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McArthur, Annie Margaret

(1919 - 2002)

Born	19191206, Ararat Victoria Australia
Died	20020512, Honolulu New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Academic, Anthropologist

Summary

Annie Margaret McArthur led a distinguished career as an academic and an international consultant in the field of nutrition. Her research interests included Aboriginal Australia, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific. She paid particular attention to the contribution of women to the food supply and subsistence.

In 1965, McArthur was the first woman to be offered a tenured position in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Sydney.

When McArthur died in 2002, she bequeathed property to the University of Melbourne. The McArthur Fellowship, for postdoctoral studies in the humanities and social sciences, was subsequently established in her honour.

Events

1965 - 1965
Appointed Lecturer at University of Sydney – the first woman to be offered a tenured position in the Department of Anthropology

1943 - 1945
Assistant Research Officer at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), where she was involved in the development of waterproof containers to transport food to troops in the Pacific.

1962 - 1962
Awarded Doctorate of Philosophy in social anthropology

1941 - 1941
Bachelor of Science, University of Melbourne

2002 - 2002
Died in Honolulu

1946 - 1946
Diploma in Nutrition, Australian Institute of Anatomy

1952 - 1952
Diploma in Social Anthropology, University of London

1976 - 1976
Left Sydney to resettle in Hawaii, where she continued her studies of the ethnography of the Kunimaipa peop

1976 - 1976
Married Dr Douglas Oliver, a retired Professor of Anthropology from Harvard

1942 - 1942
Master of Science, University of Melbourne

1947 - 1947
Member of the New Guinea Nutrition Research Unit, Commonwealth Department of Health

1964 - 1964
Nutrition consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Africa

1961 - 1961
Nutrition consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organisation to the government of Indonesia.

1948 - 1949
Nutritionist, Australian-American scientific expedition to Arnhem Land

1970 - 1970
Promoted to Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney

1955 - 1956
Received the Emslie Horniman Studentship from the Royal Anthropological Institute of London, which she used to continued her research in Papua.

1953 - 1955
Received the Walter Mersh Strong Research Fellowship from the University of Sydney, which she used to carry out anthropological and nutritional fieldwork among the Kunimaipa people of Papua

1962 - 1962
Research Officer, Department of Economics, Institute of Advanced Studies at the Australian National University

1973 - 1974
Senior Fellow, East-West Centre, Hawaii

1958 - 1960
Social Anthropology Consultant for the World Health Organisation to the government of Malaya

1965 - 1965
Taught part-time at the London School of Economics and the London School of Hygiene

1963 - 1963
Temporary lecturer in Anthropology, University of Manchester

Published resources

Journal Article
Obituary: Annie Margaret McArthur, 1919-2002, de Lepervanche, Marie, 2002

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition
The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,
http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders

Archival resources

University of Sydney, Archives
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