**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 debates in labour historiography and theory;
* innovative articles on labour and social history in other countries and regions;
* comparative and transnational perspectives on Australian labour and social history.

*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 labour history, and on ethical, professional and legal issues affecting labour historians.

The current editor of *Labour History*, John Shields, will be stepping down from the position in late 2015 after a five year term as chair of the journal’s Sydney-based Editorial Working Party (EWP).

The ASSLH Federal Executive, in consultation with the Editorial Board of *Labour History,* wishes to appoint a new editor or editorial team to the position by mid-2015 to allow for a smooth transition. The Federal Executive welcomes expressions of interest from applicants located in any Australian university or universities, to be received by Friday 1 May 2015. 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 EWP, which currently oversees the day-to-day workings of the journal.
* The level of institutional support in terms of financial and administrative assistance and, where relevant, teaching relief to be provided by the new editor or editorial team.

Applicants should note that the present EWP is currently supported by an Assistant Editor (Carl Power) for two and a half days per week and an Administrative Assistant (Yasmin Rittau) for one day per week. Any Expression of Interest would need to include an account of the resources available to support the personnel required to produce the journal.  While the present occupants of these roles are Sydney-based, the Federal Executive does not see this as an impediment to the journal being located/co-located at any Australian university campus/campuses.

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. The office-holders of the federal executive, including the current President (Nikki Balnave), Secretary (Nick Dyrenfurth) and Editor (John Shields), would be happy to discuss the possibilities and prospects with potential applicants. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Executive via john.shields@sydney.edu.au.