

AUSTRALIAN STUDIES BULLETIN

Welcome to the Australian Studies Research Network
Bulletin July 2025



Events - Western Australia

Tom Stannage Lecture 2025 with Matt Poll

Fox Lecture Theatre, UWA

Thursday 28th August, 2025 6-7pm

The History discipline at the UWA School of Humanities is pleased to invite you to the 2025 Tom Stannage Lecture, titled *Everything in Its Right Place: Consultation, Curating, and Repatriation in Maritime Worlds*, presented by Matt Poll, Manager of Indigenous Programs, Australian National Maritime Museum.

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**Lecture, 2025 Berndt Research Foundation
Biennial Lecture**

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The 2025 Berndt Research Foundation Biennial Lecture will be delivered by Michael Aird, Director of the Anthropology Museum at the University of Queensland. Michael will reflect on his 40-year career documenting urban Aboriginal history and culture, highlighting his involvement in the Queensland Government's 2024 Truth-Telling and Healing Inquiry.

[Further Information](#)

Faces and Spaces of Cockburn

Royal Historical Society of Western Australia Affiliated Societies Annual State Conference

12th-14th September 2025, Jakovich Centre

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Jobs and Opportunities - Western Australia

Curator, University of Western Australia Art Collection**About the opportunity**

- Assist in the research, care, and presentation of LWAG's programs and the University's Art Collection.
- Contribute to exhibition development, collection documentation, and engagement initiatives designed to increase accessibility to UWA's art holdings.
- Support research projects, contribute to public programs and publications, and provide guidance on collection management while ensuring compliance with museum best practices.

[Further Information](#)

Call for Book Reviewers**Studies in Western Australian History**

The Book Review Editors of *Studies in Western Australian History* invite expressions of interest from scholars to join our panel of book reviewers.

We are seeking reviewers with expertise in Western Australian history, Aboriginal and Indigenous studies, Australian social and cultural history, women's and gender history, and related fields.

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Professor Jane Lydon and Dr. Naomi Preston

Events

Seminar, Australian Intellectual History Network

14 August 2025, 4pm AEST, online via Microsoft Teams

The next AIHN seminar will feature Dr Henry-James Meiring, who will present his talk “Piratical Knowledge: The Making of a Scientific Revolution.”

Please contact a.way@griffith.edu.au to register for the link

Queering the Museum Workshop, Australian Museums and Galleries Association

State Library of Western Australia

Friday 29th August 2025, 1-5pm

Designed for museum and gallery professionals, arts workers, public historians and artists this workshop develops practical strategies to increase LGBTIQ+ visibility in museums and galleries and through creative practices.

[Further Information](#)

Conference, Australian & New Zealand Map Society Conference, “Southern Frontiers”

17th-18th October 2025, Museum of New and Old Art, Hobart

Early bird registrations are now open for the upcoming conference on the theme of “Southern Frontiers”, held by the Australian & New Zealand Map Society. [The full program is now available](#). The conference will feature selections from The Robert Clancy Collection, an overview of MONA's collections, and lots of guest speakers. The conference will be held at MONA's beautiful Eros and Thanos rooms, in the Ether building adjacent to the main Museum building. There will be time left at the end of day two (Saturday 18 October) for you to top-up your Museum visiting ([but make sure to book!](#)).

[Further information](#)

Symposium, “Encountering Southlands”

WA Maritime Museum Theatre, Fremantle

1st December 2025, 9am-4.30pm

Facilitated by *Global Encounters and First Nations Poples: 1000 Years of Australian History* (Monash University, ARC Laureate) and *Mobilising Dutch East India Company Collection for New Global Stories* (UWA, ARC Linkage) with the Western Australian Museum, this symposium brings together multi-disciplinary research and cross-cultural perspectives to explore the deep and diverse histories of encounter across Australasia. It challenges dominant colonial narratives by privileging Indigenous and Asian knowledge systems and adopting a longer temporal lens.

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Jobs and Opportunities

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The War Studies Research Group in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at UNSW invites applications from outstanding Honours students wishing to develop their historical skills or pursue further research in war studies to attend a one-day workshop in Canberra. The workshop will offer students an opportunity to gain and build their understanding of historical research of war, through an introduction to the key approaches to war studies, the principal national institutions at which scholars research, and some of the leading scholars of war studies in Australia.

Applications close 9th July 2025[Further information](#)**InASA ECR Publication Subsidy Scheme**

In 2018, the International Australian Studies Association (InASA) established a publishing subsidy scheme designed to assist early career researchers working in Australian Studies. The subsidy is designed to assist early career researchers in a publishing venture, or for the inclusion of essential items such as illustrations, photographs or maps.

Applications close: 8th September 2025[Further Information](#)**Indigenous Land and Justice Research Group Scholarship****University of New South Wales**

The purpose of this \$15,000 scholarship is to support an Indigenous student to conduct Honours research that contributes to the theory and practice of Aboriginal self-determination policy. The student will have the opportunity undertake research with the support of experienced Indigenous scholars and allies, while also developing knowledge and workforce skills relevant to the public sector. This scholarship is part of an ARC Discovery Indigenous Grant awarded to Professor Heidi Norman, which examines how Aboriginal Affairs governance has operated in the era of self-determination since 1980 to today.

[Further Information](#)**Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, The Rechnitz Memorial Award**

Applications are now open for the annual Rechnitz Award, intended to recognise excellence in research leadership and advancement of knowledge of Indigenous society, culture and language. The Award is open to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars who must be nominated and endorsed by two Fellows of either the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia or the Australian Academy of Humanities. Recipients will be required to deliver a Rechnitz Lecture in the 12-months following their award and will also be invited to participate in the production of an Academy-produced video highlighting their work.

Nominations close 15th August 2025[Further information](#)**Australian Studies China Program**

Applications are now open for the 2025 Australian Studies in China Program (ASP), jointly funded by the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations (NFACR) and the Foundation for Australian Studies in China (FASIC)

Applications close: 30th August 2025[Further Information](#)

Zealand Studies (JACANZS) is looking for reviewers of several books for the journal. If you are interested in reviewing any of the titles, please contact the Book Reviews Editor, Dr. Jatinder Mann.

[Further Information](#)

Australasian Mining History Association Best Paper Award

An award of \$500 and 12 months free AMHA membership is offered for the best paper published in the refereed section of the Journal of Australasian Mining History by an early career historian.

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Lynette Russell Prize for First Peoples' History in Schools 2025

The prize is awarded based on a project that displays knowledge, engagement and creativity, taking into consideration the year level of the student/s. The project submitted may take any form: written, visual, digital or performative. It may be a project or work completed in class or outside of class as an additional activity.

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National Library of Australia Community Heritage Grants

The Community Heritage Grants 2025 Round is now open. Please read the [Guidelines](#) for further information. The program supports community organisations to care for Australian moveable, cultural heritage collections. Since 1994, this program has provided more than \$9.3 million dollars in funding to over 1,700 projects across Australia.

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PhD Scholarship, Environmental History of Sydney Seascape, UTS

For further information, contact carla.sbocchi@uts.edu.au

Asia-Pacific Academic Mentoring Program

International Science Council

The Asia-Pacific Academic Mentoring Program connects early-career researchers (ECRs) from Asia and the Pacific with senior scientists and scientific leaders from across Australia. The program aims to guide young scientists to become future leaders in academia within their home region. The Program will run for one year, with monthly online meetings between the mentor and the mentee. The ISC RFP-AP will provide financial support to the selected ECRs to assist in international travel to take part in the program launch in Canberra, Australia in September 2025. Mentees and mentors will also be supported by the ISC RFP-AP to attend Australia's premiere science event, **Science at the Shine Dome**.

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Jane Hansen Prize for History Advocacy

The Jane Hansen Prize for History Advocacy was established in 2020 to recognise the efforts of a group or individual that has advocated for the value of history, the work of historians and/or the importance of an

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the HCV Friends. The winner is announced in conjunction with the HCV's Annual Lecture each year.

Enquiries: info@historycouncilvic.org.au

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History Australia Book Reviewers

Interested candidates should provide their name, position, and areas of expertise to Elizabeth Roberts-Pedersen (elizabeth.roberts-pedersen@newcastle.edu.au) or Mirela Cufurovic (mcufurovic@csu.edu.au).

Calls for Papers

Call for Papers: Transnational Histories of Colonial South Western Australia

Limina: A Journal of Historical and Cultural Studies

Limina: A Journal of Historical and Cultural Studies, in recognition of the forthcoming 150th anniversary of the Catalpa Escape from the Swan River penal colony, invites submissions for a special edition exploring the transnational dimensions of colonial South Western Australia's history. We seek scholarship that illuminates how this distant colony participated in and was shaped by global flows of people, ideas, commodities, and power from its discovery by Europeans to the 1920s. We encourage submissions that challenge traditional narratives of colonial isolation and demonstrate the complex ways in which South Western Australia was embedded within broader transnational networks and global historical processes.

Submission deadline: 15th October 2025

Once complete, please submit your manuscript to the following emails:

amy.alexander@research.uwa.edu.au

daniel.elias@nd.edu.au

History West General Meeting - Anne Medley, 'Matrons, Nurses, Mothers and the York Hospital Heritage Precinct'

109 Stirling Highway, Nedlands, WA

20th August 2025, 5:30pm onwards

[Further Information](#)

Conference, The Spirit of 1975: Transformations in Australian Labour History

Journal, *Australasian Parliamentary Review*

The journal of the Australasian Study of Parliament Group, *Australasian Parliamentary Review* is currently accepting articles for review, to be published in mid-November 2025. Articles of up to 6,000 words, or short comment pieces of up to 1,500 words, are welcome in the *Review*, the premier regional publication for scholars and practitioners in parliamentary studies. Please make sure your work complies with the [Review's style guide](#).

Submissions due 1st September 2025

Contact sarah.moulds@unisa.edu.au for further information

Founding Stories, Forging Communities, Feminist Futures: Nurturing Feminist Histories in Precarious Times

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This two-day symposium will take stock of the past, present and future of feminist history scholarship at a time when the field is increasingly under siege. The humanities are facing unprecedented challenges and 'diversity' of all kinds is under attack. We hope that this event can replenish feminist history communities through looking back, celebrating the work we are doing now, and looking ahead to consider the future of feminist histories in Australia and beyond. We particularly seek papers which speak to the themes of 'founding stories', 'forging communities', 'feminist futures', and the context of precarity.

Submissions: Please send a paper title, abstract of no more than 200 words and short biography of up to 50 words to: auswhn@gmail.com

Australia ICOMOS 2025 National Conference**Our Shared Heritage: Un-Settling Ground****17th-19th November 2025, Ballarat, VIC**

This year's themes, 'Battlefronts' and 'Un-Settling', invite participants to critically examine heritage through lenses of disruption, resilience, and transformation. Contributions will offer solutions-focused insights, innovative approaches, and provocative case studies that challenge conventional narratives and expand the scope of heritage practice.

Submissions close 28th August 2025[Further Information](#)

**Symposium, Australian Women's History Network and *Lilith: A Feminist History Journal*,
"Nurturing Feminist Histories in Precarious Times: Looking Back, Moving Forward"**

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One strand of the symposium will specifically reflect on *Lilith's* history - the foundational role it has played in the development of Australian women's, gender and feminist history over more than 40 years, and looking ahead to how it might build on this legacy.

Abstracts due 29th August 2025[Further information](#)**Studies in Oral History, Issue No. 47****The Power of Oral History – Risks, Rewards & Possibilities**

Oral history presents many possibilities; yet these possibilities come with risk as well as reward – recording sensitive subjects is never easy. Creating an oral history production takes time, skill and care, and sometimes goes wrong. Imaginative re-uses of oral history recordings can raise ethical and legal complexities. And oral histories that disrupt accepted narratives can generate pain and conflict in families, communities and nations. We invite papers that employ or interrogate oral history methodologies and illuminate aspects of the risks, rewards and possibilities of oral history.

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Abstracts will soon be open for the 2025 Australasian Mining History Conference.

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