# Material Culture SANb 2033 FSS MUNI (lecture 2 photos museums)

### 10,000 MANIACS

The Wishing Chair

The Clash

Last week 'history' of MC studies session. So started with an historical photo/song.

Now, museums and photos session, so more obscure song about an aspect of museums:



## Enid Blyton 1937, 1950, 2000



## 10,000 Maniacs

The Colonial Wing (The Wishing Chair) 1985

Written by Merchant / Buck

Natalie Merchant (singer). The guitar player, Rob Buck, amongst *Rolling Stone Magazine's* top 100 guitarists of all time.

Buck and Merchant attended Jamestown Community College, JCC (SUNY), the former studied anthropology.

Motto of which is:

"Come as you are, leave as you want to be".

Sound familiar? Reminds you of?



#### The Colonial Wing (4:02 mins)

Here is the store house of Her Majesty Well guarded by sentry But looks are free

Call this the rayless and benighted age Witches by tallow candles shifted Shifted their shapes Here is the pestle and mortar That ground the poison seed A lute, a suit for jousting And the poems of a balladeer When all the Latin books were copied off In golden script Well hoarded away in A monastery crypt

Superstition Superstition beyond belief Over mountain, over dune and over sea Crude map and compass lead the caravan And lead the fleet Here's the loot and plunder They bore home Ivory tusk inlaid with precious stone Raw silk and spices by the barrel load A soft skin drum with mallets Of human bone

A world wide rampage Rampage of greed

So here the tour concludes The Colonial Wing The rooms of the most refined

Museum property A claw footed divan Ornate clocks with birds that strut On the half hours and quarter hours

Hear them chime...







•1898 Torres Straits Expedition. Standing (from left to right): W.H.R. Rivers, Charles Gabriel Seligman, Sidney Herbert Ray, Anthony Wilkin. Seated: Alfred Cort Haddon



*Te Poho-o-Rawiri*, Gisborne, Rotorua School of Māori Arts and Crafts carvers (including John Taiapa, Pine Taiapa and Wihau), opened 1925



Raharuhi Rukupo (of Rongowhakaata)

Te Hau-Ki-Turanga, 1840-42



Raharuhi Rukupo Poupou (side post) of Te Hau-Ki-Turanga, 1842-43



### Pare or korupe (door lintel), Ngati Kahungunu, circa 1860



*United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Entrance, Washington, D.C.* **James Ingo Freed** (1930-2005)



Hall of Witness U. S. Holocaust Memorial







# THE HOLOCAUST











*Las meninas*: Diego Vélasquez (1656-1657) Collection: Musée du Prado, Madrid Philip IV & Mariana of Austria. Infanta Margaret Theresa. Their five-year-old child later married the Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I. At this time, she's the King & Queen's only surviving child.

















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### NOTES, T. Whincup

"Underpinning this article is the belief that being able to remember lies at the heart of our survival, our humanity, and our individual identity" (2011: 59).

In a meeting house of Kiribati, in the rafters of the ceiling, are held the bones of an ancestor warrior (Kourabi). These relics are washed roughly every 7 years, once a village elder has a specific type of dream. The washing is a ritualistic community event, involving the washing in the sea, drying the next day and then oiling the bones, which are the put back until the next dream.

Meeting house is also preserved through refurbishing techniques, the skills for which are kept alive through this practice. These are not just physical but also connected to associated songs and dances which need to be rehearsed for the event. TW presents some examples of electrically light up shrines near the homes of current residents.

"To lose the memories of this chief, Kourabi, would be to lose an essential and vital aspect of community" (62).

Compare this to Maurice Bloch, washing of bones in Madagascar.

"Unlike the examples from the U.K., New Zealand, and Australia, the South Tarawa memorials are not at the sites of death but are built on family land and in close proximity to the house" (71).

"Beyond the flashing lights and plastic glitter of recently imported materials reside ancient beliefs of ancestral spirits. Bones and plastic are drawn into function as mnemonic objects, bridging the gap to ensure ancestors are not lost and the spirit world maintains its hold on the living".

Cemeteries as outdoor 'museums, exhibition spaces for a particular set of 'objects' (human remains and the things we connect to people flowers, photos drawing etc).



a second successful career as an acclaimed poet and essayist. The 1858 compilation of essays *The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table* became a best seller.

Re-inventor of Stereoscope

The Great Dissenter, (born March 8, 1841, Boston—died March 6, 1935, Washington, D.C.), associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, U.S. legal historian and philosopher who advocated judicial restraint. He coined the concept of "clear and present danger" as the only basis for limiting the right of freedom of speech.

From a family with significant contribution to the abolitionist movement in the US.

"We are looking into stereoscopes as pretty toys, and wondering over the photograph as a charming novelty; but before another generation has passed away, it will be recognized that a new epoch in the history of human progress dates from the time when He who '- never but in uncreated light Dwelt from eternity -' took a pencil of fire from the hand of the "angel standing in the sun," and placed it in the hands of a mortal." OW Holmes



### Slides to OW Holmes

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