Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge)

'The Conceptual Impact of the Genomic Revolution' (with Dr Karola Stotz) Opening address of the conference 'Conceptual Issues in the Dissemination of Genomic Research' at Egenis

'Function, Homology and Character Individuation' at the conference 'The Concept of Function in Biology and Language', Università di Catania, Italy

'The gene: A Concept in Flux' at 'New Issues in Philosophy of Biology: New Perspectives for Philosophy of Science' International Postgraduate Workshop at Egenis.



HPRC T-shirt competition # 4



**School of History, Philosophy,
Religion and Classics**



In the News

Clive Moore has made a number of appearances recently, speaking on the SBS program, 'The Hidden History of Homosexuality in Australia'. On June 1 *The Australian* Higher Education Supplement featured a profile of **Geoff Ginn** and Histori|co Research Services, the School's historical research consultancy. On the same day, **Bob Elson** featured in a *Courier-Mail* discussion on Australia and Indonesia in the light of the Corby case.



The Silent Treatment

A husband and wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realised that the next day he would need his wife to wake him at 5.00 a.m. for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and lose), he wrote on a piece of paper, 'Please wake me at 5.00 a.m.'. He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morning, he woke up only to discover it was 9.00 a.m. and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. On it was written 'It is 5.00 a.m. Wake up.'



Sixties Au-Go-Go

Helen Farley reports on the recent PSC wig-out:

"The corridors had been abuzz for some weeks about the immanent arrival of Patricia Amphlett (aka Little Pattie) in our midst. Professor Kay Saunders had invited Patricia to our humble School to talk to her HIST2008 The Sixties: A Political and Cultural History class. The Postgraduate Students' Committee, in an effort to bring some class to their events, hurriedly organised a Purple Paisley '60s Revival Afternoon Tea to coincide with the visit. The tables groaned under the weight of tasty cakes and strudels, lollies, wine and lava lamps. Party goers were encouraged to wear their grooviest '60s gear and everywhere one's eyes were

bedazzled by all manner of paisley, flares and tassels.



Little Pattie and HPRC's very own **Stefano Girola**

The only person who didn't know about Patricia Amphlett's fame (as the acclaimed performer of 'He's My Long Haired Stompy-Wompy Real Gone Surfer Boy') was Stefano Girola, who fearlessly volunteered to strum and sing a few classic hits of the sixties. The audience went wild. Within minutes the dancefloor was filled as Lesley, Ann and Clive cut the rug, gyrating and grooving to that crazy sixties beat. As the throng pressed ever closer, Patricia had to be whisked from among the male groupies that had formed around her, to address Professor Saunders' class (and the PSC are very grateful she was willing to share her with us). The party soon died without Patricia's magnetic personality to keep us all as one, and postgrads and staff alike with heavy hearts and downcast eyes returned to their computers and books, wondering when we could all get cool and groovy again."

Prof. Almond reports that judges were asked specifically to ensure that any staff members being considered for prizes had ACTUALLY intended to dress for the competition. In the event, Lesley Burnett had dressed for the occasion, and was a worthy winner.



Seminars

June 3: Classics & Ancient History

3.30 p.m., Rm. 323, Michie Bldg.

Yvette Hunt: 'Roman pantomime libretti and their Greek themes: Augustus' rôle in the Romanization of the Greek Classics' AND Caillan Davenport: 'Continuity or Crisis? The Roman Elite from Commodus to Severus Alexander'. Presentations will be followed by drinks and nibbles, and a dinner at a local restaurant (venue TBA).

June 5: Friends of Antiquity Sunday Series

2.30 p.m., Rm. 139, Goddard Bldg.

Llyneth Crawford: 'Were the Romans Ever in China?'

The talk will be followed wine and cheese in the Common Room, level 3 Michie Bldg to welcome new members and introduce the new Friends of Antiquity committee.

June 7: Australian Studies Centre

12 pm, CCS Seminar Room, Forgan Smith Tower.

Tim Rowse: 'Indigenous Culture: the very idea'

June 9: UQ Sanskrit Society

4 p.m., Rm E303, Forgan Smith Bldg.

Professor S.P. Dixit (fmr. Head of Department, Lucknow University): 'Hindi Devotional Poetry'

June 24: UQ Sanskrit Society

4 p.m., Rm 302, Forgan Smith Bldg.

Rev. Pravrajika Ajayaprana Mataji (Ramakrishna Order): 'The Message of Vedanta'.

Born in India, Reverend Mataji finished her University study before joining the Ramakrishna Order in 1952. In India she worked as a science teacher in the school run by the Order and was in charge of boarding houses for schoolchildren and University girls. She is a senior nun of Sri Sarada Math, the womens' wing of the Ramakrishna Order. Rev. Mataji is the President, Spiritual Director and Minister of the Ramakrishna Sarada Vedanta Societies of New South Wales and South Australia.



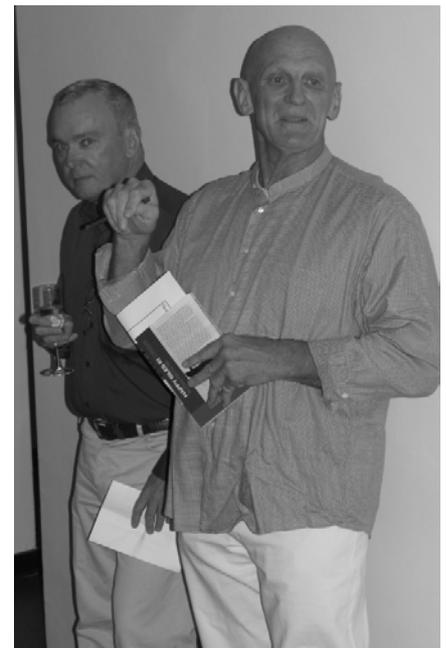
History in the Making

The first 'History in the Making' work-in-progress seminar held on June 3 was a resounding success. Some twenty-five papers over four sessions testified to the strength and diversity of the discipline at UQ, with historians based in EMSAH and Human Movement Studies participating alongside HPRC staff and postgraduates.

As our photos suggest, the sociable atmosphere carried forward into drinks to launch Clive Moore's new book *Happy Isles in Crisis*. Special thanks to all presenters, chairs and the key organisers: Martin Crotty, Heather Wolfram and Robert Hogg.



Nicky, Heather, Yorick, Catherine and Renee



Max Quanchi launches Clive Moore's book



Brad Nitins and Rob Hogg

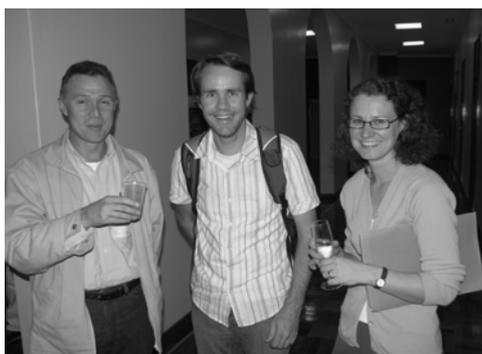
Antiquities Museum

At the end of May, **Sonia Puttock** (Director) attended the *Rhapsody 21C: The Future of University Museums and Art Galleries in the New Century* conference in the impressive Academy of Arts in Launceston, Tasmania. She reports:

"Unlike the weather which was sunny but very chilly, the atmosphere at the conference was sunny and very warm. But the future forecast for the museums was a mixture of good and bad.

As usual, the problem of funding was raised for annual budgets ranged from the minimal to the unbelievable amount of \$1.2+ million for one Australian university gallery. Needless to say, the Antiquities Museum belongs to the lower end of the scale. I was very gratified, however, by Plenary Lecture given by the Vice Chair of the

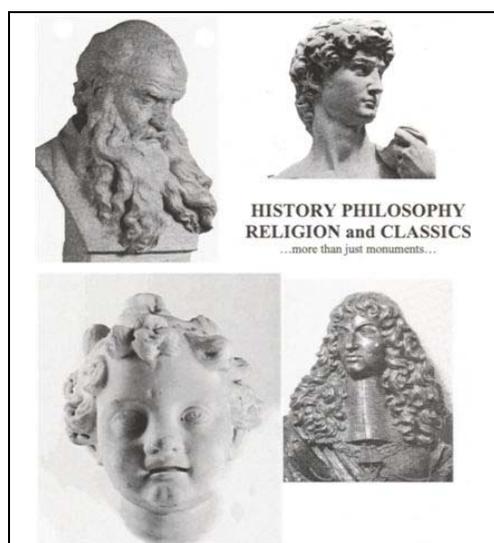
Collegial spirits:
Bill Casey
(ASC), Mark
O'Neill (HMS),
Melissa Harper
(ASC, EMSAH)



International Committee for University Museums and Collections, Mr Peter Stanbury, in which he outlined his blueprint for a successful university museum. Almost all of his ideas, from the involvement of the collections in student courses and research to the introduction of internships, are already being done by the Antiquities Museum. It seems that despite being the 'poor relation' in the collections in the University of Queensland, we one of the most innovative and most relevant."



HPRC T-shirt competition # 5



Book launch

Members of HPRC are invited to celebrate the launch of Michael Carden's first book: *Sodomy: a History of a Christian Biblical Myth*, published by Equinox Publications, London.

The book will be launched by Professor Philip Almond and Dr Keith Atkinson at Avid Reader Bookshop, 193 Boundary St West End, Thursday 30 June 2005, 6.30-8.00pm.

