



## Associate Professor Geoff Burrows Life in the Melbourne Accounting Department

The accounting profession has undergone a radical transformation since it was first established as an academic discipline in Melbourne in 1925. Its staff and students have developed new theories and embraced changing technologies, and it has expanded to include a large undergraduate and postgraduate cohort. Yet it has still had to counter the image that it was not a 'true' academic discipline.

Geoff Burrows' new book, *Promise Fulfilled*, traces the lives and contributions of several generations of accounting staff and students. He finds a lively department grappling with these changes, and one far removed from the stereotype of the uptight accountant. At the latest History of the University Unit Occasional Seminar, Burrows will discuss the development of accounting discipline, recalling life in the department and some of its personalities.

Associate Professor Geoff Burrows is an Honourary Senior Fellow in the Department of Accounting and Business Information Systems. He has written on accounting theory, as well as a number of histories, including *The Canecutters* (with Clive Morton, 1986), and *The Foundation: A history of the Australian Accounting Research Foundation* (1996). His play, *Conrad and Galsworthy*, was given a semi-staged reading at Cairns in March 2007. *Promise Fulfilled: The history of the accounting discipline at the University of Melbourne, 1925-2004*, was published in 2006 by Melbourne University Publishing.

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