

### **Essay Prizes in Memory of Michael Moss and Lesley Richmond**

Two prizes, each of £300, will be awarded annually in memory of Michael Moss and Lesley Richmond. Both Lesley and Michael were former Convenors of the Business Archives Council of Scotland and great supporters of this journal and business archives and history in Scotland and internationally.

#### **Michael Moss**

Professor Michael Stanley Moss (1947–2021), began his archival career in Scotland in 1970 as Registrar of the Western Survey of the National Register of Archives (Scotland) at the University of Glasgow. His job was to locate, list and rescue historical records held by country houses, businesses, institutions, charities and individuals across the West of Scotland and ensure that important collections of archives were preserved.

During the next 30 years during his time as University Archivist from 1974 to 2001 he was to create in Glasgow one of the UK's largest collections of business archives. As an academic Michael wrote extensively on archival science alongside business and industrial history, producing with John R. Hume in 1981 the definitive history of Scotch whisky.

#### **Lesley Richmond**

Lesley Marion Richmond (1956-2022) was a remarkable figure in the field of business archives, both in the United Kingdom and internationally. Her career as an Archivist began in business archives with roles as a research assistant in 1978 and as the second Business Archives Surveying Officer for Scotland in 1979.

Lesley's belief in the importance of business archives, their societal significance and research potential was evident throughout her career in subsequent roles with the Business Archives Council, Chubb & Son and for more than thirty years at the University of Glasgow where she ensured the continued development of the Scottish Business Archive and support for the Surveying Officer role until her retirement in 2017.

#### **Essay Prizes**

The Moss and Richmond essay prizes are aimed at archivists, postgraduate students and early career researchers.

Entries may explore any aspect of business and industrial history that uses archival resources or reflects archival practice within the context of corporate archives and those collecting repositories with business collections. We welcome essays developed from postgraduate work (e.g. master's dissertation or chapter of PhD), professional practice or a piece of original research. Submissions should consist of between 3,500 and 7,000 words. Entries should follow the format specified in our [submission requirements](#).

The winning entry will be awarded a prize of £300 and, subject to peer review, will be eligible for publication in *Business and Industrial History*. A call for essays will be issued in May annually and the deadline for submissions will be October of that year.

Please contact us if you'd like to discuss a potential submission with the word 'essay prize' in the subject at [businessarchivesscotland@gmail.com](mailto:businessarchivesscotland@gmail.com).