



Course 904 - Contrasting Cousins Saturday 23rd March 2019

2pm to 4.30pm - Education Room

Members \$20 Non Members \$25

Presenter: Dr Cathy Day (PhD)

Cathy is from the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health and is a passionate family historian who uses family history techniques in her academic work. In this seminar, Cathy will discuss skin colour, what causes variation within families and between groups of people and what the consequence can be for people whose appearance is different from the average for their family or their community. She will follow the life trajectories of two cousins descended from 'white' and 'brown' sides of the same family: Sir John Dring, a colonial administrator in India and Africa, and Prime Minister of a small country; and Joyce Wilding, an activist for Aboriginal rights in Brisbane in the 1950s and 1960s. Cathy will discuss family history techniques, including unusual sources in the British Library; travelling to the backblocks of India, Pakistan, England and the US; using newspapers for family history research; and the delights of meeting new cousins.

She is Research Manager for the Epidemiology for Policy and Practice Group, in the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at the ANU. From 2005 to 2012, she pursued a Masters in Applied Linguistics and a PhD in Biological Anthropology. During this time, she worked in a slum in India for two years. She maintains the website, "Stourton, Kilmington and Mere Genealogies", <http://wiltshire.anu.edu.au/index.htm>, that contains the pedigrees of all people married in two parishes in the period 1754-1914, as well as selected descendants. Over 24,000 people are recorded in the database.

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