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AHSN 2015: Call for Papers CLOSING SOON

AHSN Members, you have less than a month to submit an abstract for AHSN 2015 – “Humour: Politics, Pragmatics, Ethics”!

Proposals are welcome for papers from the broad range of humour studies, particularly those that bear on the social, cultural, political and linguistic functions of humour.

The Call for Papers closes on **Wednesday 10 September 2014**.

For more information, visit the [AHSN Website](#) or [Flinders AHSN Conference Website](#).

To submit your proposal, visit the [AHSN Events Page](#). Submission format and review procedures are outlined on the website.

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AHSN Conference 2015

4-6 February 2015

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10 September 2014

**THE 21ST AUSTRALASIAN
HUMOUR STUDIES
NETWORK CONFERENCE**

Adelaide, South Australia
4-6 February





AHSN members **Jessica Milner Davis** (University of Sydney), **Will Noonan**, Universite de Bourgogne (Dijon) and **Jon Doust**, writer and comedy practitioner (WA), conferring with a distinguished ring-in from Universiteit Utrecht.

Mischief in Utrecht: ISHS 2014

AHSN was strongly represented at the ISHS 2014 Conference in Utrecht, The Netherlands, last month.

Our members returned home with new ideas, new research and an advance notice for ISHS 2015.

This includes an opportunity to present your work at a panel on Australasian Humour Research.

See the details below.

Advance Notice: ISHS 2015

Hold the Dates for ISHS 2015 in San Francisco, 29 June-3 July 2015

The 2015 ISHS Conference will take place from 29 June to 3 July at Holy Names University, Oakland, California. The Convenor is Dr Martin Lampert (Psychology, HNU), who is also the Executive Secretary of the ISHS. Holy Names University kindly administers website and finances for the ISHS and this promises to be a well-supported conference.

Call for Expressions of Interest in an AHSN Panel at ISHS 2015

AHSN has been invited to offer an Australasian Panel of Humour Research in which AHSN members would present on their work with a particular focus on regional topics. If you think you may be able to attend the 2015 Conference and would like to contribute, please contact Bruce Findlay bfindlay@swin.edu.au or Jessica Milner Davis Jessica.davis@sydney.edu.au

Upcoming Events

FIRtH Humour Studies Group Event

Lecture on "Rhetoric, Humour and Persuasion in Mediaeval French (9th - 15th centuries)" by Professor Olivier Bertrand

Date: Thursday 28 August 2014, at 6.30pm

Venue: Horace Lamb Lecture Theatre, Adelaide University

You are warmly invited to this presentation on French mediaeval humour, co-hosted by the Flinders Institute for Research in the Humanities, Flinders University, and the Dept of French, The University of Adelaide.

Olivier Bertrand is Professor of Historical Linguistics at the University of Cergy-Pontoise and Chair of the Dept of Languages and Cultures at the École Polytechnique, Paris. His presentation will be delivered largely in English, but will appeal to both francophone and anglophone audiences.

It is free of charge and open to members of the public. Refreshments, including wine and cheese, will be served from 5.45 pm.

The FIRtH Humour Studies Group consists of Dr Christine Nicholls, Dr Colette Mrowa-Hopkins, Associate Professor Robert Phiddian, and Dr Antonella Stramb.

Please RSVP to Joy Tennant on: Joy.Tennant@flinders.edu.au

Silent Film Festival: Charlie Chaplin and More!

Sydneysiders are in for another treat with a series of silent films starring Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Laurel and Hardy, and more.

Cliff Bingham will accompany the films on the mighty theatre organ.

Dates: Saturdays 16 August, 20 September and 18 October

Venue: Epping Baptist Church, 1 Ray Road, Epping, NSW

Tickets: \$25 per adult/\$20 concession



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If you're more of a Chaplin fan, you might enjoy *Charlie Chaplin: 100 Years in Film*.

Dr Paul Paviour OAM will accompany digital restorations of four classic silent short comedies. The first two are the first films released to the public in 1914: *Making a Living* (1914); *Kid Auto Races* (1914); *The Champion* (1915); *The Vagabond* (1916).

Date: Saturday October 4 at 2pm

Venue: St Jude's Church, Bendooley Street, Bowral, NSW

Tickets: \$20/\$15 concession, through Festival website home page. Cash sales at the door.

More details: www.ozsilentfilmfestival.com.au

Medieval and Early Modern Centre (MEMC) and AHSN Joint Seminar



Accessing English Humour in Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Texts: Sources, Contexts, Intentions, Reception

Date: 17 September 2014, 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Venue: Common Room, John Woolley Building (N480 – 4th floor)
University of Sydney, Camperdown (main) campus
PROGRAMME

April Bertels-Garnsey, English, University of Sydney

Looking at the One-Eyed Garlic Seller: Riddle 86 in Anglo-Saxon England and Beyond.

Anna Wallace, English, University of Sydney

Classroom Insults in Byrhtferth's Enchiridion

Chenoa Hunter, English, University of Sydney

'They lawghed all as they were wylde': Mockery and Masculinity in The Book of Sir Tristram de Lyones

Sabina Rahman, English, University of Sydney

Humour in the Early Robin Hood Ballad.

Refreshments

Discussants:

Em. Prof. Conal Condren FAHA FASSA (University of Queensland)

Prof. Daniel Anlezark (University of Sydney)

To assist catering, please RSVP to Jessica Milner Davis, AHSN Co-ordinator:

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**CALL FOR PAPERS AND AHSN PANEL:
Contemporary Australian Humour and Politics**

The Association for the Study of Australian Literature (ASAL) is holding a Conference on “**The Power and the Passion: Contemporary Australian Literature and Politics.**”

Date: 11 – 13 February 2015

Venue: University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales.

Guest Speakers will be Fiona Capp and Helen Garner.

Jessica Milner Davis (English, Sydney) and Mark Rolfe (Politics, UNSW) are convening a Panel on Contemporary Australian Humour and Politics and would like to hear from any AHSN members who are interested in contributing to this conference.

The Conference takes place a week after the AHSN2015 Conference at Flinders University, 4-6 February 2015.

Please email Jessica: Jessica.davis@sydney.edu.au or Mark: m.rolfe@unsw.edu.au

More information on the ASAL Conference, visit their website:

<http://www.une.edu.au/about-une/academic-schools/school-of-arts/asal2015>

New ASHN Member Publications

Władysław Chłopicki. 2014. “Review of Debra Aarons. 2012. *Jokes and the Linguistic Mind*. New York and London: Routledge Taylor & Francis. 272 pp. ISBN 9780415890496.” *HUMOR: International Journal of Humor Research*, Vol. 27/3 (2014), 529-31. At: DOI 10.1515/humor-2014-0077

Anne Pender. 2014. The Death of Satire: Rewriting The 10 Commandments on the ABC. *New Matilda*. 14 Aug. 2014. At: <https://newmatilda.com/2014/08/14/death-satire-rewriting-10-commandments-abc>

Ronald Stewart. 2014. “Manga history: Shimizu Isao and Miyamoto Hirohito on Japan’s first modern ‘manga’ artist Kitazawa Rakuten”. *Manga Studies* #2. *Comics Forum*, June 2014. At: <http://comicsforum.org/2014/06/14/manga-studies-2-manga-history-shimizu-isao-and-miyamoto-hirohito-on-japans-first-modern-manga-artist-kitazawa-rakuten-by-ronald-stewart/>

Looking for another great read?

Check out the *European Journal of Humour Research*. A new issue (2.1, 2014) of this on-line open access journal has just been published at:

<http://www.europeanjournalofhumour.org/index.php/ejhr/issue/current>

Postgrad Congratulations: Mahmud Farjami

Congratulations to S. Mahmud Farjami who has successfully defended his thesis at Sains Universiti Malaysia on “Motivations of Iranian Political Satirists: A Case Study”. He also received the Best Thesis Award!

Mahmud was an Invited Speaker at the 2013 AHSN Conference held at University of Newcastle. He is also Coordinator of iTanz, the online website of Persian humour and satire: <http://www.itanz.net/>



Do you know a promising grad student?

The Digest is looking to showcase graduate students at the early stages of their projects. If you've got a student in mind, please encourage them to send us a 250 words summary of their project and we will feature them in the coming months.

Postgrads, you are of course welcome to contact us of your own volition.

Send submissions to your Eds (Rebecca at rebecca.higgie@curtin.edu.au or Jessica at Jessica.davis@sydney.edu.au) and let us celebrate and encourage upcoming talent in humour research.

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