

The Macdonald Holmes Medal

James Macdonald Holmes was McCaughey Professor of Geography at the University of Sydney during the period 1929 to 1961. To commemorate his achievements, over these years, the Geographical Society together with the Geography Teachers' Association decided to award, biennially, a medal bearing his portrait and name, to a person deemed to have made a distinguished contribution in the field of geographical education in Australia.

Past Recipients of the Medal

<i>Year</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Nominee</i>
1977	Edgar Ford	1981	John Shaw	1991	Malcolm Barlow	2001	Robert Fagan
	James B Rowe	1983	Alan Tweedie		John S Emery	2003	Nick Hutchinson
1979	Donald Biddle	1985	Sr Gonzaga Stanley	1993	John H Holmes	2005	Deirdre Dragovich
		1987	Gilbert J Butland	1995	Bruce G Thom	2007	John Connell
		1989	Peter G Irwin	1997	Geoffrey K Connolly		Grant Kleeman
			Trevor Langford-Smith		Colin Davey		
				1999	Joseph M Powell		

2009 Recipients - *Dr Susan Bliss and Assoc Prof Gordon Waitt*

Welcome - Professor Kevin Dunn

The Medal Awards

James Macdonald Holmes	Professor Janice Monk
Citation to Susan Bliss	Dr Grant Kleeman
Presentation of the Medal	Mr Iain Macdonald Holmes
Response	Dr Susan Bliss
Citation to Gordon Waitt	Assoc Prof Chris Gibson
Response	Assoc Prof Gordon Waitt
Presentation of the Medal	Mr Iain Macdonald Holmes

Presentation of University Prizes - Professor Kevin Dunn

University of Sydney	Anna Helfensdorfer
University of New England	Sarah Heagney
Macquarie University	Veronica Jarron
University of New South Wales	Hugh Burley
University of Wollongong	Ellen Swanson

Toast List

On behalf of The Society	On behalf of The Association
Dr Mel Neave	Mr Nick Hutchinson

Dinner and Dessert

Final Toasts

To Assoc Prof Jim Forrest	To Mr Jack Devery
Professor Kevin Dunn	Emeritus Professor Bruce Ryan

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Undergraduate Student Awards

and

Program for Macdonald Holmes Medal Presentations



The Geographical Society of NSW Inc. & The Geography Teachers Association of NSW

Dr Susan Bliss

She is an accomplished Geography teacher, HSC and SC examiner, curriculum writer, noted textbook author and teacher educator.

Sue has been a member of the Geography Teachers' Association of NSW for nearly 40 years. During this time she has served a councillor, president and vice-president. Sue has convened and presented more than 200 professional development activities, written in excess of 50 refereed journal articles, presented at numerous conferences and secured grants totalling \$1.1 million. Sue has also served on the executive of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association as a director and treasurer. As a teacher educator, Sue taught the Geography methodology units at Macquarie and Sydney Universities. At Sydney University, she received a Teaching Excellence Award for "preparation and sharing of extensive, detailed resources and for her enthusiasm which has been responsible for the transformation of student attitudes giving them a passion for the subject." As a textbook author Sue has been a driving force behind the acclaimed GeoActive series published by Jacaranda, Australia. It is, however, in her role as State Director, Global Education Project, that Sue has made her greatest contribution. She is a passionate advocate of Global Education within a geographical context. Sue sees it as a means of building a better, more socially just, world. She is an enthusiastic advocate of social justice, global citizenship and sustainable development. Sue's doctorate focused on the integration of Geography and Global Education. Sue is a worthy recipient of the Macdonald Holmes Medal. She has inspired a generation of Geography teachers and greatly advanced the cause of Global Education.

Assoc Prof Gordon Waitt

Gordon has led international practice in tertiary human geography education in the following ways: writing influential, prize-winning first year textbooks that are core at numerous universities; developing the teaching-research nexus in cultural geography (long before the phrase "teachingresearch nexus" became de rigueur); designing innovative student field trips and local in-class exercises for teaching qualitative research methods; and leading a succession of jointly-authored academic publications with students. He has won quality teaching awards and at the University of Wollongong has been the backbone of human geography for nearly twenty years, transforming its core first year subject into an innovative, multi-campus unit that itself has been nominated for awards; introducing a new third year cultural geography and qualitative methods specialty subject; and supervising a long line of honours and postgraduate students. His teaching legacy is found in generations of successive human geography graduates who are equipped with a philosophical and intellectual commitment to diversity.