

HISTORY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF NSW
**NSW STATE
CONFERENCE 2026**

**CONTESTED HISTORIES
CRITICAL MINDS**

24 – 25 July
The University of Sydney



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Annabel Crabb

Professor Mark McKenna

Dr Stephen Harrisson

Dr James Tan

Professor Andrew Bonnell

Dr Kathryn Schumaker



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FRIDAY 24 July 2026

PROGRAM DAY 1

8.15	Registration						
8.55	Welcome to Country and Conference Opening						
9.20	1.1 Keynote Presentation Annabel Crabb, <i>Author and Journalist</i>						
10.20	HTANSW Reneé Erdos Award Presentation						
10.30	Morning Tea						
11.05-12.00	1.2A: What is the Point of Ancient (Western) History in 2026? Dr James Tan, <i>University of Sydney</i>				1.2B: Civil Rights in the USA: Perspectives from the Classroom Dr Kathryn Schumaker, <i>United States Studies Centre</i>		
12.05 – 1.00	1.3A: Exploring Ancient Rome through Latin Inscriptions Suanne Knight, <i>Radford Coll ACT</i>	1.3B: Developing Content Knowledge Using Sources Dr Robert Loeffel, <i>Sydney Grammar</i>	1.3C: To Discriminate or Populate? Dismantling White Australia Dr Zachary Gorman, <i>Robert Menzies Institute</i>	1.3D: People not Footnotes: Reframing Colonisation through Aboriginal Personalities Martin Douglas, <i>Corowa HS</i>	1.3E: Content to Curiosity: Creating Critical Thinkers from the New Curriculum Franco Chiu, <i>Baulkham Hills HS</i>	1.3F: Unsafe History: Making Sense of the World Today Dr Darryl Le Cornu, <i>Intern’al Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons</i>	1.3G: The Power of Their Voices Dr Ari Lander & Bahati Salima, <i>Voices of Survival</i>
1.00	Lunch						
1.45 - 2.35	1.4A: The Odyssey in Imagery: A Two & Half Thousand Year Journey Dr Craig Barker, <i>Chau Chak Wing Museum</i>	1.4B: Ideology & Apartheid in South Africa Michael Street, <i>Oxford Falls Grammar</i>	1.4C: Teaching Narrative Competence in an Age of Populism Emma Bergin, <i>Queenwood</i>	1.4D: New Ways, Old Ways: Songs, Skins, Stories: Reimagining Histories Down Glenmore Road Dr Sarah Jane Moore, <i>Glenmore Rd PS</i>	1.4E: Between History & Myth: Teaching AH through Film Ricky Collins, <i>Erskine Park HS</i>	1.4F: TŪ DO: exploring Migration Stories in the National Maritime Collection Tamsin Birch & Dr Roland Leikauf, <i>Australian National Maritime Museum</i>	1.4G: Spain and the Mexica – Current Historiography Peter Hartman, <i>Cherrybrook THS</i>
2.40 - 3.25	1.5A: Issues in Understanding the Sources for Spartan Society Dr Denis Mootz, <i>HTANSW</i>	1.5B: Voices from the Spanish Civil War Francisca Castro, <i>NSW Department of Education</i>	1.5C: Teaching the Holocaust in a Rapidly Changing World Dr Greg Keith, <i>University of Sydney</i>	1.5D: A Local Memorial as a Stage 5 Site Study Christian Bell, <i>Reddam House North Shore</i>	1.5E From Federation to Fascination: Fostering Student Engagement in Making a Nation Michael Condie, <i>Cranbrook</i> , Ashley Chee Quee, <i>Ascham</i>	1.5F: Developing Historical and Critical Thinking Skills in High School (<i>Virtual Session</i>) Naira Yerkanyan, <i>Khachatur Abovyan Armenian State Pedagogical University</i>	
3.30	CONFERENCE DRINKS: Come and mingle at the Courtyard Café – Beverly Room (Science Road, University of Sydney). Drinks not included. 3.30 – 6.00pm						

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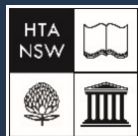
SATURDAY 25 July 2026

PROGRAM DAY 2

8.15	Registration						
8.55	Welcome						
9.10	2.1 Writing the History of Australia in the 2020s Professor Mark McKenna, <i>University of Sydney</i>						
10.10	Morning Tea						
10.50 – 11.45	2.2A: Alexander the Great and How to Do (Ancient) History (Virtual Session) Dr Stephen Harrison, <i>Swansea University</i>			2.2B: Nazi ‘Revolution’ or ‘Counter-Revolution’? Professor Andrew Bonnell, <i>University of Queensland</i>			
11.50 – 12.40	2.3A: Re-examining Julius Caesar and the Collapse of the Roman Republic Sarah Coleman, <i>MacKillop Catholic College</i>	2.3B: Cuba 1940 - 1991 as a New HSC National Study David Van Tol, <i>Kambala</i>	2.3C: Teaching the New USA National Study, 1919-41 Elyse Read, <i>Kincoppal-Rose Bay</i>	2.3D: Responding to Intolerance When Teaching Contested Histories Dr Rebecca Kummerfeld & Kate Xavier, <i>Together for Humanity</i>	2.3E: Understanding the Impact of Federation Raina Evans, <i>Wellington HS</i>	2.3F: A Curriculum Dissection: Corpus Analysis of the 2027 NSW History Curriculum Dr Alison Bedford, <i>Uni of Southern Qld</i>	2.3G: NEW HISTORY EXTENSION SYLLABUS: The Project Ashley Chee Quee, <i>Ascham</i>
12.40	Lunch						
1.30 - 2.20	2.4A: Unlearning Entrenched Ways of Seeing: New Ethical Approaches to Egyptian Mummified Human Remains Prof. Ronika Power, <i>Macquarie Uni</i>	2.4B: Democracy & Dictatorship: Challenges & Opportunities Dr Sally Cove, <i>Sydney Grammar</i> , & Jonathon Dallimore, <i>HTANSW</i>	2.4C: Crafting Neurodivergent-Affirming History Programs Nadia Szimhart, <i>St Marys Star of the Sea College</i>	2.4D: The Shoah: A Term-Long Case Study Dr Panayiotis Diamadis, <i>Waverley College</i>	2.4E: Embedding First Nations Perspectives in the New Curriculum Baylah Betar & Tim Chuan, <i>Australian Museum</i>	2.4F: Teaching Historical Thinking in the Age of AI Shirley Griffith, <i>Jacaranda</i>	2.4G: NEW HISTORY EXTENSION SYLLABUS: Key Questions Michelle Kennedy, <i>North Sydney GHS</i>
2.25 - 3.15	2.5A: Using Court Cases & Legislation as Historical Sources in Australia: ‘Making a Nation’ Jessica Speed, <i>Rule of Law Education Centre</i>	2.5B: Ho Chi Minh Trails – Strategy, Cambodia & Civilian Mick Klipin, <i>Bishop Druitt College</i>	2.5C: Rethinking the Impact of WWII on Australia's Foreign Relations Dr Linda Wade, <i>All Hallows’ Brisbane</i>	2.5D: Educational Potential & Ethical Challenges: AI-Mediated Holocaust Survivor Testimony Elsie Leask, <i>Uni of Newcastle</i>	2.5E: Teaching Australia in the 1st and 2nd World Wars Kris Katavic, <i>Department of Veterans Affairs</i>	2.5F: From Security to Stigma: Contesting Australia’s Post-9/11 National Narrative Shannon Kelly, <i>Leeton HS</i>	2.5G: NEW HISTORY EXTENSION SYLLABUS: Case Studies Nico Forell, <i>Roseville College</i>

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Friday 24 July 2026

11.05 – 12.00	1.2A		(Dr J Tan)		1.2B		(K Schumaker)	
12.05 – 1.00	1.3A	1.3B	1.3C	1.3D	1.3E	1.3F	1.3G	
1.45 – 2.35	1.4A	1.4B	1.4C	1.4D	1.4E	1.4F	1.4G	
2.40 – 3.25	1.5A	1.5B	1.5C	1.5D	1.5E	1.5F		
3.30 – 6.00	CONFERENCE DRINKS @ Courtyard Café: Attending? YES ☐ / NO ☐ (please tick one)							

Saturday 25 July 2026

10.50 – 11.45	2.2A (Dr S Harrison)				2.2B (Prof. A Bonnell)		
11.50 – 12.40	2.3A	2.3B	2.3C	2.3D	2.3E	2.3F	2.3G
1.30 – 2.20	2.4A	2.4B	2.4C	2.4D	2.4E	2.4F	2.4G
2.25 – 3.15	2.5A	2.5B	2.5C	2.5D	2.5E	2.5F	2.5G

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