



*'Presenting, choosing, measuring, changing history'*

An Honest History symposium

in conjunction with the Australian National University

Law Lecture Theatre, ANU, Canberra

Thursday, 8 November 2018

**8.30 am Registration**

**9.15 am Opening; Welcome to Country**

- David Stephens, editor, Honest History website; Secretary, Honest History; co-editor *The Honest History Book*
- First Peoples representative

**9.30 am Session 1: Presenting history.** *What are the attractions and constraints in presenting history in different media (non-fiction, fiction, television, radio, journalism)? Must we continually rewrite history? Do children always need to get the full story?*

- Paul Daley, author of seven books including *Beersheba*, *Collingwood: A Love Story*, *Canberra*, the political novel *Challenge*, and *On Patriotism* (October 2018); *Guardian Australia* journalist; Walkley Award winner; Allen & Unwin is publishing his next book, *Jesustown*, a novel about black and white politics, frontier violence and cultural theft
- Clare Wright, author of *Beyond the Ladies Lounge*, *The Forgotten Rebels of Eureka* (Stella Prize winner), *We are the Rebels*, and *You Daughters of Freedom: The Australians Who*

*Won the Vote and Inspired the World* (October 2018); producer of radio and television documentaries including *Utopia Girls* and *The War that Changed Us*

In conversation with Frank Bongiorno, Professor of History, Head of the School of History, ANU; President, Honest History; author of *The Sex Lives of Australians: A History* and *The Eighties: The Decade that Transformed Australia*

Discussion

**10.30 am Morning Tea and book launch**

Paul Daley's *On Patriotism* (Melbourne University Press) will be launched by Michael Brissenden, senior ABC journalist, author of *American Stories* and the political novel *The List*

**11.15 am Session 2: Choosing history. How do we choose our history? How do we use it?**

*Can we get on the wrong side of history? Where does history end and politics begin?*

- Michael Cooney, National Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Republic Movement; previously Executive Director of the Chifley Research Centre and speechwriter to Prime Minister Gillard; author of *The Gillard Project: My Thousand Days of Despair and Hope*
- Michael Piggott AM, archivist, Australian Research Council project researcher, currently working on a project to produce a better 'fit' between the collection of the National and State Libraries and modern Australia; author of *Archives and Societal Provenance: Australian Essays*; Treasurer, Honest History

- Sue Wareham OAM, National President, Medical Association for Prevention of War; Board member, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, 2017); Secretary, Australians for War Powers Reform

In conversation with Pamela Burton, Canberra lawyer, author of *From Moree to Mabo: The Mary Gaudron Story*, *The Waterlow Killings: A Portrait of a Family Tragedy*, and the novel *A Foreign Affair*; Honest History committee member

Discussion

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| <b>12.30 pm Lunch</b> |
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**1.45 pm Session 3: Measuring history.** *What got you into history (or political science)? Where is your work up to? What challenges do you and the profession face? How far back and how far forward does history need to go?*

- Shaun Crowe, ANU Political Science PhD early career; author of *Whitlam's Children: Labor and the Greens in Australia* (September 2018)
- Emily Gallagher, ANU History PhD student, working on the history of children's play in Australia during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Ann McGrath AM, Kathleen Fitzpatrick ARC Laureate Fellow and Professor of History, ANU; author of the prize-winning *Illicit Love: Interracial Sex and Marriage in the United States and Australia* and *How to Write History that People Want to Read* (with Ann Curthoys)

In conversation with Carolyn Holbrook, Deakin University, author of *Anzac: The Unauthorised Biography*; Honest History committee member

Discussion

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| <b>3.00 pm Afternoon Tea</b> |
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**3.15 pm Session 4: Changing history.** *Will the Republic be enough? If we distance ourselves from our Great and Powerful Friend, will we be in mortal danger? Does 65 000 years of history offer an alternative foundation for a modern Australia? Are Anzac and the monarchical connection mutually reinforcing?*

- Alison Broinowski, Vice President, Australians for War Powers Reform; author of *Allied and Addicted*, *Howard's War* and other books; Vice President, Honest History; co-editor *The Honest History Book*
- Tjanara Goreng Goreng, Wakka Wakka Wulli Wulli Traditional Owner, recent ANU History PhD on the road to Eldership, how sacred and visionary leaders are created; author (with Julie Szego) of *A Long Way from No Go* (September 2018)
- Benjamin T. Jones, Australian Research Council Fellow, School of History, ANU; author of *Republicanism and Responsible Government: The Shaping of Democracy in Australia and Canada* and *This Time: Australia's Republican Past and Future*

In conversation with David Stephens

Discussion

**4.30 pm Close**

Frank Bongiorno

***Afterwards: informal drinks, University House gardens***

***Car parking: if coming by car, allow plenty of time to find a parking spot; try the multi-storey parking in Marcus Clarke Street – or take a [Transport Canberra bus](#)***

***Symposium bookstall operated by a Canberra bookshop will carry titles mentioned above***