

## **RAY EDMONDSON OAM - *Curriculum Vitae***

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### ***Current positions***

- ◆ Director, Archive Associates Pty Ltd 2001 -
- ◆ Deputy Chairman, The Federation Line Inc. 2002 -
- ◆ Immediate Past President/ ex officio Councillor, South East Asia-Pacific AudioVisual Archive Association (SEAPAVAA) 2002-
- ◆ UNESCO *Memory of the World* Program: Chair of the Asia-Pacific Regional Committee (MOWCAP) 2005- ; Deputy Chair of the Australian National Committee 2000- ; Member, Register subcommittee, International Advisory Committee
- ◆ Association of Moving Image Archivists (AMIA): Co-chair, International Outreach Task Force 2002- ; Chair, Advocacy Task Force 2005- ; Member, Education Committee 2002 -
  
- ◆ Secretary, Archive Forum 2002-
- ◆ Member, Film and Broadcast Industry Oral History Group 2001 -
- ◆ Committee member, Friends of the National Film and Sound Archive 2001 -
- ◆ L Jeffrey Selznick School of Film Preservation, George Eastman House, Rochester USA: Visiting lecturer 1997- Member of Advisory Board 2003-
- ◆ Member, Advisory Board, The Center for Home Movies, Los Angeles USA 2005-
- ◆ Author and tutor, Graduate Certificate Course in AudioVisual Archiving, Charles Sturt University, Australia (previously at University of NSW) 1998 -
- ◆ Visiting lecturer, Master of Arts course in Film Archiving, University of East Anglia, Norwich UK 2001-
- ◆ Doctoral student, Charles Sturt University, 2003-

### *Honorifics*

- ◆ Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1987 “for public service, especially as Deputy Director of the National Film and Sound Archive”
- ◆ Bestowed the title of Curator Emeritus, National Screen and Sound Archive, in May 2001
- ◆ Received the AMIA (Association of Moving Image Archivists) 2003 *Silver Light* award “for outstanding career achievement in moving image archiving”.

### *Educational and professional qualifications and awards*

- ◆ BA (1968), Dip Lib (1969), University of New South Wales
- ◆ Grantee, Australian Film and Television School (1973)
- ◆ Graduate, first FIAF Summer School, Berlin (1973)
- ◆ Grantee, Japan Foundation (1980)
- ◆ Public Service Board SES Advanced Executive Program (1993)
- ◆ Mobilising People: International Institute for Management Development, Lausanne (1994)
- ◆ Australian Public Service Commission Senior Executive Fellowship (1994)

### *Previous positions*

- ◆ Reference librarian, Film Collection and Services, National Library of Australia 1968 – 1973
- ◆ Supervisor, National Film Archive unit, Film Section, National Library of Australia 1973 – 1978
- ◆ Director, Film Section, National Library of Australia 1978 – 1984
- ◆ Inaugural Deputy Director, National Film and Sound Archive 1985 – 2001
  
- ◆ Member, UNESCO Australia Cultural Network 2000 – 2004
- ◆ Founding President, Music Roll Australia 1983 – 1984. Board member 1998-2003, President 2003-2005
- ◆ Founding President, South East Asia-Pacific AudioVisual Archive Association (SEAPAVAA) 1996-2002
- ◆ Founding Chairman, The Federation Line Inc., 2000-2002
- ◆ Founding Chairman, Australian Council of Government Film Libraries 1975 – 1980
- ◆ Founding Chairman, Australian Centenary of Cinema Committee 1993 – 1994
- ◆ Chairman, Scripture Union ACT 1986 – 1991
- ◆ Board member, Australian Film Institute 1980 – 1983
- ◆ Visiting lecturer, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Texas at Austin, USA 2001 - 2003
  
- ◆ Convenor, Federation Line Working Group 1998 – 2000
- ◆ Convenor, ASEAN Training Seminar for AudioVisual Archivists 1995
  
- ◆ UNESCO **Memory of the World** Program: Member of International Advisory Committee

1998-2001, Rapporteur 2000-2001, Vice-chair Asia-Pacific Regional Committee  
(MOWCAP) 1999-2005

***Directory listing***

- ◆ *Who's who in Australia*, Melbourne, Crown Content, 2001 -

***Major publications (see also separate list)***

*A Philosophy of Audiovisual Archiving*, Paris, UNESCO, 1998 (original text in English: translations in Spanish, Portuguese, French)

*The Australian Image (12 part television series)*, Australian Capital Television, 1988. [credits for co-producer, script editor and series concept]

*Time in our hands*, National Film and Sound Archive, 1985 – Report of the National Film and Sound Archive Advisory Committee [credit as drafter]

*Australia's Lost Films*, National Library of Australia, 1983 [co-authored with Andrew Pike]

*General Guidelines for the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme: Revised Edition 2002* (Original text in English: translations in French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian)

*Audiovisual Archiving: Philosophy and Principles*, Paris, UNESCO, 2004 (original text in English: translations in Spanish and French)

***Published articles and conference papers***

*See separate list*

***Invited lectures, presentations and workshops***

Dusseldorf, Germany – Paper at seminar “Visions, Traditions” at opening of the Film Museum 1992

Bologna, Italy – Workshop on Philosophy at 50<sup>th</sup> FIAF Congress 1994

Bogensee, Germany – Workshop on Philosophy at IASA/FIAT Conference 1994

Manila, Philippines – Workshop on building blocks of AV Archiving 1994

Toronto, Canada – Workshop on Philosophy at annual AMIA Conference 1995

Canberra, Australia – First ASEAN/Australia Training Seminar for AV archivists 1995

Manila, Philippines – Papers at 1<sup>st</sup> SEAPAVAA Conference 1996

Canberra, Australia – Second ASEAN/Australia Training Seminar for AV archivists 1996

Oslo, Norway – Paper at first International UNESCO *Memory of the World* Conference 1996

Pusan, Korea – Panel on archiving in Asia at International Film Festival 1996

Jakarta, Indonesia – Papers at 2<sup>nd</sup> SEAPAVAA Conference 1997

Manila, Philippines – Third ASEAN/Australia Training Seminar for AV archivists 1997

Beijing, China – Paper at Seminar on Asian Film Archives 1997

Hanoi, Vietnam – Papers at 3<sup>rd</sup> SEAPAVAA Conference 1998

Rochester, NY, USA – Commencement address at L Jeffrey Selznick School of Film Preservation 1998

Manila, Philippines – Presentation at the premiere of the restored film *Giliw Ko* 1998

Hanoi, Vietnam – Presentation at UNESCO/ SEAPAVAA workshop on vinegar syndrome and film restoration 1998

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Papers at 4<sup>th</sup> SEAPAVAA Conference 1999

Rochester, NY USA – Lectures at FIAF Summer School 1999

London, England – Paper at 56<sup>th</sup> FIAF Congress 2000

Singapore – Papers at IASA/SEAPAVAA Conference 2000

Mexico City, Mexico – Seminar on Philosophy of AV archiving 2000

Manzanillo, Mexico – Paper at Second International UNESCO *Memory of the World* Conference 2000

Los Angeles, USA – Paper at Annual AMIA Conference 2000

Tokyo, Japan – Presentation at Seminar on the future of film archives 2000

Hong Kong, China – Papers at Seminar on film archiving in Asia 2001

Manila, Philippines – SOFIA/SFA seminar on philosophy of audiovisual archiving 2001

Bangkok, Thailand – UNESCO Workshop on the General Guidelines for *Memory of the World* Program 2001

Bangkok, Thailand – UNESCO/SEAPAVAA Workshop on management of audiovisual archives 2001/ 6<sup>th</sup> SEAPAVAA Conference

Harare, Zimbabwe – Workshop on film archiving in Africa 2001

Mexico City, Mexico – Workshop and paper at Seminario Internacional: Los Archivos Sonoros y Visuales en America Latina 2001

Seoul, Korea – Paper at 58<sup>th</sup> FIAF Congress 2002

Vientiane, Laos – Papers at 7<sup>th</sup> SEAPAVAA Conference 2002

Rochester, NY, USA – Lectures at FIAF Summer School, George Eastman House 2002

Managua, Nicaragua – Seminar: Los Archivos Audiovisuales en Nicaragua: Valor Socio, Cultural y Perspectivas, National Historical Institute 2002

Caracas, Venezuela – Seminar: Los Archivos Audiovisuales: Una Nueva Vision, National Library of Venezuela 2002

Columbia, South Carolina, USA – Presentation on Australian newsreels, “Orphans” conference, University of South Carolina 2002

Sacile, Italy – Essay and curated presentation from Thailand at the *Giornate del Cinema Muto* 2003

Hong Kong, China – Staff workshop at Hong Kong Film Archive 2003

Kingston, Jamaica – Workshops on managing AV archives, at CAVIC (Caribbean Audiovisual Information Conference) 2003

Managua, Nicaragua – Seminar on UNESCO *Memory of the World* program, 2003

Manila, Philippines – Workshop on digital preservation and *Memory of the World* 2004

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Workshop on digital archiving at Asia Pacific Media Summit 2005

Johannesburg, South Africa – IASA/FIAT Workshop on audiovisual archiving 2005

Manila, Philippines – Workshop on *Memory of the World* national committees and preparation of nominations 2005

São Paulo, Brazil – Staff/volunteers workshop on philosophy of AV archiving, Cinemateca Brasileira 2005

Bogota, Colombia – Workshop on digital preservation 2005

Amsterdam, Netherlands – Lecture on *Memory of the World* program, University of Amsterdam 2005

Amsterdam, Netherlands – Seminar on creating a code of ethics for audiovisual archivists, University of Amsterdam 2005

Canberra, Australia – Curating of exhibition *The Golden Age of Comics* 2005

### ***Consultancies, projects and commissions***

*A Study Tour of Film Archives in England, Europe and North America: Report for Australian Film and Television School* (1974)

*Jedda* – supervised the National Film Archive's first restoration/ reconstruction, this 1954 film being a milestone in Australian cinema history (1975)

*Cinema Australia 1900-1956* – curated and obtained funding for the first international travelling retrospective of Australian cinema (1979)

*For the Term of His Natural Life* – supervised major reconstruction and cinema re-release of Australia's greatest silent film epic, made in 1927 (1980)

*The Last Film Search* – conceived, negotiated and directed this corporately sponsored national "treasure hunt" for lost films: the model was later adopted by other archives. (1981- 1986)

*FIAF Congress, Canberra, 1986* – coordinated arrangements for the first congress of FIAF (International Federation of Film Archives) to be held in the southern hemisphere.

*Operation Newsreel* – conceived, negotiated and directed this \$A 4 million corporately sponsored project involving the donation, cataloguing, restoration and preservation of

approximately 4000 weekly issues of *Australian Movietone News*, *Cinesound Review* and other newsreels dating from the 1920s to 1975. (1988 – 1996)

*First ASEAN/Australia Training Seminar for audiovisual archivists* (1995) – designed and organized the 4-week seminar for 20 participants from 10 countries. This was the first cultural project undertaken under the auspices of the ASEAN-Australia forum.

*AMIA Internationalisation Task Force* – chair “virtual” working group and deliver report (1999)

*IASA Working Group on copyright* – develop policy stance (1999)

*Kodak Atlab Screening Collection* – conceived, negotiated and established this ongoing corporately sponsored program to create new projection prints for a range of Australian feature films (2000)

*Australians at War (8 part television series)*, Commonwealth Department of Veterans’ Affairs, 2001 [credit as Advisor to the supervising Documentary Working Group]

*UNESCO regional consultation meeting on the preservation of digital heritage for Asia and the Pacific* National Library of Australia, Canberra, 4-6 November 2002 – served as co-chair of the consultation

*Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies* Review of Audiovisual Archive, December 2003 – February 2004

*No time, no money: moving image and sound archiving under emergency conditions*  
Symposium: FIAF/SEAPAVAA joint conference, Hanoi, June 2004 - Symposium coordinator and keynote speaker

Review of curriculum, Moving Image Archiving and Preservation program, New York University 2005

Review of Asia/Pacific activities in *Memory of the World* program for UNESCO 2005

### ***Current professional memberships***

AMIA (Association of Moving Image Archivists)

ASA (Australian Society of Archivists)

SEAPAVAA (South East Asia Pacific Audiovisual Archive Association)

IASA (International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives)

ASRA (Australasian Sound Recordings Association)  
University House, Australian National University

*E&OE:* Some earlier dates shown in this CV are drawn from memory and subject to refinement

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