Vale Faculty of Social Sciences, 1992 - 2009

This month sees the end of an era for the Faculty of Social Sciences, as we morph into the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences. Changing in 1992 from the School of Social Sciences to become a Faculty was not without dramas, but this change is more transformational.

- **Prof John Browett**, our fearless leader, departs. From 7 December Prof Andrew Beer is Acting Head until the arrival of Prof Phyllis Tharenou our new Executive Dean, in February.
- The School of Geography, Population & Environmental Management joins Science & Engineering as a foundation department of the School of the Environment.
- Our remaining AOU’s disappear and resurface as departments within four Schools.

There will be other changes of course, different reporting lines, new ways of doing things. But we all want a compatible working environment and the satisfaction of achieving worthwhile results, so with willingness to adapt and concern for co-workers, the new-look Faculty will flourish.

The Faculty will farewell John Browett on Friday 4 December – that’s a time to express appreciation for John’s years of service and leadership. We look forward to sharing the occasion with you!

1. **Comings and Goings**

Sincere thanks to **A/Prof Clive Forster**, an integral and vital part of Social Sciences and the University since 1969. Clive has made substantial contributions to both the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management and to the Faculty of Social Science, including the development and evolution of the internationally recognised urban geography programme at Flinders. He has served in senior positions on numerous University and Faculty committees, and is respected as a committed and reliable colleague and friend. In Semester 2 2009, as Interim Dean, School of the Environment, Clive has been overseeing the new School’s establishment in the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

Our thanks also go to Dr Beverley Clarke who moved into the role of Acting Head of School, an interesting time for leadership.

The staff of Geography, Population and Environmental Management leave Social Sciences with our high esteem and best wishes for the future.

**Dr Constance Lever-Tracy**, Sociology, is retiring from the University. As a staff member of Sociology over three decades, the contribution of Dr Lever-Tracy to the Department, Faculty and University has been very considerable. In recent years, Constance has devoted considerable energies to pioneering the sociology of climate change and her research has been attracting international acclaim. She has recently completed a large edited collection on climate change for Routledge, and plans now to write her own book entitled ‘Confronting Climate Change’. Everyone in Sociology and the Faculty wishes her happiness in her retirement and the best for her future research.

2. **Central Administration posts**

Chris Reid, who worked in Policy and Secretariat here between 1994 and 2001, will commence an Administrative Officer post in Policy & Secretariat in February.

The Director, Human Resources, advises that Mr Ray Davey has commenced employment as Indigenous Employment Coordinator.
3. **Graduation Ceremonies, April 2010.**

   Please note the dates for Graduation next April. There will be ceremonies at 11am and 3pm each day in the Graduation Hall (Sports Centre) on campus.

   **Tue. April 20 - EHLT**
   **Wed. April 21 - Social & Behavioural Sciences [that's us!]**
   **Thurs. April 22 - Health Sciences**
   **Fri. April 23 - Science & Engineering**

   **Parting words . . .**

   What has given me the most satisfaction is that we have maintained a clear focus on the enhancement of scholarship and that this has been achieved in a spirit of co-operation and goodwill. For the most part collegiality has prevailed. In these endeavours over the years many people have contributed to the collective management of the Faculty and to its notable achievements. I thank you all and wish you well as new chapters are about to be written in a restructured Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences.

   *John Browett*
   *Executive Dean*

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**LAUNCH OF THE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, 26/11/09**

The launch was attended by many of the staff who will be foundation members of the School.

Prof Don DeBats, Interim Dean, gave the following inspiring address.

Thank you all for attending this significant first event in the life of a new School of the University. Thank you to everyone here and to the Vice Chancellor and to Diané Ranck, as well as John Browett who cannot be here, for the hard work that you have contributed to creation of this new School. Sonja has very efficiently arranged lunch which will appear about 11:40. Michael and Diané will speak in a few minutes, for a few minutes, on their vision for this new enterprise.

This is an important moment and, to use a word which I am sure we will hear again from Diané, one which puts a bold new face on an area of acknowledged strength and expertise in this University. It is an area which will grow in importance, and there are revealing measures of this, which I am sure Michael will mention, even now as we just begin. The new School will help guide the future of this state with its large defence and energy sectors and of our students as both prepare for their international futures. Looking outward, with knowledge, experience, and analytic tools, will be more important for both than they have ever been in the past. This School can help provide all three attributes: knowledge, experience, and analytic tools.

The knowledge is reflected in our core components – the Centre for Development Studies, the Asia Centre, the Department of History, the Department of International Relations (something the University has never before had) and the Department of American Studies. Together these define central parts of the international future. What grouping could better define that future?

The experience is reflected in our internships, our exchanges and our imaginative work integrated learning programs. Nothing adds so much value to a student’s education as this sort of experience; nothing so fully addresses almost any job specification. Internships, exchanges and work integrated learning are important features of what this School can offer and they are programs that we should make available to an ever expanding proportion of our students.

The analytic tools that we can impart arise from the internationally acclaimed scholarship that is so evident in this group. Here is an understanding of the way the international world works, has developed, and is trending; it will allow our students to not just understand but also help shape that future. Each of our five areas makes an important contribution to understanding how it is we arrived at where we are and, in communicating that, we will provide our students with a better idea of how they could and should shape the future.

So in terms of knowledge that can be imparted, experiences that can be created, and analytic tools that can be taught we have in this School a powerful force and an attractive force for our students, for the University, and for their shared bright futures.

Thank you.

Prof Don DeBats
Faculty of Social Sciences
2009 Teaching Award Recipients

The Faculty is pleased to congratulate the 2009 recipients of the Faculty Teaching Awards:

- Anuradha Mundkur, Cara Ellickson, Corey Durward, Jane Haggis and Susanne Schech (team award) – Centre for Development Studies - for, amongst other achievements, development of a virtual learning environment that, through exemplary use of education technology, introduces students to “real world” activities associated with work in development organizations
- Mubarak Ali Rahamathulla – School of Social Work - for, amongst other achievements, development of effective teaching approaches focused on professional social work practice, including case study analysis and reflection on social and cultural issues
- Brad West – Department of Sociology - for, amongst other achievements, commitment to learner centred learning, including development of comprehensive learning guides, learning portfolios, and high quality DVD and CD-ROM teaching tools
- Lorna Hallahan – School of Social Work - for, amongst other achievements, commitment to the development of critical thought and the art of questioning through such methods as “tools to think by” workshops and FLO-based discussion groups

The four award recipients each receive $2500 to support and further enhance their teaching. The recipients also will be recognised at the Vice Chancellor’s Celebration of Teaching Excellence and Innovation on 3 December.

Michael Bull
Chair, Faculty Teaching & Learning Committee

End of 2009 accounts

The Faculty Services Office [FSO] reminds staff that 2009 accounts are drawing to a close. Financial reports to the end of October will be forwarded to staff in early November 2009. Please check account balances and ensure that any funds to be expended in 2009 are dealt with as early as possible. Please remember when a purchase order is raised in December the goods must also be received and receipted in December for money to come out of your account.

Visa Credit Card Purchases
Goods purchased on your corporate visa card in December will not appear in your account until January 2010.

Advances – Including participant advances
Central Admin would like all advances acquitted (the only advances to carry over are for travel that has not been completed). If you have any participant advances these will need to be acquitted in 2009. If you need to keep these advances “open” please advise Tanya Corstens in writing (email: tanya.corstens@flinders.edu.au)

Travel Diaries
Any travel diaries that need to be completed, for travel completed in 2009, should be sent to the FSO prior to end-of-year closure.

Invoices, Payments, Reimbursements
Many accounting transactions require initial processing by our staff, then final processing by Central Admin staff - the earlier your request gets to the FSO the smoother the flow of paperwork. The ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for requesting Invoice Payments, Reimbursements, Debtors Invoice Requests, etc., to the FSO, is Tuesday, 8 December 2009. For requests received after this date, it will not be possible to guarantee payment or processing before the Christmas break.

Help Available
If you require help with any of the above please contact the FSO on extns: 12146, 12448 and 13546.
If you require help with interpretation of your financial statements contact Tanya (13546) or Carmel (12409) - please provide/bring a copy of the statement (these are now sent direct from the University to you therefore the FSO do not have a copy on file).
Management Representation:
John Browett attended the final meeting for 2009 as the Management Representative for the South building – Work Group 3. With the relocation of the Faculty Services Office shortly to Social Sciences South Vickie will move from WG1, SSN, to WG3 SSS, and will continue as the WG3 Management Representative. A new appointee will be required for WG1, SSN.
WG2, LC, is still unrepresented. The Flinders Business School Dean has been asked to nominate an appropriate candidate.

The Chair expressed her appreciation to John for his continuous support of occupational health and safety in the Faculty and wished him well for his impending retirement.

Electrical Safety Testing:
Unreported private electrical goods are still being brought on campus and room sweeps conducted during the testing process continue to uncover items which are not listed on the Faculty database. **It is important** that all electrical items are tested, tagged and recorded on the database as part of the legislative compliance. If any untested items are present in staff studies, please contact Charlie Rumbelow #15895 and he will carry out the appropriate tests.

The Electrical Testing Database which has been set up for FCAR has been offered to Science and Engineering.

Workplace Inspection Issues:
Most issues identified in the recent workplace inspections relate to untidy and cluttered rooms. Should you have further storage requirements, please contact Vickie #12166. With the new Faculty structure and Executive Dean commencing in 2010, this is the opportune time to have a clean out.

Training:
Staff will be asked to consider what training requirements may be necessary in 2010. Manual Handling, Asthma management and first aid will be available and other more specialised training needs can be discussed with Vickie Armstrong.

University OH&S matters:
The Faculty’s record shows one incident less than at the same time in 2008, and there are no rehabilitation cases. Most incidents on campus involve slips, trips and falls.

The WorkCover audit has ended and indications are that Flinders has done well. This is a result of the major efforts of OHS Unit staff and others from throughout the University.

Revised guidelines re *Alcohol and Other Drugs on University Premises, and Children on University Premises* were sent to Area Committee members for comment. The Chair will report to the OHS Unit on comments/suggestions made by Area Committee members. It was noted that many children who visit the campus may be ‘clients’ involved with members of staff, as in the School of Psychology.

First Aid – Code of Practice change
In the 17 years since the Approved Code of Practice for Occupational Health and First Aid, 1991 was introduced, many changes have evolved in the management of OH&S, first aid and training. That code, which provides information on first aid kit requirements, is currently under review by SafeWork SA. The revised Code is to be introduced late 2009, early 2010 once it has been approved. It will be promoted by SafeWork SA.

The Chair expressed her thanks to the Faculty Committee for their commitment and participation in OH&S issues throughout the year. With a new Faculty structure and Executive Dean, I am confident this Committee will continue to manage health and safety extremely well in 2010.
Thank you
Dr Udoy Saikia, on behalf of the SASCWA (South Australians Supporting Children and Women in Assam) team, would like to thank everyone who attended the November fund-raising movie night ‘The Boys are Back’. It was a full house and almost $2 000 was raised! This will be used to secure wages for four primary school teachers in three remote villages in Assam, India for one year. SASCWA look forward to your continued support.

Welcomes
On 11 November the School hosted a morning tea to welcome Dr Sudibyo Alimoeso, Principal Secretary, and Dr Kasmiyati, Head of Training and Development, Indonesian Population and Family Planning Board (Badan Kependudukan dan Keluarga Berencana Nasional - BKKBN). BKKBN are a major sponsor of postgraduate students from Indonesia in the Applied Populations Studies program. SGPEM staff and postgraduate students enjoyed a convivial gathering over refreshments. Dr Alimoeso also presented a seminar ‘The Future of Population and Family Planning in Indonesia’ on 12 November. The guests met with the Interim Dean of the School of the Environment A/Prof Clive Forster, Deputy Vice Chancellor (International) Prof. Dean Forbes and Head of the International Office Ms. Virginia Pattingale to discuss continuation of collaboration between BKKBN and Flinders University.

On 20 November GPEM hosted the second in a series of Networking Events to enable staff of the new School of the Environment to socialise and to hear the latest news about the school. For the latest information on the formation of the School of the Environment staff should log into the blog: http://blogs.flinders.edu.au/school-of-the-environment.

Notable Achievements
Congratulations to Dr Beverley Clarke, GPEM Head of School, on being offered a place in the prestigious Governor’s Leadership Foundation Program for 2010. The program is designed to broaden, enhance and accelerate leadership capability and provide high-end development for key people in organisations throughout South Australia. It is directed at South Australians who are leaders (or emerging leaders) in their organisations, have substantial work experience and who have demonstrated the potential to become future leaders in our State. Competition for places on the program was apparently very intense this year with a high number of outstanding applicants, so it is a credit to Bev to be invited to join the program.
Prof. Iain Hay was awarded a 2009 College Fellow of Council of Education Associations of South Australia (CEASA) Award for ‘outstanding leadership and contributions to scholarship in geographical education in Australia and Internationally’. The award was presented by the Hon Jane Lomax-Smith, Minister of Education on World Teachers’ Day (30 October).

Iain has accepted an invitation to join the International Editorial Board of Norsk Geografisk Tidsskrift - Norwegian Journal of Geography with effect from March 2010.

Other

Dr Jonathan Sobels was interviewed by Triple J’s Hack drive time national radio program on the consequences of Australia reaching the 22 million population milestone in October. Jonathan spoke about the potential of population growth and climate change to make Australia a possible net importer of wheat in 2050 and what that might mean for countries which rely upon our food production capacity. Jonathan also spoke about the substantial shortfall in water supplies that will follow our present drought for many years that could make water and food security major issues if population growth continues at its present rate.

Jonathan was also interviewed by the Stock Journal for a comment on SA Farmers’ Federation plans to set up farmer cooperatives for their produce in order to increase profits. Farmers are price takers in a market where wholesalers charge a substantial margin to supply the food supermarket oligopoly of Coles and Woolworths. The article to appear in the week beginning 23 November or following week.

Rob Keane and Dr Jonathan Sobels wrapped up the pilot project survey on the commuting behaviour of Prince Alfred College students and staff in October. The survey instrument was a novel synthesis of web-based survey and Web 2.0 use of GIS mapping which calculated the carbon pollution for each trip for each respondent, whether by car, public transport, walking or cycling. This pilot project is a preamble to the release of a public instrument that anyone might use, and a survey of the commuting behaviour and carbon footprint of students and staff of the University, given funding is made available.

Dr Udoy Saikia presented his seminar, The role of gender norms in population dynamics of India, to members of the University of Third Age Flinders Inc, Active Elders Hall, on 10 November.

Publications


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Department of History

The PRIO Cyprus Centre annual conference ‘Learning from comparing conflicts and reconciliation processes: a holistic approach’, was held in June 2009, at Ledra Palace in the UN buffer zone dividing Nicosia. As part of the conference, Alecos Markides, former Attorney-General in Glafcos Clerides’ government (1995-2003), and Dr Demetris Porfyris, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Cyprus, introduced Reunifying Cyprus: The Annan Plan and Beyond, the co-edited book by Andrekos Varnava (and Hubert Faustmass, U.Nicosia). The book was published by I.B.Tauris. Full presentations can be viewed at http://vimeo.com/5441240 and http://vimeo.com/5447588
Notable Achievement
Dr Anuradha Mundkur, Associate Director, Gender Consortium has been selected to attend the second Emerging Pacific Leaders’ Dialogue (EPLD), to be held in the Pacific during March 2010. EPLD 2010 recognises the considerable challenges in balancing globalisation and interdependence; and that respecting cultural values is imperative to the successful development of and co-operation between Pacific countries and territories. EPLD 2010 will increase the strategic leadership skills and capacity of emerging leaders in the Pacific region to meet challenges collaboratively. It will contribute to sustainable leadership and good governance, while promoting regional understanding and co-operation through an improved network of key relationships.

Workshops
During November, Gender Consortium designed and delivered a two-day workshop on Gender Analysis for ACT Government policy officers from mainstream departments and facilitated a half day forum for senior executives from mainstream departments on mainstreaming gender analysis into the ACT government business and developing effective accountability mechanisms.

In October, Gender Consortium facilitated a 3-day Strategic Planning Consultation Workshop with policy and planning officers from the Indonesian Ministry of Women’s Empowerment (MoWE). The workshop was opened by Dr Konensatwanto Inpasihardjo, MoWE Secretary.

Course information
Gender Consortium recently held its inaugural Virtual Open Day to promote the Graduate Certificate in Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Analysis course and gather feedback on the topics from key industry stakeholders as well as educators from other universities.

The topic DVST 9043 Gender Analysis, a core topic in the Graduate Certificate in Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Analysis will be included as a Core Unit (topic) for students undertaking a Master of Arts in Development Studies program at Murdoch University (to commence in 2010).

For more information regarding Gender Consortium – please use this link: http://socsci.flinders.edu.au/dvst/genderconsortium

National Institute of Labour Studies

Congratulation to Julius Mollet (NILS PhD student), on his article on ‘West Papua the Dynamics of Contemporary Local Government Policies and Economic Development’ being accepted by Development in Practice (DIP) journal. DIP is published by Oxfam GB. The article will be published next February.

Mr Darcy Fitzpatrick and Dr Laurence Lester attended, by invitation, the ‘24orMore’ International Conference on increasing female labour participation, on 5/6 November in Amsterdam. The Conference was sponsored by “Taskforce Part-Time Plus” an initiative of the Dutch government. Darcy presented a paper ‘A Comparison of the Labour Supply Behaviour Between Women and Men: Evidence from Australian Panel Data’ (Fitzpatrick and Lester, 2009), dealing with female labour supply in Australia. The paper generated much interest from the Dutch participants. Both Darcy and Laurence, as international guests, were active participants in all sessions over the 2 days, with Laurence providing a labour economist’s overview of the issues for the final session considering the next steps to increasing female labour force participation.

School of Social Work

The School congratulates two of its academic staff, Mubarak Ali and Lorna Hallahan, who each received 2009 Faculty Teaching awards. Mubarak and Lorna have demonstrated their commitment to quality teaching and to student learning. Their awards continue the proud history of our School staff in receiving faculty, university and national teaching awards.

Priscilla Dunk-West has been appointed as co-editor of Nexus, an official publication from The Australian Sociological Association (TASA). Her term is for two years with the first issue under the new editorialship out in early 2010.

Chris Miller presented a paper, entitled, ‘Reluctantly Toward a Typology of Civil Society: Understanding Non-Governmental Action’, at the International Society for Third Sector Research, Asia and Pacific Regional Conference, in Taipei, Taiwan. He also delivered the Keynote address to the AGM
Chris was interviewed by Blaine Harden of the Washington Post on the work he and Associate Professor Fiona Verity have been doing with the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists on the social, economic and environmental impact of long-term water shortages throughout the Murray-Darling Basin. The Washington Post intends to publish a series of pieces on the state of different river systems and the Murray-Darling is likely to be one of them.

Mubarak Ali attended the first sino-Australian seminar on, "Social change: Limits and possibilities" held during September 22-23, 2009, in Beijing. This seminar was jointly organised by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Flinders University.

March 2010 sees the launch of *Work Integrated Learning: A guide to effective practice*, by Professor Lesley Cooper, Adjunct Professor, School of Social Work, Flinders University, Associate Professor Janice Orel, Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Education, Flinders University, and Margaret Bowden, Research Assistant, School of Social Work, Flinders University.

Written in response to the increasing demand for work-ready graduates who are familiar with organizational practices in the workplace, and the need for greater work integrated learning (WIL), this book provides a practical guide for the education sector and employers alike. An integrated resource, applicable to all involved in WIL, it will also appeal to pro-Vice Chancellors of teaching and learning, WIL coordinators, careers services, and all those involved with standards and competency.

With the globalization of higher education and the cultural and linguistic challenges this brings, WIL has become a core strategic issue for many organisations. Examining WIL as a process of integration between workplaces, higher education institutions, government, business and industry, this book includes:

- Strategies for managing work integrated learning experiences
- The what, when, where, why and who of WIL across professions
- Advice on building relationships between higher education and the workplace
- Guidance on preparing learners effectively for work
- Practical case studies from firsthand experience
- Direct information and instruction on the use of WIL

Many staff and students in the Faculty of Social Sciences and across Flinders University have contributed to this book by giving their time to share their experiences, provide brief case studies and make suggestions, as have staff from other universities and several placement providers. We thank them for their time. They are duly listed in the book’s Acknowledgements.

Professor Anthony Elliott was elected Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and travelled to Canberra in November to receive the award. He also is delivering a Key-Note Address to The Australian Sociological Association Conference at the ANU in early December, titled "Sociology and Psychology". Anthony has just published a new book, of which he is Editor: "The Routledge Companion to Social Theory" (London and New York: Routledge). He has also contributed a book chapter "Representation, Affect and the Theory of the Subject" in S. Day Sclater et. al. (eds), "Emotion: New Psychosocial Perspectives", London: Palgrave.
Assoc. Professor Sarath Delpachitra has been appointed by the Australian and South Australian governments and the Local Government Association of South Australia, as a member of the Metropolitan Adelaide Board for four years. The Board is one of eight local consultative bodies which will form Regional Development Australia, South Australia. Sarath will also be nominated as a member of the Faculty’s International Programmes Committee from 4 January.

On Thursday 12 November, Owen Covick gave an invited keynote address entitled ‘State of play – an update on the South Australian and national economy’ at the 2009 CPA Congress held at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

In 2010 the Flinders Business School will begin teaching the Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies (Business). This innovative postgraduate course is designed to provide a broad introduction to the theory and practice of the Australian workplace. It provides a legal and practical framework for individuals seeking to develop their knowledge of, and skills for, the Australian workplace. For more information please go to: http://www.flinders.edu.au/courses/postgrad/gcpsb/

**School of Psychology**

**Appointments**
- Neil Brewer was an invited speaker on ‘Assessing the Credibility of Witnesses’ in the National Judicial Orientation Program for new Australian Supreme, District and Family Court Judges, held at Glenelg in November.
- Norm Feather will be awarded an Honorary degree (Hon. D. Litt) at the December graduation ceremony on 16 December.

**Grants**
- A NHMRC project grant ($584,125) for a randomised controlled trial of three treatments for anorexia nervosa in adults was awarded to a group of chief investigators that included Sue Bryne (University of Western Australia), Tracey Wade (Flinders University), Phillipa Hay (University of Western Sydney), Stephen Touyz (University of Sydney), Christopher Fairburn (Oxford University), Ulrike Schmidt (Institute of Psychiatry), Janet Treasure (St Guys Hospital), and Virginia McIntosh (University of Otago).

**Postgraduate Publications**

**Conference Presentations**
- *Cognitive Processing Therapy for Acute Stress Disorder: A Dissemination Study.*
- *Autobiographical memory in children with acute and posttraumatic stress disorder.*

**Other**
- Robinson, J.A., Member of panel of experts on research with vulnerable populations. Conference of the SA branch of the Public Health Association of Australia, Adelaide, 31 October.
- Julie Robinson also gave an invited presentation on her work with refugees who are displaced in Cairo at the reunion of Old Scholars from St Aloysius College on 8 November.
- Ian McKee’s doctoral research on revenge (supervised by Norm Feather) was described in the June edition of the APA Monitor, along with other research on retribution and revenge from two North American investigators. The special article in the Monitor was entitled ‘New research offers insights into the dish best served cold’. 
**News**

Firdaus gave a talk ‘Journey of the Fifth Pillar in Islam’ in the Spotlight Seminar of Indonesian Teachers’ Association on October 23, 2009 at the School of Languages, Adelaide.

Haydon Manning addressed the *South Australian Conservation Council’s* AGM on ‘Prospects for Greens and Independents at the 2010 South Australian State Election’ and was commissioned to write an opinion article on the politics of uranium mining in South Australia for the December issue of the *South Australian Mines and Energy Journal*.

George Crowder travelled to Medellin, Colombia, where he delivered a series of invited keynote lectures for a conference on ‘Isaiah Berlin After 100 Years’, Eafit University, 11-13 November.

Rosslyn von der Borch and a group of 18 undergraduates, Indonesian postgraduates, staff and their partners paid a three-day visit to Nhill in rural Victoria. The town of some 2000 people marks the halfway point between Adelaide and Melbourne and is perhaps best known for its grain farming. Less well-known is that Nhill has a quality Indonesian language program that runs from primary school to Year 12. Among the first group to graduate in Indonesian from Nhill College were Katrina Wallis and Laura Harding, now Second Year Indonesian language students at Flinders.

**Publications**


Faculty ARC Grant Assistance Program including ARC Research Grant Workshop

The Faculty grant assistance program this year involves two parts: a workshop and Faculty review.

First: Attend the workshop: ARC Research Grants: Some timely advice about developing a quality application.

When: Wednesday 2 December
Where: 241 SSN
What Time: 3 pm – 4.30 pm.

If you are attending the workshop, please RSVP to Heather.Paull@flinders.edu.au

This year, the workshop will be lead by Professor Neil Brewer and our incoming Executive Dean, Professor Phyllis Tharenou. They will highlight some key points about ARC Discovery applications and give some advice on issues usually considered important to ARC panel members. This is a session that researchers intending to apply to in the next or following Discovery round should not miss. Their insights will be invaluable: Professor Brewer has had recent experience on the Australian Research Council’s “College of Experts” for the Social Sciences and Professor Phyllis Tharenou is currently Executive Director of Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences at the Australian Research Council (ARC)

However, this workshop is also meant to be a chance for you to ask lots of questions relating to how you couch your application, track record, etc.

Come armed with questions relating to how you couch your application, track record, etc.

Note, due to a very heavy schedule, Professor Tharenou will need to leave the workshop by 3:50 pm but Professor Brewer will remain and continue answering questions.

Please take advantage of this opportunity. And thank you to Neil Brewer and Phyllis Tharenou for offering their assistance and insights in this way.

Second: Follow-up will be provided:

a) If you have never applied successfully to the ARC before, and are not sure if you have a good enough track record to be ‘in the running’, the Faculty strongly suggests the following:

- that you write a draft of your research record relative to opportunities (Section B10 in the GAMS version of the application form the last round) focusing especially on your most significant contributions PLUS your publication list. Submit this to the Faculty, through the Administrative Officer Research (Heather.Paull@flinders.edu.au), and the Faculty will organise for a reviewer to give you some feedback that may help you decide whether its worth investing the time required to put together an application at this stage of your career or whether you may be better advised to focus on developing your track record. Suggestions about how to improve your track record will be provided.

- if you go ahead with developing a full application, submit a polished first draft (again through Heather Paull) by mid-January, at the latest, to give the Faculty adequate time to provide reviewer comments and for you to revise your application in time to meet the submission deadline.

b) If you have applied to the ARC successfully in recent times, then the Faculty also offers to provide you with reviewer feedback. We suggest you submit your draft through Heather Paull, as early in February as possible, as it is difficult to obtain detailed reviews at short notice.
Watch out for the following grant schemes (for funding in 2009) which should be open around mid December with a due date in the second week of February (date yet to be decided):

- **Establishment Grants Round 1 2010** (first of two rounds per year)
- **Faculty Research Support Grants, Round 1 2010** (first of two rounds per year)
- **Visiting Research Fellowships, Standard, Round 1 2010** (first of two rounds per year)
- **Visiting Research Fellowships, Short, Round 1 2010** (first of two rounds per year)

How the Research Infrastructure Block Grants (RIBG) 2010 round is to be handled is yet to be determined.

Academic staff will be informed by email once the forms and guidelines for the first round are made available on the Faculty research web site, under the subheading, **Staff research: forms and guidelines at**: [http://www.flinders.edu.au/socsci/research/research_home.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/socsci/research/research_home.cfm)

The 2010 Supplementary Research Student Maintenance application forms and guidelines will also be made available, on-line, sometime during mid December.

### Flinders Collaborative Research Grant Scheme

Flinders Collaborative Research Grant Scheme Round 2, 2009 will not be available this year. The DVCR is reviewing the effectiveness of the program and will advise an outcome in due course.

### Excellence in Research for Australian (ERA) Update

We are still waiting for clear guidance from the ARC and Flinders on what, exactly, is required in preparing for the ERA submission. However, we suggest that staff peruse, periodically, the ARC’s ERA web page for updates (see: [http://www.arc.gov.au/era/default.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/era/default.htm)). The central component of Flinders’ communication strategy is the Office of Research Blog and in particular the posts in the ERA category. Be mindful that you will probably be required to do a lot of work on the University’s SBE submission (Cluster Four in ERA terms, i.e. Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences) in a very short timeframe in 2010.

### Vice-Chancellor’s Awards for Early Career Researchers

Vice-Chancellor, under authority delegated by Council, has approved the Vice-Chancellor’s Awards for Early Career Researchers. The policy can be found at: [http://www.flinders.edu.au/ppmanual/awards/vc_earlyresearch.html](http://www.flinders.edu.au/ppmanual/awards/vc_earlyresearch.html). Please note that the nomination form is also on the policy (top, left hand side). The Policy advises that ‘Vice-Chancellor’s Awards for Early Career Researchers recognises and values the outstanding contributions of individual Early Career Researchers to the University. These awards will recognise, reward and encourage excellence in research across all Faculties’.

Main points:

- Up to ten awards can be made each year.
- Each award is valued at $2,500, and should fund opportunities to broaden the recipient’s networks and enhance their standing and recognition.
- The award will be conferred as a significant honour.
- Eligibility for the Awards: At the time of the nomination, nominees for the award: (a) must be current research/academic staff or hold academic status of the University; and (b) must have had their PhD or professional doctorate conferred for no more than 10 years

For more information please refer to the website indicated above.
SECOND 'HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH NETWORK' GATHERING
The first Faculty of Social Sciences inaugural Higher Degree Research Network Gathering, held on 16 October, was extremely successful.
Approximately 40 HDRs and supervisors attended the session facilitated by Barbara Baird and Budi Sulistiyanto. Those at the gathering enjoyed Indonesian snacks for afternoon tea and the opportunity to get together and meet some new people.
The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday the 9 December at 3:15pm to 4:15pm in the Pendopo.** Please be aware that if the weather is extreme (e.g. too hot, too wet) we have the option of gathering in the Social Sciences South Common Room again. You will be notified on the morning of 9 December of any change to the venue.
We have been fortunate to have Dr Gavin Prideaux from Biological Sciences, Flinders Palaeontology Lab agree to join us on the day. He will be giving a short talk related to his area of interest - the evolutionary history of Australian mammals.
Please RSVP by Friday 4 December for catering purposes (advising dietary requirements, if any): Tracey.Kohl@flinders.edu.au

ASRIS FOR 2010-2012
The DVC (Research) Professor Andrew Beer has announced that the areas of strategic research investment, ASRIs, for 2010-2012 will be, the:

1. Centre for the Analysis of Educational Futures
2. Critical and Cultural Inquiry ASRI
3. Flinders Centre for Cancer Prevention and Control
4. Flinders Centre for Clinical Change & Health Care Research
5. Flinders Medical Devices and Technologies
6. Molecular Technologies Research Cluster
7. Ophthalmology, Eye and Vision ASRI
8. Psychology ASRI
9. Southgate Institute for Health, Society and Equity
10. Water and Environmental Sustainability ASRI

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1. **Hooray for Holidays!**
   It being the season to be elsewhere, some of our staff will indeed be elsewhere for the next few months, and the rest of us may be more pushed to answer your problems.

   Tony Soric will be away for most of December, returning in January 2010.

   Liz Raymond will be taking a well-deserved (so she says) break from January until April, and other staff will be stepping up to cover her absence. Jonathan Wheare will be acting as IT Manager, Tony Soric will move into Jonathan's server support role and we welcome a temporary helper in the person of Sean McEvoy who has been seconded from ISD Remote Support.

   We ask for your patience in the new year as staff become accustomed to their new roles.

2. **Next year’s software**
   Academics, if you haven’t let us know about any new software you need installed in the computer labs for next year, this is your last chance. We need to know as soon as possible so that the software can be installed and thoroughly tested prior to the start of semester.

   Windows 7 and Office 2007 will be used in the computer labs from next year. If you reuse any files you have from previous years, please check them to ensure they run with 2007. Most files should work but it is strongly recommended to check PowerPoint files in particular.

3. **Bulk PC order**
   The bulk PC order will be placed on December 4th. The bulk-order price of a new PC is $1229 ex GST - a saving of $40 per PC.

   If you would like to participate in the bulk order, I will need to know by 5pm, December 3rd:

   * the details of your purchase
   * the account number to debit

   This must be in writing. It can either be in the form of an email sent by the person who controls the account, or a paper-based request including a signature from the account holder.

   The computers will be invoiced when they are delivered, making them part of the 2009 accounting year.

   Please note that this bulk order is ONLY for PCs - no laptops, no printers. If there is sufficient demand, there may be a bulk order for laptops early in 2010.

   Don’t worry if you have missed the deadline, or if your funds cannot be spent until 2010. The worst it will cost you is $40 per PC. If there is sufficient demand there may be scope for another bulk PC order early in the new year. Please contact the helpdesk to register your interest.

4. **New computers**
   Just a reminder that all new PCs from now on will have Windows 7 as an operating system, and Office 2007. Don’t get left behind! 😊 If you work with colleagues who have a new computer, consider upgrading to Office 2007 now so you will be using the same software for shared files. There is no cost.

5. **Laptops**
   If enough people are interested in buying a new laptop, we may try to arrange a bulk laptop purchase. We will call for expressions of interest early in 2010, so please let us know if your laptop is on the way out and you are considering purchasing a new one.

   It is likely that we will change our preferred laptop brand from Toshiba to Dell, as Dell is more accommodating with bulk pricing - and it’s hard to ignore a three year on-site warranty. Under consideration as “standard models” are the Dell Latitude E6400 ($1600 ex GST) and the Dell Latitude E6500 ($1800 ex GST). You can find the specifications of these and others in the Latitude range here:

Flinders has access to better pricing than you will find at this link, so if you do want to go ahead with a laptop order please contact the helpdesk first. Please note that the prices given earlier are approximate.

6. **Humour**
   - For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
   - To err is human... to blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human; in fact it is downright natural.
   - **He who laughs last probably made a back-up.**
   - If at first you don't succeed, blame your computer.
   - A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.
   - The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.
   - A computer program will always do what you tell it to do, but rarely what you want it to do.
   - When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
   - When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
   - The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.
   - When the going gets tough, upgrade.
   - When you need to send an email quick, that's when the network won't connect!

![Motherboard LED Christmas tree – complete with lights!](image)

7. **Happy Holidays!**
   From all of us at Computer Support, please have a joyous, safe and bug-free holiday!✨

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**The Social Sciences Computing Helpdesk can be contacted as follows:**

- **Email:** SSComputerHelp@flinders.edu.au
- **Phone:** 13500 (8201 3500 - outside Flinders)
- **In Person:** Rm 260 Social Sciences North
Central Library entry level redevelopment
The Library & Flinders Campus Community Services have obtained Better Universities Renewal Fund funding to enhance the Collaborative Learning Hub in the Central Library. The new design has been shaped by student & staff feedback and we hope it will enhance services, particularly on evenings and weekends.

What’s new?
• A Café area in the Library which will serve coffee, tea & snacks during the majority of the Library’s opening hours.
• A covered, upper level walkway from the Matthew Flinders Theatre through the library building to Red Vines Café and Sage.
• Student Learning Centre space for teaching & student assistance
• Informal study spaces, computers & laptop areas
• Redveloped library service desks

Temporary relocation of services
Building work commences on Monday 30th November 2009, for completion by Semester 1, 2010. Services will be relocated to level 0 (Plaza level) during this time. After hours returns will be located in the Humanities Courtyard. Liaison Librarians may still be contacted via phone or email. More information is available from: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/library/change.cfm>

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• Development Studies
• Flinders Asia Centre

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• Foundation Studies
• International Students

naomi.billinghurst@flinders.edu.au
• National Institute of Labour Studies
• Psychology

Tony Giorgio@flinders.edu.au
• Geography, Population & Environmental Management
• Globalisation

Beth Prior@flinders.edu.au
• Yunggorendi First Nations Centre

• Social Work
• Sociology

• History
• Political & International Studies
• Public Policy & Management
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**Notes:**

1. * The assessment/exam period commences on the Saturday at the end of **Week 14** and runs until the Saturday at the end of the second exam week (thus including three successive Saturdays).

2. **Week 14** in each semester may be a teaching week for topics in which no examinations are held.