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# Australian Studies Bulletin

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## *Welcome to the May edition of the Australian Studies Research Network Bulletin*

### Network Student Profile: James Cassidy



James is a PhD Candidate in History at UWA. His research is focused on the social history of early Swan River Colony, and the role played by a 'clique' of influential landowning settlers. James is approaching this topic from a largely biographical standpoint, as case studies focusing heavily on particular individuals allows for a closer - more human - examination of wider, structural aspects of settler colonialism. This research is being conducted part-time while James is working as a relief teacher with the Department of Education. James has a paper to be published later this year in the next issue of *Early Days*, the journal of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society. A great deal of his interest in early colonial Western Australia was born out of how overlooked the topic is in the current Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum. He hopes that after his PhD is completed he might use the experience to influence curriculum development, so that students might better engage with this aspect of Western Australia's past.



### **Events**

#### **Australian Legacies of British Slavery Conference**

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With keynote speakers **Associate Professor Emma Christopher** and **Keith McClelland**.

Emma Christopher holds an eight-year Scientia Fellowship at the University of New South Wales and is leading an interdisciplinary, international ARC-funded project entitled 'Slavery, Race, Sugar: South Sea Islanders in Australia'. Keith McClelland is Honorary Senior Research Fellow in the History department at UCL (University College London). He was co-founder, with Catherine Hall and Nick Draper, of the original Legacies of British Slave-ownership project (2009-).

This conference investigates the legacies of British slavery within the colonisation of Australia, and asks why this history has been overlooked. After August 1833, when British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Caribbean, Mauritius and the Cape, the former slave-owners were paid compensation for the loss of their 'property'.

New research has begun to show that many beneficiaries had ties to other parts of the British Empire, including the settler colonies of Australia, Canada and South Africa. Participants in this conference trace the movement of people, goods, capital, and practices from the Caribbean to the new Australasian settler colonies.

This event arises out of the 'Western Australian Legacies of British Slavery' (WALBS) project and extends its themes, methods and questions in new directions. Presentations consider a range of places, people and themes to reveal the varied ways that slavery continued to shape imperial relationships, economic networks, and racial labour regimes after 1833.

[Further information on the WALBS project](#)

*Conference registration coming shortly*

### **Material Histories Seminar Series, 'Australian Food Icons'**

Online, Friday 5 May 2023, 1:00pm

Join AHA members **Hannah Viney** and **Lauren Samuelsson** as they discuss two Australian food icons: vegemite, and the *Children's Birthday Cake Book*. This lunchtime seminar will explore how a yeast extract mixed with patriotism in wartime created an enduring cultural legacy and reflect on what the *Children's Birthday Cake Book* reveals about changing tastes and gender roles in late twentieth century Australia.

[Further information and registration](#)

### **PROV Melbourne Design Week Event, 'Heritage Beyond the Façade'**

Victorian Archives Centre, Wednesday 24 May 2023, 2:00pm AEST

Buildings, particularly their facades, are the most noticeable elements in the urban environment, representing the face of heritage. However, by focusing solely on the facade, do we overlook other aspects that make heritage places valuable? This session, featuring Peter Andrew Barrett as the speaker, explores alternative ways of experiencing and contemplating heritage in the city beyond the facade's aesthetic.

[Further information and registration here](#)



### **Prizes, Fellowships & Opportunities:**

#### **PhD Scholarships, Legacies of Atlantic Slavery in Australia, Melbourne-Manchester**

**Applications due 1 November 2023**

[Further information](#)

#### **Archives Portal Europe Research Grant**

Archives Portal Europe supports archival research for historical research projects with grants up to 500 EUR to assist scholars (with a special focus on early career researcher, but not exclusively) with research in archives that are APE content providers. The grant assists with travel, accommodation expenses, and working hours incurred in the undertaking of research into any aspect of history.

**Applications due 30 June 2023**

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### **Ann Curthoys Prize**

Applications are still open for the Ann Curthoys Prize, awarded annually to the best unpublished article-length work by an [ECR](#) in any of the fields in which Ann has published.

**Applications due 1 May 2023**

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### **2024 Forrest Research Foundation Postdoc Fellowships**

The Forrest Research Foundation is offering prestigious three-year Post-doctoral Fellowships to outstanding researchers from around the world to conduct paradigm-shifting research at any of Western Australia's five universities. The Fellowships are open to outstanding early-career researchers of any nationality and working in any discipline. Applicants must have completed their PhD on or after 1 January 2021, or be due to complete by 31 December 2023.

**Applications close 31 May 2023**

[Further information](#)

### **Australasian Women in Ancient World Studies Research Grant**

Since 2013 AWAWS has offered an annual research grant to support our members in their current research projects. Its current grant value is \$1250. The grant can be used to cover interstate or international research costs, archive-related costs, support for caring duties and so on. All members of AWAWS are eligible.

**Applications due 31 May 2023**

[Further information](#)

### **Jane Hansen Prize for History Advocacy**

Entries for the Jane Hansen Prize 2023 are now open. 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 education in history. The winner will be announced in conjunction with the HCV's Annual Lecture in October each year. An annual prize of \$500 is offered. Winners will also be recognised with a certificate, acknowledgement via the HCV's publications and social media, and year-long membership to the HCV Friends.

**Entries close 31 July 2023**

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### **New Editor, *Labour History* Journal**

*Labour History* is looking for a new editor to replace **Diane Kirkby** whose term ends in July 2024. The appointment will be made before the end of this year by the Federal Executive of the Australian Society for the Study of Labour History. The new editor will start in February to help prepare the May 2025 issue. The Editor leads a team of Associate Editors who play an important role in supporting the editorial work. Questions will be fielded by Diane Kirkby ([diane.kirkby@uts.edu.au](mailto:diane.kirkby@uts.edu.au)).

Expressions of Interest should be emailed to Carl Power ([admin@labourhistory.org.au](mailto:admin@labourhistory.org.au)).

**EOIs due 1 August 2023**



### **[Calls for Papers](#)**

#### **The 2023 Biennial Conference of the German Association for Australian Studies**

University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany)

19-22 October 2023

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Cultural Studies, Film and Media Studies, Gender Studies, Geography, History, Law, Linguistics, Literary Studies, Museum Studies, Musicology, Political Science, Queer Studies, Religious Studies and Sociology as well as creative contributions from the Visual and Performing Arts.

Please submit a **250-word abstract and a short bio note** (indicating name, institutional affiliation and contact details, max. 200 words) **by 15 May 2023**. Decisions on accepted papers will be communicated by 15 June 2023.

Conference organisers: Prof. Dr. Patricia Plummer and Dr. Katrin Althans

Please see their [website](#) for more information.

**Contact: [GAS2023@australienstudien.org](mailto:GAS2023@australienstudien.org)**

### **2023 WA State Heritage Conference: Our Shared Heritage, Culture and Continuum**

State Theatre Centre, Perth, 23-24 October 2023

The Heritage Council of Western Australia with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage are hosting a two-day conference. The theme Our Shared Heritage: culture and continuum addresses the multiple values associated with State heritage places and how these values have evolved over time. The sub-themes of the conference are “Belonging”, “Sharing Case Studies” and “Towards 2026/29”.

**Call for Contributions/EOIs closes 30 April 2023**

[Further information](#)

### **Reminder: Working Five to Nine: Industriousness in the History of Capitalism**

Australian Catholic University, Melbourne campus and online, 7 July 2023

This symposium seeks to understand the origins and unfolding of 'industriousness' as a twentieth century work ethic, considering New Deal and welfare state preoccupations with full employment, the massive increase in years of schooling globally and the expansion of working hours, particularly among university students and in white-collar occupations.

**Call for papers closes 1 May 2023**

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### **Reminder: Limina 2023 Conference: 'Crisis'**

University of Western Australia, 6 to 8 September 2023

The Limina collective conference committee invites proposals for 20-minute papers from across the breadth of humanities research, to explore the theme of 'Crisis'. Topics may include but are not limited to: social, political, historical, economic, ecological, psychological, or identity crises; theorising crises; media depictions of crises; war and conflict studies. HDR students and ECRs are encouraged to submit abstracts.

**Abstracts due 1 May 2023**

[Further information](#)

### **14th Annual AAHANZBS Conference, Learning from the Past**

The Women's College, University of Sydney, 30 November to 1 December 2023

The Academic Association of Historians in Australian and New Zealand Business Schools will hold its 14<sup>th</sup> annual conference in late 2023, with “Learning from the Past” as the overarching theme. Papers relating to accounting history, business history, economic history, labour history, management history, marketing history, tourism history, transport history and other areas of interest relating to historical research in business schools are invited. Organisers also invite papers/panel suggestions around teaching and pedagogy relating to business and labour history.

**Call for papers closes 7 July 2023**

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The 41st Australian Historical Association (AHA) Conference will be hosted by the Australian Catholic University on the theme 'Milestones'.

The AHA 2023 Conference will bring together scholars from across the disciplines with a shared interest in history. The conference is open to academics, students and community members wishing to share their research and hear about the latest developments in history studies.

We have chosen the theme of 'Milestones' to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Australian Historical Association, and to encourage reflection: on the historical profession in Australia, how far the nation has come, and the many things it still has to deliver. But equally, we encourage participants working in any field of history to challenge easy answers offered by the comforts of teleology. Milestones mark progress towards a predestined goal, after all, and assumptions around progress and improvement were central to the colonial enterprise. Milestones can conceal as much as they illuminate, and our experiences of the ongoing pandemic render strange any assumption of time moving at one set speed.

Hosted by Australian Catholic University on Wurundjeri land in Melbourne, this conference will be an opportunity to take stock of what has been, interrogate the place of historical knowledge and teaching in contemporary society, and ponder potential futures.

The convenors welcome proposals for papers and panels on any geographical area, time-period, or field of history, especially those relating to the theme of 'milestones'. AHA and affiliated streams include migration history, women's history, environmental history, First Nations history, GLAM, history of capitalism, children and youth, oral history, religious history, and sports history.

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