

Speakers Program  
DAY 1



Exploring the Legacy of the 1948 American-Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land  
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM • NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA • 16 – 20 NOVEMBER 2009

DAY 1		Tuesday 17 November		HISTORIES	
MORNING				AFTERNOON	
8am–3pm	Registration desk open	12noon–12.30pm	'A Robinson Crusoe in Arnhem Land...': Howell Walker, National Geographic and the 1948 Mountford Expedition Mark Jenkins Historian, National Geographic Society		
9–9.20am	Official opening of symposium Craddock Morton Director, National Museum of Australia  Overview of symposium Margo Neale Project director and Principal Advisor to the Director (Indigenous), National Museum of Australia	12.30–1pm	Fossicking memories Expedition botanist Raymond Louis Specht interviewed by Martin Thomas		
9.20–9.50am	Overview of the Expedition A history of the 1948 Expedition Sally K May Convenor, Graduate Program in Liberal Arts (Cultural and Environmental Heritage), Research School of Humanities, The Australian National University	1–2.30pm	Lunch		
9.50–10.30am	Unpacking the testimony of Gerald Blitner: An Indigenous perspective on the Arnhem Land Expedition Martin Thomas Research Fellow, Department of History, University of Sydney	2.30–4.30pm	Session: Charles P Mountford Chair and respondent: Emeritus Professor John Mulvaney		
10.30–11am	Morning tea	2.30–3pm	Inside Mountford's tent: Paint, politics and paperwork Philip Jones Senior Curator, Department of Anthropology, South Australian Museum		
11–11.30am	Locating the Expedition politically: 1948 American–Australian relations Kim Beazley Chancellor, The Australian National University	3–3.30pm	The responsibilities of leadership: The records of Charles P Mountford Suzy Russell Content services librarian, State Library of South Australia paper co-authored with Denise Chapman Content services librarian, State Library of South Australia		
11.30am–12noon	Historic perspectives on the Smithsonian's participation in the Arnhem Land Expedition: Transformations of the expeditionary enterprise Paul Michael Taylor Director, Asian Cultural History Program, Smithsonian Institution	3.30–4pm	'Bastard barks': A gift from the 1948 Arnhem Land Expedition Margo Neale Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Historical Research and senior curator, National Museum of Australia		
		4–4.30pm	Session responses and discussion		
		4.30–5pm	General discussion and questions led by Margo Neale (National Museum of Australia), Sally K May (Research School of Humanities, The Australian National University) and Peter Veth (Deputy Director, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, The Australian National University)		
		8pm	MANIKAY PERFORMANCE		



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DAY 2		Wednesday 18 November		LEGACIES	
MORNING				AFTERNOON	
8am–3pm		Registration desk open		12.30–1pm	<b>Hidden for 60 years:</b> <b>The motion picture films of the American-Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land</b> Josh Harris Senior Electronic Resources Technician, Department of Collections and Technical Services, University of Kentucky (formerly Archives Manager, Film and Audiovisual Archives, National Geographic Society)
9–10.30am	<b>Session: Natural Sciences</b>			1–1.30pm	<b>Collecting Australia at the Smithsonian:</b> <b>150 years and still going</b> Adrienne L Kaeppler Curator (Oceania), Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution
9–9.30am	<b>Beneath the billabongs:</b> <b>The scientific legacy of Robert Rush Miller</b> Gifford H Miller Professor, INSTAAR and Geological Sciences, University of Colorado, Boulder, United States of America <i>and</i> Robert C Cashner Emeritus Research Professor of Biological Sciences, Vice-Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, University of New Orleans, Louisiana, United States of America			1.30–2.30pm	Lunch
9.30–10am	<b>Appraising the legacy of the Arnhem Land Expedition:</b> <b>An insider’s perspective</b> Raymond Louis Specht Emeritus Professor of Botany and 1948 Expedition member, University of Queensland			2.30–3.30pm	<b>Politics of Repatriation panel:</b> <b>The collection and return of human remains and cultural materials</b>
10–10.30am	<b>The ‘exciting thing was the landscape’:</b> <b>Raymond Specht, a botanist in the field</b> Lynne McCarthy Research Fellow, Centre for Historical Research, National Museum of Australia			3.30–4pm	<b>Making a sea change:</b> <b>Rock art, archaeology and the enduring legacy of McCarthy’s research on Groote Eylandt</b> Anne Clarke Program convener, Heritage Studies, Department of Archaeology, School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry, University of Sydney <i>and</i> Ursula Frederick PhD candidate, School of Art, The Australian National University
10.30–11am	Morning tea			4–5pm	<b>Indigenous Community panel</b> <b>Expedition camp 1 – Groote Eylandt</b>
11am–1.30pm	<b>Session: Collections across media</b>			5–5.30pm	<b>General discussion and questions</b> led by Peter Stanley (Head, Centre for Historical Research, National Museum of Australia) and AnnMcGrath (Director, Australian Centre for Indigenous History, The Australian National University)
11–11.30am	<b>Boomerang to Australia the big sky country:</b> <b>Photographic legacies in books of the 1950s and 1960s</b> Catherine de Lorenzo Senior Lecturer, Faculty of the Built Environment, University of New South Wales			7.30pm	<b>SYMPOSIUM DINNER</b>
11.30am–12noon	<b>Birds on the wire:</b> <b>Colin Simpson and the emergence of the radio documentary feature</b> Tony MacGregor Arts Editor, ABC Radio National				
12noon–12.30pm	<b>Snapshots of musical life:</b> <b>Simpson’s 1948 recordings</b> Allan Marett Professor Emeritus, University of Sydney and Professor of Ethnomusicology, Charles Darwin University <i>and</i> Linda Barwick Pacific and Regional Archive for Digital Sources in Endangered Cultures, University of Sydney				

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# BARKS BIRDS & Billabongs

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DAY 3	Thursday 19 November	CONTINUITY & CHANGE
<b>MORNING</b>		<b>AFTERNOON</b>
8am–3pm	Registration desk open	12.30–1.30pm Lunch
<b>9–10am</b>	<b>Session: Fibre</b>	<b>1.30–3.30pm</b> <b>Session: North-east and central Arnhem Land</b>
9–9.30am	<b>The forgotten collection: Baskets reveal histories</b> Louise Hamby Postdoctoral fellow, Research School of Humanities, The Australian National University	Chair and respondent: Howard Morphy Director, Research School of Humanities, The Australian National University
9.30–10am	<b>Forget the barks! Bring on the string figures! The string figures of Yirrkala: Activating a legacy</b> Robyn McKenzie PhD candidate, Research School of Humanities, The Australian National University	<b>1.30–2.30pm</b> <b>Indigenous Community panel Expedition camp 3 – Yirrkala</b>
10–10.30am	Morning tea	<b>2.30–3pm</b> <b>Yolngu ways of knowing Country</b> Ad Borsboom Chair Pacific Studies, Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands)
<b>10.30–12.30pm</b>	<b>Session: Western Arnhem Land</b>	<b>3–3.30pm</b> <b>Missing the revolution: Christianity and the ‘Macassan-Dreaming’ in north-east Arnhem Land</b> Ian McIntosh Director of International Partnerships and Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, Indiana University – Purdue University at Indianapolis, United States of America
10.30–11am	<b>The forbidden gaze: The 1948 Wubarr ceremony performed for the American-Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land</b> Murray Garde ARC Linkage Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Languages and Linguistics, University of Melbourne	<b>3.30–3.45pm</b> <b>Session responses and discussion</b>
11–11.30am	<b>From Fish Creek to the Mann River: Hunter-gatherer transformations in western Arnhem Land, 1948-2008</b> Jon Altman ARC Australian Professorial Fellow, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, The Australian National University	<b>3.45–4pm</b> Afternoon break ( <i>if necessary</i> )
11.30–12.30pm	<b>Indigenous Community panel Expedition camp 2 – Gunbalanya (formerly Oenpelli)</b>	<b>4–5pm</b> <b>General discussion</b> led by symposium steering committee (Margo Neale, Martin Thomas and Sally K May), Howard Morphy (Director, Research School of Humanities, The Australian National University), Ann McGrath (Director, Australian Centre for Indigenous History, The Australian National University) and Peter Veth (Deputy Director, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, The Australian National University)
		<b>Closing remarks</b> Peter Stanley (Head, Centre for Historical Research, National Museum of Australia)
		<b>6pm</b> <b>NFSA ARNHM LAND EXPEDITION FILM NIGHT</b>