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The HPI Bulletin

Head of School Editorial

2021 has been ... interesting!

I'm grateful to be in this role, and thank the School for the enormous support I have received. I'm excited to be working with such a terrific group of people and am inspired by our teaching, research and community engagement. It's true that as a group we are tired, and that COVID teaching has taken extra energy, time and commitment. Even so, it's been a pleasure to see how HPI staff have risen to the occasion.



In November, Dr Joel Katzav, Associate Professor Martin Crotty and HDR Representative Josh Szymanski organised an exciting research celebration. We began the event with an interdisciplinary panel on Consent. Over afternoon tea, we then viewed a diverse range of posters from our HDR students, outlining their research in visual and written form. It offered us the chance to chat with the HDRs and to learn more about their cutting-edge research, before heading off for a celebratory drink at St Lucy's.

In the same month, HPI also celebrated four of our staff receiving HASS Faculty Teaching Awards. Dare I say HPI was over-represented? Dr Ryan Williams was awarded a gong in Early Career Teaching Excellence, for his innovative work in first year Studies in Religion teaching. Tutor awards were given to Dr Anna Temby, Dr Belinda Eslick and Ms Paige Donaghy for their excellence in the classroom, and for their care in dealing with students during COVID times.

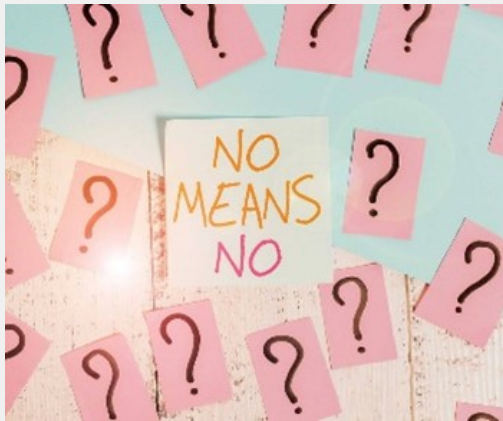
Congratulations are also due to a number of other HPI staff. It's wonderful to share the promotion of Tom Aechtner to Associate Professor, and Ryan Williams to Senior Lecturer. I'm delighted that Dr Guillermo Badia was awarded a DECRA in the latest round. Guillermo will work on his project, "Fuzzy logics for graded reasoning in applied contexts", which promises to draw on philosophy, mathematics and computer science to bring new knowledge on logical languages for fuzzy databases and finite domains. I'm not 100% sure I know what that means, but it must be good!

Last, but not least, it's a pleasure to announce that HPI is welcoming a new staff member. Dr Kate Ariotti is returning to UQ, bringing a DECRA with her. Some of you may remember Kate, who was a postgraduate in History. In a strange cycle of academic life, she was student representative on my own job interview panel in 2014! Kate will continue her important work on the treatment of corpses in military conflicts, generating new understandings of death in wartime. While her research might be grim, Kate brings with her a wealth of teaching and research expertise.

It's now time for a rest, for both academics and professional staff, who do a wonderful job supporting us in HPI. Wishing you all the very best for the holiday season – let's all get some

down-time, and be back invigorated for a rewarding 2022!

Professor Lisa Featherstone (Head of School)

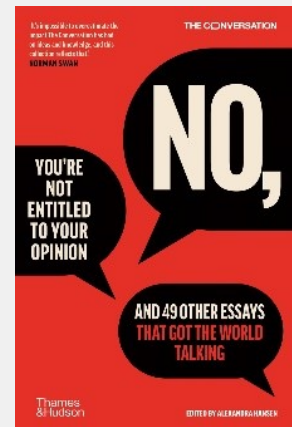


Re-thinking Consent Education

Professor Lisa Featherstone has gathered the first inter-disciplinary team to thoroughly research what consent is, and how to best educate young people in the future. The expert panel of 16 University of Queensland researchers is examining the issue of sexual consent and will make recommendations to governments and schools about how to better teach young Australians about sexual violence. The research, “Sexual Violence and the Limits of Consent”, was granted \$599,000 funding from a special Federal Government Research Support Package. Read more about the [research here](#), as featured on [ABC news](#).

"Best of the Best" Conversation essays: Global Content for a Local Audience

Martin Crotty (History) and Peter Ellerton (Philosophy) were featured in a volume on “the best of the best: A decade of Conversation essays” published by [Thames & Hudson Australia](#). Read Martin’s original article, “[The Anzac legend has blinded Australia to its war atrocities. It’s time for a reckoning](#)”, and Peter’s, “[This is why you will lose your argument](#)”.



Philosophy and Laughter

Michelle Boulous Walker, Associate Professor in Philosophy, asks: Is laughter derision, “punching up” to power, or an invitation to recognize our common humanity? [Listen to the interview](#) featured on the ABC’s The Minefield and read her [The laughter of Hannah Arendt](#) published for ABC’s Religion & Ethics page.

Understanding Climate Change Through the Secrets of the Subterranean

Classics and Ancient History lecturer, Duncan Keenan-Jones, explores what the water systems of ancient cities tell us about managing the impacts of climate change in the 21st century. Read more about how Duncan brings the humanities to connect technology and social development [here](#).



Mapping Brisbane's Post-War Religious Territories

Studies in Religion and History co-hosted Lisa Marie Daunt (PhD University of Queensland, Architecture) for a [seminar](#) on the religious architectural landscape in Brisbane based on four Christian denominations. The talk reflected the vibrant, interdisciplinary interest in local religious histories and places in Queensland, aligning with HPI's ARC funded Queensland Atlas of Religion. Read more on Lisa's intriguing work [here](#). Read more about the ARC-funded Queensland Atlas of Religion [here](#).

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Student in Focus: Allie Schultz on Curating in the RD Milns Antiquities Museum

Relevant, exciting, and busy! In her final semester of her BA in Classics and Ancient History, Allie discusses the importance of volunteering, her invaluable experience as curatorial assistant at the [RD Milns Antiquities Museum](#), and extending her knowledge of ceramics by making them – with spinning wheel, clay and messiness! Read more from Allie, President of the Classics and Ancient History Society at UQ, [here](#). *Allie's role with the Museum is funded by our generous community of donors, who have long supported the Museum's activities, including through the acquisition of artefacts. To join our community of giving, click [here](#)*

UQ History Graduate Wins Prestigious Dissertation Award

Emma Thomas (UQ History BA Hons, 2008) has won the prestigious Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize for her dissertation, "Contested Labors: New Guinean Women and the German Colonial Indenture, 1884-1914" (PhD. Dissertation, University of Michigan, 2019). Since 1997, the Fritz Stern

Dissertation Prize has been awarded by the Friends of the German Historical Institute, Washington, have awarded the Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize for the best doctoral dissertation on a topic in German history written at a North American university. [Read more here](#). Congratulations and well done Emma from your alma mater!



HDR Student Poster Showcase Winners!

Semester 2 ended on a high with a showcase of the exceptional work of the School's Higher Degree Researchers, with a total of 19 posters on display in the Forgan Smith building. Prabuddha Mukherjee's research on 'South Asian Immigration and Religious Diversity in Queensland, 1957-present' won in the **content category**; Tyla Cascaes' research on 'The Portrayal of Character Types in Film Versions of Ancient Rome' won in the **visuals category**; and Bridget Andresen won in the **popular choice**


category for her research on "It's easier to get off a manslaughter charge than prove you've been raped": Understandings of Rape during Women's Liberation, Queensland'. Congrats to all for their hard work!



Honorary Research Fellow News

Our School thrives through the collegiality and prodigious productivity of our esteemed honorary staff. Congratulations to Honorary Research Associate Professor in philosophy **William Grey** for publishing '[Ockham, Hume, and Epistemic Wisdom](#)' in *The Ultimate Guide from Philosophy Now IV: Theory of Knowledge*; to **Kirk Graham** (History) for his book with Palgrave Macmillan on "[British Subversive Propaganda during the Second World War](#)"; to **Doug Munro** (Adjunct Professor in History) for his forthcoming "[History Wars: the Peter Ryan-Manning Clark controversy](#)," with ANU Press; **Dr Darren O'Brien**,

Honorary Senior Research Fellow with the School of HAPI and President of the Australian Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, organised a [travelling exhibition](#) from Germany entitled *registered, persecuted, annihilated*. displayed at the Queensland Museum in South Brisbane, and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH) in Herston as part of Australian Holocaust Awareness week this year. For a recent talk by Dr O'Brien exploring an unlikely connection to tragedy, [see here](#).



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