



STOUT RESEARCH CENTRE

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General News

Vincent O'Malley – NZ Post Book Awards Finalist

One of the four General Non-fiction Finalists in the NZ Post Book Awards this year (for his book *The Meeting Place* (Auckland University Press)), is a graduate of Victoria University, Dr Vincent O'Malley. Vincent O'Malley holds a BA (Hons), 1st Class, in History from the University of Canterbury and completed his PhD in New Zealand Studies through the Stout Research Centre at Victoria University of Wellington in 2004. He is the author of *Agents of Autonomy: Maori Committees in the Nineteenth Century* (Huia, 1998) and *The Meeting Place: Māori and Pākehā Encounters, 1642-1840* (AUP, 2012), co-author of *The Beating Heart: A Political and Socio-Economic History of Te Arawa* (Huia, 2008) and co-editor of *The Treaty of Waitangi Companion: Māori and Pākehā from Tasman to Today* (AUP, 2010).

Vincent has also contributed to a number of national and international scholarly journals and other publications. As a professional historian engaged in the Treaty of Waitangi claims process since 1993, he has researched and written extensively on the historical relationship between Māori and the Crown and has presented evidence to the Waitangi Tribunal on these issues on many occasions. He is currently a director of the Wellington-based research consultancy HistoryWorks.

Vincent's doctorate was supervised by Richard Hill of the Stout Centre, with Prof Richard Boast of the Law Faculty being the secondary supervisor. His graduation ceremony took place on the university marae, Te Herenga Waka.

Research Update

Richard Hill carried out the final case-studies for his Marsden-funded project on comparative policing in nineteenth and twentieth century colonies in Puducherry (India) and Shanghai.

In May the Treaty of Waitangi Policy Unit (TOWRU) launched a new online Treaty Research publication series, jointly edited by Richard Hill, Peter Addis and Brigitte Bonish-Brednich.

Lydia Wevers attended a small invited symposium on the history of print culture at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana in early March. The symposium was funded by the National

Endowment for the Humanities and will result in a published collection of the presented papers.

Anna Green is working with Dr Tim Cooper, an environmental historian at the University of Exeter, on a British Academy funded study of the first major global oil tanker disaster.

Seminar Update:

The Stout Research Centre hosted a Public History Seminar Series from March to May 2013. The programme covered 10 seminars on a range of topics by community historians, archivists, film makers and museum curators, among others. Information is available on our website.

The Centre hosted a book launch, 'Family Songbook', for author John Newton, on 21 February, and a seminar in May presented by Rod Edmond – *Migrations: Journeys in Time and Place*, followed by his book launch in association with Bridget Williams Books.

Information on our Research Roundup Seminar series will be available on our website shortly. The first seminar will begin on 25 September and run until mid-November.

Conference Update:

Lydia Wevers presented her work on the history of reading at a Victorian Studies conference in Venice in early June, where she was a plenary speaker.

Richard Hill was a co-organiser (with the school of Maori Studies/Te Kawa a Maui) of 'Reconciliation, Representation and Indigeneity: An International Conference hosted by Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz and Victoria University of Wellington', March 2013, where he presented a paper 'Comparative Perspectives on Engagement in Treaty of Waitangi Resolution Processes: Crown, Claimant and Tribunal Milieus'.

Richard Hill addressed the University of Pondicherry, India, on 'The Rights of Indigenous People and the Modern State: Social Control and Historical Justice Processes for Maori in Aotearoa/New Zealand' in February 2013.

Anna Green spoke at the National Oral History of New Zealand regional symposium in Auckland in May.

Student Update

Congratulations to Charlotte Bennett who has been awarded a Clarendon Scholarship to pursue a D.Phil. in History at the University of Oxford later this year. She will be studying childhood, conflict, and empire in Northern Ireland and New Zealand during the early twentieth century. Her supervisor will be her former Honours lecturer at the Stout Centre - Prof. James Belich.

A special celebration was held for Taingunguru Walker on the 28th May to award her PhD. Her Thesis '*Nga Pa Harakeke O Ngati Porou: A Lived Experience of Whanau*' explores contemporary understandings of the notion of whānau. Approximately 30 Ngati Porou and 30

pan-tribal key informants have been interviewed as part of her research. A number of Victoria University's staff who have worked with Tai over the years, gathered to share in this achievement.

Congratulations also to Sam Ritchie and Steven Loveridge, who have now also had their PhDs accepted.

Journal of New Zealand Studies

Special Issue NS14 (2013)

The latest issue of the Journal - NS14 2013 - is available on line. This special issue, *'Intimacy, Race and Colonial Histories'*, has been compiled from a collection of essays from the *'Interracial Intimacies: New Zealand Histories'* conference held at the University of Otago in 2009. Angela Wanhalla and Rani Kerin from Otago University have edited this issue.

To access the Journal please visit: <http://ojs.victoria.ac.nz/jnzs/index>

Two further issues of the Journal will be published on-line at the end of the year.

Hard copies of back issues of the Journal may be purchased through the Stout Research Centre at a cost of \$25.00.

Rethinking War Conference – November 2013

Rethinking War - Is there anything new that can be said about the First World War?

In Association with the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, the Stout Research Centre for New Zealand Studies is holding a multidisciplinary conference, 28-30 November 2013, on rethinking 'the Great War' especially New Zealand's connections with and contribution to it. So much work has been produced on the Gallipoli landings, trench warfare, the ANZAC symbolism, war memorials etc that there might seem little else to say. But long experience tells us we don't know what we don't know, especially on the home front; and there must be plenty of space for revisiting the events of 1914-18 almost a century later.

Keynote Speakers

Dr Catriona Pennell

Based at the University of Exeter Cornwall Campus, Catriona is a historian of 19th and 20th century British and Irish history with a particular focus on the social and cultural history of the First World War and British imperial activity in the Middle East since the 1880s. Catriona's research focus is on the experiences of ordinary people and communities in global war, as well as the on-going (and often bloody) relationship between current conflict and the past, particularly in Ireland, Lebanon, and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. She is also very interested in the relationship between war, experience, and memory.

Professor Alistair Thomson

As a historian at Monash University, Alistair's role is to create more historically informed citizens, and to challenge the mythical or partial versions of the past that politicians and popular culture puts forth. His book *Anzac Memories: living with the legend* looked at the ways that the experiences of working-class soldiers differed from the Anzac legend. The secrecy surrounding his grandfather's return from World War I inspired his investigations. Alistair came to Monash from the University of Sussex, where he was a trustee of the Mass Observation Archive. The archive is "an invaluable anthropology of everyday life" set up in the 1930s in Great Britain. He continues to use the extraordinary archive for his teaching at Monash, as much of it is digitally available online. His recent work has continued to involve listening to voices from the past. His newly released book *Moving Stories: An intimate history of four women across two countries* follows immigrants from Great Britain after World War II.

Alistair has just begun work on the Australian Generations project that will record 300 life histories, with 50 from people born in each decade from the 1920s and 1930s, through to the 1980s. He is the lead partner with other academics from Monash and Latrobe University, as well as with the National Library of Australia and ABC Radio National.

Venue: Hunter Council Chamber, Hunter Building, Kelburn Campus
Opening Lecture: Catriona Pennell - 5.00pm Thursday 28 November

On line registration will be open on 1 September from our website:
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/stout-centre/about/events>

There are still survivors from the Great War. This tortoise was run over by a gun carriage. The story goes that she was rescued by a New Zealand stretcher bearer who brought her back in his pack. She now lives in Havelock North.



A History of Giving

The Stout Research Centre was founded in 1984 through the generous support of the Stout Trust, which was established from a bequest left by Dr John Stout. The Stout Trust continues to fund the annual Stout Fellowship, which has enabled research into many aspects of New Zealand society, history and culture. John Stout's gift is valued highly by today's researchers at the Stout Research Centre. We also value the contribution of all our Friends and supporters and welcome opportunities to talk with you about continuing your support through a gift in your will.

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