

**Native Curios, National Patrimony, Primitive Art:
Three Moments in the Biography of the P. G. Black Collection**

A joint Department of Archaeology and Macleay Museum Seminar

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Museum Tour : *People, Power, Politics: the first generation of anthropologists at the
University of Sydney.* Macleay Museum 2.15pm-3pm with Dr Jude Philp, Senior
Curator, Ethnography

Seminar: 3.15pm-4:30pm

McRae Room, Main Quad University of Sydney



In 1938, the Buffalo Museum of Science acquired 6200 objects collected between 1886 and 1914 by and for P.G. Black, a branch inspector for a famous Sydney-based mercantile and shipping firm. At varied points in their biographical history, these objects were represented in various ways: native curios, national patrimony, and primitive art.