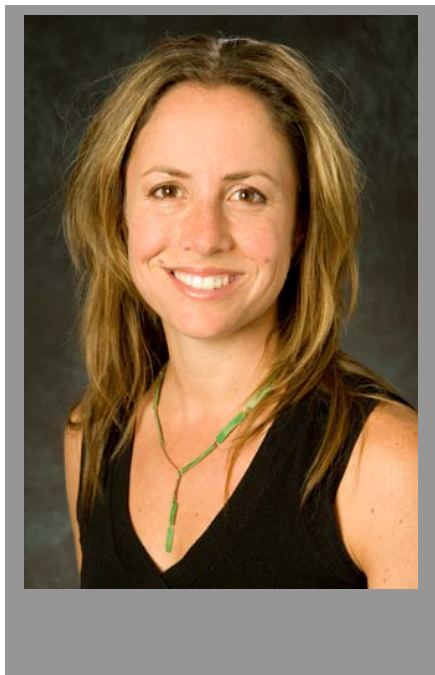




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History Program

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Clare Wright is an award-winning historian and author who has worked in politics, academia and the media. Clare’s doctoral research was the subject of her debut book, *Beyond the Ladies Lounge: Australia’s Female Publicans* (Melbourne University Publishing, 2003).

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Clare has written for the *Age* and *The Bulletin*, worked as a political speechwriter and consultant historian, been an editorial advisor for *Australian Book Review*, and is a ubiquitous public speaker. She is a frequent contributor to ABC Radio and a regular member of ‘The Brains Trust’ on ABC TV’s *The Einstein Factor*. Clare has judged the *Age* Book of the Year awards (2005) and the Victorian Premier’s Literary Awards (2006).

Clare’s postdoctoral research allowed her to make a major contribution to the ‘Eureka 150’ commemorations in 2004 and has been cited in Victorian and ACT Hansard.

Research Projects

Eureka’s Women: An Intimate History of Sex, Class and Culture on the Victorian Goldfields

This ARC-funded postdoctoral research project will be the first systematic study of the role of women in one of the most iconic event in Australian history, the Eureka Stockade. The research will challenge the prevailing representation of Eureka as a hyper-masculine episode — male passions inflamed, male blood shed, manhood suffrage won — by providing a unique gender perspective to a familiar narrative.

Clare's hypothesis is that women were intimately and inextricably involved in the events at Eureka, as they were more generally in the political and cultural life of the Victorian goldfields. The research findings will contribute to ongoing debates about the meaning of the Eureka story for Australian identity, citizenship and democracy.

Research Publications

Selected publications include:

Books

Beyond the Ladies Lounge: Female Publicans in Australia, Melbourne University Publishing, 2003.

Book Chapters and articles

"Labour Pains: A female perspective on the birth of democracy", in Alan Mayne (ed.), *Eureka 1854-2004: Reappraising an Australian Legend*, Curtin University Books, forthcoming.

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Select Journalism

Clare Wright, "What About the Other Diggers", *The Age*, 25 April 2006

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<http://www.theage.com.au/news/opinion/angry-women-lay-bare-their-power/2007/12/02/1196530480006.html>

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<http://www.theage.com.au/news/opinion/destroy-a-pool-in-haste-repent-at-leisure-centre/2008/05/02/1209235151924.html>

Clare Wright, "Eureka's Women: Mining for Hidden Histories", Perspective, Radio National, 5 April 2004

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/perspective/stories/s1081351.htm>

Clare Wright (with Weston Bate), "Eureka 1854-2004: Reappraising an Australian Legend", Hindsight, Radio National, 5 December 2004

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