

THE DR JOHN MCCULLOCH MEMORIAL PRIZE

ANNUAL \$1000 PRIZE



The School of Communication and Arts is delighted to continue the annual prize open to any Higher Degree Research (HDR) student within the School who presents a paper at the forthcoming 2019 WiP Conference. **To be considered for the prize, written and fully referenced papers must be submitted for judging no later than 4 October, and must be presented at the 2019 WiP Conference.**

Dr John McCulloch OAM (1938-2010) died of pancreatic cancer in 2010, shortly after submitting his PhD thesis, a biography of Queensland suffragist Elizabeth Brentnall. John was a researcher with a special interest in the advancement of gender equity. His published work includes *From Suffragists to Legislators*, written to mark the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Queensland. John was a senior parliamentary research officer at the State Parliamentary Library (1984-1995), but also found time to undertake voluntary work for the Queensland and Australian Youth Hostels Association, served as convenor of the Homelessness Taskforce 99, and was a part-time researcher for St Vincent de Paul. John was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in January 2000 for service to youth.

Premier Anna Bligh is recorded in Hansard (28th October 2010) as stating in Parliament, "The word 'progressive' is bandied about constantly in political circles and its definition is widely argued, but to my mind John McCulloch was a true political progressive. He was a deep thinker, an activist and a doer." John had a long connection to The University of Queensland: roles included activity as a student, as a tutor, and as an elected Sub-Dean of the Arts Faculty. He was a member of the first Campus Camp group, established in 1973, and continued throughout his life to be a strong advocate on equity issues. Dr John McCulloch significantly contributed not only to the lives of students in the School and the University, but also to the WiP Conference which he convened and attended while he was completing his studies. But to many of us, John was an unassuming fellow student - supportive, collegial and encouraging.

We are delighted to have the support of John's family and partner Gary in creating this prize, for Communication and Arts students, in memory of a fellow student. Gary Portley has generously offered to donate the prize to be offered at this WiP conference in memory of Dr John McCulloch OAM. The award will be presented at the conference to the author of the winning paper.

School of Communication and Arts HDR students participating in the forthcoming WIP conference are invited to **submit their written papers no later than 4 October**. Written papers should be fully referenced and be **no longer than 2000 words (excluding bibliography)**. Papers will be judged by an SCA panel, drawn from across a range of disciplines, and the decision of the judges will be final. Judges will select the winning paper based on academic standards; criteria include argument structure, knowledge of the field, clarity of written expression, attention to referencing, and salience of content in relation to the annual conference theme. The papers must be presented at the conference for the SCA student to be eligible for the award.

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Dr John McCulloch Memorial Prize submissions due by
4 October 2019 to uqwip2019@gmail.com

Keynote: Dr Emma A Jane, University of New South Wales

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