Program advance notice

*Indigenous collections in Canberra’s National Institutions: A behind the scenes look at their value, curation and use*

A five day professional development short course providing an update of professional practice in the planning, development and use of Indigenous collections benefiting from the experience of Australia’s national cultural institutions.

**Date:** 17 – 21 September 2012

**Venue:** ANU and Canberra cultural institutions including: National Gallery of Australia, National Museum of Australia, Australian War Memorial, National Library of Australia, National Film and Sound Archive, AIATSIS, Museum of Democracy at Old Parliament House, National Archives of Australia.

**Time:** 9.30 am - 5.30 pm (approx.) each day

**Cost:** $2,200.00 (GST incl.)

**Details:** This professional development short course focuses on theoretical and practical issues relating to indigenous collections and exhibitions. Using the opportunity to visit and examine key Indigenous collections in National Institutions in Canberra, the course will encourage participants to develop a critical understanding of key issues in the representation of cultures in museum displays and other public venues drawing on an interdisciplinary approach and methodology from the fields of anthropology as well as museum studies.

The specific emphasis in the program will be on collections and exhibitions relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples that are held or displayed in Australia or overseas, but specific attention is also given to other ethnographic and historical collections and displays. Issues examined during the course include the history of collecting and exhibitions, community representation, ownership and intellectual property, repatriation, negotiation, preservation, and modes of display.

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**Registration:** Further details of this event will be available soon on the IPPHA website (http://ippha.anu.edu.au). Meanwhile you can express interest by filling in the expression of interest form on the IPPHA website. Full event details will be emailed to you as soon as they are available.

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