

Surviving Hostile Times: Comparing the Australian Women's and GLBT Movements

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Sarah Maddison and Emma Partridge are co-authors of the important publication "Gender Report for the Democratic Audit of Australia" which examines the legislative framework for protecting women's rights. This is an innovative research document that draws on Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women to provide the framework for the research design. Together, they bring complementary research skills and academic training that would provide our students with the opportunity to learn about innovative research techniques and policy analysis.

Sarah Maddison's training is in the field of government and her appointment is in international relations at the University of Sydney, the top university in Australia. She is currently serving as Senior Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. She is author of */Black Politics: Understanding the Complexity of Aboriginal Political Culture/* and co-editor of */Silencing Dissent/* which explores the changing political culture under Prime Minister Howard's decade long rule in Australia. Her co-authored book, */Activist Wisdom: Practical Knowledge and Creative Tension in Social Movements/* is one of the best books I have seen in this field. Drawing on oral histories of activists in Australia, Dr. Maddison and her co-author apply their insights to some of the most contentious issues in movement politics including coalition-building, strategy development, and mass mobilization. Dr. Maddison's experience in the fields of social movements, sexualities, and gender research will be especially valuable for our students working in political science, sociology, and women's studies.

Emma Partridge holds an appointment as a research principal in the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney, where she is responsible for developing new interdisciplinary research collaborations in the area of family, home care, and childhood. She is the principal researcher on a number of important studies. Her responsibilities include training researchers on the process of translating research for legislation and policy. Her skills in this area will be especially valuable for her work with our students in the social sciences and the interdisciplinary fields of women's studies and international studies.

ATTENTION FACULTY AND INSTRUCTORS: Drs. Maddison and Partridge are available for guest lectures and informal meetings with students, primarily during the week of November 16th with more informal meetings to be held during other available dates after that. Please contact Dr. Nancy Naples (nancy.naples@uconn.edu) if you are interested. For more information, please visit www.womens.studies.uconn.edu.

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