NEWS FROM THE RSO

ARC VISIT TO FLINDERS

Sam Grunhard, Director, ERA Evaluation and Outreach from the Australian Research Council presented a Seminar at Flinders on ERA 2012 on 21 February 2012.

The seminar was well attended by over 80 Flinders staff in the audience. After the hour long seminar, Sam met with the Flinders ERA Strategic Leaders and ERA Steering Group members.

The seminar was hosted by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor David Day and the Research Services Office (RSO).

For those that missed out on attending the seminar, the presentation will be made available at a later date via the RSO Past Presentations and Workshops page.

It was very positive that interest in ERA is alive and well at Flinders with, according to the ARC, one of the best turn outs for such a presentation.

DECRA WORKSHOP

Around 40 attendees were at the Discovery Early Career Research Associate (DECRA) 2014 Grant Writing workshop held on 22 February 2013.

Dr Daryl Jones, a successful Flinders DECRA applicant, Professor Margaret Davies, former ARC College member and Ms Christine Maher, Research Services Office (RSO) provided the presentations, while the workshop was hosted by Mr Steven Oswald, Manager Grants and Contracts, RSO.

Copies of the presentations are now available on the RSO Past Presentations and Workshops page.

RESEARCH NEWS AND SUCCESSES

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY BEST RESEARCH STUDENT PAPER 2012

Student-led research into cancer prevention, body image, groundwater and medieval cultures are among the winners of Flinders University’s 2012 Best Student Paper Awards.

Nine higher degree research students - Jean Winter, Belinda Lunnay, Melissa Atkinson, Linda Isherwood, Matthew McDowell, Ashley Slattery, Leanne Morgan, Stefano Bona and Melinda Graefe - have all received a cash prize of $1000 for their research efforts.

The awards were announced on December 19 by Professor David Day, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), and an official awards ceremony was held on 20 February 2013.

Flinders Professor inducted into Hall of Fame

Bible and Cinema: Fifty Key Films

New Opportunities

2013 Prabha Seshadri Research Grant

France-Australia Early Career Fellowships 2013

2013/2014 Oxford-Nuffield Medical Fellowship

Seminars, Conferences and Workshops

Don’t miss the South Australian Climate Change Adaptation Showcase!
The annual program aims to recognise and reward excellence in student research across Flinders University.

**Professor Day**, applauded all nominees for their contribution and commitment to research.

"The range and quality of applications received this year has been particularly impressive," **Professor Day** said.

"These students are making meaningful contributions to the pursuit of research excellence, reflecting the Flinders way, and for that they should all be congratulated," he said.

The awardees were:
- **Jean Winter** (Flinders Centre for Cancer Prevention and Control) for the paper by **Winter, Nyskohus, Young, Hu, Conlon, Bird, Topping** and **Le Leu** - Inhibition by resistant starch of promutagenic adducts in mouse colon.
- **Belinda Lunnay** (School of Public Health) for the paper by **Lunnay, Ward and Bolagdan** - The practise and practice of Bourdieu: The application of social theory to youth alcohol research.
- **Melissa Atkinson** (School of Psychology) for the paper by **Atkinson & Wade** - Impact of metacognitive acceptance on body dissatisfaction and negative affect: Engagement and efficacy.
- **Linda Isherwood** (National Institute of Labour Studies) for the paper by **Isherwood, King and Luszcz** - A longitudinal analysis of social engagement in late-life widowhood.
- **Matthew McDowell** (School of Biological Sciences) for the paper by **McDowell, Baynes, Medlin and Prideaux** - The impact of European colonization on the late-Holocene non-volant mammals of Yorke Peninsula, South Australia.

**Ashley Slattery** (School of Chemical and Physical Sciences) for the paper by **Slattery, Quinton and Gibson** - Atomic force microscope cantilever calibration using a focused ion beam.

**Leanne Morgan** (National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training) for the paper by **Morgan, Werner and Simmons** - On the interpretation of coastal aquifer water level trends and water balances: A precautionary note.

**Stefano Bona** (School of Humanities) for the paper - L'influenza di Pier Paolo Pasolini Sui film e sullo stile cinematografico di Nanni Moretti: un'analisi

**Melinda Graefe** (School of Humanities) for the paper - Negotiations of Nostalgia: Strangeness and Xenodochy in Walter Scott’s Ivanhoe.

**Artie information sourced from** Marketing and Communications

**STUDY FINDS DEPRESSION EASED BY COLLABORATIVE CARE**

Depression among people with diabetes and heart disease is reduced by using a collaborative care model involving practice nurses as case managers, a new study has found.

The findings of the ‘TrueBlue’ research by the Greater Green Triangle University Department of Rural Health (GGT UDRH) could revolutionise how Australian general practices deal with multiple chronic diseases. It is expected the protocols will be integrated into general practices around Australia.

The study found that collaborative care using practice nurses and encouraging self-care is an effective primary care intervention, and that participants show significant and sustained improvements in their mental health, reduce their cardiovascular disease risk and improve their rates of physical exercise.

Results from the study have been published in the BMJ Open general medical journal.

A full scale clinical trial of TrueBlue, funded by beyondblue, was carried out in 11 general practices over 12 months in northern New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria. It involved GPs delegating aspects of managing depression to practice nurses, including screening, arranging referrals, and reviewing lifestyle risk factors and patient goals.

Four hundred primary care patients with depression and type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease or both were involved in the study. They were required to regularly visit the practice nurse in addition to their GP consultation.

GGT UDRH Director Professor James Dunbar said there were significant differences in depression scores for patients after taking part in the trial.

Patients showed improvements in physiological measures, better adhered to treatment guidelines, increased exercise by 19 per cent and increased visits to mental health workers by 17 per cent.

In the control group exercise rates did not change while visits to mental health workers dropped by 3 per cent.

Professor Dunbar said intervention improvements were sustained over 12 months and also led to a significant 10 per cent decrease in 10-year cardiovascular disease risk.

He said the research found that the TrueBlue model of collaborative care could be easily introduced within the general practice workforce with practice nurses...
taking on the role of case manager.

"The care of patients using the TrueBlue model is closer to ‘best practice’ guidelines, with substantially better levels of adherence to guideline-recommended checks than those occurring in usual care," he said.

The model is already proving popular with the general practices that took part in the trials continuing to use the TrueBlue system.

Professor Dunbar said the results were clinically important and were among the few strategies shown to successfully assist in managing multiple chronic diseases and depression.

"Management of diabetes and heart disease has been highlighted as one of the global grand challenges in chronic non-communicable diseases."

"Along with depression, they have been identified as health priority areas in many countries. A vicious cycle exists between depression and these chronic diseases, with each being a risk factor for the other.”

Hamilton based doctor and Principal Clinical Advisor for Improvement Foundation Australia, Dr Dale Ford, said the research findings were of international significance.

"It shows that with extra training, practice nurses can do great work to improve health outcomes for people with depression and chronic diseases,” Dr Ford said.

"Having research-based evidence to show this is an effective model will hopefully lead to the approach being adopted across Australia.”

The Greater Green Triangle University Department of Rural Health is a collaboration between Flinders University and Deakin University.

The study involved James Dunbar, Michael Coates, Mark Morgan, Prasuna Reddy, Kate Schlicht and Jeff Fuller.

Article submitted by Rick Bayne, Media Masters Vic on behalf of the Greater Green Triangle University Department of Rural Health

THOROUGH BASS AND HUMAN NATURE: A MUSICAL TOUR THROUGH PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Hear the music Jane Austen herself played and sang, with readings from her most popular novel, Pride and Prejudice, which is 200 years young in 2013.

A program of scintillating readings from Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice, studded with piano music and songs from her personal music collection, will be presented in various locations around Australia during March and April 2013.

The concert dates in South Australia are:

• 3 pm, Sunday 17 March, North Adelaide Baptist Church, Tynte Street (bookings at FringeTix)
• 1 pm, Tuesday 14 May, Flinders Street Baptist Church, Adelaide (abridged version – free event, no bookings required)

The performers are soprano Gillian Dooley and pianist Fiona McCauley, both seasoned performers of this repertoire. In the first Adelaide concert they will be joined by mezzo-soprano Raechel Damarell and special guest artist, tenor Henry Jones.

The program includes piano pieces and songs by Joseph Haydn, Thomas Ame, Georgiana Cavendish, Christoph Willibald Gluck and others. Dance music, operatic arias, folk songs and charming duets illustrate each reading, from the Meryton Ball to the happy ending at Pemberley.

Dr Gillian Dooley, Learning and Research Services, has been researching and presenting programs of Jane Austen’s music since 2007, including Fringe shows in 2008 and 2010 and concerts in Canberra, Sydney. In September 2012, she travelled to the UK and gave concerts with historic harpist Mike Parker at the Jane Austen Festival in Bath and the Jane Austen Society Conference in Abingdon.

Fiona McCauley is an experienced accompanist and performer and has been playing with Gillian for more than 4 years. Raechel Damarell sang in the first Jane Austen’s music performances in Adelaide in 2007 and 2008, and has performed as a soloist in several Adelaide venues. Henry Jones sings with Corinthian Singers.

More details on the program here.

Article submitted by Gillian Dooley, Library

CREATIVE WRITING
RESEARCH TO THE FORE

Professor Jeri Kroll’s new book Research Methods in Creative Writing has just been released by Palgrave Macmillan. Professor Kroll, Dean of Graduate Research and Professor of Creative Writing, and Graeme Harper, Director of the Honors College at Oakland
University, Michigan, USA, are the joint editors of the book that is one of the first to look at research in the field.

The idea for the book had been in the works since Kroll first met Harper in 2004. Based in the UK at that time, Harper had just started New Writing: The International Journal for the Practice and Theory of Creative Writing and was also the founder of the annual Great Writing Conferences. A correspondence about the journal led Harper to invite Kroll to present a Keynote address at the Conference. He then selected her paper to be published in New Writing and this started a collaboration that has included a number of joint projects, including another international collection, Creative Writing Studies: Practice, Research and Pedagogy (2008).

Experts from Australia, the UK, South Africa and the USA have contributed to the book. Each considers research from a different perspective, but all clarify how research intersects with creative practice.

The chapters cover the ethics of writing non-fiction; the role of theory; the use of statistical analysis to evaluate the critical and commercial success of Young Adult novels; the relevance of conventional research definitions to creative knowledge generation; poetics as an anchor for research; and the challenges of creating a transnational writing community, among other subjects.

“You can approach creative writing research from a variety of perspectives and use a range of methodologies. This collection is designed to demonstrate some of those options and to let both staff and students know that there isn’t just one way of undertaking this type of research,” Kroll said.

It will be a busy year of publication for Kroll. One of her papers will be included in the 10th Anniversary highlights of New Writing, which will feature the ten most important works in the field. She also has written a chapter for the Wiley Blackwell Companion to Creative Writing, which will be out in June 2013. Her New and Selected Poems is due from Wakefield Press later in the year.

Copies of the book Research Methods in Creative Writing are available from the publisher here and there will be copies available from the library soon.

FLINDERS PROFESSOR INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Professor Carol Tilt, Flinders Business School, was inducted into the ‘Hall of Fame’ for Social and Environmental Accounting (SEA) researchers on 4 December 2012. The presentation was made at the Australasian Conference on SEA held at the University of Wollongong. This is an annual conference and the Hall of Fame award is for services to accounting generally, and social and environmental accounting in particular.

Professor James Guthrie, Macquarie University, presented the award to Professor Tilt.

She is a professor of accounting and Dean of the Flinders Business School, having worked at Flinders since 1993. She is a Fellow of Certified Practicing Accountants and an influential Australian figure in social and environmental accounting.

Tilt has always been an active member in the SEA community, encouraging emerging scholars and PhD students to research in the area. Prior to commencing her academic career she was an active member of Greenpeace. She has always been an avid nature and animal lover, so working in the social and environmental accounting field has allowed her to include her passions in her work life.

Her 1994 seminal paper on lobby groups was published in Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal (AAAJ). It is the 8th most cited article in AAAJ and has over 320 citations on Google Scholar. She has over 30 refereed publications in high quality journals, including three in AAAJ, and has many other publications, working papers, and conference presentations.

She is currently supervising five PhD students, is the recipient of a Vice Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, and is on seven Editorial Boards, including AAAJ, and reviews for over fifteen other journals.

Over the years, many Early Career Researchers and PhD students have benefitted from Tilt's mentoring skills, as she has helped.
them, especially at ACSEAR conferences, by reading and reviewing their work, or simply by providing the encouragement needed to submit the paper or just to keep at it!

Tilt remarked that it is a great honour, not only to receive the award and to be recognised in this way, but also to be a part of a community of accounting researchers that care passionately about social and environmental issues.

Article submitted by Professor Carol Tilt, Flinders Business School

**BIBLE AND CINEMA: FIFTY KEY FILMS**

Movies which have drawn inspiration from the Bible, either directly or indirectly, have been extremely popular since the earliest days of cinema.

Bible and Cinema: Fifty Key Films, edited by Adele Reinhartz, introduces a wide range of those movies, which are among the most important, critically-acclaimed and highest-grossing films of all time, including:
- The King of Kings
- Ben-Hur
- The Passion of the Christ
- Frankenstein
- Close Encounters of the Third Kind
- 2001: A Space Odyssey
- Apocalypse Now
- Monty Python’s Life of Brian.

Written by a team of internationally scholars, the fifty entries discuss the Biblical stories, characters or motifs depicted in each film making this book the ideal guide for anyone interested in the long-standing relationship between the Bible and film.

Dr Anton Kozlovic, School of Humanities, provided the chapters on Samson and Delilah (1949) and The Ten Commandments (1956) for the book.

Copies are available from the publisher, Routledge.

**NEW OPPORTUNITIES 2013 PRABHA SESHADRI RESEARCH GRANT**

The Repat Foundation Inc, based at the Repatriation General Hospital, exists to enhance the lives of current and future Veterans, through the funding of vital medical research into conditions that affect Veterans. The Foundation also funds projects and equipment that will benefit Veterans and patients receiving services from the Repatriation General Hospital.

The Board of The Repat Foundation is inviting applications for the inaugural Prabha Seshadri Research Grant:
- One single grant to provide seed funding for a major medical research project - to be conducted primarily at the Repatriation General Hospital, Daw Park, or where the project clearly demonstrates a strong focus on veteran health.
- Funding is for a minimum amount of $30,000, to a maximum of $45,000.
- Preference will be given to projects researching new topics or involving new researchers as key team members.

Initially being offered as a one-off separate grant, this new grant will be offered again when it is incorporated into the Foundation’s annual grants funding program later in 2013. The Prabha Seshadri Research Grant is being funded by the Repatriation General Hospital’s Staff Specialists Special Purpose Trust Fund, and is named in honour of the late Dr Prabha Seshadri.

Detailed information on criteria for the 2013 Prabha Seshadri Research Grant, and the official Application Form, are available to download from The Repat Foundation’s website [here](#).

The Flinders University internal closing date is 1 March 2013. Please contact Perry Fiegert for further information.

**FRANCE-AUSTRALIA EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS 2013**

The Australian Academy of Science invites applications from Australian early career researchers for the France-Australia Science Innovation Collaboration (FASIC) Program Early Career Fellowships in 2013.

The FASIC program is a joint fund to support high calibre Australian and French early career researchers (ECRs) nominated by their institutions, to expand research and innovation activities and to initiate substantial research networks and
linkages to support both countries’ research and innovation priorities.

Candidates should be research active in the fields of (1) medical science and biotechnology; (2) clean energy and resources; (3) climate change and environment; and (4) transport and infrastructure.

Please see the AAS website for information and guidelines.

The Flinders University internal closing date is 19 March 2013. Please contact Penny Fiegert for further information.

2013/2014 OXFORD-NUFFIELD MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP

The Australian Academy of Science have opened the call for applications to the 2013/2014 Oxford Nuffield Medical Fellowship.

Fellowships will normally be held in a department within the Medical Science Division of Oxford University.

This prestigious Fellowship carries an allowance of £41,152 plus travel and other allowances for the appointee and his/her spouse and children up to 18 years of age.

For more details on the scheme including how to apply please visit the Australian Academy of Science page.

The Flinders University internal closing date is 19 April 2013. Please contact Penny Fiegert for further information.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

DON’T MISS THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION SHOWCASE!

You will hear the latest in climate science research and also how practitioners from around South Australia are working at the local level to determine the best response for their region.

For the full program and registration link, please see the pdf brochure here.

Where: Pavilion on the Park
South Terrace, Adelaide
When: Thursday 14 March 2013
Time: 8.30 am (registration)
Cost: $150 (incl GST)
RSVP: Here

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