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Please join us from 5-7pm on Friday 7 September at History House (133 Macquarie Street) to hear:

Digging up the Relatives: David Walker talks to Ruth Balint about family, history, memory and much more

In 2004, David Walker became legally blind forcing him to rethink the kinds of writing that were still available to him. His recent book, *Not Dark Yet: a personal history* (Giramondo, 2011) explores the interconnections between family, local and national histories. The book draws upon the unassuming and largely undocumented lives of an 'ordinary' middle class family to explore some of the big pre-occupations of our history: bush and city, belonging, discipline, gender, race, war and the home. As witty as the book often is, the darker undercurrents of loss, prejudice, violence and dementia haunt the text.

David Walker is Alfred Deakin Professor of Australian Studies at Deakin University and a pioneer in the field of Australian Studies.

Postgrads, professional historians and members of the public are particularly welcome. Wine and snacks will be served, and we will adjourn for early dinner nearby after the presentation. Please pass this invitation on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, please contact Lisa Ford (l.ford@unsw.edu.au) or Nancy Cushing (nancy.cushing@newcastle.edu.au).

Save the Dates:

12 Oct.	Dr Ruth Balint (UNSW) – Identities Lost and Found: The Creation of the Displaced Person in the Cold War
2 Nov.	Dr Ian Evans (independent scholar) – Ritual Objects

