

Our Founding Patron

Curriculum Vitae

1930-1940

Schooling in Western Australia

1941

Entered State Public Service. Application for navigation cadetship at sea

1942-1946

1942-1946 Service at sea on tankers

1946-1948

1946-1948 Employed in State Public Service of Western Australia including Field Officer in Native Affairs (Aborigines) Department. Completing education

1949

Entered University of Western Australia with a Hackett Scholarship.

1950-1954

Writing plays and presenting talks for the Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) Perth

1954

Awarded Bachelor of Arts Degree with First Class Honours in History Thesis entitled "Native Administration in Western Australia, 1886-1905", iii, 125 pages typescript, illustrated.

Studying Chinese language and archival studies in Canberra.

1954-1960

1954-1960 Post-graduate studies in Chinese History at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University

1955-1960

Project in France to locate French historical records relating to the discovery and settlement of Australia.

1959

Director, New Zealand French Pacific Records Project to locate and copy French records and art-works relating to New Zealand discovery and settlement.

1960-1967

Lecturer in History, UWA.

1962-1965

Drama critic, for the Critic, University of Western Australia.

1963-2002

Expedition leader verifying data in French and other expedition log books, and locating original survey and scientific sites and observatories used by the French explorers

1967-1972

Senior Lecturer in History, UWA.

1968-1974

Convener, Chinese Language Syllabus Committee and Chief Examiner of Leaving and Matriculation Certificate Chinese Language.

1969

Convenor, Oriental section, Australasian Universities Language and Literature Association (AULLA) Conference

1970

Ford Foundation Grant to present a paper at a Conference on China in the USA.

1971-1972

Visiting Professor, Academia Sinica, the Chinese higher research university, Taipei.

1973-1989

Associate Professor of History, UWA.

1975-1989

Director, Centre for East Asian Studies, University of Western Australia. Editor, Occasional Papers of the Centre for East Asian Studies UWA

1979-1980

Leverhulme European Fellowship and visiting scholar in Germany with the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst.

1981-1989

Adviser on European archives to the American Project on Missionary Archives on China.

1982-1983

Arts Member, Western Australia Instant Lottery Arts Distribution Advisory Committee.

1982-1985

Arts Councillor, Western Australian Arts Council

1986-1987

Visiting scholar in Germany with the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
Chairman, Shark Bay Study Group.
Chairman, Western Australian Academic Committee for Co-operation with the French Government Bicentennial Authority

1987-1988

Project Manager for the collation and publication of a list of sources for the study of the Shark Bay Region.

1990

Resident Scholar LISWA.

1993

Created Chevalier in the Ordre National du Mérite.

1993-

President, West Australian Maritime Industries Education Foundation

1994-

Literary Judge, Todhunter Literary Award (Australasian Regional)

1995-

Director, Charting the Southern Coast of Australia Project Awarded Mapping Sciences Institute Medal for the best article in the journal Cartography

1995-

Director, Centre for the Study of the Southland

1996-

Visiting Professor University of Notre Dame Australia

2001-

Resident Scholar, Noongar Aboriginal Language and Culture Centre

2002

Elected to a seat on the French Académie des Sciences d'Outre Mer, Paris

2003

Founding Patron of the Woodside Valley Foundation

Awards

1970

Ford Foundation Grant to present a research paper at a Conference on China in America.

1979-1980

Leverhulme European Fellowship Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Fellowship.

1986-1987

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Fellowship.

1993

Chevalier in the Ordre National du Mérite

1995-

Mapping Sciences Institute Medal for the best article in the journal Cartography

2003

Appointed a foreign member of the Académie des Sciences d'Outre-mer in Paris

2004

Appointed Member (AM) General Division of the Order of Australia