

CHASS Newsletter April 2019

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Welcome to the April newsletter

Thank you to all those who joined us in Brisbane earlier this month for our [Early Career Researchers](#) event on 3 April, and our first [HASS Stars Public Lecture](#), delivered by Professor Amanda Lotz from QUT, on 4 April. Special thanks to Professor Terry Flew from QUT for supporting both events and to all our speakers for participating. If you were not able to join us, please search for [#CHASSECR](#) and [#CHASSPublicLecture](#) on Twitter for conversations from the two events, and we hope to see you at the next one.

We are pleased to announce that [nominations for the 2019 Australia Prizes](#) have opened and we look forward to receiving your applications soon. Now in their sixth year, the annual Australia Prizes honour distinguished achievements by Australians working, studying, or training in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) sector, including academics, researchers, practitioners, philanthropists, policymakers, and students. Nominations are open for four categories - Book, Distinctive Work, Future Leader, and Student. There is no nomination fee, and we welcome self-nominations. We encourage you to apply as early as possible. To be fair to all applicants, incomplete/late submissions will not be accepted. T&Cs apply, please read the guidelines for your category carefully before applying. Do keep an eye on our [Twitter/Facebook](#) or watch this space for related announcements.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2019 CHASS AUSTRALIA PRIZES

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) is inviting nominations for its 2019 Australia Prizes. The CHASS Australia Prizes honour distinguished achievements by Australians working, studying or training in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS).

Nominations close 5pm AEST on 21 June 2019



CHASS Australia Prize for a Book (Cash Prize of \$3,500)

For a non-fiction book that contributes most to Australian culture and intellectual life



CHASS Australia Prize for a Distinctive Work (Cash Prize of \$3,500)

For a performance, exhibition, project or specific advancement in policy development in any HASS field



CHASS Australia Prize for a Future Leader (Cash Prize of \$2,000)

For a Future Leader in any aspect of the Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences





CHASS Australia Prize for a Student (Cash Prize of \$500)

For a student project, performance or exhibition that best exemplifies the contribution of HASS to our understanding of ourselves and our nation

With thanks to our sponsors:  

Nominate now: www.chass.org.au/2019-australia-prizes

General Terms & Conditions

-  No nomination fee
-  Self nominations are welcome
-  Five copies of supporting documents required
-  Incomplete applications will not be considered

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HASS Your Say: **Design 42: ASSH in an Age of Disruption: STEM + A = TEAMS - The Way Forward**

Professor Robbie Roberston from Swinburne University of Technology argues that STEM and ASSH do not exist in isolation from each other; in fact, they have much to gain from collaboration, especially in teaching and research.

As universities adjust to funding changes and to the emerging new technologies of Industry 4.0, ASSH (Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities) disciplines are often relegated behind STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) disciplines as drivers for innovation and as worthwhile preparers for future careers.

This paper from the School of Arts, Social Science & Humanities at Swinburne University of Technology argues that such an approach misses the importance of collaboration in driving innovation. STEM and ASSH do not exist in isolation from each other; in fact, they have much to gain from collaboration, especially in teaching and research.

Unfortunately, much of the debate that surrounds the dichotomisation of University programs also betrays a fundamental misunderstanding of the challenges in employment, technology, demography and geopolitics that all societies face. After examining each of these challenges in detail, this paper argues that - far from being irrelevant - ASSH disciplines play a pivotal role in helping societies understand and adjust to these challenges. They also assist in creating the tools for adjustment, namely through developing human capital, valuing diversity, and transforming learning.

But like all university disciplines, some of the most pressing challenges ASSH disciplines face are internally generated. These mostly concern the learning environment: the way we teach and how we house our staff and students. We should approach these challenges in the same way we face wider societal challenges. Indeed, given the wealth of resources at our fingertips, we should not fear embracing the future with optimism.

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HASS Your Say: **Being Seen**

If you are looking for a new job, [the Research Whisperer's](#) Dr Tseen Khoo suggests that you play the long game, by positioning yourself to be seen. In particular, she talks about improving your profile on social media, leaning on friends for support, and getting yourself out and about.

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Looking for another role be an exciting and/or daunting state. It could mean that you're finishing your PhD, coming to the end of your contract (still waiting to hear if your contract is renewed...), or wanting to move on from where you are. There is work to do, however, before you are actually on that market. It is important work that needs to be started before you're looking.

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Renewing your CHASS membership

As a CHASS member, your organisation is part of an essential network for communication and collaboration across the diverse disciplines and institutions operating in HASS.

We collaborate with our members to organise **local and interstate events**, make **policy submissions**, and for **advocacy**. Members have access to various services such as the **daily media monitoring update**, **event listings** on our website and newsletter, **profiling opportunities** in our newsletter, and **social media support** and promotion. Only current financial members can nominate representatives to **join our Board** and vote at the Annual General Meeting. Members get **discounted tickets** to attend the annual CHASS Australia Prizes Dinner and other events. For more information, [contact us](#) today.

We sent out membership renewal letters and invoices to you in July 2018. If you haven't done so already, please take the time to renew your annual membership and remain a part of our community.

A unified voice is of increased significance in the face of new challenges, and your continued support is crucial for helping the sector pave its way confidently into the future. You make up the lifeblood of CHASS, and we greatly value your involvement and contribution. We look forward to continuing our association with you and seeing you at the next CHASS event.

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