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The Annual History Citation, awarded by the History Council of New South Wales, recognises and honours an individual who has made a significant and lifelong contribution to the profession and practice of history. This contribution may take many and varied forms, including teaching, research and community engagement. For 2012 the History Council of New South Wales is pleased to award the Annual History Citation to Professor Emeritus Ros Pesman in recognition of her outstanding contributions as an historian to teaching, scholarship and the community.

Professor Pesman is one of Australia's most eminent historians, with an international reputation both in the fields of European and Australian history. She is the author of three books and the editor of a further five. She has written thirty-three articles for refereed journals, and twenty-one chapters for edited collections. Most of these works constitute significant contributions to the fields of Renaissance Italian and Australian women's history. She has always written with an eye to a broader, non-academic audience, which is most effectively illustrated in her witty and insightful account of Australian women abroad, *Duty Free: Australian Women Abroad*.

She has made an outstanding contribution to the University of Sydney. She has served as Head of History, Acting Principal of the Conservatorium of Music, Chair of the Academic Board, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the College of Arts and Social Sciences. Not only was she an astute and progressive administrator but one with deep concern for the welfare of staff, reflected in the fact that she served as mentor to two generations of women academics.

Professor Pesman has also made a considerable contribution to the discipline in other ways. She has served on the Council of the Frederick May Foundation and the Australian Foundation for Italian Studies. She has also served on the Executive of the Australian Historical Association and as its President in 2005-06. She was elected to the Council of the Australian Academy of Humanities in 2004 and served as Vice-President of the Academy in 2005-06. She has also contributed to the promotion of history outside the university community. She chaired the judges' panel, NSW Premier's History Awards, in 2009 and has acted as a member of the Advisory Board of *Australian Book Review* since 2004.

In summary, Professor Pesman has served the University of Sydney, the discipline of history and the community as a whole with great distinction since she was appointed to a lectureship at the University in 1965, and especially since she was appointed to a personal chair. She is a highly worthy recipient of the NSW History Council's Annual History Citation.

The History Council of New South Wales is honoured to celebrate Professor Pesman's achievements.