

Dr Matthew Cunningham: Curriculum Vitae

Key Skills:

- Trained historian with substantial experience in academic and commissioned research.
- Proven ability to manage and contribute to large individual and team research projects.
- Demonstrated success in supervising research projects.
- Proven ability to discuss and defend research (including in a commission of inquiry setting).
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Strong organisational and administrative skills.
- Substantial experience in teaching, mentoring and managing individuals in both an academic and professional environment.
- Experience in providing high-quality technical advice to Tribunal members and managers.
- Demonstrated success in a senior technical leadership role, including designing best practice processes, providing thought leadership, developing staff capacity and providing quality assurance.
- Able to work well under pressure, balance multiple priorities, and meet deadlines.
- Familiarity with tikanga Māori (including basic proficiency in te reo Māori).

Main research specialities:

Although I am interested in a broad range of historical subjects, my main areas of speciality are:

- The ‘history of the right’, including conservatism, populism, authoritarianism, and fascism.
- Crown-Māori relations, in particular as it concerns environmental management.
- The Treaty of Waitangi and the Waitangi Tribunal.
- The history and politics of space exploration.
- Historical theory and methodology, in particular comparative history and public history.

Education:

Doctor of Philosophy (History) Victoria University of Wellington	Graduated 2015
Bachelor of Arts with Honours (First Class) Victoria University of Wellington	Graduated 2010
Graduate Diploma of Arts Victoria University of Wellington	Graduated 2009
Bachelor of Information Technology (major in Software Engineering) Southern Cross University	Graduated 2005

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Employment History:

Senior Facilitator (formerly titled Senior Research Analyst/Inquiry Facilitator) December 2013 - Current
Waitangi Tribunal Unit

Key responsibilities

- Providing strategic advice to judges, Tribunal panel members and senior management on inquiry processes, research planning, claimant dynamics, jurisdictional issues, long-term planning and work programmes, and other matters.
- Planning, developing, co-ordinating and supervising Tribunal research programmes.
- Managing Tribunal inquiries throughout their lifecycle.
- Managing the IT, te reo Māori and recruitment portfolios for my section.
- Liaising with claimant communities, lawyers, Crown agencies, researchers and other stakeholders.
- Training and managing staff.
- Undertaking commissioned research.

Research Analyst/Inquiry Facilitator July 2012 – December 2013
Waitangi Tribunal Unit

Key responsibilities

- Providing procedural advice and support to judges and Tribunal panel members.
- Possessing knowledge of inquiry groups, claim issues, past processes and inquiry scope.
- Writing briefing papers, memos, event reports, and drafting memorandum-directions.
- Liaising with claimant communities, lawyers, Crown agencies, researchers and other stakeholders.
- Undertaking commissioned research.

Lecturer November 2012
Community Continuing Education Centre, Victoria University of Wellington

Key responsibilities

- Designing and performing lectures for a three-week course titled ‘Space Race Politics: Rockets and Rhetoric’.

Tutor/Teaching Assistant July 2010- December 2011
Victoria University of Wellington

Key responsibilities

- Tutored for ‘HIST120: Global History’ (semester 2 2010), ‘HIST222: Australian History – Contests for a Nation’ (semester 2 2011), and ‘HIST228/HIST310: War and Propaganda in the Twentieth Century’ (semester 3 2011). Also designed and presented several lectures for HIST222.
- Coordinated weekly workshop exercises and tutorials.
- Assisted in carrying out examination and assessment duties.

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- Provided expert guidance and scholarly advice to students.
- Delivered comments and academic grades in a timely fashion.

Feature Writer
Salient Magazine

February 2010 –
May 2010

Key responsibilities

- Researched and wrote featured content on a variety of subjects, including [universal versus voluntary student membership](#), [conscientious objection and the ANZAC tradition](#), and [internet censorship in China and Iran](#).

Information Analyst
Electronic Data Systems (later Hewlett Packard)

August 2005 –
June 2010

Key responsibilities

- Maintenance and enhancement of police information systems.
- Programming in Java and html.
- Business analysis and requirements scoping.
- Database management.
- Planning and co-ordinating large-scale projects.
- Client liaison.

Professional Publications:

- *Wellington, my home: a memoir of Brian Murray Fox*, Tawa: YourBooks, 2017.
- ‘Northland rural rivers: environmental management, pollution, and kaitiakitanga since 1991’, Waitangi Tribunal Unit, June 2016 ([Wai 1040, #A60](#)).
- ‘The environmental management of the Waipa River and its tributaries’, Waitangi Tribunal Unit, March 2014 ([Wai 898, #A150](#)).
- ‘The environmental management of the Mokau River mouth’, Waitangi Tribunal Unit, March 2014 ([Wai 898, #A149](#)).
- ‘Australian Fascism? A revisionist analysis of the ideology of the New Guard’, *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 13:3 (September 2012): 375-393.
- ‘The New Zealand Legion’, *New Zealand History online* (2012), <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/politics/the-new-zealand-legion>.
- ‘“Familiarising the Foreign”: New Zealand soldiers’ observations on landscape during the Gallipoli Campaign’, *New Zealand Journal of History* 45:2 (October 2011): 209-224.
- ‘Conservative Protest or Conservative Radicalism? The New Zealand Legion in a comparative context, 1930-1935’, *Journal of New Zealand Studies* 10 (2011): 139-158.
- ‘All American Hero who Missed the Moon’, *Spaceflight: The Magazine of Astronautics and Outer Space* 51:7 (July 2009): 252-255.
- ‘“But Why, Some Say, the Moon?” The politics of Apollo during the Kennedy Administration, 1961-1963’, *Quest: The History of Spaceflight* 16:1 (January 2009): 32-45.

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Fellowships, Scholarships and Awards:

Postgraduate Research Excellence Award Victoria University of Wellington	Awarded 2012
Victoria PhD Scholarship Victoria University of Wellington	Awarded 2010
Victoria Graduate Award Victoria University of Wellington	Awarded 2009
Australian High Commissioner's Prize Victoria University of Wellington	Awarded 2008
Yeates Award Southern Cross University	Awarded 2003

Television:

- Consulted for 'Underbelly: Razor', a TV miniseries on the 'Razor Gangs' in Sydney in the twenties and thirties, September 2011.
- Consulted for 'The years that made us: Australia between the wars', a documentary on the interwar years in Australia, Beyond Screen Productions, August 2011.

Interests and Hobbies:

- Fiction writing (first book due for release in May 2019 by Penguin / Random House)
- Politics and current affairs
- Reading
- Volunteer work
- Singing (vocal range E2-G4)

Referees:

Can be provided on request.