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#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Juris Doctor**

Deakin University, 2020-present

# **Graduate Certificate of Higher Education Teaching and Learning**

Deakin University, 2016-2017

## **Doctor of Philosophy**

Monash University, 2010-2014

## **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**

Monash University, 2006-2009

#### **EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

#### **Research Assistant**

Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies, University of Otago, November 2020

Research project: Poetry in the Scottish diaspora

# **Research Assistant**

Faculty of Business and Law, University of Wollongong, 2020-present

Research project: A history of foreign multinational enterprises in Australia

# **Research Assistant**

Macquarie Business School, Macquarie University, 2019-present

Research project: Networks of trust, knowledge and power: Interlocking directorates in Australian corporations over the twentieth century

# **Visiting Research Fellow**

University of Glasgow Library, May 2019

Research project: The African Lakes Corporation: A Scottish firm in colonial Malawi

# Lecturer in Australian Studies and Early Career Development Fellow

School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deakin University, 2014-2017

Research project: Gariwerd: An Environmental History of the Grampians

Selected units taught: Sex, Race, and Australia's People; Visions of Australia: Time and Space From 1700 to 2010; Australian Identities: Indigenous and Multicultural;

Indigenous Australians in the 20th Century

#### **Editorial Assistant**

Australian Journal of Political Science, 2014

#### Research Assistant

CRC for Water Sensitive Cities - Monash University, 2014

# **Casual Academic (Research Assistant)**

School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deakin University, 2013-2014

# **Teaching Associate – International Studies**

School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies, Monash University, 2011-2012

#### **RESEARCH ACTIVITY**

### Monographs

Gariwerd: An Environmental History of the Grampians, Melbourne, CSIRO, 2020.

Winner: Victorian Community History Awards 2020

The Scots in Australia, 1788-1938, Woodbridge, Boydell Press, 2017.

# Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Wilkie, B., Cahir, F., and Clark, Ian D., 'Volcanism in Aboriginal Australian oral traditions: Ethnographic evidence from the Newer Volcanics Province, *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research*, vol. 403, October 2020.
- 'Volcanism in Aboriginal Australian Oral Traditions', Geology Today, vol. 36, 2020.
- 'Rivers, Empire, and a Scottish transport company in colonial Malawi', *Arcadia:* Explorations in Environmental History, Spring 2020.
- 'Ferdinand von Mueller in the Victorian Grampians', *Victorian Historical Journal*, vol 90, no. 2, 2019.
- 'Rights, reconciliation, and the restoration of Djabwurrung and Jardwadjali names to Grampians-Gariwerd', Victorian Historical Journal, vol. 89, no. 1, 2018.
  - Shortlisted: Biennial John Adams Prize for best article on Victorian history in 2017-18, Royal Historical Society of Victoria.
- 'Scotland and Australian botany in the colonial era', *Australian Garden History*, vol. 29, no. 2, October 2017.
- 'Family networks and the Australian pastoral industry: A case study of the Port Phillip District and Victoria during the nineteenth century', *Agricultural History*, vol. 91, no. 1, 2017.
- 'Bombs and biodiversity: A case study of military environmentalism in Australia', Arcadia: Explorations in Environmental History, vol. 15, 2016.
- 'Lairds of suburbia: Scottish migrant settlement and housing in Australian cities, 1880-1930', *Journal of Scottish Historical Studies*, vol. 26, no. 1, 2016.

- 'Popular imperialism, Scottish identity, and William Wallace in an Australian colonial city', *Etudes écossaises*, no. 18, 2015.
- 'The tie that binds: popular imperialism and the Australian Scottish delegation of 1928', *International Review of Scottish Studies*, vol. 39, 2014.
- 'Warriors of Empire: popular imperialism and the Victorian Scottish Regiment, 1898-1938', Victorian Historical Journal, vol. 85, no. 1, 2014.
- 'Scottish identity in stone: statues of Robert Burns and William Wallace in 19th century Ballarat', *Victorian Historical Journal*, vol. 84, no. 2, 2013.
- 'Scottish workers and radicals in early twentieth century Australia', *Scottish Labour History*, vol. 48, 2013.

# **Book chapters and encyclopedia entries**

- 'David Livingstone'; 'The Darien Scheme'; 'The Victoria Statue, Hong Kong'; 'Rajasthan Spice Box' in Mark Doyle (ed), *The British Empire: A Historical Encyclopedia*, ABC CLIO, Santa Barbara, 2018.
- 'Introduction: Scots and the making of the Western District of Victoria', in *Scotland to Australia Felix: Founding Scots of Victoria's Camperdown District*, Camperdown & District Historical Society Inc. 2018.
- 'Defending nature: Animals and militarised landscapes in Australia', in Nancy Cushing and Jodi Frawley (eds), *Animals Count: How population size matters in animal-human relations*, London, Routledge, 2018.
- 'Space, commemoration, and iconography: Scottish monuments and memorials in Australia', in Fred Cahir, Alison Inglis, & Anne Beggs-Sunter (eds), Scots Under The Southern Cross: Scottish Perspectives Of Australia, Ballarat, Ballarat Heritage Services, 2015.

# Other published articles

'Menzies, Scotland, and the Australian Liberals, Meanjin, Winter 2019.

'Unsettling History: Scots and Indigenous Australians', CABLE, no. 4, October 2017.

'Scots, Empire, and the Australian Environment', History Scotland, vol. 17, no. 4, 2017.

'Landscapes of the dead: History and memory in a distant field of murder', *Meanjin*, vol. 75, no. 4, 2016.

'This continent of smoke: Bushfires and Australian history', Meanjin, Summer, 2015.

'Scottish convicts in Australia', History Scotland, vol. 14, no. 6, 2014.

'Scottish communists in 1930s Australia', History Scotland, vol. 13, no. 1, 2013.

#### **Book and exhibition reviews**

- Review of All Things Harmless, Useful, and Ornamental: Environmental Transformation through Species Acclimatization, from Colonial Australia to the World, by Pete Minard, Environmental History, forthcoming, 2020.
- Review of *Global Migrations: The Scottish Diaspora since 1600*, by Angela McCarthy and John M. MacKenzie (eds), *The Innes Review*, forthcoming, 2020.

- Review of From Alba to Aotearoa: Profiling New Zealand's Scots migrants 1840-1920, by Rebecca Lenihan, Journal of British Studies, vol. 56, no. 2, 2017.
- Review of Clubbing Together: Ethnicity, Civility and Formal Sociability in the Scottish Diaspora to 1930, by Tanja Bueltmann, Australian Historical Studies, vol. 46, no. 2. 2015.
- Review of *Bigotry, Football and Scotland*, by John Flint and John Kelly (eds.), *Cultural and Social History*, vol. 12, no. 2, 2015.
- 'Beyond Scottish exceptionalism', History Australia, vol. 12, no. 1, 2015.

#### **CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- 'The Deforestation and Reforestation of Victorian Volcanos', Restoring Forests in Times of Contagion, Australian and New Zealand Environmental History Network, online, October 2020.
- 'Volcanism in Indigenous History: Evidence and Interpretation', Symposium on Australian Intraplate Volcanism: From Source to Surface and Beyond, online, September 2020.
- 'Scotland, the Otago Settlement, and its Australasian Context', Scotland's Colony? Rethinking Scottish Studies through the optic of Otago, University of Otago, Dunedin, December 2019.
- 'The Scottish Enlightenment in Australia: Commercial and political legacies from Macquarie to Menzies', Genealogy Society of Victoria Scottish Ancestry Seminar, July 2019.
- 'Politicians, poetry, and the many faces of Robert Burns in Australia', Robert Burns Scottish Festival, Camperdown, July 2019.
- 'Grampians or Gariwerd? The meaning of national parks in settler-colonial societies', Centre for the Study of the Inland, La Trobe University, November 2018.
- 'From Scotland to Australia: Scottish migrants and the making of the Western District', Robert Burns Festival, Camperdown, May 2018.
- 'The Scots in the Western District of Victoria', Genealogy Society of Victoria Scottish Ancestry Roadshow, Geelong, October 2016.
- 'Australian environments in war and peace: Toward an environmental history of Australia's defence estate', *Australian Historical Association Conference*, Ballarat, July 2016.
- 'Sites of Scottish memory and identity: a survey of monuments and memorials in Australia', *Scottish Australia Symposium*, Federation University, Ballarat 2014.
- with Malcolm Prentis, "Coming lonely to the land" or "crawlers round the bardie's name": memorials to Robert Burns in Australia', Australian Historical Association Conference, Adelaide, June 2012.
- 'Empire, identity, and the Australian Scottish delegation of 1928', *Australian Historical Association Conference*, Launceston, June 2011.

## **DOCTORAL AND HONOURS THESES**

- PhD, Monash University, 2010-2014

  Wagning the tartani Culture imperialism and Scottish identities.
  - Weaving the tartan: Culture, imperialism, and Scottish identities in Australia 1788-1938
    - Supervisors: Associate Professor Seamus O'Hanlon, Professor Alistair Thomson
    - Examiners: Professor Stuart Macintyre (University of Melbourne), Professor
       Angela McCarthy (University of Otago)
    - Related awards: Faculty of Arts Research Scholarship (2010), Australian Postgraduate Award (2010-2014), Graduate Publication Award (2014)
- BA (Hons), Monash University, 2009-2010

Evolving identities: The Scots in Hamilton 1840-1920

- Supervisor: Associate Professor Seamus O'Hanlon
- o Related awards: Faculty of Arts Honours Merit Scholarship (2009)

#### **MEDIA**

'Aboriginal stories of Victoria's volcanic past', interview and feature article, ABC Online, March 2020

'The African Lakes Corporation in Malawi', interview, BBC Radio Scotland, July 2019.

'The darker side of Empire in Australia', interview, BBC Radio Scotland, May 2018.

'Dr Ben Wilkie: An Antipodean View', Scottish History Network, February 2018.

'Treacherous objects: A Jacobite compass in Australia?', History Workshop Online, June, 2016.

'Mad Max as Australian Gothic: Don't leave the road if you want to survive', *The Guardian Australia*, May 2015.

'Should Scotland give Britain the arse?', interview, ABC Radio, August 2014.

'Australia celebrates cultural links with Scotland in major art exhibition', *Scotland Now*, April 2014.

'Scottish heritage on display at the Maclean Highland Gathering in Australia', *Scotland Now*, April 2014.

#### **GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

Victorian Community History Awards, 2020 – Local History Award (\$1500)

University of Glasgow Library Visiting Fellowship, 2019 (\$3900)

Biennial John Adams Prize for best article on Victorian history in 2017-18, Royal Historical Society of Victoria – shortlisted

Deakin University citation for teaching quality and student satisfaction, 2017 – for consistent scores of 90% or above for overall student satisfaction

Department of Defence Army History Research Grant, 2017 (\$1700)

Deakin University Excellence in Team Teaching Award, 2015

Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, 2014

Australian Postgraduate Award, 2011-2013 (\$26,000 per annum)

Monash University Faculty of Arts Research Scholarship, 2010 (\$26,000 per annum)

Monash University Honours Merit Scholarship, 2009 (\$8000)

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

# Lecturer in Australian Studies and Early Career Development Fellow

Deakin University, 2013-2017

#### Coordination

- o **Unit Chair,** AIA200: Indigenous Australians in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, 2017
- Warrnambool and Cloud campus coordinator, Australian Studies major, 2013-2017

# Lecturing and tutoring

- o AIA106 Sex, Race, and Australia's People
- o AIA105 Visions of Australia: Time and Space From 1700 to 2010
- o AIA104 Australian Identities: Indigenous and Multicultural
- o AIA200 Indigenous Australians in the 20th Century
- o AIA300 Australia's Asia: From Yellow Peril to Asian Century
- o AIH238 Australia and the Two World Wars
- o AIP230 Understanding Public Policy
- AIP247 Media and Politics
- AIX160 Introduction to University Study

## **Examinations and supervision**

- Qualification via the Graduate Certificate of Higher Education Learning and Teaching to act as primary supervisor for postgraduate research degrees.
- Examiner for two fourth-year honours dissertations in migration history and Australian Indigenous history

## Teaching Associate - International Studies

Monash University, 2011-2012

- o ATS1326 Contemporary Worlds 2
- o ATS2633 Global cities: Past, present and future

# Other teaching experience

Victorian Certificate of Education, Australian History revision lectures:

- 'Voices for change in Australian History, 1965-2000', History Council of Victoria VCE Regional History Roadshow, Geelong, May 2017.
- 'Transformations in Australian History, 1834-1920', History Council of Victoria VCE Regional History Roadshow, Warrnambool, September 2016.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Law Institute of Victoria
Australian Migration History Network
Australian & New Zealand Environmental History Network
Australian Modern British History Network
American Society for Environmental History: Environment & War Group

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATIONS AND SERVICE**

### **Relevant accreditations**

- Working With Children Check (2017-present)
- Mental Health First Aid Training (2016)

# Service to the profession

- Coordinator and co-editor Restoring Forests in Times of Contagion: Papers to Celebrate John Evelyn on the Occasion of his 400<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Australian and New Zealand Environmental History Network
- Executive Committee member and social media manager Australian & New Zealand Environmental History Network, 2017-2020
- Peer-reviewer: Environmental History, The Innes Review, International Review of Environmental History, Journal of British Studies, Sport in History, Victorian Historical Journal, Provenance: Journal of the Public Record Office of Victoria.

### **REFEREES**

Available on request.