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The History of Education and the Values of Cultural Heritage

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A century ago, when The University of Western Australia first opened its doors to students, the general purposes of higher education seemed relatively clear in the public mind. But these days there is less certainty about the relevance of some cherished academic traditions. What distinctive role do universities still have, if any? What can the wider community reasonably expect universities to deliver? What should be the relationship between universities and cultural institutions in the heritage and collections sector? This lecture will particularly discuss:

- the concept of educational heritage, and the real origins of the modern university;
- how to decide whether a field of knowledge belongs in higher education or not;
- the place of civic values in higher education;
- the argument between cultural studies and cultural policy studies, and the potential of cultural heritage for resolving that argument;
- what the distinction between education and training should mean in the heritage field;
- why the values associated with museums and significant sites are inherently problematic;
- how a university that fosters studies in cultural heritage can fulfil an important part of its civic purpose.

About Ian Reid

Ian Reid is an Adjunct Professor in English and Cultural Studies at The University of Western Australia and an Emeritus Professor in Education at Curtin University. His previous roles include Senior Academic Reviewer (coordinating curriculum reforms that culminated in UWA's 'New Courses 2012'), CEO of Leadership WA, and a Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Curtin University. Among his activities in the wider community, he has been President of Museums Australia (WA) and has worked as a consultant on a range of projects in heritage, education, organisational strategy, and other fields. He has produced a dozen non-fiction books, two historical novels, and numerous other publications from prize-winning poetry to newspaper articles, commissioned national reports and more than 100 sole-author refereed academic papers.

Event Details

Date: 16 April 2013

Time: 6pm

Venue: Webb Lecture Theatre (G21),
Geography Building, UWA

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This lecture is presented by the Institute of Advanced Studies, the National Trust of Australia (WA) and Australia ICOMOS to celebrate the **International Day of Monuments and Sites** on 18 April. The theme for the 2013 celebration is the *Heritage of Education*. This year's lecture also forms part of the National Trust's 2013 Western Australian Heritage Festival. For more details on the festival go to www.nationaltrust.org.au.



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