



# STOUT RESEARCH CENTRE

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## *for New Zealand Studies*

## Newsletter Summer 2013

### John David Stout Fellow 2013

We welcome Sarah Gaitanos to the Centre as the 2013 J.D. Stout Fellow. Sarah is well known to the Stout Research Centre Community as she has held several short term non-stipendiary residencies, including during her research and writing of her biography of Nola Miller (2006) and her book about Clare Galambos Winter *The Violinist* (2011). Sarah has had a long career as an independent writer and researcher. We look forward to hearing about her research on Shirley Smith.

### New Residents

We also welcome new residents to the Centre:

#### ***Margit Wolfsberger***

Margit is a Lecturer at the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna. Her research is focusing on the relations between Austria and New Zealand. Margit presented a paper at the Pacific History Association in December at Victoria University, entitled: New Zealand and Austria at war. The paper gave an overview of the presence of Maori in Austria and the intended research about these relations in the next years.

#### ***David Burke***

David is based at Cambridge University and is currently conducting research on the history of New Zealand's security and intelligence agencies, and New Zealand's 'special relationship' with Britain and the United States. He will be chronicling and analysing the rise of an independent security system in New Zealand within the context of security in the Pacific region, taking as his starting-point colonial rivalry between Western nations in the Pacific in the eighteenth century. His research will close with NZ involvement in the United States' policy of "rebalancing" towards Asia.

#### ***Jessica Thurlow***

Dr Jessica Koffler-Thurlow received her PhD in history from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI). Her dissertation was titled "Continuity and Change in British Feminism, c. 1940-1960." She specializes in twentieth-century European and British History, women's and gender history, feminist history, and the intersections of feminist activism and religion. While at the Stout she will be working on new research covering a range of both secular and religiously-affiliated New Zealand women's organizations active during and after the Second World War, including the National Council of Women, the Order of Deaconesses Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Association of Anglican Women, and the Wellington Housewives Association.

### **Denis Welch**

Denis Welch is a writer and journalist currently researching a biography of Norman Kirk, Prime Minister from 1972 to 1974. His last book, *Helen Clark: A Political Life*, was published by Penguin in 2009. Before that, he was with the *Listener* for many years and was at various times the magazine's political columnist, arts & books editor and deputy editor. He is also the author of a novel, *Human Remains*, published in 1999.

## **Conference Update**

### **Call for Papers for 2013 Conference**

#### ***Rethinking War - Is there anything new that can be said about the First World War?***

The Stout Research Centre for New Zealand Studies is holding a multidisciplinary conference, 28-30 November 2013, on rethinking 'the Great War' especially New Zealand's connections with and contribution to it. So much work has been produced on the Gallipoli landings, trench warfare, the ANZAC symbolism, war memorials etc that there might seem little else to say. But long experience tells us we don't know what we don't know, especially on the home front; and there must be plenty of space for revisiting the events of 1914-18 almost a century later. We invite papers on any topic related to New Zealand and the First World War or that may contextualise the Great War more generally and provide fresh ways of thinking about it.

Keynote Speaker: Professor Alistair Thomson, Monash University, author of *Anzac Memories*.

A preliminary list of topics is suggested below, but any proposal (title, and abstract no longer than 300 words) is welcome.

- Alcohol and drugs
- Animals
- Children
- Equipment
- Family memory
- Fashion
- Flora and Landscape
- Food
- Games
- Labour movement
- Literary byways
- Maori role
- Material culture
- Medical history
- Opposition and resistance
- Patriotic movements
- Policing
- Politics & Religion
- Post-memory
- Propaganda
- Representations
- Toys
- Trained to kill
- Travel
- Uniforms and equipment

Please submit abstract to [Deborah.levy@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Deborah.levy@vuw.ac.nz) by **Friday 12 April 2013**. Please also provide a brief bio and C.V.

## Seminar Series

The first of our two seminar series for 2013 will begin on 13 March. The seminars are held at the Stout Research Centre Seminar Room on Wednesdays at 4.10pm.

### ***Public History in New Zealand***

13 March	Anna Green - <i>'Public History: Trickle Down or Bubble Up?'</i>
20 March	Therese Crocker - <i>The Treaty of Waitangi</i>
27 March	Barbara Mabbett - <i>Family History</i>
10 April	Julia Millen - <i>Commissioned Histories</i>
17 April	Graham Langton - <i>Archives</i>
1 May	Kristelle Plimmer - <i>The Museum</i>
8 May	Marina Sciascia - <i>Community Histories</i>
15 May	Anna Cottrell - <i>The Lives of Others</i>
22 May	Ben Schrader - <i>History Online</i>
29 May	Jock Phillips - Rapporteur and commentator Conclusion and Discussion

Further information will be available on our website in early March.

## Journal of New Zealand Studies

### **Latest Issue NS13 (2012)**

A selection of papers from the 'Man Alone' Conference held in 2011 has been published on-line in the 2012 issue of the *Journal of New Zealand Studies*. The issue has been edited by Anna Green (JNZS Editor) and the Editorial Committee, Lydia Wevers, Richard Hill, and Brad Patterson.

Back issues of the Journal are now available on-line through the Victoria University Library (On-Line Open Access website). The two earlier series *Stout Review* and *New Zealand Studies* are also available on-line.

To access the site, please visit: <http://ojs.victoria.ac.nz/jnzs/index>

Hard copies of back issues of the Journal may be purchased through the Stout Research Centre at a cost of \$25.00.

## Research Update

Lydia Wevers was successful with a Marsden grant to undertake research on *'The History of Reading in Colonial New Zealand and Australia'* for the next three years.

Richard Hill is completing his Marsden-funded research on comparative colonial policing, and is now beginning to assemble a research team to examine the history of security intelligence in New Zealand.

Keri Mills, a former associate of the Stout Centre, has been awarded her PhD, *Crossing the Mountains: Negotiating the relationship between the Department of Conservation and Māori in Tongariro National Park*, from the Australian National University. Her work investigated the relationship between the State and Māori in the creation and management of the park from the 1880s to 2008. The thesis identified the ongoing impact of this history on contemporary park management, and the difficulties faced by local park staff and tāngata whenua during the Waitangi Tribunal's National Park inquiry, as they negotiated park decisions at the same time as they negotiated their relationships.

## A History of Giving

The Stout Research Centre was founded in 1984 through the generous support of the Stout Trust, which was established from a bequest left by Dr John Stout. The Stout Trust continues to fund the annual Stout Fellowship, which has enabled research into many aspects of New Zealand society, history and culture. John Stout's gift is valued highly by today's researchers at the Stout Research Centre. We also value the contribution of all our Friends and supporters and welcome opportunities to talk with you about continuing your support through a gift in your will.

All gifts are managed by the Victoria University Foundation, a registered charitable Trust established to raise funds in areas of strategic importance to the University, such as the Stout Research Centre.

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