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# Whose memories, whose records: when the archival legacy of a colonial past meets the cultural records of a post-colonial future

Wednesday 25 September 5.30–6.30pm, followed by light refreshments

## 12th Annual Archives Lecture

**Jeannette A. Bastian** Graduate School of Library and Information Science,  
Simmons College, Boston

**Coombs Lecture Theatre** Fellows Road, The Australian National University



Islands, specifically the former colonial islands of the Caribbean and the Pacific, share many similar archival and records issues. Questions around the repatriation and custody of colonial documents mingle with the archiving and preserving of the oral and performative records of indigenous communities. Drawing on her own island experiences, Jeannette Bastian explores the concept of a cultural archives as a fruitful and productive path towards the documentation of these dynamic island communities.

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