



QUADRIVIA

The HPI Bulletin

Head of School Editorial

Well, I don't think that anyone will forget 2020 in a hurry! I'm writing this editorial from Melbourne where we are only just emerging from months of strict lockdown. Things are looking more positive across the country now, which is very welcome after what must be one of the most challenging years many of us have experienced. I've missed seeing my colleagues in HPI this year and like many of you, I'm very much looking forward to a slightly more 'normal' 2021.

This issue of *Quadrivia* fills you in on exciting activity and news across the disciplines. We bid farewell to our much-valued History colleague, Kriston Rennie, who will be returning to Canada in the coming weeks. And we introduce a new *Quadrivia* feature - interviews with some of our current postgraduate students to learn about them and their research. We also feature an interview with our new Studies in Religion colleague, James Lancaster, and hear from Michelle Boulous-Walker in Philosophy, David Pritchard in Classics/History, updates from the RD Milns Antiquities Museum, and news from our honorary fellows. I draw particular attention to the wonderful news that Jasraj Puri has been awarded the Michael Lattke Studies in Religion Scholarship. This scholarship was made possible by the generosity of Prof Lattke, long-time member of Studies in Religion, and Dr Irtraud Petersson. Congratulations to Jasraj!

As second semester of a year like no other winds up, I want to thank our professional staff for all their amazing work this year. I also want to thank our academic and casual/sessional staff for the work they have put into teaching our students in 2020. And to all our community of scholars, supporters, lovers of the humanities and friends, I send my best wishes for the upcoming holiday season and a happy new year.

Professor Megan Cassidy-Welch (Head of School)



HPI Transitions: Kriston Rennie

A mobile Medieval historian stretches his legs further.

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HPI Welcome: James Lancaster Lecturer in Studies in Western Religions Traditions

A newly appointed lecturer who wants students to recognize the joys of learning.

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Salamis and Democracy: 2500 Years Later

This month, 2500 years ago, a Greek fleet, off the waters of Athens, defeated a much larger Persian one. This victory against the odds put an end to plan of the Persian empire, the world's largest, to subjugate all the Balkans. It began the long war that Athens would lead to expel the Persians entirely from the Dardanelles, Anatolia's coasts and the Aegean Sea's islands.

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FAKE! Faked, Forged and Replica Ancient Coins

A new exhibition from HPI's RD Milns Antiquities Museum contrasts authentic ancient coins with examples of forgeries, fakes and replicas, all drawn from the Museum's collection. Examples include a Renaissance-era fantasy coin for the short-lived Roman emperor Otho; several coins originally purchased as authentic but recently identified as fakes; and tourist replicas and hoax coins.

Visit the exhibition in person at the RD Milns Antiquities Museum (9:30-4:30, Mon-Thu) or explore online.

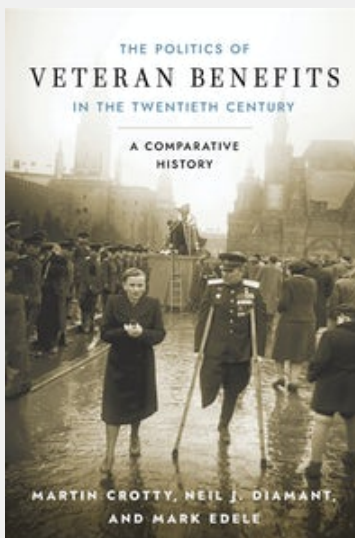
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Ordinary Vices: Impatience

Michelle Boulous Walker, Associate Professor in Philosophy, discussed the ordinary "vice" of impatience in an exchange with Radio National's Scott Stephens and Walid Aly. The discussion was framed around the habits, dispositions, attitudes, and behaviours that have long been considered corrosive to the soul and the community. Listen [here](#) for Michelle's interview on "The Mine Field" on Radio National.



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Veteran Benefits in the Twentieth Century

History@UQ is delighted to announce the release of Associate Professor Martin Crotty's new book, *The Politics of Veteran Benefits in the Twentieth Century: A Comparative History*, co-authored with Neil J Diamant and Mark Edele (Cornell University Press, 2020).

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Inaugural Michael Lattke Studies in Religion Scholarship...

We are very pleased to announce that Jasraj Puri has been awarded the inaugural Michael Lattke Studies in Religion Scholarship, which has been made possible by the generous support of Prof. Michael Lattke, long-time member of Studies in Religion, and Dr Irmtraud Petersson.

Congratulations to Jasraj, and thank you to Michael and Irmtraud for continuing to support Studies in Religion.



HDR student in focus: Emma Bremner

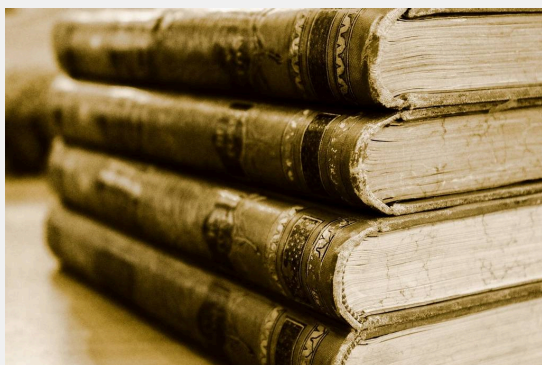
A passion for weird things and being creative drew Emma into studying Latin ghost stories

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HDR student in focus: Frédéric Barthet

A love of books and history carried this Paris-born student into a PhD.

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Honorary Research Fellow News

Many congratulations to Honorary Research Associate Professors **Rodney** and **Robin Sullivan** on their [chapter](#) on 'Contested Memory' in Townsville; To Dr. **Christine Daigle** (University of Helsinki, Honorary Research Associate Professor UQ) for her work on Beauvoir in [Philosophy Today](#) and a [Routledge Handbook](#), and for her recent Canadian grant on "Beyond Sustainability: Radical Transformation Through System Thinking"; to **Dominic Hyde** on the [four-volume republication](#) of the Australian philosopher Richard Routley's

Exploring Meinong's Jungle and Beyond - an iconoclastic 1000 page work on metaphysics with supplementary essays (A monumental task!); to **Simon Kennedy**, honorary research fellow (IASH) for his publication in the [Oxford Journal of Legal Studies](#); to **Jonathan Richards**, Adjunct Research Fellow, for his work on "[Mapping Colonial Massacres and Frontier Violence in Australia](#)";

to **Michael Stewart** for his book on [Masculinity, Identity, and Power Politics in the Age of Justinian](#); and to **Joost Coté** for his chapters on [Kartini](#) and [Colonial education](#).



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