Professor John Maynard’s 2010 Allan Martin Lecture will reflect upon his journey to the University as a mature age student, and will argue that an Indigenous perspective on Australian history and its practice is of critical importance. Exploring the concept of time travel as a metaphor for history, Professor Maynard will highlight his latest work on early Aboriginal political mobilization during the 1920s and consider the present day significance of these findings in the continued contested climate of Australian history today.

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Allan Martin (1926-2002) was an intellectual, institutional, and social pioneer whose career as a historian spanned the second half of the 20th Century. When most Australians went to England for their postgraduate work, he chose ANU, where he was the first doctoral student in History in the Research School of Social Sciences. He accepted the Foundation chair in History at LaTrobe University in 1966 and returned to RSSS as a senior fellow in 1973.