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Hard candy: Women in trade unions approaches to historical research

Cathy Brigden (RMIT) will speak on her research into women trade unionists in Victoria in the early to mid-twentieth century and David Verran (Auckland Libraries) will speak about the challenges and opportunities of doing historical research on unions in New Zealand.

Wednesday, 9th November
2:30-5:00pm in WG609
Sir Paul Reeves Building
Gov Fitzroy Pl, Auckland city campus
Followed by drinks and nibbles in WF10 foyer
from 5pm-6.30pm

Please RSVP for catering purposes by 2 November
To <http://womenintradeunions.app.rsvpify.com/>



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ABSTRACTS

Cathy Brigden

Researching women's lives: uncovering forgotten history

In this talk I will speak on my research into women trade unionists in Victoria in the early to mid-twentieth century.

Taking the Female Confectioners Union as my primary case, I will map the empirical and conceptual paths that this research has taken me down. The union was a women's union, run by women, most of them in honorary roles, and organised women and girls in the confectionery trade between 1916 and 1945. When it formed, it joined other women's unions but soon found itself the only union organised by both gender and occupation in Victoria. Archival records, the key starting point in telling the union's story, were later augmented by genealogical research: what I have described as my excursion into 'historical stalking'.

In constructing the story of my research journey with these women, I will consider broad three questions:

- Why is historical research of women's working lives important?

- How do I actually do the archival and genealogical research - challenges, surprises, joys?
- What have I found and what is my contribution?

Cathy Brigden is an associate professor in the School of Management and the Centre for People, Organisations and Work at RMIT University. Her current research includes her ongoing project on the Female Confectioners Union, and two collaborative projects. One of these, an oral history of Australian women trade unionists (with Sarah Kaine), continues her focus on women and trade unions, while the other, an international, comparative study of workers' theatre (with Lisa Milner), will also examine the roles of women, trade unions and the theatres.

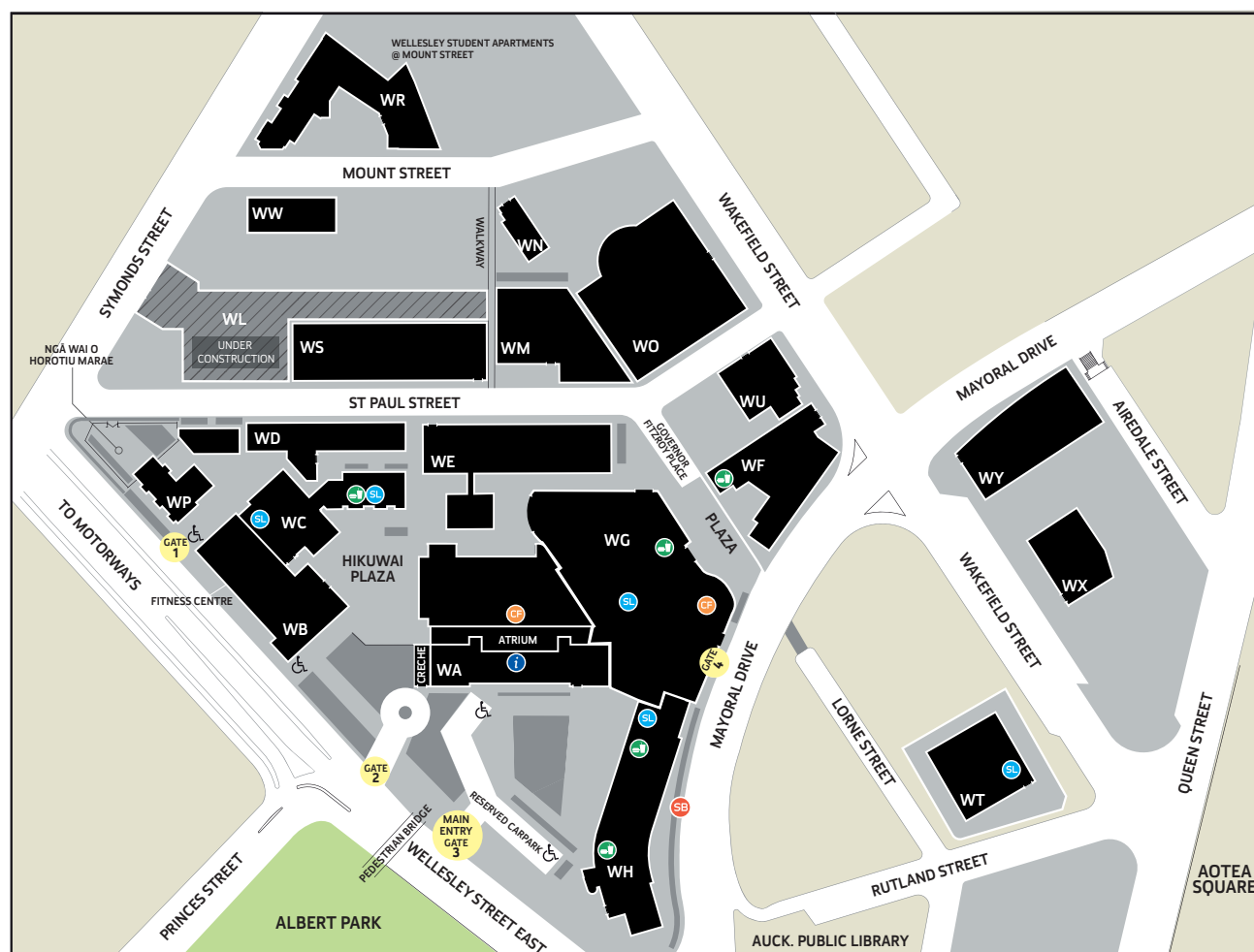
David Verran

Looking back: historical union research in New Zealand

David Verran will speak about the challenges and opportunities of doing historical research on unions in New Zealand. He will draw on his own research experience as well as his professional experience and knowledge of the archives available to researchers in New Zealand, providing some tips and ideas of resources for those interested in pursuing historical research, with the specific example of the New Zealand biscuit and confectionery workers' unions. David has a MA (Hons) from the University of Auckland, holds a Diploma from the N.Z. Library School, and has researched local and labour history since the mid-1970s.

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
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