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Profile - Professor Ian Murray, School of Law



Ian is a Professor at the UWA Law School where he teaches in Taxation, Corporations and Not-for-profit Law, as well as researching at the intersection between Not-for-profit Law, Tax, Trusts and Corporate Governance. A significant part of that research involves comparing regulatory approaches to issues such as when we expect our Not-for-profits to deliver public benefit, governance of for-purpose organisations and the bounds of political advocacy. The experiences of other jurisdictions can inform Australian developments, but with the critical need to be cognisant of Australia's (multiple) unique social, political and economic contexts. Key achievements and research which highlights this focus on the Australian regulatory context include:

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Guidance for WA Charities.

- Ian received the [2023 Virginia A Hodgkinson Research Book Prize](#) from the Association for Research on Non-profit Organisations and Voluntary Action for his book *Charity Law and Accumulation: Maintaining an Intergenerational Balance*, which examines the temporal issue of when we expect charities to provide public benefit and provides tools for policy makers to implement their preferred approach – with special focus on, and comparative discussion of, Australian approaches. The book has already influenced the Australian Productivity Commission's recommendations in its 2024 [Report](#) into the regulation of Australian philanthropy.
- Presentation to the Australian Academy of Law in August 2024, alongside Western Australian Attorney-General John Quigley, on the historical and comparative context and likely effects of once-in-a-century wholesale reform of the Western Australian legislation governing charitable trusts.
- [The Reform of Constitutional Purposes: Should Australia Follow England's Path in Aligning Charitable Trusts and Corporations? \(2024\) 35\(1\) King's Law Journal 46](#) (co-authored with John Picton).
- [Tax History and Philanthropy: A Tribute to John Taylor \(2024\) 22\(2\) eJournal of Tax Research 300](#) (co-authored with Tony Ciro, Alistair Haskett and Michael Walpole).
- [Use of Cy-pres and Administrative Schemes by Australian Higher Education Providers to End Dead Hand Control of Charitable Assets \(2024\) 45\(2\) Adelaide Law Review 362](#) (co-authored with Natalie Silver).
- [The Third Sector and Democracy in Australia: Neoliberal Governance and the Repression of Advocacy \(2023\) 58\(4\) Australian Journal of Political Science 404](#) (co-authored with Ruth Phillips).
- [Characterising and Changing Charitable Purposes: Theories of Organisational Purpose \(2024\) 87\(5\) Modern Law Review 1111](#).

Events - Western Australia

2025 State Heritage Conference

12th-13th May 2025, The Esplanade Hotel

The 2025 State Heritage Conference, hosted by the Heritage Council of Western Australia, the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Committee and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, will take place at The Esplanade Hotel, adjacent to Fremantle's historic West End precinct. The conference theme, The Heritage Ecosystem, highlights the evolving values of Western Australia's cultural heritage. Attendees will have valuable opportunities to network and discuss emerging trends and future projects in the sector.

[Further Information](#)

Inaugural Southern Forests & Valleys Heritage Festival

19th April-4th May 2025

A celebration of the region's diverse natural, cultural, and historical heritage. This exciting festival offers a rare opportunity for the community and visitors to explore and engage with the rich history that has shaped the Southern Forests & Valleys region.

[Further Information](#)

WA Women's Hall of Fame - Roll of Honour Exhibition Launch

State Library of Western Australia

12th March 2025, 6-8pm

This exhibition spotlights inductees who are no longer with us but whose legacy lives on through the Roll of Honour, and in items from the State Library's collection.

Australian Heritage Festival 2025, WA

18th April-18th May 2025

The Australian Heritage Festival is an annual community-driven event that connects country by immersing you into the rich and diverse heritage our country has to offer. For more than 40 years, Western Australians have taken part by hosting special exhibitions, tours, talks, workshops, food fairs, ceremonies, demonstrations, dining events, interactive displays and so much more. Each and every event a wonderful interpretation of heritage and culture from around our great state. In Western Australia, the festival is both a celebration and reflection on the natural and cultural heritage of the state, taking place during April and May each year. In April and May 2025, the festival will return with the theme ***Unearthed*** – revealing the past, bringing to light lesser-known histories and stories, and unearthing knowledge to empower younger generations as custodians of culture and tradition.

[Further Information](#)

Jobs and Opportunities - Western Australia

Professor Ronald M. and Dr Catherine H. Berndt Foundation

Grant Applications Open Now

The BRF supports Australian Aboriginal social and cultural anthropology research. It was established from a sum of money bequeathed to the University of Western Australia by Professor Ronald and Dr Catherine Berndt for this purpose. Three awards will be offered for 2025.

All applications close 28th February 2025 and decisions will be communicated by 14th March 2025.

Contact berndt.foundation@uwa.edu.au to receive an application pack.

[Further Information](#)

2025 Margaret Medcalf Award Nominations Open

The Margaret Medcalf Award recognises excellence in research using the State Archives of Western Australia. The Award honours Miss Margaret Medcalf OAM, Western Australia's second State Archivist, for her valuable contribution to the development of archives in Western Australia. The winner of this Award receives a cash prize of \$1,000 or shares this prize if there is more than one winner. Works nominated must demonstrate the use and accurate referencing of State Archives. Any work completed or published in 2024 is eligible to be submitted for nomination, and anyone, including the author of the work, may submit a nomination.

[Further Information](#)

Events

AHA Workshop: Non-Academic Careers

20th March 2025, 4pm AEDT via Zoom

In this time of protracted uncertainty for the academic sector, being aware of the opportunities outside of the university is more important than ever. However, it can be difficult knowing how to convey your skills, experience, and knowledge to non-academic employers. Chaired by President Michelle Arrow, the AHA is delighted to present this workshop, covering topics such as mental health and the effects of a career change, getting your head around focusing on skills rather than content, reshaping your CV, thinking about how to translate academic examples to respond to selection criteria, and learning the STAR(R) method for interviews. All members, no matter their career stage, are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will feature three historians who have navigated this process successfully:

- **Dr Noah Riseman**, Senior Policy Officer, Australian Human Rights Commission
- **Dr Emma Shortis**, Director, International & Security Affairs Program, The Australia Institute

Australian Historical Association Annual Conference 2025

James Cook University, 30th June - 4th July 2025

Historians engage in many forms of looking up. The popular image of a historian is a person with their head down in the depths of an archive or library looking up books and documents. However, historians are at their most impactful when they also look up at the world around them and connect their work to contemporary issues. The first historians and custodians of what is now Australia literally looked up to the stars that served as calendars and markers of the passage of time. From ancient times to the present, historians have looked up at the power structures that shape society. In Australia, the phrase “looking up” also has a significant geographical dimension. Most of Australia’s population (and most of its historians) work in the southeast corner of the continent, even while nearly half the continent lies in the tropics. Periodically policy makers have looked up to northern Australia and the nations of the ‘near north’ and seen both threats and opportunities. In 2025 the AHA offers historians an opportunity to engage with the scale and place of the Australian continent and its history.

Early Bird registrations open until 21st March 2025

[Further Information](#)

Roundtable, “Australian Environmental History Today”

25th March 2025, 7.30pm AEDT via Zoom

This roundtable discussion will bring together historians at various career stages to reflect on the current state of Australian environmental history. Participants will consider the major themes and debates shaping contemporary research, from Indigenous land management and colonial ecological transformations to climate history and urban environmental change. The conversation will also address the challenges facing the discipline, including funding constraints, the pressures of public engagement, and the need for greater interdisciplinary collaboration. At the same time, the roundtable will highlight emerging opportunities, such as new digital research methods, expanding archives, and the increasing relevance of environmental history in policy and public discourse.

Roundtable discussants include AHA members **Harrison Croft**, **Professor Emerita Heather Goodall**, **Professor Emeritus Tom Griffiths**, **Associate Professor Ruth Morgan**, and **Dr Jessica Urwin**. This session will be chaired by **Professor Andrea Gaynor**.

[Further information](#)

Graduate Oral History Intensive

2nd–3rd, 16th–17th May 2025, 9.30am–4.30pm AEST, online via Zoom

Postdoctoral Fellows and HDR, Masters, and Honours students are invited to apply to attend an oral history intensive course aimed at university research students. Taught by three of Australia’s leading oral historians (Carla Pascoe Leahy, Sarah Rood and **Alistair Thomson**) and offered in partnership with [Oral History Victoria](#), the course will teach how to plan an oral history project and apply for ethics approval, explore different analytical approaches, and consider how to write a thesis using oral history and to create other types of oral history productions, and more.

Participants will develop a peer support group of graduate oral history researchers from around Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia. Each day school will be taught online via Zoom, from 9.30am-4pm Australian Eastern Standard time. The course will be limited to 18 participants.

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2025 Australian Heritage Festival

Registrations are now open for the 2025 Australian Heritage Festival with the theme: **Unearthed – Revealing the Past, Empowering the Future**. “Your event doesn't need to be big or fancy or boast of famous connections (although that's

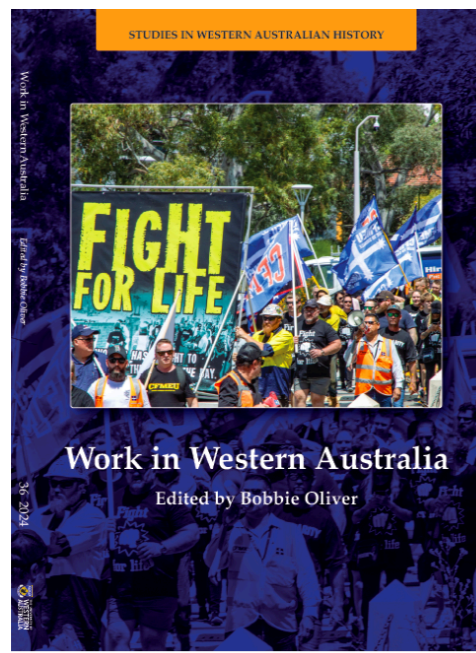
The Melbourne Colonial and Post-Colonial Histories Symposium

20th March 2025, ACU Melbourne Campus

Postgraduate students researching any aspect of colonialism and post-colonial pasts are invited to apply to participate in this one-day symposium hosted by the Australian Catholic University and Victoria University. The workshop aims to provide collegial feedback on doctoral research and build scholarly networks. Student participants will pre-circulate an article manuscript or a thesis chapter. In addition to receiving feedback from the group, each student will be paired with an experienced academic who will provide detailed comments on their work in progress.

[Further Information](#)

News and Announcements



Studies in Western Australian History No. 36: Work in Western Australia is out now.

Price \$35

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Studies in Western Australian History Volume 36 follows the journal's thematic tradition, featuring six articles on various aspects of work in Western Australia from the earliest days of European settlement, through to 21st century concerns of fly-in-fly-out working arrangements, mental health and work site safety. It features the work of past and present UWA staff and students, and researchers from other universities and from outside the academic sector.

Congratulations to Professor Jane Lydon on her election to the [InASA Executive](#) for 2025! Her extensive contributions to Australian studies and commitment to scholarship make her a fantastic addition to the team. We look forward to her leadership and insights in the year ahead.

AHA Jill Roe Prize

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research in any area of historical enquiry produced by a postgraduate student.

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AHA Patrick Wolfe ECR Researcher Conference Bursary

Applications close 31 March 2025

Applications are now open for the Patrick Wolfe ECR Researcher Conference Bursary, awarded to two ECRs to enable their attendance and participation at the AHA annual conference and to attend the conference dinner.

[Further Information](#)

AHA Ann Curthoys Prize

Applications close 1 May 2025

Applications are now open for the Ann Curthoys Prize, awarded for the best unpublished article-length work by an ECR in any one or combination of the fields in which Ann has published.

[Further Information](#)

Australian Academy of the Humanities, Max Crawford Medal

Nominations close 28th March 2025

The Max Crawford Medal is Australia's most prestigious award for achievement and promise in the Humanities. It is presented annually to an early-career scholar working and publishing in the humanities, whose publications contribute towards an understanding of their discipline by the general public.

[Further Information](#)

Australasian Mining History Association Student Travel Grant

Applications close 1st May 2025

The AMHA invites applications from HDR and Honours students interested in presenting a paper or poster at the 2025 AMHA Conference, held in Broken Hill, NSW, in September 2025. The grant will consist of:

- \$1,000 for travel and accommodation
- free conference registration, conference dinner and excursions
- 12 months free student membership of the Association (including the Journal of Australasian Mining History)

[Further information](#)

Australasian Mining History Association Best Paper Award

The AMHA presents an Award for the Best Paper published in the refereed section of the Journal of Australasian Mining History by an ECR. The award consists of:

- \$500
- 12 months free membership of the Association

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Australian Academy of the Humanities Humanities Travelling Fellowships

Applications close 28th March 2025

Applications are now open for the AAH's Humanities Travelling Fellowships, which offer up to \$4000 to support ECRs undertaking research overseas.

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A Churchill Fellowship offers Australian citizens and permanent residents a life-changing opportunity to travel overseas for four to eight weeks to learn more about a topic or issue that they are passionate about.

Applications closed 1st May 2025 5pm AEST

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Australian Academy of the Humanities John Mulvaney Fellowship

Applications close 28th March 2025

Applications are now open for the John Mulvaney Fellowship, offered by the AAH to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ECRs and HDRs working in any area of the humanities. The successful applicant will receive \$4000 to put towards undertaking research or fieldwork in Australia or overseas.

[Further Information](#)

Australian Academy of the Humanities, Publication Subsidy Scheme

Applications close 28th March 2025

The Scheme supports Early Career Researchers with costs of up to \$3,000 associated with the publication of scholarly works that advance knowledge in the Humanities.

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Expressions of Interest, Australian Intellectual History Network

Expressions of interest are invited for a new Australian Intellectual History Network, a collaborative endeavour for scholars interested in the study of ideas within their historical contexts. Intellectual history traces the development and transformation of concepts, ideologies, and theories across historical time.

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Jobs and Opportunities

Editor-in-Chief, *Australian Journal of Politics and History*

Interested candidates should submit their CV and a cover letter to jganibegov@wiley.com as soon as possible.

Associate Editor, *Settler Colonial Studies*

We seek to fill one to two positions to start immediately. The role is for a three-year appointment, renewable by mutual consent for a maximum of two further terms.

[Further Information](#)

Calls for Papers

2025 Australian Historical Association Conference, Townsville

The Australian Historical Association invites historians to come to Townsville for its annual conference to be held between 30 June and 4 July 2025. Co-hosted by James Cook University and Central Queensland University, the organisers welcome proposals for papers and panels on any aspect of history. Participants can identify conference streams relevant to their work, and all abstracts will be considered. Participants are encouraged to relate their work to the conference theme of looking up and applying the historian's toolkit to make a meaningful contribution to contemporary debate.

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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.

[Further Information](#)

Symposium, Marking the 50th Anniversary of the Fraser Government

11th–13th December 2025, Trinity College, University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne (Archives and Special Collections) and Trinity College are delighted to invite scholars, researchers, politicians and members of the public to submit original proposals for participation in a Symposium being held to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Fraser Government.

Prospective contributors are encouraged to use the collections of the University of Melbourne in their research and will be supported in doing so. In particular, we draw attention to the [Malcolm Fraser collection](#).

Call for Papers closes 30th March 2025

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2025 Australasian Mining History Conference

1st–6th September 2025, Broken Hill, NSW

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

[Further information](#)

'Current Debates' Section, Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History

From January 2025 the Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History (JICH) will feature a section devoted to current debates. This will include opinion pieces and commentary on issues pertaining to imperial history, colonialism, imperialism, the legacies of empire and its associated historiography, in a broad sense. The editors welcome contributions on current affairs and contemporary discussions in these and related fields.

[Further Information](#)

Australian Society for the Study of Labour History

Call for papers: Labour Archives and Methodologies

Closes 1st March 2025

We are interested in articles that demonstrate and reflect upon the practices of labour history and future trends in the field. We invite submissions that promote discussion of what labour historians do and how we do it, the opportunities and the challenges associated with labour history archives, and transnational research. Articles may include reflections on ethics, funding, politics and government policies, and new methods of dissemination (such as online exhibitions, blogs, websites and the like). We encourage submissions on the history of workers, of labour, and/or activism in diverse locations and eras. Our goal is to capture the future directions (or dilemmas) for the field of labour history.

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Australian National University

The Privileges of Trailblazing Workshop

In-person 25th March 2025 [contact to request online participation]

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provide comparative perspectives from other settings, particularly New Zealand and the Pacific, or that arise from disciplinary backgrounds other than history, such as biography, law, Pacific studies, or Indigenous studies. We also welcome co-authored papers, and may suggest this as a possibility where similar proposals are submitted.

[Further Information](#)

Special Issue, *The Great Circle*

The oceans are rapidly changing around us, as exploration and exploitation of the subsurface realm is accelerating. Coastlines are under threat, challenging maritime cultural landscapes, while both offshore energy generation and illegal salvage threaten underwater cultural heritage sites. Museums large and small face changing demographics, shifting visitor expectations and ongoing commercial pressures. What are the other issues facing maritime heritage in today's environment? Edited by Professor Rod Mather, Dr John Jensen and Dr Peter Hobbins, this special issue of *The Great Circle* seeks to survey contemporary maritime heritage in the Indo-Pacific region. Contributions are welcome on diverse topics: archaeology and heritage regulation; museums and collections; places and spaces; communities and controversies. Peer-reviewed research articles of up to 10,000 words (including endnotes) and non-peer reviewed research notes of up to 3,000 words (including endnotes) are both welcomed.

Call for Papers closes 1st August 2025

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