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The Annual History Citation honours a lifetime of significant contribution by an individual to the profession and practice of history. In 2005, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its foundation, the History Council marks the contribution of Emeritus Professor Bruce Mansfield, foundation professor of history at Macquarie University and Erasmus scholar of distinction and renown.

Professor Mansfield has been an outstanding teacher and scholar of history in Australia for over 50 years. He pioneered the teaching of early modern European history at the University of Sydney in the 1950s and subsequently at Macquarie University. His abiding research interest has been the humanist scholar Erasmus of Rotterdam (c.1469-1536). From 1960 to 1987 Bruce Mansfield was founding editor of the international *Journal of Religious History*. He has also made significant contributions to NSW political and educational history, with a biography of E W O'Sullivan, a history of Knox Grammar School, and of the first 25 years of Macquarie University (with Mark Hutchinon). In 1977-78 he was president of the Australian Historical Association.

Professor Mansfield's commitment to humane studies and academic values has made an enduring impression in three universities. He was a member of the History Department at the University of Sydney from 1951 to 1964. At Macquarie University, he was professor of history from 1965 to 1975 and served as Deputy Vice Chancellor 1976-85. His association with Charles Sturt University,

dating from 1970, culminated in appointment as Deputy Chancellor 1985-1992. Since retirement from teaching and administration in 1986, he has continued to serve education in NSW, especially theological education, as a member of the Board of the United Theological College 1989-2002 (Chair 1997-2002).

His most notable achievement is his trilogy *Erasmus 1550-2000*, *The Phoenix of His Age. Interpretations of Erasmus c.1550-1750* (1979); *Man on His Own. Interpretations of Erasmus c.1750-1920* (1992) and *Erasmus in the Twentieth Century c.1920-2000* (2003). This three-volume study of the reputation of Erasmus over four centuries constitutes a major work of research and scholarship. It places its author at the forefront of the field internationally. Handsomely produced by the University of Toronto Press, *Erasmus 1550-2000* combines intellectual history, religious history and historiography. It must be regarded as a milestone in historical scholarship in Australia. The History Council of NSW is honoured to celebrate Bruce Mansfield and his achievements with its annual citation in 2005.

