1. Appointments

Deputy VC (Research)

Prof Andrew Beer, Geography, Population and Environmental Management, has been appointed as Acting Deputy VC (Research) while recruitment formalities are finalised for that position. Andrew will spend three days per week in this role, with the balance of his time spent in the Faculty.

AOU Appointments

Ella York’s .5 administrative assistant appointment in the School of Social Work has been made permanent.

We welcome Julianne Cleworth who has also been appointed to a .5 position in the Social Work admin. team.

Director, Buildings & Property

New Director, David Banks, commenced at Flinders on 29 April. David comes from the Adelaide City Council where he managed corporate real estate, infrastructure & property, and asset management. Earlier he held infrastructure management, HR posts and change management at ETSA.

Graham Dickson will continue as B&P Principal Project Officer in order to manage some ongoing major projects.

2. Congratulations

The Council of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (RGS/IBG) has conferred upon Prof Iain Hay the Taylor and Francis Award 2009 ‘For excellence in the promotion and practice of teaching and learning in Geography in Higher Education’. The Award will be presented to Iain by RGS/IBG President Sir Gordon Conway in London on 1 June.

Premier Mike Rann awarded the Premier’s Certificate of Appreciation to Dr Mubarak Ali, School of Social Work, on 28 March. The award recognises Mubarak’s service to the Indian community in Adelaide.

3. Flinders Whistleblower statement and procedures

The University has developed procedures to ensure that persons reporting improper conduct and who may be fearful of coming forward with information are reassured that their identity will be kept confidential; and they will be protected from reprisal or victimisation. For information, and before making a report, refer to the University’s Whistleblower Statement and Procedures at http://www.flinders.edu.au/ppmanual/policySecretary/whistleblower.html Go to https://www.yourcall.com.au/sd/ to make a secure disclosure. Enter Flinders University Organisation ID: FUSA 1966.

By these measures Flinders aims to deter incidences of misconduct and to encourage openness, transparency and accountability at all levels of the University.

4. Research in China?

Are you interested in spending 3 weeks in Beijing on a research project about China? Applications are now being accepted for the Visiting Fellowship program under the Exchange Agreement between Flinders and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. The information and application form for the Visiting Fellowship have been circulated but if you missed it please contact: justin.derosa@flinders.edu.au

5. Reminders

Outside Studies Programs: eligible members of staff are invited to apply for an OSP to commence in Sem.One 2010. The closing date for applications is 25 May. Please use the Faculty application form: http://www.ssn.flinders.edu.au/research/staff/osp_ocl/ Applications will be called later in the year for programs in Sem.Two 2010, and will be due on 21 October.

Nominations are open for the SA Young Tall Poppy Science Awards 2009. For information, check the website at http://www.aips.net.au/136_2.html
6. **Scholarship opportunity**

The Catherine Helen Spence Memorial Scholarship will again be awarded in 2009.

The Scholarship is to provide for a woman to investigate social problems and/or a study in the field of social sciences. This should be relevant to social conditions in South Australia and be capable of being applied for the benefit of the state.

Women aged 20-40 years who have been resident in S.A. for a minimum of 5 years immediately prior to the closing date of applications (30 June 2009) are eligible to apply. The value of the Scholarship in 2009 is $22,000.

For application details please contact: Mr Darryl Carter, Executive Officer, Catherine Helen Spence Memorial Fund Scholarship Committee, SA Department of Education & Children’s Services. Email: Carter.Darryl@saugov.sa.gov.au

7. **Hire of University facilities**

Those responsible for managing the hire of University facilities should visit the ‘Venues for Hire’ section of the University website: [http://www.flinders.edu.au/campus/conference-facilities/venues-for-hire/home.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/campus/conference-facilities/venues-for-hire/home.cfm)

There you will find information on available venues, conference facilities, catering, etc., as well as the Facilities Hire Conditions. Note that there are stringent conditions re Public Liability Insurance Cover for an external hirer. Mike Stevens, University Insurance Officer (extn 12618), can assist with questions on insurance.

8. **Swine Influenza Outbreak**

Staff are advised that, should a pandemic be declared, Flinders University will act in accordance with, and follow directions issued under the State Plan. The Director of Administration draws the following points to your attention:

- Flinders has an agreement with The Travel Doctor whereby staff can obtain travel related medical information, treatment and advice prior to travelling overseas on University business. Find more detail at [http://www.flinders.edu.au/finance/travel/travel-health.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/finance/travel/travel-health.cfm)

9. **Name Changes in Humanities**

The EHLT Faculty Board has approved the following changes:

- the Dept of Languages becomes the Dept of Language Studies;
- the Dept of Cultural Tourism, Legal Studies and Professional Studies becomes the Dept of Tourism and Legal Studies.

10. **Occupational Health and Safety:**

Many Faculty staff have still to complete the [On-line Supervisor Training](http://www.flinders.edu.au/ohsw/SupTrn_Register/register.htm). It is a WorkCover requirement that all supervisors be trained in Occupational Health and Safety. The WorkCover auditors return to Flinders later this year and we expect that they will scrutinize the training records. Some senior staff in Social Work, Sociology, NILS, History and Women’s Studies have not completed the training. The Flinders OH&S training package is available at: [http://www.flinders.edu.au/ohsw/SupTrn_Register/register.htm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/ohsw/SupTrn_Register/register.htm)

Please contact Vickie Armstrong, OH&S Faculty Committee Chair, if you or your staff have specific OH&S training needs.

The Faculty’s annual workplace inspections are programmed to begin within the next month. This survey is used to identify problem areas in the Faculty, including storage issues and ergonomic furniture requirements.

**Committee Representation:** if you are interested in expanding your knowledge about occupational health and safety issues and management in the Faculty, we still have a vacancy on the Area OH&S Committee for a management representative from the Law Commerce building.

The first quarter Incident Report for 2009 advises of just one incident in the Faculty of Social Sciences – a slip on stairs. The Faculty has no rehabilitation cases.

**Electrical Safety Testing:** staff are reminded of the legislative requirement to have all electrical items brought on to campus tested, tagged and recorded on the ET database. Staff should contact Charlie Rumbelow, #15895, to carry out the testing.

John Browett
Executive Dean
Seminars and Colloquia

**Flinders Business School, Room 3.18 Law & Commerce Building, Friday**

12.30, 1 May  Dr Paul Kenny, FBS  
*The rise and fall of the Simplified Tax System: lessons for the Henry Review*

12.30, 8 May  Assoc.Prof.Owen Covick, FBS  
*Mrs Oliphant, Mrs TW Williams and their connection with the English Railways*

12.30, 29 May  Mr Graham Jones, FBS  
*Corporate Philanthropy*

**School of Geography, Population & Environmental Management, Room 242 SS North, Tuesdays**

11.15, May 12  Dawn Hawthorn-Jackson, Owner/Manager, Emu Consulting  
*Governments and their communication and engagement with rural communities – why are communities up in arms?*

11.15, May 19  Honours thesis seminars

11.15, May 26  Dr Simon Benger, GPEM at Flinders  
*CLLAMMecology Habitat Program – modelling the Coorong*

**Department of History, Room 154 SS South, Fridays**

2pm, 1 May  Grant Niemann, Flinders  
*Prosecuting International Crimes – State and International enforcement compared*

11.15, May 8  Effie Karageorgos, Flinders  
*Enthusiasm or Dissent? A comparison of Australian soldiers’ attitudes towards the second South African and Vietnam wars.*

11.15, May 15  Ms Skye Krichauff, Swinburne University of Technology  
*The case of Melaitiyappa: a micro-study into the causes, consequences and implications of cross-cultural violence in colonial South Australia*

11.15, May 22  Dr Karen Balcom, McMaster University, Canada  

11.15, May 29  Honours Presentations

**School of Political and International Studies, venue and days given below**

2pm, May 1  A/Prof George Crowder, SPIS  
*Rm 115 SSSth*  
*Three conceptions of value pluralism*

1pm, May 6  Priyachari Chakravarti – SPIS postgraduate student  
*Rm 014 SSSth*  
*Dealing with a nuclear recalcitrant – the viability of Australia’s ambivalent position following India’s readmission to nuclear trade*

2pm, May 8  A/Prof Janet McIntyre, SPIS  
*Rm 115 SSSth*  
*Balancing individualism and collectivism: user centric policy design to address complex needs*

1pm, May 13  Muttaqin – SPIS postgraduate student  
*Rm 014 SSSth*  
*Title to be advised*

2pm, May 15  A/Prof Richard Leaver, SPIS  
*Rm 115 SSSth*  
*The global politics of energy: the long shadow of the oil*

2pm, May 22  A/Prof Geoff Cockfield, Faculty of Business, University of Southern Queensland  
*Rm 115 SSSth*  
*The National Party: a rural party in an urban nation*

1pm, May 27  Glen Varona – SPIS postgraduate student  
*Rm 014 SSSth*  
*Towards improving ethics and governance in the Philippine National Police: a critical systemic review*

2pm, May 29  Dr Craig Matheson, SPIS  
*Rm 115 SSSth*  
*Explaining class cultures and political ideologies: a neo-Durkheimian approach*

**School of Social Work, Room 153 SS South, Tuesday**

4.30, May 4  Robin Hambleton, Professor of City Leadership, University of the West of England, Bristol, Director of Urban Answers  
*Innovation in Civic Leadership – an international perspective*
**Department of Sociology, Room 241 SS North, Thursdays**

4pm May 7  
Prof. Atsushi Sawai, Sociology, Keio University, Visiting Research Fellow  
*Changing Conceptions of Death in Japanese Society: a sociological perspective*

4pm May 21  
Prof. Charles Lemert, Andrus Prof. of Sociology, Wesleyan University, Visiting Professor  
*Goffman and Other Ghosts of Sociology’s Future*

**School of Psychology, Room 223 SS North, Fridays**

3.30, May 1  
Aaron Drummond, Flinders PhD student  
*Switching imagined viewpoints from plan-view diagrams and maps*

3.30, May 8  
Dr Denis Gerstorf, Human Development & Family Studies, Pennsylvania State University  
*Aging and dying: Individual-, community-, and national-level influences on late-life changes in well-being*

3.30, May 16  
Dr Christiane Hoppman, Psychology, University of British Columbia  
*Goals, health, and well-being across the life-span: evidence from daily life assessments*

3.30, May 22  
Dr Michelle Moulds, Psychology, University of New South Wales  
*The nature and persistence of intrusive autobiographical memories in depression*

3.30, May 29  
Ellie Lawrence-Wood, Flinders PhD Student  
*Social emotional influence: the impact of the ‘other’ on perceptions of and responses to threat*

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**News from Units in the Faculty of Social Sciences**

**Flinders Business School**

Prof. Carol Tilt was invited to join the editorial board of the *Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal*, and the international editorial board of the 8th Australasian Conference on Social and Environmental Accounting Research. The Conference is to be held in Wellington NZ, in December 2009.

On 17 April Carol attended the Autumn meeting of BARDsNet [Business Academic Research Directors Network] in Brisbane. Matters discussed included the definition of research active, roles of research directors, and Business School accreditation.

Joe Williams of the Business School has been appointed Chair of the Adelaide Hills Employment and Workforce Development Network. There are 17 such networks in South Australia. The Networks, part of the SA Government’s Works in the Regions program, are responsible for co-ordinating local employment and skills formation planning and delivery. The Networks facilitate a collaborative, co-ordinated and targeted approach to learning, training and employment issues at the regional level. Joe’s involvement arises from his membership of the Adelaide Hills Regional Development Board. He says ‘Taking on the Chair’s role will allow me to have an impact at local and individual job level. As such, it’s analogous to what we do as teachers.’ Joe would be happy to explain the work of the Networks to anyone at Flinders. He can be contacted on 12387 or via email.

**School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management**

Professor Andrew Beer and a group of third year Regional Development students visited Waikerie and Barmera for two days as part of their studies into regional development initiatives. The Waikerie First campaign’s Executive Director of Regional Breakthroughs, Connie Woodberry, said she had received positive feedback from the group who will later submit a detailed report on the initiatives.

*The third year Regional Development students who visited Waikerie, along with Connie Woodberry and Professor Andrew Beer.*
**Grant**

- Neil Brewer, Fiona Gabbert & Lorraine Hope (both from the UK), have been awarded one of the two funded ARC & ESRC (UK) Linkage International Collaboration grants for their project 'Interviewing eyewitnesses: enhancing output quantity and diagnosing accuracy'. ARC funding is $152,000 and UK funding (not yet finalised) should be between $150 and $200k.

**Award**

- Luke Broomhall won 'The 2008 Roger Rees community rehabilitation prize on brain injury and neurological impairment'. There is a seminar presentation as part of the award. This will be held on 13 May 2009, 1-2 pm, Sturt Campus Room N110.

**Appointment**

- Michael Wenzel has been invited to join the Editorial Board of the new journal *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, a new joint venture of the Association for Research in Personality (ARP), the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP), the Society of Experimental Social Psychology (SESP), and the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP).

**Postgraduate Publication**


**Conference Presentations**


**Society of Australasian Social Psychologists 38th Annual Conference, Melbourne, April 2009**

- Berndsen, M., *See the world through their eyes: the impact of perspective taking and group strength on emotions and action tendencies in an intergroup conflict.*
- Hedrick, K., & Wenzel, M., *How do we truly forgive ourselves?*
- Turner, J., & Wenzel, M., *The dynamics of forgiving: cause or effect?*
- Wenzel, M. & Okimoto, T. G., *Closing the injustice gap: a path to forgiveness?*

**36th Australasian Experimental Psychology Conference, Wollongong, April 2009**

- Kemps, E., Tiggemann, M., & Parnell, J., *Food cravings selectively interfere with visuo-spatial working memory.*
- Tlauka, M., & Drummond, A., *Spatial knowledge of geographical globes.*
- Drummond, A., & Tlauka, M., *Viewpoint adoption following map study.*

**Other**

- Robyn Young was an invited guest at ‘Austism Research in Australasia: What do we now? Where should we go?’ The forum was a round table discussion for leading autism researchers in Australia and NZ.
- Robyn attended a strategy seminar at HELP University College Malaysia, entitled ‘The University in Troubled Times’. She also attended the Convocation Ceremony.
- Michael Tlauka gave a talk to Flinders Medical postgraduate students in March 2009 entitled ‘Sex differences in spatial ability.’
- Geoff Fraser hosted a group of year 12 students from Roxby Downs Area School and gave a presentation on studying Psychology at Flinders University. Geoff and Paul Douglas gave the students a tour of the Psychology Sleep laboratory.

**Gender Consortium, Centre for Development Studies**

Dr Anuradha Mundkur of the Gender Consortium was successful in obtaining a Faculty Establishment Grant 2009 Round 1 for a project titled: ‘Promoting Gender Equity in Local Government through Gender Audits’. The project is linked with FIAPI's interest in development solutions, good governance, gender and human rights. The aim of this project is to modify and adapt an organisational self-assessment tool to enable city councils in Australia to better integrate gender concerns into organisational policy, programmes and services.
Prof. Anthony Elliott has published a new book with Sage Publications, *Identity in Question*. Co-edited with Prof. Paul Du Gay of Warwick University, UK, the book derives from a conference organized at Oxford University and brings together some of the world’s leading theorists of identity studies.

Anthony has been conducting research for his ARC Discovery project on globalization and global elites in Melbourne during April. He has also recently acted as a reviewer for the international presses Routledge and Polity.

A/Prof. Janet McIntyre, with members from the International Sociological Association, has two articles forthcoming in *Systemic Practice and Action Research* journals – ‘Participation: an ethical way forward to protect the global commons’, and ‘Constructing citizenship and transnational identity’.

Janet is also contributing to and editing ‘Participation for social justice, sustainability and peace’, a special edition of the *Action Learning and Action Research* journal. Contributors to the paper-based and the longer, on-line version of the journal are from International Systems Sciences, the International Sociological Assn, Flinders University graduates, and staff members of the University of Indonesia.

Richard Leaver visited National Chung Chi University in Taipei to present an invited paper on ‘The Trade Policy of the Rudd Government and its Implications for Northeast Asia’ to a conference on ‘Cross-Straits Economic Relations and Australia’.

Priyambudi Sulistiyanto gave a talk on ‘The 2009 Parliamentary Elections in Indonesia: Views from the Streets’ at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. At the same time, a new book edited by Maribeth Erb and Priyambudi Sulistiyanto titled *Deepening Democracy in Indonesia?: Direct Elections for Local Leaders (Pilkada)* was launched by Prof Anthony Reid.

Budi also convened a symposium at Flinders University, 3-4 April, on Contemporary Trends in Asia. This symposium was jointly sponsored by Flinders Asia Centre and the Dept of Womens Studies and was part of the Indofest 2009 schedule. It gave an opportunity for the discussion of new research and ideas about contemporary Asia, focusing on politics, human rights, sexuality, popular culture, environment and religion. The Indonesian guest speakers, Edriana and Sita Aripurnami, who are attached to the Womens Research Institute in Jakarta, came to give their presentations on women’s participation in Indonesian politics. Dr Anthony Langlois also gave a keynote speech on ‘Human rights in Asia: liberalism and pluralism’. It is hoped that this kind of collaborative academic event will be held at Flinders University every year. Budi reports that this and the other Indofest events were a success and enjoyed by many.


**Publications**


Maribeth Erb and Priyambudi Sulistiyanto, *Deepening Democracy in Indonesia?: Direct Elections for Local Leaders (Pilkada)* (Singapore: ISEAS).
School of Social Work

Assoc.Prof.Carol Irizarry has accepted an appointment to the Academic Board of Tabor College in Adelaide.

A new book, Human Rights Overboard by Linda Briskman, reports on the People’s Inquiry into Mandatory Detention initiated by the Schools of Social Work in Australia. The book presents a comprehensive coverage of the policies and practices related to detention of asylum seekers to Australia. Flinders’ Social of Social Work organised and supported the Adelaide coverage of the inquiry and took testimonies for three days from those who came forth to report on their experiences. The staff and students involved are acknowledged in the book.

Assoc.Prof.Fiona Verity spoke on ‘Community capacity building’ at the Zonta International District 23rd Workshop held at Victor Harbor.

During March and April Dr Mubarak Ali was interviewed by journalists for Homepage Radio NSW, the Eastern Courier and the Sydney Morning Herald on the topic of Internet Addiction.

Social Work PhD student Jay Marlowe has had two articles accepted for publication: ‘Accessing Authentic Knowledge: Being and Doing with the Sudanese Community’, accepted by Australian Community Psychologist, and, written jointly with Carol Irizarry, ‘Beyond Mere Presence: Making Diversity Work’, Journal of Social Work Education. As well as writing articles, Jay proved his fitness by completing the Pt Macquarie Iron Man competition in April.

Department of History

Dr Bill Edwards, who gained his PhD in the History Department last year on aspects of Aboriginal mission life, was recognised in the Australia Day honours for his services to the indigenous community as an interpreter and recorder of the languages and culture of the Anagu people. He said he was ‘humbled’ to become a Member of the Order of Australia. Bill learned Pitjantjatjara at the Ernabella mission, near the border with the Northern territory, where he was superintendent for 14 years. During his work as an interpreter he began making recordings of the spoken language. He said history could easily be lost and he hoped that by recording Aboriginal language and culture it could be preserved.

In April Dr Andrekos Varnava, a new Lecturer in the Department, published British Imperialism in Cyprus, 1878-1915: The Inconsequential Possession in the ‘Studies in Imperialism Series’ of Manchester University Press. This is the first ever book to explore the tensions underlying early British imperialism in Cyprus. Much has been written about the British Empire’s construction outside Europe, yet there is little on the same themes in Britain’s tiny empire in ‘Europe’. Also, there has been much focus on Cyprus’ messy ‘decolonisation’, but precious little on British imperial expansion and Cyprus. The book follows Cyprus’ progress from a perceived imperial gem to an expendable backwater by explaining how the Union Jack came to fly over the island in 1878 and why after thirty-five years the British wanted it lowered. Cyprus’ importance was always more imagined than real and was enmeshed within widely held cultural signifiers and myths. Examining Cyprus’ status as an ‘inconsequential possession’ reveals much about reasons of state, policy construction and the contingencies of imperial governance. Governments do not always make decisions through evidence-based reasoning; decisions are often wrong; reasons for bad decisions are often changed to justify them differently; there is a great reluctance to admit a mistake let alone to reverse it; and cultural signifiers and perceptions play a great part in decision-making. ‘British Imperialism in Cyprus, 1878–1915’ fills a gap in the existing literature on the early British period in Cyprus and challenges the received and monolithic view that British imperial policy was based primarily or exclusively on strategic-military considerations.
Peter Ashley, who has been a Visiting Scholar with the History Department several times over recent years, has sent us the following piece from The News, Portsmouth, UK:

[Journalist Matt Jackson sends us greetings from sunny Hampshire, and good luck for the Ashes.]
RESEARCH NEWS

RESEARCH GRANTS

ARC Linkage International Social Sciences Collaboration Proposals

Congratulations to Professor Neil Brewer for being one of only two successful proposals (success rate of 8.7%) to the recent ARC Linkage International Social Sciences Collaboration grant round. Professor Brewer's proposal, with colleagues Dr Fiona Gabbert (University of Abertay, Dundee) and Dr Lorraine Hope (University of Portsmouth, Hampshire), *Interviewing eyewitnesses: Enhancing output quantity and diagnosing accuracy* will receive both ARC and ESCR (UK Research Council) funding.

Establishment Grants

Congratulations to Drs Noore Siddique, Anuradha Mundkur, Keith Miller, and Debbie Faulkner for their successful Establishment Grant applications. The projects are:

- Dr Debbie Faulkner (GPEM/FIHURR): *Residential Decision Making Strategies of People Aged 55 Years and Over: A Preliminary Evidence Base*
- Dr Keith Miller (Social Work): *Families SA Refugee Services Alternative Care Research Project*
- Dr Anuradha Mundkur (GPEM): *Promoting Gender Equity in Local Government Through Gender Audits*
- Dr Noore Siddiquee (FIPPM/SPIS): *Contribution of Australian Development Assistance to Poverty Reduction and Gender Equality in Bangladesh*

Visiting Research Fellowships (VRF)

Congratulations to the following staff members who attracted VRF funding in April:

- Associate Professors Susanne Schech (GPEM) and Jane Haggis (Sociology) for Distinguished Visitor
  - Prof Rob Potter, Head of School and Professor of Human Geography, School of Human and Environmental Science, University of Reading
- Professor Andrew Beer (GPEM) for Distinguished Visitor: Prof Chris Paris, Emeritus Professor, School of the Built Environment, University of Ulster, Magee Campus Derry

NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NHMRC)

PROGRAM GRANTS

Key dates: internal closing date: 22 June 2009  
external closing date: 1 July 2009

The NHMRC have opened a call for applications under its Program Grants Scheme. Applications opened 4 April 2009 and will close 1 July 2009 (Office of Research closing date is 22 June 2009).

Applications are open to new teams or current Program Grant holders in their 4th or 5th year in 2009. Funding will commence in early 2011.

For further information regarding the Program Grants Scheme please visit the NHMRC website. Please forward applications for Office of Research review to Julie Petticrew or Kim Graham.
**DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

**Key dates:** internal closing date: 19 June 2009  
external closing date: 20 June 2009

If you are intending to apply for a Development Grant this year, please note that the NHMRC’s new Research Grants Management System (RGMS) will be piloted with this round of Development Grants.

To enable NHMRC to provide a ‘Login’ for each potential investigator for the Development Grant round, potential investigators need to **login to the new system from 3 April** onwards and give their details in an on-line application form available from the [NHMRC website](http://nhmrc.gov.au).

The new RGMS, which will completely replace the Informed Filler system next year, will provide an online profile and CV function. For this year’s pilot during the Development Grant round, once potential applicants receive their ‘Login’ they can proceed with their online CV.

Formal Development Grant applications will **open 24 April and close 30 June 2009 (Office of Research closing date 19 June 2009).**

For further information about Development Grants please visit the [NHMRC Website](http://nhmrc.gov.au). All applications for review by the Office of Research should be submitted to Julie Petticrew or Kim Graham.

**HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP**

**Key dates:** Monday 15 June (9.30am - 4pm) and Tuesday 16 June 2009 (9am - 1pm)

The Ethics Centre of South Australia, in collaboration with Flinders University, the University of Adelaide and University of South Australia, invites all HDR students who have commenced their program of study in the last 12 months to attend the following workshop:

‘Ethics and Integrity in Research with Humans’

This interactive workshop will aim to give participants:

- an understanding of the ethical issues that may arise in research involving human participants (across the full spectrum from biological samples to whole populations) applied during discipline specific workshops;
- tools to analyse and address these issues;
- an understanding of what constitutes good practice in research; and
- assistance in the preparation of Human Research Ethics Committee applications.

Here are some comments from participants who attended the previous ‘Ethics and Integrity in Research with Humans’ workshop.

“An excellent course. I’m very glad I had the opportunity to attend this before submitting my ethics application. Removed a great deal of mystery from the process.”

“Many thanks. I am now much more confident to proceed with the ethics approval process and understand this as a useful contribution to my research.”

This workshop will be run on Monday 15 June (9.30am - 4pm) and Tuesday 16 June 2009 (9am - 1pm) in H2-02 (Basil Hetzel Building), City East Campus, University of South Australia. A map will be forwarded to all registrants. Refreshments, including lunch, will be provided.

Current HDR students who have research projects which require Human Ethics Approval are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop. To register, contact amy.baker@unisa.edu.au by Friday 5 June.

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1. The War against Beige
Beige is no longer the ‘in’ colour for computers.
If you still have a Microbits computer, please be aware that it is now unsupported. If it causes problems on the network, it will be disconnected.
Fortunately we have second-hand spare computers available this year, so make your old Microbits computer known to us by the end of May and we will replace it with a newer pre-loved computer from our spares stocks.
Please check your student rooms, research labs, part time teaching rooms, etc
Be wise and surrender your Microbits computers while there is still amnesty (and trickledowns)!

2. Bugged Computers
We recently had a call from a lecturer who told us he had opened the CD drive to put in a CD and a few ants fell out – what should he do?
If this should happen to you, turn the computer off immediately (save your work first if you need to) and call us.
Do Not Spray The Computer With Bug Spray.
We can debug your computer, but please don’t keep using it or hope that the ants “will go away”. Ants are very fond of moving into computers: they set up home in the nooks and crannies where it is dark and warm. You can see the result of the recent infestation below (the cream-coloured areas are eggs):

(both computer and lecturer survived the debugging and are doing fine.)

3. Collaboration suite
The decision has been made to introduce a new University-wide email and calendaring system.
Don’t worry - it won’t happen for a few months yet. We’ll send details as they become available.
In the meantime you still have plenty of time to tidy up your mailbox.
Tidying tips:
   a. Target emails with attachments
      They take up the most space. If you want to keep the attachment, save it to your H: drive and then delete the email from your mailbox. Or at least delete the attachment.
   b. Empty your trash
      If you haven’t emptied your trash folder for a while, you may be surprised how much space it occupies.
      If everyone empties their trash on a weekly basis, it will ease the load on our current email system.

4. Email–how much space are you using?
   It’s hard to reduce your email quota usage if you don’t know which messages and folders are taking up all the space.
   Here’s an edited excerpt from our December 2006 newsletter on the subject:
   In Thunderbird you can check to see how much space each of your email folders is using. Click the button as shown below, and choose Size. Then click on each folder to show its size. If your folders are in the KB range, there’s nothing to worry about. If any folders are more than a few MB, they need to be cleaned up.
   If a folder is large, it may be due to only a few messages with large attachments. You can find these by clicking the other button (located on the far right of the screen), choosing

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
Size, and then ordering your messages by size. Note: you can always order your messages by any of the column headings - click once for ascending order, click again for descending order. If you order the messages by size, you'll find the largest ones at the bottom (or top).

5. Email - how to empty your trash

When you start your email program, does it take a long time to open? Have you received warning messages from the email server about being over quota?

A lot of email can build up in your Trash / Deleted folder. If you periodically delete this unwanted email, it will 1) help your program load more quickly, 2) lower your quota, and 3) free up space on the server.

To automatically empty your Trash / Deleted folder each time you quit from Thunderbird:

Tools → Account Settings

Or, if you’d prefer not to do this automatically, you can do it manually instead:

Right-click on your Deleted (or Trash) folder and choose Empty Deleted (or Empty Trash).

You should also check your Junk folder if you have one, and also weed out any unnecessary Copies to Self files you don’t need.

To delete all messages in a folder, click on the top message, hold down the shift key and click on the bottom message. This should highlight all the messages. Then press the delete key.

Remember to empty the Deleted folder again once you have done this 😊.

6. Long file names (and why you really should trim them)

Please keep your file and folder names short.

This particularly applies if your document or folder lies nested within many subfolders.

If the full path name exceeds 256 characters, strange things begin to happen. Sometimes these files can’t be copied. Sometimes they can’t be saved. Sometimes they lose all their permissions. Sometimes they corrupt the filesystem.

Windows is quite happy to let you create these long names, but many of its tools just can’t cope with them.

We have encountered this problem quite often recently while transferring data between PCs. The copying process stalls when it hits an excessively long path, and the only solution is to rename the file to a shorter name and start all over again. There are also some G: drive paths that are now so long that they can’t be backed up properly.

When naming your files and folders, please be mindful of the 256 character limit. Don’t sacrifice clarity, but please try to be concise.

7. Laptops

On occasion I have included some advice on how to treat laptops/admonishments for bad treatment I have discovered. This one takes the eggroll – please do not try this at home, work, or anywhere else and avoid even the possibility of this happening at all costs!
(Oh, and don’t leave a lit candle unattended).

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