



Humanities Teachers' Conference
ENGLISH HISTORY GEOGRAPHY

2021

REDEFINING OUR PLACE

Saturday, 20 March

St Patrick's College, Launceston

"The task of the people who teach and learn in a school of Humanities is not to forget that [this] is no useless study." - Robert Menzies

2020 was a year of upheaval. Teachers demonstrated an incredible capacity to adapt to new contexts and reengage learners. A number of decisions are being made about the role of our disciplines in Australia's future. This conference is a chance to redefine our place, to own the conversation and to speak up before others speak for us.



Featuring Jason Byrne

*Professor of Human Geography and Planning,
School of Geography, Planning & Spatial Sciences, University of Tasmania*

Renowned for his ability to inspire **innovative thinking** and to champion the **relevance of the Humanities** disciplines in social, political, economic and industrial spheres. Two-time recipient of the Planning Institute Australia's National Award for **cutting edge research and teaching**, Jason's expertise in Sustainability and Environmental Planning enables him to show why Humanities are a key part of our **collective future**.

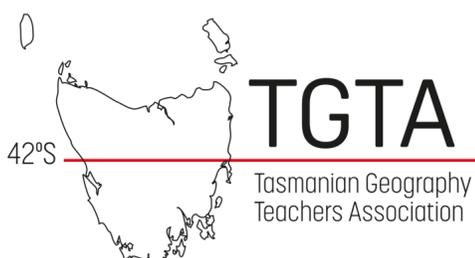
PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- 9:00am Opening: Welcome to Country & Plenary Address (Jason Byrne)
- 10:15 Morning Tea
- 10:45 Workshops - Block 1
- 11:40 Workshops - Block 2
- 12:30 Lunch with an Expert - *grab your lunch, grab a coffee, have a chat!*
- 1:30 Workshops - Block 3
- 2:25 Closing Panel: Why we Teach the Humanities
- 3:15pm Conference Closing



*Closing Panel Convener: Professor Lisa Fletcher
(Head of School, Humanities UTas)*

How do teachers of the Humanities empower their students to live in and influence a rapidly changing world?



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WORKSHOPS

Alongside our keynote address and closing panel, we are pleased to present a number of interactive and practical workshops from academics, discipline specialists and practising classroom teachers. Choose from a wide range of subject specific and interdisciplinary topics, including:

- **An Amazonian Rainforest Investigation with John McLaine** (Geography & Outdoor Leadership Teacher, Launceston Church Grammar School). Unpacking the nature & impacts of deforestation learnt from John's 2019 packrafting expedition to the Madre de Dios region of the Amazon Basin.
- **Asia Literacy's Place in Shaping Work-Ready Capabilities** with Erin Leder (AAP Moderator & Humanities Teacher, Montrose Bay High School). Designing tasks that allow learners to recognise the value of Asia and Asian-Australian communities to their personal future.
- **Place, Perspective and Critical Theory in the High School Classroom** with Dr Yvette Blackwood (English Teacher & Marking Co-ordinator, The Friends School). Supporting students to feel more confident about the critical theories embedded in English 3.
- **Digitised Histories: Exploring People and Place through Online Sources** with Dr Imogen Wegman & Dr Kate Badnall (History Lecturers, UTas). Using lesser known sets of digitised records including the 'Real Face of White Australia' creatively in the classroom
- **Do You Know What Didn't Happen Next?** with Cameron Hindrum (Author & Teacher, Launceston College). Applying theories of narrative when teaching creative writing.
- **Doing the Discipline: A Shift for Success?** with Chelsea Mouritz (Teacher, St Marys College). 'We are all teachers of literacy' - discipline specific literacy strategies to support students in comprehending and responding to growing literacy demands.
- **Engagement is an Act of Vulnerability** with Mandy Marmion (Trauma Informed Practice Specialist & Teacher, Ogilvie High School). Understanding the barriers that impinge on students' willingness to engage, and how to create a safe and inspiring learning environment.
- **History in Humanities: Defining the Concepts for Developing Historical Understanding** with Sarah Stockwin (Archaeologist & Teacher, Ogilvie High School). How concepts such as contestability, continuity and change enable students to develop their abilities to think historically and form a broader social understanding.
- **Image, Power, Control: Lessons from the Ancient World** with Dr Charlotte Dunn & Dr Johnathan Wallis (Classics Lecturers, UTas). Making links between coinage in the ancient world and self-presentation in social media to develop evaluative skills.
- **Medieval Europe: Images and Visual Sources** with Dr Elizabeth Freeman (History Lecturer, UTas). Visual resources that students and teachers can use to learn about significant individuals and the way of life in Medieval Europe.
- **One Small Island Project** with Ogilvie High School's Year 7 Team. Employing knowledge and skills from English, Geography, History and Science, this projects brings relevancy to learning by exploring the impacts of humans on the ecology of Macquarie Island.
- **Other Islanders: Learning and Teaching about Torres Strait Islanders** with Rosalie Triolo (History Education Senior Lecturer, Monash University). Exploring how the histories and geography of the Torres Strait Islands can be easily introduced in already busy lessons.
- **Our Stories, Our Places** with Gina Slevic (English Teacher, St Patrick's College). Challenging the digital domination in our 21st century lives by exploring teaching ideas and strategies that develop students' voices.
- **Shaping Meaning through Creative Nonfiction** with Elizabeth Delaney (English Teacher & Quality Teaching Coach, Rosny College). Helping students bring their research to life while intertwining their own personal experiences.
- **The Novel that Brought me Here** panel with Dr Robbie Moore, Dr Naomi Milthorpe, Dr Robert Clarke (School of Humanities, UTas) & Lyndon Riggall (Launceston College). Cultivating inspiration and resilience by considering the place of literature in the high school curriculum, and strategies for engaging students in the task of reading.
- **Truth-Telling: A Pathway to a Shared Future** with the Aboriginal Education Services Team (DoE). Exploring the significance of truth-telling about the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the ongoing process of healing and reconciliation in Australia.

HOW TO REGISTER:

www.aate.org.au/events/event/2021-humanities-state-conference-humanities-redefining-our-place

Note: Link available through each association's websites.

By 5:00 pm Wednesday, 10 March

- Full Rate (Non-Member) \$220.00
- TATE / TGTA / THTA School Member \$165.00
- TATE / TGTA / THTA Individual Member \$110.00

Late registrations will attract an additional \$33 fee.

Due to COVID-19, spaces are limited. Register now!



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