



## Quadrivia

### Head of School Editorial

This editorial finds us basking in the glow of a constructive and helpful School Review. I was delighted to hear praise for the School's teaching, research and engagement activities and congratulate and thank all our staff for their hard work in putting together the submission. There are many things to be proud of in the Review report but I will single out the Review panel's acknowledgement of our fine teaching both within our core majors and outside the School and Faculty. As we know, teaching takes up much of our time over the year, so it's rewarding to be recognised for the hard work and commitment of our academic (continuing and casual) staff.

In the last 6 months we welcomed Cara Herington (Acting School Manager); Leigh Hope (Acting Academic Administrator); Angie Kahler (HLO); Claudia Santiago (Acting Administration officer/EA); and starting in December as Academic Administrator is Sweta Misra. On the academic front, we welcomed Ryan Williams (Studies in Religion), Duncan Keenan Jones (Classics and Ancient History), Beth Spacey (History), Val Cooms as our first Indigenous Research Fellow (History), and (starting in January) Guillermo Badia (Philosophy). We farewelled Mei-Fen Kuo (History), Shirley Moran (acting School Manager) and Tony Hartley (Academic Administrator) and wish them all well in their future endeavours. We also temporarily farewelled Donna Moodie and offer her warm congratulations on the birth of her (very cuddly) baby boy Rocco.



We congratulate a number of HPI staff, students and former students who were recognised for various achievements this year. Some of these include: teaching and learning awards were presented to Karin Sellberg, Laura Roberts, Nathan Pickels and Sameema Zahra; Tom Aechtner received a UQ Foundation Research Excellence Award for investigating vaccine hesitancy in Australia; Jackie Ryan received the History Book Award and the Queensland Premier's Award for a Work of State Significance for *Expo '88: We'll Show the World* (UQP 2018); Chara Scroope received the Hugh Owen Prize for the best Australian Undergraduate essay on a South Asian theme; Ryan Williams received a Vice Chancellor's Impact Award (through Cambridge University).

There have been many exciting events during the last few months. November 7 saw the opening night of the Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble's 'The Blood Votes', an original play that was the outcome of a successful collaboration involving colleagues Geoff Ginn and Beck Hurst and performed by the Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble. November also saw the successful launch by Pro-Vice Chancellor Tim Dunne of former colleague Professor Sarva Singh's latest book, 'Understanding Gandhi: A Mahatma in the Making: 1869-1914'. HPI partnered with the Griffith Asia Institute and the Research Cluster for Chinese Entrepreneurial Studies in August to launch a commemorative lecture series for Hugh Dunn. The inaugural lecture was presented by Professor Man-Kong Wong of the Hong Kong Baptist University and organised by Chi-Kong Lai.

2019 promises to be bigger and better than ever! Thank you to everyone for a great 2018, and I wish you all a happy, restful, and rejuvenating summer.

Professor Megan Cassidy-Welch

## Book Launch: Understanding Gandhi - A Mahatma in the Making 1864-1914

The launch of Professor Sarva Daman Singh's latest book [Understanding Gandhi: A Mahatma in the Making 1869 – 1914](#) took place at the UQ Anthropology Museum on Tuesday 20th November. Copies of the book were available for sale at the event, with all proceeds donated to charity. Professor Singh is a former head of history in HPI, where he taught Indian history, culture and anthropology.



## The Blood Votes

November 2018 saw HPI hit the stage with our very own theatrical production!

'The Blood Votes', directed by Associate Professor Rob Pensalfini, was performed by the Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble, at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Fortitude Valley, from 7-11 November.

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## Issues in the Theoretical Foundations of Climate Science: Scientific and Philosophical Perspectives

This successful workshop organised by Dr Joel Katzav, Prof. Joseph Berkovitz and Prof. Steven Easterbrook was held at the University of Toronto in November 2018.

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## Atkins Visiting Professorship - Philosophy

This year's Atkins Visiting Professor was Karin Murriss. Karin is Professor of Pedagogy and Philosophy at the School of Education, University of Cape Town. She is a teacher educator, philosopher of education and grounded in philosophy as an academic discipline.

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## Commemorative Lecture Series for Hugh Dunn

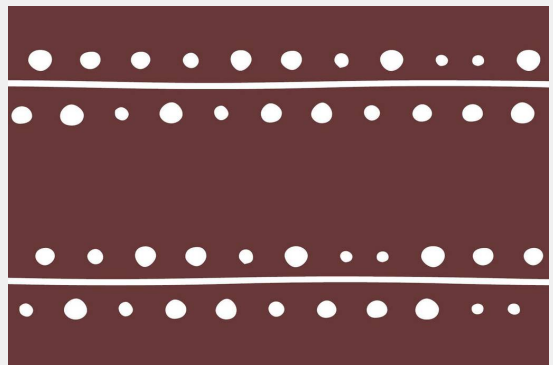
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## RD Milns Antiquities Museum

The RD Milns Antiquities museum's current exhibition is entitled "[Dionysos: Portrait of a God](#)". The exhibition explores the many faces of Dionysos in the Classical Greek world through artefacts from the Antiquities Museum and Australian partner institutions. It invites visitors to enter the playful, mysterious and sometimes dark world of Dionysos and come away with a new appreciation for this complicated god, who is much more than just the god of wine.

The exhibition runs until May 2019 and was curated by Mr James Donaldson, Dr Janette McWilliam and Ms Rebecca Smith.



## Australian College of Nursing History Conference

In August Dr Darren O'Brien presented the paper "The Nazi Nurses of the Belzec Extermination Camp" at the Australian College of Nursing Third History Conference (Session 2: Nurses in Conflict: Frontline Forces and Care).



## World Philosophy Day 2018

The year we celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive World Philosophy Day event at the University of Queensland. The theme, *Women's Suffrage*, was suggested by Marguerite, celebrated 125 years of women's suffrage in New Zealand.

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## UQ Student-Staff Partnerships: Indigenous Ways of Knowing, Being and Doing

Since 2016, when Simone Thornton (PhD student – Philosophy) suggested a panel of three women as the main event for World Philosophy Day (feminist activist Merle Thornton AO, environmental philosopher Freya Mathews, and Aboriginal philosopher Mary Graham), we have been engaging in dialogue with Mary Graham on embedding Indigenous philosophy as part of course design.

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## Discipline Highlights

Semester 2, 2018 has been another busy and successful semester for all of our disciplines - history, classics, religion and philosophy. We have included a summary on our website (see link below).

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## Higher Degree Research 2018 Graduates

The School extends congratulations to the following Higher Degree Research 2018 Graduates and their Advisors.

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