

## **Call for expressions of interest for new editor/s of *Labour History***

*Labour History* is the journal of the Australian Society for the Study of Labour History (ASSLH). First published in 1962, and issued biannually (in May and November), the journal is the premier outlet for refereed, scholarly articles in its field in Australasia and is highly-regarded in international circles.

While the focus of *Labour History* remains Australasia, we publish:

- articles that engage in international historiographical debates and theory;
- innovative articles on labour, political, cultural, and social history in other countries and regions including from comparative and transnational perspectives.

*Labour History* is committed to the view that history has a social purpose. Besides publishing scholarly articles, *Labour History* aims to strengthen the network of labour historians and to reflect their involvement in the practice of history in the community. As such, we publish short essays, review articles, notices of coming events, contributions on the teaching of history, and on ethical, professional and legal issues affecting historians.

Due to other commitments, the current editor of *Labour History*, John Shields, wishes to step down from the position after a five year term as chair of the journal's Sydney-based Editorial Working Party (EWP).

The ASSLH Annual General Meeting, held on 20 November 2015, authorised the incoming Federal Executive to issue a new call for expressions of interest in the journal's editorship from suitably qualified applicants located in any Australian university or universities. The new Federal Executive welcomes applications from all interested parties. Expressions of interest should be received by COB 15 January 2016.

The intention is to appoint a new editor or editorial team in late January 2016 so that they can work with the current Editor, Editorial Working Party and Editorial Coordinator to achieve a smooth transition in the months leading up to the publication of the May 2016 issue (No 110). The planned timeline is as follow:

- 30 January 2016: new editorial team announced;

- 1 March 2016: beginning of transition process for new articles and articles not earmarked for submission to the May edition;
- 1 June 2016: formal handover to the new editorial team.

**Note that there is also now no expectation that the incoming editor/s should be able to provide financial support from their institution/s for journal operations.** The University of Sydney Business School will continue to provide funding and office accommodation until the publication of the May 2016 issue. The Federal Executive will also shortly establish a sub-committee to investigate alternative journal production and funding possibilities for the latter half of 2016 and beyond. Consideration will be given to a range of options – from continued ‘in-house’ production to commercial partnership.

Expressions of interest should include:

- A brief outline of key ideas on the future direction of the journal.
- Proposed future role and configuration of the Editorial Working Party, which currently oversees the day-to-day workings of the journal.

Expressions of interest should include a brief CV (one page max) for each member of the proposed team, including previous editorial or organisational experience and research strengths, and be sent to Dr Nick Dyrenfurth, Federal Secretary, Australian Society for the Study of Labour History Email: [nick.dyrenfurth@monash.edu](mailto:nick.dyrenfurth@monash.edu).

The office-holders of the Federal Executive, including the current President (Nikki Balnave), Secretary (Nick Dyrenfurth), and the current Editor (John Shields), would be happy to discuss the possibilities and prospects with potential applicants.