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Google Scholar: scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=ptGWM7cAAAAJ

Overview

Kate Bagnall is a social historian whose research focuses on the intersections of migration, family and the law in the British settler colonial world. She is best known as a scholar of Chinese Australasian history, specialising in histories of women, children and families, and the history of the White Australia Policy and colonial anti-Chinese laws and policies.

Kate's recent book, [Locating Chinese Women: Historical Mobility between China and Australia](#) (HKU Press, 2021), co-edited with Julia Martínez, is the first scholarly collection on Chinese-Australian women's history. This research on Chinese Australian women builds on her earlier work on interracial relationships and Chinese-European families in colonial and early post-Federation Australia.

Kate has a longstanding interest in the legal and administrative history of the White Australia Policy, and a fascination with the paper trail it has left behind. Her article with Sophie Couchman, [Identification Photography and the Surveillance of Chinese Mobility in Colonial Australasia](#) (Australian Historical Studies, 2023) won the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society's Annual Prize in Legal History for 2024.

Kate began her career in public history and archives, completing her PhD in History at the University of Sydney while working at the National Archives of Australia in Canberra. At the National Archives, Kate worked on ground-breaking digital history projects such as [Documenting a Democracy](#) and [Uncommon Lives](#). She continues her interest in digital history with projects such as the [Real Face of White Australia](#) with Tim Sherratt.

From 2022 to 2026, Kate has partnered with colleagues in history, heritage, archeology and architecture on the [Everyday Heritage](#) project, researching everyday but overlooked forms of Australian

heritage. Kate has overseen the Tasmanian case study, exploring the history and heritage of Chinese Tasmanians.

Kate has worked extensively with family and community historians and, from 2017 to 2019, she ran the [Chinese Australian Hometown Heritage Tour](#) with Sophie Couchman. Visiting Hong Kong and Guangdong, the tour enabled descendants of early Cantonese migrants to Australia to experience the history, culture and landscapes of their ancestral homes. The tour drew on Kate's fieldwork in towns and villages of the Pearl River Delta, an area she first visited in the mid-1990s.

Before joining the University of Tasmania in 2019, Kate was an ARC DECRA Research Fellow at the University of Wollongong (2016–2019), researching the history of Chinese naturalisation in colonial Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Research interests

Kate's current research projects are:

- [Everyday Heritage](#), Australian Research Council Linkage Project (LP200301446), 2022–2026, in collaboration with Tracy Ireland (University of Canberra), Jane Lydon (University of Western Australia), Tim Sherratt (University of Canberra) and Sharon Veale (GML Heritage)
- *Chinese Tasmanian Stories* 塔華舊事, digital history project on the history and heritage of the Chinese in Tasmania
- book project on married women's nationality, race and citizenship rights in twentieth-century Australia, in collaboration with Emma Bellino and Sharon Crozier-De Rosa (University of Wollongong)
- [The Real Face of White Australia](#), digital history project with Tim Sherratt
- *Chinese British Subjects*, book project on the history of Chinese naturalisation in the British settler colonial world (on hold)

Kate's research interests include:

- legal and social histories of migration and citizenship
- the White Australia Policy and earlier colonial anti-Chinese restriction laws
- overseas Chinese family life
- Chinese migration and settlement in colonial Australasia (especially New South Wales, New Zealand and Tasmania)
- Chinese transnationalism and qiaoxiang ties
- Chinese Australian documentary heritage
- biography and microhistory

Teaching summary

Kate teaches in the History and Family History programs at the University of Tasmania.

From 2019–2023, she coordinated the Family History program, including the Diploma of Family History and the Undergraduate Certificate in Family History.

Kate's teaching responsibilities have included:

- Diploma of Family History R2H (Course Coordinator, 2019–2023)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Family History A0H (Course Coordinator, 2022–2023)
- Introduction to Family History HAA003 (Unit Coordinator)
- Migrant Families HAA108 (Unit Coordinator)
- Families and War HAA107 (Unit Coordinator)
- Families in History HTA384 (Unit Coordinator)
- Australian History in Global Context HTA206 (Lecturer)
- History and Cultural Heritage HTA380 (Lecturer)

For her teaching, Kate has been awarded:

- CALE Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning (Team Teaching Award, HTA206 Australian History in a Global Context, 2021)
- UTAS Unit Commendation (HAA108 Migrant Families, 2025)
- UTAS Student-Nominated Teaching Appreciation Certificates (Individual and 2 x Team, HAA108 Migrant Families, 2024)
- UTAS Teaching Commendation (HAA003 Introduction to Family History, 2024)
- Open Universities Australia Top Performing Units (HAA108 Migrant Families, 2022)
- UTAS Teaching Commendation (HAA003 Introduction to Family History, 2020)

Kate welcomes expressions of interest from potential Honours and PhD students with interests in:

- the history of the family (including family history/genealogy)
- Australian women's history
- history of migration and citizenship in Australia and New Zealand
- history of Chinese migration and settlement in Australia and New Zealand
- biography and microhistory

Experience

Academic Employment

Senior Lecturer, School of Humanities, University of Tasmania	2019-present
DECRA Research Fellow, School of Humanities and Social Inquiry, University of Wollongong	2016-2019

Non-Academic Employment

Freelance Historian and Editor, Self-employed	2014-2015
Senior Editor, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	2011-2014
Editor, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	2009-2011
Early Career Summer Fellow, National Museum of Australia	2009
Website Content Developer, National Archives of Australia	2003-2009
Graduate (Australian Public Service), National Archives of Australia	2002
ESL Teacher, Zhuhai Australian English Language Centre	1997

Education

Degrees

PhD (History) , University of Sydney	1998-2006
BA Hons (History) , University of Sydney	1993-1996

Language Competencies

Can read, write, speak, understand spoken and peer review English

Can read French

Can read, speak and understand spoken Chinese (Mandarin)

Can speak and understand spoken Chinese (Cantonese)

Fields of Research

430302 Australian history

430323 Transnational history

430319 Migration history

Memberships

Memberships

Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society - Member	2024-present
Tasmanian Historical Research Association - Member	2021-present
Professional Historians Association (Victoria and Tasmania) - Professional Historian	2020-present
Australian Historical Association - Member	2012-present
Chinese Australian Historical Society Inc. - Founding Life Member	2002-present

Supervision (1 graduates)

Current Doctoral Supervision

Thesis title: <i>Women in the New Norfolk Asylum in the Late Nineteenth Century</i> , Student name: Francine Lesley Targett	2026
Thesis title: <i>Food and Health in Australia's Past</i> , Student name: Gregory Richard Cooke	2025
Thesis title: <i>The women of the Flinders Ranges, 1850-1890.</i> , Student name: Elizabeth Norma Walsh	2022
Thesis title: <i>Re-imagining the Lived Spaces of a Family of Tasmanian Women</i> , Student name: Ann-Marie Susan Ezzy	2021

Completed Doctoral Supervision

Thesis title: <i>Irish Relations with Indigenous Peoples in Colonial Australia and New Zealand</i> , Student name: Ciara Margaret Smart	2020-2025
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External PHD/Masters Supervision

Thesis title: <i>Marriage, Women's Nationality, and Australia's Asian Communities in the Early 20th Century</i> , Student name: Emma Bellino	2017-2025
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Service & Engagement

Media Publications

<i>Love across racial boundaries: the true history behind Netflix's My Brilliant Career</i> , The Conversation, doi.org/10.64628/AA.t66skxsxn	2026
<i>Why doesn't Hobart have a Chinatown?</i> , The Conversation, theconversation.com/why-doesnt-hobart-have-a-chinatown-272260	2026
<i>Studying family history at the University of Tasmania</i> , The Ancestral Searcher, www.familyhistoryact.org.au/searchtasindex	2023
<i>The Chungking Legation: Australia's first diplomatic mission to China, 80 years ago</i> , The Conversation, theconversation.com/the-chungking-legation-australias-first-diplomatic-mission-to-china-80-years-ago-169637	2021
<i>'Your government makes us go': The hidden history of Chinese Australian women at a time of anti-Asian immigration laws</i> , The Conversation, theconversation.com/your-government-makes-us-go-the-hidden-history-of-chinese-australian-women-at-a-time-of-anti-asian-immigration-laws-154821	2021
<i>Opening the archives of White Australia</i> , Traces Magazine, tracesmagazine.com.au	2021
<i>Tracing the lives of early Chinese families in colonial Australia</i> , Traces Magazine, www.utas.edu.au/about/news-and-stories/articles/2021/1124-tracing-the-lives-of-early-chinese-families-in-colonial-australia	2019
<i>Cantonese connections: The origins of Australia's early Chinese migrants</i> , Traces Magazine, tracesmagazine.com.au	2019
<i>Chinese Australians in print</i> , Unbound (The National Library of Australia Magazine), web.archive.org/web/20201216112704/http://www.nla.gov.au/unbound/chinese-australians-in-print	2018
<i>The murderer and the missionary: Gazettes and newspapers in Trove uncover Chinese-Australian history</i> , Trove Blog (National Library of Australia), web.archive.org/web/20180129060835/http://www.nla.gov.au/blogs/trove/2018/01/1/the-murderer-and-the-missionary	2018
<i>Chinese Australians and the Immigration Restriction Act in New South Wales A guide to finding records</i> , chineseaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Chinese-Australians-and-the-Immigration-Restriction-Act_August-2017.pdf	2017

Early Chinese newspapers, Trove Blog (National Library of Australia), web.archive.org/web/20150224042913/https://www.nla.gov.au/blogs/trove/2015/02/19/early-chinese-newspapers	2015
The petition of Bah Fook of Sofala, 1866, Chinese Southern Diaspora Studies, hdl.handle.net/1885/733721376	2013
That famous fighting family, Inside History	2012
Celestials and barbarian girls, Inside History	2011
Aussie lad or Chinese scholar?, Memento, web.archive.org/web/20110219004612/naa.gov.au/naaresources/publications/memento/pdf/memento38.pdf	2010
A legacy of White Australia: Records about Chinese Australians in the National Archives, National Archives of Australia website, webarchive.nla.gov.au/awa/20090922215324/http://naa.gov.au/collection/issues/bagnall-2009/index.aspx	2009
The Tiger's Mouth, The Tiger's Mouth: Thoughts on the History and Heritage of Chinese Australia, chineseaustralia.org	2008
'Repatriated to China June 1914': How fifty-eight elderly Chinese men found their way home from Darwin, Journal of Chinese Australia, webarchive.nla.gov.au/awa/20050628052011/http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/50815/20050628-0000/131.172.16.7/jca/issue01/13Bagnall.html	2005
The Stretton Chinese banner, Journal of Chinese Australia, webarchive.nla.gov.au/awa/20050628052011/http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/50815/20050628-0000/131.172.16.7/jca/issue01/02Bagnall.html	2005

Media Interviews

Nightlife (ABC Radio), Nightlife, www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/nightlife/nightlife/106697796?utm_content=link&utm_medium=content_shared	2026
Tasmania Sundays (ABC Radio), Tasmania Sundays, www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/hobart-sundays/sundays/106471212	2026
Cassie and Shaun Gilmartin – Australian family heirloom book	2025
Hobart Breakfast (ABC Radio), Hobart Breakfast	2023
'Tin Valley' by Mell Chun, mellchun.com/tinvalley	2021
Tasmania Afternoons (ABC Radio), Tasmania Afternoons	2021
Tasmania Evenings (ABC Radio), Tasmania Evenings	2021
How do you trace a family history when the births of girls aren't even recorded?, Hobart Breakfast with Ryk Goddard (ABC Radio), www.abc.net.au/radio/hobart/programs/breakfast/family-history-kate-bagnall/11960748	2020
Season 1, Episode 10: Kate Bagnall, historian and expert on Chinese migration to Australia, New Stories, Bold Legends: Stories from Sydney Lunar New Year, web.archive.org/web/20190308170208/https://newstories.net.au/kate-bagnall	2019
Chinese immigration to Australia, Rear Vision (ABC Radio National), www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/rearvision/chinese-immigration-to-australia/10169562	2018
Chinese Australians and the White Australia Policy, Big Ideas, www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/bigideas/chinese-australians-and-the-white-australia-policy/9240328	2017
White Australia Policy: Documents reveal personal stories of life under Immigration Restriction Act, ABC News, www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-04/white-australia-policy-project-transcribes-history/8868680	2017

Events and Community Engagements

Putting your (female) ancestors in context: Studying Family History at the University of Tasmania, Female Convicts Research Centre, Australia	2026
In plain sight: Chinese Tasmanian heritage, Libraries Tasmania	2025
Workshop on the 125th Anniversary of Australia's Immigration Restriction Act 1901	2024

<i>Chinese connections: Hang Out with SAG</i> , Society of Australian Genealogists, Australia	2024
<i>Uncovering the stories of Chinese Australian families</i> , Libraries Tasmania, Australia: youtu.be/qcw88O04JTw	2023
<i>Chinese Australian family history research</i> , Family History ACT, Australia	2023
<i>Chinese Australian family history research</i> , Society of Australian Genealogists, Australia	2023
<i>Connecting People and Place – Heritage Hacks Workshop</i> , University of Canberra, Australia: web.archive.org/web/20231101050510/https://everydayheritage.au/events/workshop-november	2022
<i>'The Real Face of White Australia'</i> , Chinese Australian Family Historians of Victoria Inc. (CAFHOV), Australia	2022
<i>UTAS courses to tempt history enthusiasts</i> , Female Convict Research Centre, Australia	2022
<i>Beyond the family tree: The Diploma of Family History at the University of Tasmania</i> , Fellowship of First Fleeters – Derwent Chapter, Australia	2021
<i>What the ...? Context and circumstance in family history</i> , soundcloud.com/libraries-tasmania/nfhm-imogen-and-kate	2020
<i>Subjects and Aliens Symposium (Convenor)</i> , University of Wollongong, Australia	2017
<i>Real Face of White Australia Transcribe-a-thon (Co-organiser)</i> , Museum of Australian Democracy, Australia: web.archive.org/web/20170824095511/https://www.moadoph.gov.au/events/transcribe-a-thon	2017
<i>Locating Chinese Women: Historical Mobility between Australia and China (Organiser)</i> , University of Wollongong, Australia	2017
<i>Chinese Australian Hometown Heritage Tour (Co-organiser)</i> , chineseaustralia.org/projects/hometown-heritage-tour	2017-2019
<i>Chinese Fortunes (Exhibition contributor)</i> , Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (MADE), Australia: web.archive.org/web/20170116031325/http://made.org/whats-on/chinese-fortunes	2017
<i>On the trail of Ham Hop</i> , Chinese Women's Association of Australia Inc., Australia	2015
<i>Chinese Women in the Southern Diaspora History Symposium (Co-convenor)</i> , University of Wollongong, Australia: chineseaustralia.org/symposium-on-chinese-women	2014
<i>Dragon Tails 2011: Sources, Language, Approaches (Co-convenor)</i> , web.archive.org/web/20120208173246/http://www.dragontails.com.au	2011
<i>Workshop on Managing Archives for Chinese Community Organisations (Co-organiser)</i> , Chinese Australian Historical Society Inc., Australia	2008
<i>Workshop on the Chinese in Australian and New Zealand History (Co-convenor)</i>	2000

Industry/Government Engagements

<i>Member of the National Archives of Australia Tasmania Consultative Forum</i> , National Archives of Australia, Australia	2024-present
<i>Expert Historian for 'Who Do You Think You Are?' – Patrick Brammall</i> , Warner Bros International Television Australia, Australia	2024
<i>Lilian Watson Family History Award 2022 – Judge</i> , Tasmanian Family History Society, Australia, www.tasfhs.org/lilian_watson.php	2023
<i>Lilian Watson Family History Award 2021 – Judge</i> , Tasmanian Family History Society, Australia, www.tasfhs.org/lilian_watson.php	2022
<i>Member of Collection Development Advisory Group</i> , Chinese Museum, Melbourne, Museum of Chinese Australian History, Australia	2021-2024
<i>Expert Historian for 'Who Do You Think You Are?' – Jeff Fatt</i> , Warner Bros International Television Australia, Australia	2021

<i>Historical adviser to Jane Lee – William Ah Ket: The first Chinese-Australian barrister (The History Listen)</i> , Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Australia), Australia, www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/the-history-listen/william-ah-ket-the-first-chinese-australian-barrister/13775814	2018
<i>Expert Historian for 'Who Do You Think You Are?' – John Jarratt</i> , Warner Bros International Television Australia, Australia	2018
<i>The Chungking Legation: Australia's Diplomatic Mission in Wartime China (Curator)</i> , Museum of Chinese Australian History (Chinese Museum), Australia	2015

Recognitions

<i>ANZLHS Annual Prize in Legal History 2024</i> , Bagnall K; Couchman S	2024
<i>ANU Publication Subsidy</i> , Bagnall K	2023
<i>Featured in 'Australia China Stories' (Australian Embassy Beijing)</i> , Bagnall K, www.australiachinafoundation.org.au/news/australia-china-stories-aozhonggushi	2022
<i>Featured in '45 Years, 45 Stories' (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)</i> , Bagnall K, web.archive.org/web/20191115215615/http://zh.45stories.com/portfolio_page/kate-bagnall	2017
<i>Oral History Victoria Innovation Awards 2016</i> , Couchman S; Chen J; Bagnall K, web.archive.org/web/20231101063314/https://oralhistoryvictoria.org.au/ohv-awards/2016-ohv-awards	2016

Assessing and Reviewing

<i>Australian Research Council</i>	2026
<i>Labour History</i> , Anonymous peer review	2026
<i>Routledge / Taylor & Francis</i>	2026
<i>Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History, The</i> , Anonymous peer review	2025
<i>Australian Research Council</i>	2025
<i>'Shared Connections: Cantonese Stories in Australia' exhibition</i> , Open peer review	2025
<i>Home: Here and Now exhibition</i> , Open peer review	2024
<i>Journal of Australian Studies</i> , Anonymous peer review	2024
<i>Manchester University Press</i>	2023
<i>Australian Research Council</i>	2023
<i>Australian Historical Studies</i> , Anonymous peer review	2023
<i>International Journal of Heritage Studies (IJHS)</i> , Anonymous peer review	2023
<i>Australian Journal of Politics and History</i> , Anonymous peer review	2023
<i>Journal of Australian, Canadian, and Aotearoa New Zealand Studies</i> , Anonymous peer review	2022
<i>Asian Studies Review</i> , Anonymous peer review	2022
<i>Australian Research Council</i>	2020
<i>Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund</i>	2018
<i>Australian Research Council</i>	2018

Conference Roles

<i>Family history for a multicultural Australia (Keynote)</i> , presented to ACT Region Heritage Symposium 2026 – Everyday Heritage: Conviviality, Creativity, Care National Trust of Australia (ACT), Australia	2026
<i>Ancestors and archives: Using genealogical methods in histories of migration and citizenship</i> , presented to Beyond the Family Tree: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on AI, DNA, Education and Community in Genealogy (Academic Genealogy Conference 2026) University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom	2026

<i>Section 3(m): Regulating the entry of wives and families in White Australia, 1901–1920</i> , presented to Workshop on the 125th Anniversary of Australia's Immigration Restriction Act 1901	2024
<i>Untangling the history of Chinese naturalisation in the British settler colonial world</i> , presented to Public lecture (ANU HRC Work-in-Progress Seminar) Australian National University, Australia, web.archive.org/web/20231101053947/https://hrc.cass.anu.edu.au/events/untangling-history-chinese-naturalisation-british-settler-colonial-world	2022
<i>Mapping Chinese Tasmanian history and heritage</i> , presented to Everyday Heritage Symposium: Connecting Digital Archives, People and Place University of Canberra, Australia, web.archive.org/web/20231101045901/https://everydayheritage.au/events/symposium-november	2022
<i>The Chinese Australian Historical Society: Early history and contributions to the field</i> , presented to 2002–2022 Symposium: Rethinking the Chinese Australian Historical Society Chinese Australian Historical Society Inc., Australia	2022
<i>Voices and connections: Reflections on using oral history in researching a migrant family history</i> , presented to Oral History in Troubling Times: Opportunities and Challenges (22nd Biennial Conference of Oral History Australia) Oral History Tasmania, Australia	2022
<i>Mapping Tasmania's Chinese history</i> , presented to Public lecture (Tasmanian Historical Research Association) Tasmanian Historical Research Association, Australia, web.archive.org/web/20231101053330/https://thra.org.au/podcasts/kate-bagnall-mapping-tasmanias-chinese-history-0	2022
<i>Explorations in digital history and public engagement</i> , presented to Citizen Social Science in the Classroom Workshop University of Tasmania, Australia	2022
<i>Visiting Chinese Australian homelands</i> , presented to Public lecture (UTAS Family History: More Than a Story) University of Tasmania, Australia, youtu.be/T9y4EMnxWIY?si=VcbBZ37YaUA93wJT	2022
<i>Chinese British subjects in Australia and New Zealand: Nationality, race and identity</i> , presented to Chinese Diaspora Identities: International Graduate Lectures in Sinology (National Chengchi University, Taiwan) National Chengchi University, Taiwan	2022
<i>The Chinese Australian roots-searching program and its social impact</i> , presented to Heritage Conservation and Roots Searching in Home Villages of Overseas Chinese (Cangdong Heritage Education Center, China) Cangdong Heritage Education Center, China	2022
<i>The origins of Cantonese migrants to colonial Australasia: A case study</i> , presented to Australian Historical Association Conference 2021 Australian Historical Association, Australia	2021
<i>White wives in South China: Family, mobility and emotion in the archive</i> , presented to Transnational Lives in Asia and the Pacific Colloquium (University of Hong Kong) Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong	2021
<i>Collaborating in family history: Challenges and rewards</i> , presented to Telling Small Stories, Telling Big Stories (Birkbeck, University of London)) Birkbeck, University of London, United Kingdom, web.archive.org/web/20211028105001/https://historianscollaborate.com/family-history-workshops	2021
<i>Naturalised Chinese in colonial Australasia</i> , presented to Naturalisation Seminar Series (University of Melbourne) University of Melbourne, Australia	2021
<i>Digitised histories: Exploring people and place through online sources</i> , presented to Redefining Our Place: Humanities Teachers' Conference Tasmanian History Teachers' Association, Australia	2021
<i>Chinese wives, migration law and White Australia</i> , presented to Melbourne-Monash Asia Studies Reading Group Melbourne-Monash Asia Studies Reading Group, Australia	2020
<i>Naturalised Chinese in the Australasian colonies: Rights, race and mobility (Keynote)</i> , presented to Dragon Tails 2019: Translation and Transformation Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand	2019

<i>From Hong Kong to Sydney: The voyage of the Glamis Castle, 1881</i> , presented to 'All Roads Lead to Hong Kong': People, City, Empires (Hong Kong History Project Conference) University of Hong Kong, China	2019
<i>'The Real Face of White Australia': Seeing the people inside</i> , presented to Digital Histories Research Seminar (University of Technology Sydney) University of Technology Sydney, Australia	2019
<i>Writing women into Chinese Australian history</i> , presented to Public lecture (University of Hong Kong) University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong	2019
<i>White women and the transnational Chinese family in colonial New South Wales</i> , presented to 2018 International Symposium on Transnational Migration and Qiaoxiang Studies: International Migration Research from a Gendered Vantage Point Wuyi University, China	2018
<i>White women, Chinese men: Interracial intimacies in colonial New South Wales</i> , presented to 2018 International Federation for Research on Women's History Conference Simon Fraser University, Canada	2018
<i>Chinese Australian families and the legacies of colonial naturalisation</i> , presented to The Scale of History: Australian Historical Association Conference Australian Historical Association	2018
<i>Gold Mountain guests: Cantonese settlers across the southern colonies</i> , presented to Global Dunedin Lecture Series (University of Otago) University of Otago, New Zealand	2018
<i>'All the rights and capacities'? Chinese naturalisation and colonial mobility (Keynote)</i> , presented to Amidst Empires: Colonialism, China and the Chinese, 1839–1997 Flinders University, Australia	2018
<i>Communication and collaboration in the digital age</i> , presented to Related Histories: Studying the Family	2017
<i>Chinese restriction, naturalisation and mobility in colonial and post-Federation Australia</i> , presented to Subjects and Aliens: Histories of Nationality in Australia and New Zealand University of Wollongong, Australia	2017
<i>Australia and China: Before and below the nation (Keynote)</i> , presented to Looking Back, Moving Forward: Symposium on the Future of Australia-China Relations University of Sydney, Australia	2017
<i>Chinese women in colonial New South Wales: A case study approach</i> , presented to International Conference on Chinese Women in World History Academia Sinica, Taiwan	2017
<i>Naturalisation and Chinese restriction in colonial Australasia</i> , presented to Entangled Histories: Australian Historical Association Conference Australian Historical Association	2017
<i>Naturalised Chinese in colonial Australia</i> , presented to Beyond the New Gold Mountain: Chinese Community Council of Australia (Victoria) 2017 Conference Chinese Community Council of Australia (Victoria), Australia	2017
<i>Naturalised Chinese in British settler societies of the Pacific Rim, 1860 to 1920</i> , presented to Colonial Formations: Connections and Collisions University of Wollongong, Australia	2016
<i>Potter v. Minahan 1908: A legal challenge to White Australia</i> , presented to 9th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO) International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO)	2016
<i>A culture of suspicion: Chinese at the border of White Australia</i> , presented to One Day Symposium: The Commonwealth Department of Immigration – Then and Now La Trobe University, Australia	2016
<i>Communities in the Qing era</i> , presented to Public lecture (National Library of Australia) National Library of Australia, Australia	2016
<i>Reconfigured identities in the transnational childhoods of Anglo-Chinese Australians</i> , presented to Race, Mobility and Imperial Networks RMIT University, Australia	2015
<i>Charlie Allen writes home from China</i> , presented to Foundational Histories: Australian Historical Association Conference Australian Historical Association	2015
<i>Southern Australia's Chinese heritage</i> , presented to Public lecture (Wuyi University, China) Wuyi University, China	2015

<i>Women and the Chinese on the goldfields of New South Wales</i> , presented to Public lecture (National Library of Australia) Museum of Sydney, Australia	2014
<i>The transnational Chinese family in Australia</i> , presented to 'Australia in the World' History Lecture and Seminar Series (University of Melbourne) University of Melbourne, Australia	2013

Mentoring

<i>Australian Historical Association Travel and Writing Bursary</i> , Australian Historical Association	2021-2022
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Teaching Activities

Courses Coordinated

Undergraduate Certificate in Family History
Diploma of Family History

Units Coordinated

Introduction to Family History
Families and War
Migrant Families
Families in History

Units Lecturer

History and Cultural Heritage	2021-present
Australian History in a Global Context	2020-2024

Visiting/Guest Lecturers

Biography and History	2026
Histories of Chinese Women	2022
Chinese Australian Heritage	2020
Biography and History	2020
Digital History	2020
Theory and skills – working with digital archives: The Chinese in Australia	2019
The Chinese in Australia	2019
The Chinese Diaspora in Australia and New Zealand	2019
Developing a research project: Charlie Allen's transnational childhood	2018
Theory and skills – working with digital archives: The Chinese in Australia	2018
Doing history in the digital age	2017
Developing a research project: Charlie Allen's transnational childhood	2017
The archives of White Australia	2017
Doing history in the digital age	2017
Historical research in the digital age	2016
Using sources: The curious case of Ernest Sung Yee	2016

Honours Supervisions

White Australia and the Evian Conference of 1938	2020
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Funded Research

Grants

Funder Name	Title	Researchers	Amount	Start Year - End Year
Australian National University	Naturalised Chinese in the British Settler Colonial World	Bagnall K	\$10,446	2022
Australian Research Council	Everyday Heritage	Ireland T; Bagnall K; Lydon J; Sherratt T; Veale S; Feakins C; Wegman I	\$344,701	2022-2026

Consultancies/Contract Research

Funder Name	Title	Researchers	Amount	Start Year - End Year
Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery	Annotated bibliography (TMAG Chinese Migrant Experience project)	Bagnall K	\$4,236	2022

Other Research Funding

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Australian Research Council	Chinese Seeking Citizenship in Australia, New Zealand and Canada, 1860-1920	Bagnall KJ	\$357,793	2016-2019
Australian Academy of the Humanities	Transnational Chinese and White Australia	Bagnall KJ	\$4,000	2014
National Archives of Australia	Paper Trails: Travels with Anglo-Chinese Australians, 1900-1939	Bagnall KJ	\$14,825	2012
National Museum of Australia, Centre for Historical Research	Paper Trails: Travels with Anglo-Chinese Australians	Bagnall KJ	\$15,533	2009

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University of Tasmania	Writing Lives	Milthorpe N; Harman K; Itoh M; Bagnall K; Moore P; Page A; Parry Duncan N; Taylor R		2021-2022

Research Outputs

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