

# Newsletter

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## Message from the President

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2013. We are gearing up with for a great year with workshops organised in a number of the states.

For those of you who did not attend the AACAI AGM, the AACAI website has undergone some changes since launching last year.

In particular the membership process has just gone digital with all applications now able to be completed electronically via our website. The monograph, Journal and newsletter pages have had their full content added.

We have added a number of member only pages including a database page where members can add database information, with 2 databases already loaded. There is also an eReports page where you can load you reports for other members to access. AACAI have setup a Facebook page where we will be posting information on events, new members and other news.

Our new journal editors (Caroline Bird and Jim Rhoads) have been working on a proposal for our journal. More news about this will be released in the near future. I recently wrote an entry on AACAI for the Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology so keep your eyes peeled for this in the future  
<http://refworks.springer.com/mrw/index.php?id=2499>

In light of the success of the AACAI sessions at the AAA 2012 conference in Wollongong, Joe Dortch, Colin Pardoe and I have requested two sessions at the 2013 AA conference entitled The AACAI Sessions: scales of consulting archaeology research. If it is accepted by the conference organisers a call out will go to members for paper abstracts to fill those two session and perhaps like last year we will be oversubscribed and have three sessions!

Cheers  
Fiona

## New Mailing Address for AACAI

As of this week AACAI has a new mailing address:

AACAI  
Box 196  
585 Little Collins Street  
Melbourne  
3000

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## Near Eastern Seminar Series (NESS) – Semester 1 remaining program

The program for the Near Eastern Seminar Series (NESS) for Semester 1, 2011 follows.



### NEAR EASTERN SEMINAR SERIES SEMESTER 1, 2013



**Monday 13 May:**

**Iona Kat McCrae, Ana Becerra & Amanda Dusting**  
3 papers Direct from Symposia Iranica, Scotland

**Monday 20 May:**

**Dr. Nicola Harrington** (*The University of Sydney*)  
“Darkness by day: an analysis of grief, loss, and despair as presented in ancient Egyptian sources”

**Monday 27 May:**

**Dr. Stephen Bourke** (*The University of Sydney*) "A report on the most recent season of excavations

**Monday 3 June:**

**Ghada Daher** (*The University of Sydney*) Blowing the whistle, a glazed whistle from the Ottoman period found in Beirut

Seminars are held in the Conference room, Centre for Classical and Near Eastern Studies of Australia (CCANESA), Level 4 Madsen Building, Mondays at **3.15pm**.

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## **Cap on Tax Deductions for Work-Related Self-Education Expenses – AuSAE**

In the second last week of April 2013, the [Federal Government announced it was implementing a \\$2000 cap on work-related self-education expenses.](#)

The Australasian Society of Association Executives (AuSAE) is gravely concerned about the significant impact this policy will have on the Australian nonprofit sector.

### **Why is this a problem?**

In the first instance, this policy will severely impact financial viability of nonprofit organisations who provide work related educational programs for a fee. This is just the first of a number of serious flow on effects that will impact all Australians. This policy will:

- Adversely impact the sustainability of Australia's not-for-profit sector
- Increase calls from affected not-profits for financial support from government
- Lead to a decline in overall skill levels of Australian employees
- Adversely affect the young and those just starting in careers
- Adversely affect the competitiveness of Australian workers in the global marketplace

For the above reasons we find the decision to introduce the cap to be retrograde step and we are asking the Federal government to reconsider the implementation of this policy for the sake of the nonprofit sector, young and vulnerable workers, and the Australian economy. See our media release for more detail on each of these concerns.

### **What action is AuSAE taking?**

- We have sent a letter to the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer outlining our concerns and requesting a meeting to discuss this further.
- We have issued a media release to Australian media to educate them about this issue.

### **What you can do?**

If your organisation is going to be adversely impacted by this policy we encourage you to take action by:

1. Contacting your local Federal MP or Senator to express your concern and ask that this policy be urgently rescinded.
2. Email [president@ausae.org.au](mailto:president@ausae.org.au) to tell us how this decision will affect your organisation.
3. Forward this email to your colleagues so they are aware of what is happening and encourage them to take action.

AuSAE is working hard to have this issue resolved favourably and will keep you up to date with any developments.

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## **Submissions to the Draft Aboriginal Heritage Protection Bill - update**

Submissions to the public consultation on the Draft Aboriginal Heritage Protection Bill, which closed on 14 December 2012, are now available.

Submissions have been treated as public documents, in accordance with the information previously provided to submitters. However, personal information (address, phone number etc) has been removed from the submissions made by individuals and two are published anonymously, as requested.

There now are also two reports available related to the public consultation process:

- a [community forums report](#). This report on community view expressed at the seven public forums, was prepared by the consultant who facilitated the information sessions, John Hepper of Inspiring Place Pty Ltd.
- a [consultation summary report](#). This report, prepared by the Department, summarises all feedback received through the public consultation process.

To view the full range of submissions, please go to:

<http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/JSMH-9354VV?open>

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### **Consider the Carbon footprint of your Membership renewal: Cheques have 'larger carbon footprint' than Direct Debit**

With the current obsession of tracking the Carbon Footprint of Everything, consider the impact of your choice of payment when Membership renewals become due in a month or so. It has emerged that Direct Debit payments have been proven to cause less carbon emissions than cheques.

Small business portal Bytestart.co.uk reported of a joint analysis taken out by the Carbon Footprint Limited and Bacs Payment Schemes Limited (Bacs), which found that an ongoing Direct Debit commitment spent 0.76g of CO<sub>2</sub> per process.

However, it was calculated that cheques generated 49.28g of CO<sub>2</sub> for each time they were used.

Think about this when you find yourself reaching for the cheque book – save your postie and the planet at the same time.

## **Call for Papers - Mining, Materiality and Cultural Heritage: A one-day symposium at The University of Queensland**

For details visit the University of Queensland, School of Social Science

UQ Anthropology Museum website:

<http://www.anthropologymuseum.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=194863&pid=185394>

**Date:** Friday, 17 May  
**Time:** 9.30am-5pm  
**Venue:** Anthropology Museum Gallery  
Level 1 Michie Building (9), St Lucia Campus, QLD

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## **AAA Conference 2013 – Complexities of Scale - Call for Session Proposals**

Submissions are now invited for proposed sessions. We particularly welcome session submissions linked with the conference theme (**Complexities of Scale**), but will certainly consider others. Session organisers should provide a title and brief outline (30 words) of the proposed session(s), with an estimate of the number of speakers and an estimate of the number of individual sessions requested. Individual sessions will run for 1.5 hours and should include 4 or 5 presentations. Speakers may only present one paper during the conference, although they may be co-authors on other papers.

The Call for Sessions is now open and proposals should be submitted by **COB Friday 3rd May 2013**.

In late May, we will announce the conference sessions that have been accepted and place a call for Paper Abstracts to be submitted. Conference registrations will open in late May.

For enquiries, please contact Julie Jerbic at [aaa@conferenceonline.com.au](mailto:aaa@conferenceonline.com.au) or telephone 07 55808677.

Click here for the website: [Website](#)

## **2013 International Rock Art Congress – call for Session proposals**

Hosted by The American Rock Art Research Association, the 2013 International Rock Art Congress will be held in Albuquerque New Mexico, a place where rock art is a daily presence for those who live in the area.

Running from May 26 – 31, 2013, the congress' theme "Ancient Hands Around the World" is designed to bring together the diverse interests of those who study and work to conserve the pictographs and petroglyphs. The congress will feature four days of oral and poster presentations in sessions organised by topics, as well as a day field trip.

Field trips will provide opportunities to learn about the rock art of the region and cultural events will include evening lectures, dances by local Pueblo groups, and rock art related merchandise.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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### **Theoretical Archaeology Group 2013**

TAG will be held in Chicago from May 9-11 2013. The annual meeting provides a vibrant link between international archaeologists interested in exploring the intersection of archaeology with frontiers in critical theory, philosophy, and anthropology.

TAG conferences have sparked some of the most inventive archaeological articles published in venues such as *Archaeological Dialogues*, *Antiquity*, and *Social Archaeology*. The 2013 theme for the event is "Vision" - in its broadest sense, Vision represents a birds-eye view of where archaeology is headed.

Call for papers - send individual paper abstracts directly to the session organisers by email by March 15.

Visit [here](#) for more information.

## **News from CyArk - Announcing the CyArk Advisory Council**

Last year the AACAI Newsletter mentioned TheCyArk project (<http://archive.cyark.org/>) involving 3D scanning and visualisation to help the recording and interpretation of heritage sites.

CyArk's mission is to digitally preserve cultural heritage sites using advanced 3D imaging tools. The purpose of this is to make the information they collect available in perpetuity for both education and conservation purposes.

CyArk recently convened a group of experts to assist with determining which sites are worth preserving. For full details on who has been selected and how the process will unfold including the eight principles that will guide CyArk's current site selection, please visit the CyArk blog: <http://archive.cyark.org/announcing-the-cyark-advisory-council-blog>

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## **AIMA Conference 2013 – Towards Ratification, Australia's underwater cultural heritage**

The Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology 2013 Conference will be held at the Australian National University in Canberra from October 4-6, 2013.

An expert panel meeting will be held on October 3 to discuss legal issues around ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage with specific reference to Australia, South East Asia and the Pacific Region.

Conference themes will highlight the variety and significance of our underwater heritage in Australian waters and overseas, and the significant positive value that Australia's ratification would have in the region.

Keynote speakers include Professor of Public International Law Mariano J Aznar-Gomez.

For queries and submissions, contact: [AIMAconference@aima-underwater.org.au](mailto:AIMAconference@aima-underwater.org.au).



**ASHA 2013 Conference Sessions and Program – call for papers**  
Archaeological Narratives, In and Of the City -Parramatta, NSW.

Session Outline Download (pdf)

Papers are invited for the following sessions:

**(Note: Please send abstracts for proposed papers to each respective session organiser directly)**

Sessions:

1. Archaeological Narratives – Stories in the City and of the City - *Convenor: Dr Martin Gibbs*
2. Industrial Archaeology in the City - *Convenors: Dr Iain Stuart and Dr Geraldine Mate*
3. The Archaeology of Standing Buildings - *Convenor: Denis Gojak*
4. Dirty Stories – Archaeological Narratives of Colonial Sites and Landscapes, 1788 - 1850s - *Convenor – Dr Mary Casey*
5. Maritime Cultural Landscapes - *Convenors – Abi Cryerhall & Dr Brad Duncan*
6. Look what I found - *Convenor: Katrina Stankowski*

**For contact details on convenors please see the Conference website:**

<http://www.asha.org.au/2013-conference-sessions-and-program/>

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## Situations wanted

The following person is looking for archaeological work/ experience. If you have any suitable opportunities, please contact the relevant person directly:

### Nikolaos Skondrianos

Nik is a current student of archaeology at the University of Sydney.

#### Nik's contact details:

Mobile: 0451159090

E-mail: nik.Skon95@hotmail.com

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## Events

May 2013

### Towards a History of Human Settlement at Lake Mungo in south west New South Wales

**Date:** 8 May 2013  
**Time:** 1pm – 2pm  
**Venue:** Discovery Centre, Lower Ground Floor, Melbourne Museum, Carlton Gardens  
**Presenter:** Dr Nicola Stern, Archaeology Program, La Trobe University History, Culture & Collections

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### Heritage Awards 2013 –

**Date:** Wednesday 8 May  
**Time:** 11.30am-2.00pm  
**Venue:** DoltoneHouse–SouthPier,  
Piers 19-21 Upper Deck  
26-32 Pirrama Road,  
Pyrmont Point NSW For Bookings [Click here](#)

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### Mining, Materiality and Cultural Heritage: A one-day symposium at The University of Queensland

**Date:** Friday, 17 May  
**Time:** 9.30am-5pm  
**Venue:** Anthropology Museum Gallery  
Level 1 Michie Building (9), St Lucia Campus, QLD

**10th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection**

**Date:** 29 May to 2 June 2013  
**Presented by:** The International Society for Archaeological Prospection and the Aerial Archaeology Research Group  
**Venue:** The Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

Presented by the International Society for Archaeological Prospection and the Aerial Archaeology Research Group, the AP 2013 Conference will be hosted by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Archaeological Prospection and Virtual Archaeology and the Vienna Institute for Archaeological Science – University of Vienna.

For details head to <http://www.apconf.org/>.

June 2013

**From Papunya to Paris: The Reception of Aboriginal Art in France**

**Date:** 12 June  
**Time:** 1-2pm  
**Presenter:** Dr Philip Batty, Museum Victoria  
**Venue:** Discovery Centre, Lower Ground Floor, Melbourne Museum, Carlton Gardens Melbourne Museum

July 2013

**Mobilities and Mobilisations in History, Australian Historical Association**

**Date:** 8-12 July 2013  
**Convenor:** Conference Convenor: Dr Georgine Clarsen  
**Venue:** University of Wollongong  
To submit an abstract and register attendance please visit the conference website or contact [georgine@uow.edu.au](mailto:georgine@uow.edu.au)

August 2013

**Stories from the archives of MV's natural history collections**

**Date:** 14 August  
**Time:** 1-2pm  
**Presenter:** Bec Carland, Museum Victoria  
**Venue:** Discovery Centre, Lower Ground Floor, Melbourne Museum, Carlton Gardens Melbourne Museum

## September 2013

### **2nd International Contact Rock Art Symposium**

**Date:** 13-15 September

**Time:** 1-2pm

**Venue:** Darwin

The symposium aims to share international perspectives on rock art as well as exploring different approaches to the interpretation of contact rock art and discussing options for promoting the study and protection of contact rock art globally.

For more information, email [sally.may@anu.edu.au](mailto:sally.may@anu.edu.au) or [noel.tan@anu.edu.au](mailto:noel.tan@anu.edu.au)

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### **19th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists 2013**

**Date:** 4-8 September 2013

**Venue:** Pilsen (Plzeň), Czech Republic.

The meeting is organized by the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen and GUARANT International.

The meeting is supported by the City of Pilsen, Governor of Pilsen region, Institute of Archaeology – Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, V.V.I., Museum of West Bohemia in Pilsen, National Heritage Institute, Pilsen 2015 European Capital of Culture.

The meeting venue is the Campus of University of West Bohemia at Plzeň-Bory (Univerzita 18, Plzeň). The campus is conveniently located near to the main accommodation facility Parkhotel and easy to access by the public transport from the city centre.

Pilsen is served by the Václav Havel International Airport Prague-Ruzyně with frequent flight connections to most cities in Europe and beyond. There will be a shuttle service organized during the main time of arrivals and departures.

## October 2013

### **Empire, Faith and Conflict Conference – Fremantle Australia**

**Date:** 3-5 October 2013

**Venue:** The University of Notre Dame Australia

The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud to host the 2013 conference ‘Empire, Faith and Conflict’. The event is part of the World History Association Symposia program and will be held in partnership with the Australian Historical Association.


Since the days of Ancient Civilisations the world has been shaped by the rise and fall of empires, the disputes of faith and the outbreak of conflict. From Mesopotamia to Rome and Byzantium to Gallipoli, civilisations have been shaped by three critical elements: empire, faith and conflict. Perhaps more than any other period of world history, the past century has seen empires brought to their knees, faith pitted against faith, and conflict sweep the globe.

On the eve of the centenary of the Great War, the World History Association, the Australian Historical Association and the University of Notre Dame Australia invite you

to join us for a unique opportunity to examine the intersection of empire, faith and conflict in world history, and their impact in shaping the modern world.


Papers are invited from scholars and postgraduate students of all historical traditions, periods and genres, including the Ancient, Medieval and Modern ages.

Session themes might include (but are not limited to) imperialism; science and faith; church history; military history; gender studies; colonisation and post-colonialism; trans-national, regional and national histories; historiography; art, artefacts and visual evidence; strategy, security, terrorism and diplomacy; faith in war; and myth and legend.



**We would like to invite you as members to submit items of interest to this Newsletter which will be published every second month.**

**State Delegates should submit news on their state chapter by 15 June 2013 to Cindy Shadiack at [aacai\\_sec@yahoo.com.au](mailto:aacai_sec@yahoo.com.au)**



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