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The HPI Bulletin

## Head of School Editorial

Well, 2022 has continued to deliver a raft of challenges, including the devastating floods which impacted many of our staff and students. As we wrap up semester 1, it is a good time to recall our achievements and recognise all of the hard work of continuing staff, professional staff, casual staff, HDRs and honoraries, in keeping the place running.

In particular, I would like to pass on an enormous “thank you” to Sweta Misra, who has stepped up as Acting School Manager, in the most remarkable way. Sweta – always known for her calm yet extraordinary efficiency – has held the School and the Admin team together. She’s very modest, but it’s not too much to say, Sweta, we could not have done it without you. Thank you, too, to the rest of the admin team, Serena, Chat and Mischa, who have spent a lot of extra time and energy looking after the day-to-day running of HPI.



Across this semester, there have been a raft of achievements in teaching, research, and community engagement. In June, we held a research celebration day, which recognised the research outputs of the School. In 2021, HPI saw the publication of 9 monographs by staff and honoraries, which I think is spectacular, given the very real challenges of COVID-19. In addition to this, we have 42 refereed journal articles for 2021 alone, and 24 book chapters, as well as numerous other outputs of various kinds. What strikes me, too, is the sheer variety of these outputs, across the different genres. It is such a pleasure to see this hard work come to fruition.

We have also spent some time thinking about the ways we translate our research to reach outwardly, beyond the Academy. This might be in simple ways, sharing ideas with others in a blog or a podcast or some media work. Or it might be in more complex ways, through direct engagement with external stakeholders. Whatever we do, it’s important to maintain the integrity and joy of our research, and if we can share it, all the better.

Another recent highlight in HPI was the [School's Annual Lecture](#), given this year by Dr Anna Halafoff, Associate Professor in Sociology of Religion in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Deakin University. On a cold and blustery night (for Brisbane anyway!), Anna shared her thoughts on “Australian Spirit: Power, Wellbeing and Risks.” In an invigorating presentation, Anna discussed ideas on spirituality and more traditional

religion, and the ways that we should begin to give spirituality a deeper and more robust academic examination. There was a great turnout for the event, and we were able to continue the discussion over drinks and canapes in Forgan Smith.

Sometimes, as HOS, one gets news that can only be described as bittersweet. Associate Professor Neil Pembroke will be leaving HPI. It's for the very best of reasons, as Neil is moving onto a terrific new role at Trinity College. It's a wonderful move for Neil, but he will be sorely missed in HPI, for his exceptional academic achievements, his wise counsel, and his kind generosity to all staff and students. Neil was fearless in his advocacy of great teaching. He knew students mattered to HPI, on a cohort level, but also as individuals. Neil's scholarly work on "belonging" played out, I think, in his everyday actions. He will be missed.

Lastly, I am delighted to let you know that Cara Herington will be returning to HPI as School Manager. Many of you know Cara, and we are very excited to work with her once again. Welcome back Cara, to the HPI team!

Professor Lisa Featherstone (Head of School)



### Death of Brij V. Lal, AM, FAHA, OF (Officer of the Order of Fiji)

Brij Lal, expert in the 19th century Indian diaspora, Adjunct Professor in the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry since he moved to Brisbane in 2016, passed away on Christmas Day 2021. Read more about his remarkable life and accomplishments by friend and colleague Emeritus Professor Clive Moore [here](#).

### HPI in Focus: Dr. Kate Ariotti

Meet UQ historian Kate Ariotti, raised in Brisbane, and studying Australian war history funded by a DECRA through the Australian Research Council. Read more about Kate and her work [here](#).



### Dean's Award for Outstanding HDR Thesis

Congratulations to School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry alumnus, Dr. Riccardo Carli, for winning the 2020 [Dean's Award for Outstanding HDR Thesis](#). Fewer than 5% of PhD and MPhil graduates are recognised this way each year, and the award is recognition that his examiners required no changes or revisions in commending the thesis. Riccardo's exceptional thesis - *The Creativity of Virtue: Nietzsche's Ethical and*



*Aesthetic Reflections on the Existential Tension between Singularity and Multiplicity* – was completed in record time, despite the fact that Riccardo was writing it in his third language and in high demand as an award-winning tutor! Congratulations to Riccardo and his supervisors, Dr. Aurelia Armstrong and Associate Professor Marguerite La Caze!

### Neil Pembroke - HPI in Transition

HPI says a fond farewell to our Neil Pembroke who is taking up a new position at Trinity College. A long time friend and colleague whose prolific research and HDR student supervision track-record is matched only by his outstanding record on the tennis courts. Read more about Neil, his love for power tools, and vision to humanize institutions through creating socially responsible citizens, [here](#).



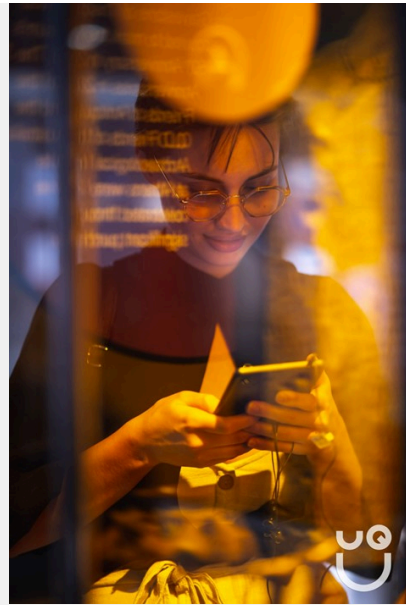
### Belief and Belonging: Queensland Stories

In partnership with the Queensland State Library, members of the Queensland Atlas of Religion research team shared their work investigating, documenting, and interpreting the diversity of religion and religious practices across Queensland. The first talk in the Belief and belonging series will highlight their work looking at some of the many religious places in

Queensland that will be featured in the Queensland Atlas of Religion. Watch the event [here](#).

### Celebrating Lemuria

On March 23, UQ students gathered for a ghostly masquerade celebrating Lemuria – the ancient Roman Festival of Ghosts – with an evening of exploration at the R.D. Milns Antiquities Museum. Manager and Curator James Donaldson explains, “Exploring topics like Lemuria allows us to engage in concepts that may seem strange to understand the things that make us similar and different to ancient peoples.” Read more on this event [here](#).



## Launch - Beyond Gallipoli: The Ancient Greek Heritage of Asia Minor

On May 16, members of the Greek community of Brisbane joined UQ Ancient History, Classics, History and Archaeology students and staff to launch 'Beyond Gallipoli: The Ancient Greek Heritage of Asia Minor' at the [RD Milns Antiquities Museum](#). Speakers included Amelia Brown (exhibit Curator), Lisa Featherstone (Head of School) and Janette McWilliam (Antiquities Museum Senior Director/Curator) and the exhibit is

open to the public weekdays 9.30 am to 4.30 pm!

## News from our Honouraries

Our School thrives through the collegiality and prodigious productivity of our esteemed honorary staff. Many congratulations to **Clive Moore**, HPI Emeritus Professor in History, for his new book published by ANU Press, [Honiara: Village-City of Solomon Islands](#); to **Aaron Ghiloni**, Studies in Religion, for his book, [World Religions and their Missions, second edition](#); to **Richard Hutch**, Studies in Religion, for his article [Sailing Seas Alone: Sporting Performance and Spiritual Insight](#); to **Jonathan Richards** for publishing on the



[emergence of aboriginal policy in Queensland](#) and on [King Gida of the Kaurareg](#) for the *Memoirs of the Queensland Museum – culture*; to **Joshua Kelleher**, philosophy, for his contribution in [Essays in Philosophy](#); to **Peter Spearitt** in history for his contribution in the volume, [Cities in a Sunburnt Country: Water and the making of Urban Australia](#); to **Costica Bradatan**, philosophy, for his recently published volume on [What Journalism](#)

[Says about Faith and Why It Matters](#) and forthcoming [In Praise of Failure](#); to **Trevor Bryce** for his paperback edition of [A Concise History of the Hittites](#) and [podcast feature](#); to **Tristan Dunning** for his commentary for the Australian Institute for International affairs on the [Australian foreign policy on Gaza](#); to **Laura Roberts**, philosophy, for her contribution, [Sexuate Difference, Sovereignty and Colonialism: Reading Luce Irigaray with Irene Watson](#) in *Sophia*; to **Ian Kemish** for his piece, [How should the next Australian government handle the Pacific?](#); to **Gilbert Burgh** and **Simone Thornton** for their book on [Teaching Democracy in an Age of Uncertainty](#) published by Routledge; and to **Bill Metcalf** for his recent historical article on domestic violence published in the [Queensland History Journal](#).

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