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# Home

This is the home page for the "Postgraduates and ECRs" space on NEER Confluence.

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## Mentoring

I've set up this page to discuss issues related to a transition from a postgrad to an early career researcher (guess why). This PG and ECR space is watched by 160 NEER Confluence users, do you see the potential for exchange of ideas?

If that first stage, from PG to ECR, wasn't hard enough, what happens next? How do people manage to stay on in academia, preferably, with increased job security and satisfaction derived from a growing list of publications and scores of high-achieving students.

Apparently it can be done. One way you can get there, I was told, is by having good mentors. Have you got one? Well done! Tell us how you did it. But did you know you're supposed to have several mentors, up to eight !! according to a workshop I went to. I remember

- discipline mentor
- contextual mentor
- career mentor
- research mentor

I'm really curious how many people have had mentors and what their experience has been. If you haven't been a mentee, would you like to try? Or do you think you ought to figure it all out yourself.

All comments welcome, wait, all nice comments welcome, no wait, all comments welcome.

ela (who also happens to be your first port of call when you need help with **[Using Confluence](#)**)

## **PATS and PMRG Annual Symposium May, 2008**

Dear All,

Prof Andrew Lynch is sending the following reminder:

**CALL FOR PAPERS (reminder)**

**Perth Medieval and Renaissance Group Annual Symposium**

**Reading Religious Change in Medieval and Early Modern Europe**

**23-24 May, 2008**

**The University of Western Australia, Perth. St George's College.**

This interdisciplinary symposium will explore the representation of religious change in Europe, c. 500-1800. Within this broad field, paper proposals from any relevant areas of study are welcome.

Possible themes include: conversion; dialogue across religions; indigenous reception and response; textuality; interpreting, editing, translating; gendered perspectives; missions; reformation and resistance; artistic, musical and literary manifestations; liturgy, ritual and image; material culture; old worlds and new worlds; theological and institutional change.

The agreed keynote speakers are:

Professor Brian Cummings (English, University of Sussex)

Professor Katherine Faull (German, Bucknell University)

Dr Alexandra Sanmark (Archaeology, University College London)

Professor James Simpson (English, Harvard University)

Paper proposals (20 minutes + 10 mins discussion) should be accompanied by an abstract of c. 300 words, and submitted by 14 December 2007 to

Dr Jacqueline Van Gent [jvangent@cyllene.uwa.edu.au](mailto:jvangent@cyllene.uwa.edu.au)

or A/Prof. Andrew Lynch [alynch@arts.uwa.edu.au](mailto:alynch@arts.uwa.edu.au)

Proposals may be emailed to either of these addresses, or posted to:

English and Cultural Studies M202, UWA, Crawley, WA 6009, Australia.

Enquiries are welcome.

Submissions of 3-paper panel proposals are also welcome. Please supply names of contributors, abstracts, and contact details.

**A Postgraduate Advanced Training Seminar in palaeography, sponsored by the ARC Network for Early European Research, and directed by Professor Philippa Maddern (UWA) will be held in the week preceding the PMRG Symposium.**

Please attach comments to or start editing this page, thanks, ela

## post- NEER 07 conference posts

Having seen Tasha's post (thanks!), I thought it might be useful to set up this landing page for post-conference musings. If there's anything you'd those of you who were in Perth last week would like to raise, describe or comment on (especially given not everyone was there), here's a starting point.

Thanks to everyone for the great conversations last week. I really enjoyed meeting everyone and hearing about your research.

My apologies for spamming everyone too. My ulterior motive here was to stop that happening. And I'm sure I just restricted the page to myself for editing, and checked the minor change box...

Kate

26/7/07

On a practical note, I'd like to say (a rather belated) thanks to Ela for running Confluence training workshops during the conference. After being taught about page restrictions (I know it's on the 'Using Confluence' page but sometimes you just need a bit of reinforcement), I'm now confident enough to back up thesis chapters to a page that's restricted to myself...

PS In an experimental move, I'm editing this space instead of leaving a comment in the hope that it doesn't generate a mass email!!

Jo McEwan

## Welcome to the PG&ECR page

Welcome from your NEER reps

## Dear NEER postgrads and ECRs

I'm writing to introduce myself as the new NEER Early Career Researcher representative.

I completed my PhD at the University of Melbourne in late 2006. My thesis was on the representation of monstrous births in sixteenth-century Germany, and I'm now revising it for publication. I plan to turn it into a book manuscript, as well as a few articles. Prior to the PhD, I completed an MA in French history at the University of Tasmania. At the moment I'm employed as tutor, sessional lecturer and research assistant at the University of Melbourne, working with Charles Zika. I'm also working several days a week as a research associate at the University of Western Australia for Sue Broomhall's ARC project on poverty in sixteenth-century France. I feel very fortunate to be employed as an early modern historian, particularly in the current difficult job climate.

I'm keen to see how NEER can continue helping people make the transition from postgrad studies to early career research, and I'd be glad to hear from anyone who would like to raise specific issues. It would also be great to see Confluence used as a space for discussion or suggestions. Leave any comments here, or feel free to email me directly. I'll be attending the NEER conference in Perth this July and look forward to meeting more NEER members in person.

Best wishes

**Jenny Spinks**

Hello pgs and ecrs, Kate here. I'm at the opposite end of the rep trajectory from Jenny, having been sitting in on NEER business for a while now. I'm also on the opposite seaboard, at UWA, where I hope to see some of you come July, by which time my thesis might just be finished. I'm engaged in the final push on the PhD front, so I apologise for less-than-optimal availability for the next little while, but please do get in touch if you'd like.

With Jenny, I encourage you to experiment with Confluence. It's a great forum for sharing ideas and keeping in touch, and enables you to pool resources, plan conference panels and research proposals, write grants collaboratively, etc, all without having to exchange Word docs via email. With teaching winding up for the semester and the NEER symposium around the corner, now is a good time to familiarise yourself with the software and to think about how it can serve your needs.

A little bit about my work: my thesis is on 17<sup>th</sup>-century England, concerning the Ferrar family of Little Gidding, and in general my research and teaching activities are focused on the early modern era. I belong to History at UWA, but I like to work across disciplines. My Honours project was on Andrew Marvell's poetry. Apart from history I've taught in English, art history, women's studies and European studies.

All the best

**Kate Riley**