

# Cultural Heritage and the Law Summer School (6-10 February 2017)



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In 2017 the Archaeology Department at Flinders University is offering the graduate level topic 'Cultural Heritage and the Law' (ARCH8017) as an intensive summer school. This means that the topic is available to enrolled Flinders University graduate students as well as individuals who wish to take it as a short course (fees apply). If you would like to register an interest in attending please contact Blake Lenthall ([blake.lenthall@flinders.edu.au](mailto:blake.lenthall@flinders.edu.au)) for more information.

## Topic Description

This topic critically examines the changing meaning of cultural heritage within a social, cultural and historical context. The role of law in shaping notions of cultural heritage will be a particular focus of this topic. Case studies of cultural heritage issues will be examined at both a local and international level. Consideration will be given to the politics of cultural heritage and the implications it holds for national identity.

For 2017 topics relating to the law, as it pertains to the cultural heritage of Indigenous Australians, will be a primary focus and the topic will be co-taught by Andrew Collett, Leanne Liddle and Associate Professor Amy Roberts. Guest speakers will also be a feature of the topic with numerous perspectives on cultural heritage and the law being presented – including lectures by Indigenous peoples, lawyers, cultural heritage practitioners and former Federal Court judges.

Understanding legal issues in relation to Indigenous Australian cultural heritage is becoming increasingly necessary for those working in the Australian heritage sector and for those employed in Indigenous affairs more generally. This topic will provide students with the necessary background to contextualise Indigenous Australian heritage issues in a legal framework.

## Andrew Collett Biography

In his early career Andrew worked as a solicitor and barrister for the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement and was retained as junior counsel to act for all Aboriginal interests before the Royal Commission into British Nuclear Tests in Australia. He was subsequently retained as counsel by the traditional owners of the Maralinga Lands. Andrew has also been retained as counsel for Aboriginal people and organisations in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, the Hindmarsh Island Bridge Royal Commission, Children in State Care Inquiry, various native title claims and in a number of South Australian "stolen children" actions. In 2007 Andrew was also the Assistant Commissioner in the Children on APY Lands Inquiry. During his career Andrew has held a number of significant roles including Chairperson of the South Australian Campaign Against Racial Exploitation. In the 2014 New Year's Honours List he was awarded membership of the Order of Australia for significant service to the law in the area of Aboriginal rights.

More recent work has seen Andrew work on a number of 'Preservation of Evidence' cases including for the Kaurna Peoples, Bandjalung and Nukunu Native Title Claims. He also acted as a prosecutor in the recent highly publicised and landmark Booto Creek Case (see *Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority v OM (Manganese) Ltd [2013] NTMC 19 [2 August 2013]*). This latter case resulted in the mining company involved being fined \$150,000 for desecrating a sacred Aboriginal site (known as 'Two Women Sitting Down'). He is currently acting for the Goolarabooloo people in their native title claim over James Price Point. Andrew draws on many of his experiences in his teaching in this topic.

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## **Leanne Liddle Biography**

Leanne Liddle is a Central Arrente woman who was born in Alice Springs, Central Australia. She has strong cultural ties across the central desert region including the area where she has focused most of her work within the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands in the far north west of South Australia. Leanne has for many years managed a project within these unique and biologically diverse lands which ensures the best landscape environmental outcomes as a result of learnings which incorporate both western science and traditional land management skills.

Whilst Leanne has numerous academic qualifications, including environmental science and law and management, she believes her greatest and most important knowledge and skills were learned from her grandmother and great grandmother who taught her about traditional law and land management skills, particularly with the use of fire.

In 1988, Leanne was the first Aboriginal Policewoman for South Australia. She has also had the privilege of working overseas with the United Nations as well as a lengthy period as the Manager for the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands and the West Coast for the Department of Premier and Cabinet, South Australia. In 2014 Leanne moved back to the Northern Territory where she has took up a position as the Senior Policy Officer for the Northern Land Council. She now works for the Northern Territory Government in the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice.

Leanne is passionate about Aboriginal Affairs and aims to ensure that good policy delivers outstanding outcomes for everyone.

## **Amy Roberts Biography**

Amy Roberts is an archaeologist and anthropologist who primarily works with Indigenous communities in South Australia. In particular she continues her collaborations with the Narungga people of Yorke Peninsula and Aboriginal people from the Mid Murray and Riverland regions. Her research with these communities covers a range of areas which reflects her long-term engagement with these groups. In recent years she has focused on the rock art of the Mid Murray, the ways in which Narungga people have and continue to engage with their seascape and the pre and post-contact archaeology of the Riverland. Prior to her appointment as an academic in the Archaeology Department Amy worked as an 'expert' for a number of native title cases – including for the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region which achieved a successful determination. She continues to work in a consulting capacity on native title and Aboriginal heritage matters.

Amy is currently the Head of the Archaeology Department at Flinders University. She has published on a range heritage issues pertaining to Indigenous Australians – more details can be found at <http://www.flinders.edu.au/people/amy.roberts>.