About the Blog

The contribution made by women to ancient world studies in Australia and New Zealand has often been overlooked and neglected. Our blog aims to highlight new research and insights into some of these remarkable women. Written by AWAWS members, these entries will hopefully be a starting point in terms of discovering more about the diversity of people who have shaped our understanding of the ancient world.

Write for the Blog

We are currently seeking contributors to the blog from a wide range of voices. Entries are sought that highlight the work of individual, or group of people, and their contribution to the discipline (defined loosely as ancient history, archaeology, classics, reception studies and heritage studies) – this can be to celebrate their scholarship and research or to highlight their role in mentorship, teaching, and promotion of the field. Posts can be in the form of straight biography, personal reflections or interviews.

Entries are also sought that focus on an aspect of the writing of the history of women including methodologies for writing about gender and marginalised groups, identifying new avenues for research, and discussion about the importance of inclusive approaches to historical research.

Entries should be around 800-1000 words in length (shorter articles are also acceptable) and ideally include 2-4 images (72dpi preferred, maximum size: 1000 x 2000 pixels). If a longer entry is needed, a two (or more) part feature may be considered. References are to be hyperlinked for online sources (preferred) or in text (please keep to a minimum) using the Harvard referencing system (Author Year, page number), with a list of cited works provided at the end of the post.

Topics covered in the blog will be listed under ‘Blog Subjects’ so that previous posts can be found easily as we build up our content. As we grow the blog, multiple entries can be written on the same subject from different perspectives. See previous posts here: https://www.awaws.org/history-of-women-in-ancient-world-studies

If you would like to contribute to the blog, please email us with details of your subject and a brief outline of the post to socawaws@gmail.com

Subject ideas

We are interested in a diverse range of subjects. A good way to start is to ask your mentors, lecturers, or peers if they have any stories they wish to share of women who have helped shape our discipline.

Alternatively, many universities have scholarships, prizes, lecturerships and chairs named after women, has anyone told their story? Can you find out who they were and why they are connected to the promotion of research or students?

If you are interested in contributing but need help coming up with a subject or have any questions please get in touch with blog co-ordinator Candace Richards candace.richards@sydney.edu.au