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2015 CHASS Australia Prizes Shortlists Announced

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) has announced the shortlists for its prestigious Australia Prizes, which will be presented on 15 October in Melbourne.

For the 2015 CHASS Australia Prize for a Book, the shortlisted titles are **Alan Atkinson, The Europeans in Australia: Volume Three: Nation** (NewSouth Publishing); **Carolyn Holbrook, ANZAC: The Unauthorised Biography** (NewSouth Publishing); and **Tim Low, Where Song Began** (Penguin Books Australia). The winner will receive \$3,500. Sponsored by Routledge, the Book Prize is being awarded to an Australian author whose non-fiction book published between January 2015 and December 2014 contributes most to Australian cultural and intellectual life.

For the 2015 CHASS Australia Prize for Distinctive Work, the shortlisted entries are **Black Diggers/Queensland Theatre Company, Pinocchio/Rosemary Myers (Windmill Theatre and State Theatre Company of South Australia)**, and **This girl laughs/Finegan Kruckemeyer. The War That Changed Us/Electric Pictures** and **Gapuwiyak Calling/Miyarrka Media** have received honourable mentions. The winner will receive \$3,500. Sponsored by Routledge, the Distinctive Work Prize is for a performance, exhibition, project or a specific advance in policy development in any Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) field between January 2014 and December 2014.

For the 2015 CHASS Australia Prize for a Future Leader, the shortlisted nominees are **Lina Andonovska, Finegan Kruckemeyer**, and **Dr Thom van Dooren**. The winner will receive \$2,000. Sponsored by Future Leaders, the Future Leader Prize is being awarded to an individual aged under 35 demonstrating clear leadership and potential in any HASS field.

For the 2015 CHASS Australia Prize for a Student, the shortlisted nominees are **Alexandra Roginski (Australian National University)**, **Betty Sargeant (RMIT University)** and **Hayley Megan French (The University of Sydney)**. The winner will receive a voucher valued at \$500. Sponsored by Co-Op, the Student Prize is for a student project, performance, exhibition or thesis that best exemplifies the contribution of HASS areas to our understanding of our nation and us.

“The annual CHASS Australia Prizes are designed to honour distinguished achievements by Australians working, studying or training in the humanities, arts and social sciences (HASS). These shortlists represent a remarkable and diverse array of talent and we are honoured to draw attention to the distinguished works. We would like to thank all the judges for their dedication and time, and for their efforts towards arriving at such strong shortlists. We would also like to thank the nominators and nominees for the high overall standard of the nominations received. We hope to see all shortlisted nominees at the Prizes Lunch and would also like to invite others in the HASS sector to come along and support them,” said CHASS Executive Director, Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz AM, FASSA.

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What: 2015 CHASS Australia Prizes
Where: Level 10, Law Building, The University of Melbourne, 185 Pelham Street, Melbourne
When: 15 October 2015
Cost per person: CHASS Member: \$121, Non-Member: \$132, Student/Concession: \$108
Web: <http://www.chass.org.au/2015-national-forum/>

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About the CHASS Australia Prizes: The CHASS Australia Prizes are awarded by CHASS at the annual CHASS National Forum. The Australia Prizes are designed to honour distinguished achievements by Australians working, studying or training in the HASS (Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences) areas, including academics, practitioners, philanthropists, policy makers and students. The Australia Prizes are intended to draw international attention to Australia's achievements in HASS. In 2015, four prizes are being given out. Two are cash prizes of \$3,500 each and are sponsored by Routledge: one for a book that enriches Australian cultural and intellectual life, the second for an exceptional artistic performance, exhibition, film, television show, play, composition or practical contribution to arts policy. The third prize, a cash prize of \$2,000 sponsored by Future Leaders, is for an individual under 35 years of age demonstrating leadership skill and potential in HASS. Co-Op has sponsored the fourth prize. It is valued at \$500 and is for a student essay, exhibition, performance, project or thesis in a HASS area. 2015 marks the second edition of the Australia Prizes.

About CHASS: Established in 2004, the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) promotes and provides advocacy services for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences in Australia. It serves as a coordinating forum for teachers, researchers, professionals and practitioners in the sector. Supporting more than 85 member organisations in their relationships with policy makers and the broader community, CHASS is an important network for knowledge and skills. It provides a strong voice to the sector and helps members to contribute to public debate through programs for knowledge exchange and media awareness. For more information, please visit www.chass.org.au or call (03) 9925 3935.