Head of School’s Report

Last Friday, the School held the first of its “gold coin donation” morning teas, choosing International Women’s Day for the occasion. The decision to have regular morning teas all together is, I think, a good one. It gives everyone a bit of time out and a chance to catch up somewhat more socially than in the usual work meetings. I hope that more of our honoraries and RHD students will attend in the future so that it becomes a more genuinely School gathering. We spend a lot of our lives at work, and we might as well make it as congenial as possible.

The occasion was also fitting. Gender relations/gender equity in Australia is in many ways going backwards. The gap in pay is stubbornly difficult to shift, Julia Gillard received and continues to receive far more opprobrium than she would if she were male, the federal government has cut funding to women’s shelters and similar bodies at the same time as it has named Rosie Batty Australian of the Year, and some polls give disturbing insights into social attitudes among the younger generation.

It behoves us in the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry to do our bit for gender equity, and I would like to assure the HPI community that we indeed are. Dr Dolly MacKinnon’s excellent report into the gender situation in HPI last year (when we were still HPRC) threw our gender imbalance into sharp relief, and resulted in the School adopting a dozen recommendations to ensure that we have greater gender equity immediately and a better gender balance in the medium-term future.

For example, the appraisal process in 2015 includes everyone receiving some gender bias training through an implicit association test. We have committed ourselves to improve on the UQ 25% requirement for women on selection panels by adopting a requirement that 50% of our staff nominees for panels be women.

Similarly, and although it’s not as if women have been excluded from academic practice in HPI, we are committed to increasing the number of papers presented by women in our seminar series.

To suggest that such commitments are empty gestures given the lack of evidence (or even suggestion) of widespread sexism in the past would be to miss the point. These measures are designed to reinforce good practice where it exists, eliminate poor practice where it remains, and to create a culture and an environment that reflects the values we espouse. We will all the richer for it, and most importantly, our students will be too.

Martin Crotty
Head of School

Lattke and Petersson Prize in Religion

Di Crowther is the second winner of the annual Michael Lattke and Irmtraud Petersson Prize for Excellence in a Honours, MPhil or PhD thesis in New Testament studies or Christian Theology. Di’s area of research was pastoral care of people on the dementia journey.

In her very fine thesis, Di sets up a critical conversation between work in the human sciences and theology on personhood and the experience of dementia. She then carried out an empirical investigation covering both the experiences of people on the dementia journey and approaches to pastoral care in Queensland. This work laid the foundation for the development of a comprehensive and innovative model of pastoral care. There has been relatively little work done by pastoral theologians on this vitally important area of human need. Di’s excellent research fills an important gap. Heartfelt congratulations, Di!

Neil Pembroke
Researching and Teaching War at Yale

During the Fall semester of 2014, from August to December, I undertook an doctoral exchange at Yale University. Charles J. Stille Professor Jay Winter was my advisor at Yale and welcomed me in the Department of History. Professor Winter’s experience is world-renowned in my field of research, broadly, war and memory, a field he has transformed during the last three decades.

A significant part of my time at Yale was devoted to the writing of my dissertation at the Bass and Sterling libraries. The libraries served as a pool of secondary sources, through their array of academic literature on the field of war and commemoration and battlefield tourism. These readings provided valuable conceptual and methodological contributions to my thesis and strengthened its bibliography. Being able to familiarise myself with different historiographies which revealed perspectives which were different to my own research questions, was invaluable to the development of my thesis. Discussion with professors and other graduate students were particularly helpful to strengthen my methodology.

I also used my time in the United States to strengthen the archival base of some of my chapters. Thanks to the Beinecke Library’s resources, I was able to access a wealth of information pertaining to American military history. At the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA, College Park, MD), I accessed the records of the American Battle Monuments Commission and other folders related to the involvement of some American regiments on the Western Front I was looking for to complete my investigation into memorial erections in post-war Somme.

The highlight of my experience at Yale was my position of Teaching Fellow for Bird White Housum Professor Snyder’s course, “Eastern Europe to 1914”. The course endeavoured to make sense of Eastern European history from the eighth century onward and delved into a wide array of themes, peoples and countries. The program was rather ambitious and therefore I paid close attention to students’ knowledge intake and assimilation of key events and concepts. Not being well versed on the topic of the course, I had to engage with a lot of new materials on top of those (and they were many) required by the class so as to be well ahead of the students, who were all hardworking, diligent and very interested in the topic. I was very humbled by the excellent student evaluations I received, showing that my dedication paid off. This teaching experience in a field radically different to what I have previously focused on and in an academic culture very different to those I have experienced, has been helpful for me and has strengthened my teaching skills.

I was able to attend to several seminars and was exposed to different authors and historiographical landmarks while being able to grasp what the main new research questions and paths of investigations were in fields I am acquainted with. I also attended most sessions of the (very useful) Academic Job Search Series, for I am soon to face the job market.

This doctoral exchange at Yale University was an amazing opportunity which greatly enhanced the progression and development of my research. I was able to meet likeminded colleagues and be challenged by professors, students and myself. I am deeply indebted to all those who turned Yale into a home for me and will always fondly remember their kindness, support and friendship.

Romain Fathi

Welcomes and Farewells

A very warm welcome to two new members of the teaching and research staff, Associate Professor Rachel Briggs and Dr Lisa Featherstone. Rachel is Associate Professor in Philosophy and Assistant Director of Research and Research Training, and is currently working on two ARC-funded projects: ‘Wellbeing, Preferences, and Basic Goods’, and ‘Decision Theory in Crisis’. Lisa, who is also Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning, is an Australian historian who is interested in the history of bodies, sexuality and reproduction. She has published on topics such as sex crimes and attitudes to sexuality, and is currently working on ‘Sex Crimes in the Fifties’ and the ARC-funded ‘Sexual Offences, Legal Responses and Public Perceptions: 1880s-1980s’.

On the professional staff team, we say hello to Catherine Curnow, who will be replacing Erika Bhandari as Finance Officer this year while she is on maternity leave. Denise Morgan joins us as the new PA to the Head of School/School Manager, working Tuesdays and Thursdays. At the same time, we say thank you and farewell to Ryan Sim, who ably filled in for Serena while she was on leave.
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National Teaching Award for Janette

Congratulations to Dr Janette McWilliam, who won a National Award for Teaching Excellence from the Office for Learning and Teaching in December 2014. Janette was one of two winners in the ‘Humanities and Arts’ category, with the award presented at a gala event at Parliament House in Canberra.

The full citation for Janette’s award reads as follows:

‘Dr Janette McWilliam inspires students through her unique teaching methods which foster a rich appreciation for ancient cultures at the foundation of western civilization. Her students engage with innovative and personalised blended learning resources to learn Latin and Greek. They gain real world experience by participating in local and international work-integrated learning internship and study tour programs in Ancient History, and they undertake advanced research in Australia and Italy. Dr McWilliam attends to the whole student experience and her approach has a profound impact on student learning outcomes, reflected in her students’ success in coursework and research and in their employment in a diverse range of careers. She is a recipient of a University of Queensland Award for Teaching Excellence, a Faculty of Arts Award for Teaching Excellence and numerous Faculty of Arts Most Outstanding Teacher Nominations.’

Papers and Shopping in Hong Kong

The Second Young Scholars’ Conference on China Studies was held on the 15th and 16th December 2014. The theme of this conference was on “New Directions for China Studies”. Organized by Hong Kong Baptist University, this conference saw the participation of various universities such as Tsinghua University, National University of Singapore, Central Washington University and The University of Queensland. Two eminent scholars, Professor Hans van de Ven from The University of Cambridge and Associate Professor Andrew Bonnell from The University of Queensland served as keynote speakers. Although an expert on German History, Professor Bonnell was able to share his research on the everyday life of Germans during the late twentieth century, a social history theory that was applicable and appropriate for further historical China studies. Furthermore, numerous scholars from various fields of China studies took this opportunity to share their research, making significant and groundbreaking findings in the field of China studies.

Representing the Chinese Entrepreneurial Studies cluster, nine scholars from The University of Queensland presented their topics in the panel discussion on the History of Everyday Life. This research cluster, facilitated by Associate Professor Chi Kong Lai, aims to connect interested scholars from all around the world with China-related historical discussions.

Despite only being a honours student, I had the privilege of presenting my research on the same panel as distinguished scholars such as Professor Phoebe H. Li, Professor Henry Yu and Dr. Mei-fen Kuo. My topic of discussion was the everyday consumption of Chinese females workers in Singapore during the late twentieth century. Beyond experiencing a successful session of presentation and discussion, I felt most rewarded by the scholarship and camaraderie with these brilliant, yet gracious scholars. My eyes were opened to an entirely new array of approaching China Studies and these professors enthusiastically and kindly shared with me their opinions and expertise, with the hope of sharpening my critical thinking skills and enabling the better progress of my research. It was a thoroughly enriching and rewarding time of learning and growing as a historian.

Beyond attending the conference, I had the opportunity of discovering Hong Kong. True to its reputation as a place of great food and shopping, I was exposed to an array of Hong Kong’s cuisine, from popular street food to Chinese fine dining. It was a delightful experience to walk along the main streets of Prince Edward and Mong Kok in Kowloon to taste and appreciate the rich culture of Hong Kong through food. The shopping experience in Hong Kong was indeed an eye-opener.

It was interesting to note that specific streets have been dedicated to the selling of one product. For instance, in the shopping districts, one can find a shoe lane, an electronics lane and the famous Women’s Market. I was most fascinated by the sheer number of cosmetic shops that were open. In particular, a big cosmetic brand by the name of Sasa which sold mainly Chinese, Korean and Japanese brand cosmetic products caught my attention. Sasa, popular among both Hong Kong citizens and tourists, could be
seen in all the major shopping districts. Furthermore, it was a common sight to see two Sasa shops opened alongside or opposite to each other, indicating its demand and popularity among consumers. Hong Kong is truly a shoppers’ paradise.

This experience was truly significant for a budding historian like me and will contribute tremendously to the development and furtherance of my education in history. To be exposed to great historical minds and brilliant scholars has broadened my horizons, enabling me to realise that History has an enormous room for greater discovery.

Sea Su-An
(University of Queensland, Research Cluster Chinese Entrepreneurial Studies)

Wars and Greek Pots: QHTA Seminars

Associate Professor Andrew Bonnell and Dr Dolly MacKinnon each gave an hour-long seminar as part of the QHTA Senior Modern History Student Seminars, held at UQ on February 26. These seminars are offered each year from February through to May across the state, relating to History themes in the National Curriculum. Dolly spoke on the topic of ‘Remembering and forgetting women and men in seventeenth-century Civil War conflicts in England and Scotland’, while Andrew’s topic was ‘After a century: still debating the origins of the First World War’. The attendees included a group of Year 11 and 12 students from Livingstone Christian College, along with their teacher Aaron Sloper, an alumnus of History at UQ (pictured below).

Davenport. Tom spoke on ‘Visual Evidence for Ancient History: Vases, Sculptures and Coins’, while Caillan’s topic was ‘Interpreting Suetonius’ Lives of the Caesars’. This was the beginning of a small tour for the Ancient History seminars, with Tom and Caillan set to travel to schools at the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Bundaberg later this year for repeat performances.

On March 3, the Ancient History Student Seminars were held at Somerville House School in Brisbane, and here UQ was represented by Dr Tom Stevenson and Dr Caillan Andrew, Aaron and the new cohort of historians

Byzantine Business in Brisbane

The 18th Biennial Conference of the Australian Society for Byzantine Studies was held at the University of Queensland from November 28-30, 2014. The convenors were Dr. Amelia Brown and Dr. Bronwen Neil (Australian Catholic University). There were about 50 delegates, some from overseas but mostly Australian, and we all had a great weekend despite the big storm just before which smashed all the southern windows!

The theme was ‘Translation in Byzantine Culture’, and the keynote speaker was Professor Maria Mavroudi of UC Berkeley, who spoke on the topic of ‘Translations from Greek into Latin and Arabic during the Middle Ages: Searching for the Classical Tradition’. The two days of papers included lectures on the monuments of Constantinople, Basil of Caesarea, Byzantine dreams, the emperor Augustus in Byzantium, and Byzantine literature in Poland, to name just a few of the topics. The Association made a gift of $1000 to the RD Milns Antiquities Museum in thanks for the School’s hosting of the conference. My personal thanks to the School staff for all their help in making it such a great success!

Amelia Brown
HPI: The Next Generation

There have been a number of new additions to the School's HaPI family over the past few months, with one more on the way. In November, Religion lecturer Tom Aechtner and his wife Mindy adopted their second son in China, while Pete Evans, Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy, and his partner Chloe, who welcomed their first child in January. Our school finance officer Erika Bhandari is now on maternity leave -- watch this space!

The Conference Circuit

Aaron Ghiloni, Research Fellow in Studies in Religion, gave two papers at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in November. His paper, "Finitude and theological education: lessons from Muhammad," was presented to the AAR's Practical Theology group. His paper, "Towards a comparative missiology," was presented in an AAR panel that explored Aaron's new book World Religions and their Missions.

Amelia Brown reports on her recent conference attendance: 'In early January I attended the 116th joint Annual Meetings of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) and the Society for Classical Studies (previously the American Philological Association, APA) in New Orleans USA. There were literally hundreds and papers on all aspects of Classical studies, from archaeology to literature, history, epigraphy and art history. I contributed a paper on 'Seaside and Shipboard Evidence for Byzantine Maritime Religion' to the panel on 'Byzantine Maritime Trade and Technology', which was sponsored by the Medieval and Post-Medieval Archaeology Interest Group (MAPMAIG) and the Institute of Nautical Archaeology. I also attended the meeting of the MAPMA interest group to plan next year's session in San Francisco on the theme of 'abandonment of villages' and met an editor from Wiley-Blackwell to discuss publishing my book on ancient seafarers' religion. Then in late January I went to Adelaide to attend the 36th meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies (ASCS). I gave a paper along with my research assistant Rebecca Smith on the topic of 'Maritime Aphrodite Sanctuaries and the Colonization of Magna Graecia', and my research assistant Adam Brennan also presented in the same session on 'Twin Frogs: The Dioscuri in Greek maritime religion.' I am pleased to report that current and former UQ Classics & Ancient History postgrads gave excellent papers at the meeting, including John Ratcliffe, Susan Edmondson, Annabel Florence, Charles Pry and Wesley Theobald. I was also a judge of the OPTIMA paper prize for best postgraduate paper, which went to Tatiana Bur of the University of Sydney for her research paper on Automata in ancient religious processions. This year I continue work on my 3-year Discovery Early Career research award "Like frogs around a pond: Maritime Religion and Seafaring Gods of Ancient Greek Culture".'

Adjunct Professor Stewart Gill is convening a conference at Emmanuel College, in conjunction with St Andrew's Uniting Church, to mark the 2015 Centenary of Anzac on April 24. Speakers include our very own Associate Professor Martin Crotty, who will be speaking on 'Reconsidering the 1965 Gallipoli Pilgrimage'. Mark Cryle, a PhD student in History, will address the conference on 'A Time for Noble Enthusiasms: Schools and Anzac Commemoration during World War I'. Full details can be found on the Emmanuel College web site.

Chinese Migration and Business

The third conference on Overseas Chinese and Everyday Life, hosted by the Qiaoxiang Research Centre of Wuyi University and cosponsored by the Research Cluster for the Chinese Entrepreneurial Studies, was held between December 11-14th 2014. This conference once again brought together a wide range of international scholars of both established standing and many exciting new Ph.D students, including four of our UQ RHD students and colleagues from the School of HPI and the School of Languages and Cultures of the University of Queensland. Associate Professor Chi Kong Lai was the co-convenor of this international conference. Themed around the topic of ‘everyday life’, nearly 40 papers were presented over two days in a full but superbly organised programme. Further ground-breaking research on the qiaoxiang (hometowns) of the overseas Chinese is to be expected based on the many interesting papers presented at this stimulating conference.
The conference began excellently with two leaders in their fields, Prof. David Faure and Prof. Wang Gungwu. Prof. Faure discussed the pioneering work of Chuan Han-sheng in the field of business and everyday life. Prof. Wang gave the third Chuan-Han-sheng Lecture, and discussed the relative neglect of daily life and the preference for political and international subjects in the scholarship of South-East Asia in terms of sources and differing characteristics between that region and such places as California, Canada and Victoria. This was followed up by Prof. Zhang Guoxiong who emphasised qiaoxiang differentiation and the qiaoxiang as a vital research field within itself. Prof. Zhang also provided a history of Wuyi University’s Qiaoxiang Cultural Research Centre and outlined fascinating plans for the future of this field. Chi Kong Lai also discussed the work of Chuan Han-sheng in the field of modern Chinese social and economic history.

‘Everyday life’ was presented from a variety of perspectives that ranged from historical to contemporary, and from the qiaoxiang themselves to many locations around the globe. Several papers offered non-Chinese subjects, while others gave closely analysed sources or focused on women, business, or such topics as Cantonese opera, literature, philanthropy, ghost festivals and astrological almanacs. Many papers focused on individual qiaoxiang, analysing sources such as qiaokan and remittance letters to provide insights into immigration networks, or on social problems caused by reliance on remittances, while case studies of qiaoxiang such as Zhongshan and Zhejiang Counties highlighted the impact of the Overseas Chinese on villages. An excellent example of the quality of the Ph.D students were papers on qiaokan and women, and on the practises of Chinese Australians in the gold rush period. Another fascinating paper was that on the empowerment of women through sworn sisterhood and their relations with their hometowns. While strongly historical presentations included analyses of wedding photos, early Republican struggles over Zhongshan land titles, the impact of the Cold War on Chinese migration patterns in the US, and an overview of the rise of the four big department stores in Shanghai.

Contemporary focus was provided by many papers on the financial considerations behind the illegal immigration of Fuzhou people to the U.S. in the 1990s; on the new immigration of Huilong people of Gaoyao County to Sydney; an oral history project on Shenzhen immigrants; and on new Chinese immigrants in Japan and Brisbane. Other papers ranged even further beyond China geographically, encompassing the ‘Cantonese Pacific’, Boston Chinatown, as well as the Chinese in Yokohama and Brazil. Non-Chinese perspectives appeared in papers on the Jewish community in China, a caravansary on the borders of China and Laos, Chiam community formation in the U.S., on Muslims in UK, and on Koreans from Chosunjok in China.

Chi Kong Lai and Michael Williams
Students from Classics and Ancient History travelled to Italy in January 2015 to participate in the annual Alberese Winter Archaeological Field School/R. D. Milns Antiquities Museum International Internship Program. We began in the wonderful city of Rome with visits to Galleria Borghese, the Villa of Cardinal Scipione built in the 17th century as ‘a kind of ante litteram museum, a microcosm of every form of art’, and St Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican.

Our second day was an amazing ‘immersion’ experience with rescue archaeologist Dr Massimo Brando who has lived and worked in Rome all his life. Not only did we learn all about the colosseum and the area of the Roman Forum and Palatine Hill, but we were given the unique opportunity to visit the excavation site of the theatre of Balbus at Crypta Balbi not normally open to the public. On the following days we visited the Pantheon, Ara Pacis Museum, Piazza Navona, Column of Marcus Aurelius and had a wonderful time exploring the streets of Rome around the Campo di Fiori area. We also experienced the culinary delights of Rome, having a couple of special meals at wonderful restaurants and eating amazing gelati, pastries and biscotti.

We then travelled to the Medieval Tuscan town of Grosseto where we made a lovely hotel in the old town our home for the next couple of weeks, and had dinner at a local restaurant each evening. Monday to Thursday we worked with an inspiring range of international specialists on Roman glass, pottery, small finds (for example coins and artefacts made from bone and metal such as broaches, nails, dice, rings), and zooarchaeology. All these finds came from recent archaeological digs belonging to the Alberese Archaeological Project at Spolverino and Umbro Flumen, in the Alberese National Park near Grosseto. We learnt about what happens to artefacts between being dug up and being placed in Museums: we cleaned, identified, drew and classified many fragments and artefacts.

On Fridays we visited local Museums (Grosseto has two impressive museums) and archaeological sites around Southern Tuscany including Cosa and Rusellae, and the lovely town of Massa Marittima. On weekends we had the opportunity to visit Siena, Pisa, and Florence. What is very exciting is that all our hard work will go towards future publications on the sites at Alberese, which include a villa and workshops for metalwork and recycling glass. The 2015 UQ Team achieved remarkable results. We catalogued: 7262 glass fragments and drew 124 from Spolverino and 34 from Umbro Flumen; 3200 pottery fragments from Spolverino and drew 124; 200 small finds and completed another 213 drawings.

For information on the 2015-2016 Field School/International Internship Program, contact Dr McWilliam, (j.mcwilliam@uq.edu.au). This year the program will be run as a 2# course for credit.

Janette McWilliam

UQ students become Grosseto celebrities...
Congratulations to Dr. Luca Asmonti, who has recently published two books: *Athenian Democracy: A Sourcebook* with Bloomsbury, and *Conon the Athenian: Warfare and Politics in the Aegean, 414-386 BC* with Franz Steiner Verlag. Dr. Tom Stevenson’s new book, *Julius Caesar and the Transformation of the Roman Republic* has been published by Routledge, just in time for the Ides of March!

**The Honour Board**

Congratulations to Dr Amelia Brown, who was promoted to Senior Lecturer at the end of 2014, and to Associate Professor Deb Brown, awarded a UQ Promoting Women Fellowship for 2015. News has just come in that Dr Giulia Torello-Hill has been granted a 2015/2016 Fellowship at the Villa I Tutti in Italy for her project ‘Angelo Poliziano and the Development of Dramatic Criticism’. Well done to all!

**The ABC Vote Compass web site**

Prof. Spearritt sat on the project’s academic advisory panel, while Dr Salisbury ran research on the policy platforms of the state’s major political parties. The project produced the Vote Compass online voter survey, available at the ABC News website, which was completed by over 130,000 people by the time of the election. Project members also provided expert commentary to the ABC’s politics reporters and other external media organisations during the election campaign. UQ News produced an article on the project collaboration, which can be found here.

**Dr Chris Salisbury (History)** has recently published a range of articles:

‘“It’s bigger than the Olympics”: changing Australia through football and the 1974 FIFA World Cup’, *Soccer & Society* 16, 2-3 (2015): 245-258. Co-authored with Dr Marion Stell.


**Dr Virginia Thorley**’s (History) new article is now available online:

‘Free supplies and the appearance of endorsement: Distribution of tobacco to soldiers and artificial infant formula to new mothers’. *Journal of Human Lactation* 2015. DOI: 10:1177/0890334414567776.

**Dr Chris Salisbury**

The ABC Vote Compass project leading up to the 2015 Queensland election.

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