1. Our revamped Faculty

In January we become the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences. Each of our four Schools will be led by a Dean, and we will have Departments within the two newly created schools. The National Institute of Labour Studies, remains a 'free-standing' Centre.

At the beginning of January, 2010 the Faculty structure will be:

**Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences**

**Acting Executive Dean**

Flinders Business School: Prof Angèle Cavaye, Dean

School of International Studies: Prof Don DeBats, Interim Dean

- Department of American Studies, Prof Don DeBats, Head
- Department of International Relations, Dr Michael Barr, Head
- Department of History, Dr David Lockwood, Head
- Flinders Asia Centre, Dr Liz Morrell, Director
- Centre for Development Studies, A/Prof Susanne Schech, Director

National Institute of Labour Studies: Prof Kosmas Mavromaras, Director

School of Psychology: Prof Neil Brewer, Dean

School of Social and Policy Studies: Prof Chris Miller, Interim Dean

- Department of Social Work & Social Planning
- Department of Sociology, Prof Anthony Elliott, Head
- Department of Women's Studies, A/Prof Barbara Baird, Head
- Department of Politics & Public Policy*, A/Prof Haydon Manning, Head

* PPP incorporates Flinders Institute of Public Policy & Management and 'non-international' academic staff from the present School of Political & International Studies.

The School of Geography, Population & Environmental Management will have joined the Faculty of Science and Engineering, but will remain in Social & Behavioural Sciences Buildings until the School of the Environment building is constructed.

The world-class **Flinders Centre for Airborne Research** – see [http://airborneresearch.com.au/](http://airborneresearch.com.au/) will also have transferred from Social Sciences to Science & Engineering.

The friendship, contributions and camaraderie of staff from GPEM and FCAR have been of great value to the Faculty of Social Sciences. We regret losing them however we wish them a rewarding working environment and much success in their new School.

On 1 February our Executive Dean elect, Professor Phyllis Tharenou, will take up her appointment. We have received a brief glimpse of Prof Tharenou’s background and now look forward to working with her to build on the strong foundations of the Faculty of Social Sciences.
2. **Staff appointments/changes**

   My sincere thanks to A/Prof Lionel Orchard for his steadfast service as Head, School of Political & International Studies during quite turbulent times.

   With Political & International Studies separating to become three departments in the revamped Faculty – IR, SPS and Flinders Asia Centre – we have two new Heads of Department. Congratulations to:
   - Dr Michael Barr - Dept of International Relations, School of International Studies.
   - A/Prof Haydon Manning  - Dept of Politics & Public Planning, School of Social & Policy Studies.

   The Bachelor of Arts Office is very pleased to welcome Mrs Renee Mawby-Duthy to the position of Administrative Officer until August 2010, when she will return to the School of Education.

   **Academic & Student Administration**

   Ms Jacqui Forte has been appointed to a full-time position as Administrative Officer, to July 2010, Jacqui is located in room 260, and will primarily work on the C2R2 project and data systems entry.

   Mrs Leesa Mark has moved to a new location, and is now resident in room 252 SSS, the BA Office area.

   Undergraduate office changes include Ms Marie Cimasko, Enquiry Officer, working a four day week – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Caroline Crowther is working Monday – Wednesday, with Mrs Jo Proctor moving to a Wednesday – Friday role.

3. **Equal Opportunity**

   A/Prof Anthony Langlois has undertaken appropriate training and now joins A/Prof Jo Baulderstone and Dr Deb King as an Equal Opportunity Contact Officer.

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**Occupational Health and Safety**

**OH&S Supervisor Training**

The Faculty has recently undergone both an internal audit and a visit from the WorkCover auditor. As a consequence of the internal audit the Faculty received a non-conformance for the online Supervisor Training which has yet to be completed by all supervisors.

In view of this audit result, staff are reminded of their obligation to complete the online OH&S Supervisor training package, and to revisit it every 5 years as per the Legislative requirements. Therefore if you have already completed the topics prior to December 2004, it will be necessary for you to revisit the package which is accessible at: [http://www.flinders.edu.au/ohsw/training/suptrng_reg.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/ohsw/training/suptrng_reg.cfm)

**OH&S Incident Report – 3rd Quarter**

It is pleasing to see that staff incidents for our Faculty have reduced from the same period last year. Trips, slips and falls seem to be the most common accidents reported University wide, and I encourage staff to be careful and to refrain from talking on mobile phones or reading when using the stairs. Should you be involved in an incident please complete the Accident/Incident form and forward to your building H & S rep.

**Workplace Inspections**

This process has been completed and any problems identified will be prioritised according to the risk level. The assistance of the Faculty Health and Safety Representatives with this task was very much appreciated.

**OH&S Committee Representation**

A vacancy exists for a Management Representative from the Law Commerce Building – Work Group 2. If you are interested in expanding your knowledge of OH&S issues in the Faculty, please contact Vickie Armstrong – Committee Chair.

**Electrical Safety Testing**

Staff are reminded that it is a legislative requirement that all electrical items brought on campus are tested, tagged and recorded on the ET database. Charlie Rumbelow is available on #15895.

Your attention to occupational health and safety issues within the Faculty is paramount in keeping our accident statistics to a minimum and in the provision of a safe working environment with safe systems of work.

Vickie Armstrong
Area OHS Committee Chair
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).

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Seminars and Colloquia


- 10 November Brad D. Wolaver
  Modern Groundwater Recharge in the Western margin of the Great Artesian Basin of Central Australia (title to be confirmed)

- 17 November Cecile Cutler and Selina Tuially
  A reflection on urbanisation pattern in Prague

Department of History, Fridays at 11.15am, Room 154 SS South

- 6 November Dr Valerie Munt, Flinders
  Australian anthropology and ideology: a communist perspective from Frederick Rose

School of Psychology, Thursdays at 1pm, Room 223 SS North

- 5 November Danielle Robson, PhD Student
  The development of infants with an increased risk of autism

- 12 November Phillip Donaldson, PhD Student
  Object properties and the selection of spatial frames of reference

Department of Sociology, Thursday at 4pm, Room 241 SS North

- 5 November Prof Margaret Davies, Flinders Law School
  The future of Secularism
Department of American Studies

On Tuesday 3 November the Department hosts Bill Chafe, Alice Mary Baldwin Professor of History and co-founder of the Duke-UNC Center for Research on Women, the Duke Center for the Study of Civil Rights and Race Relations, and the Duke Center for Documentary Studies. A past president of the Organisation of American Historians, Bill Chafe is author of many books, and his work has helped to re-direct scholarship on civil rights toward social history and community studies.

A Treat for the End of Semester
Tuesday November 3rd - 2.00pm in Room 240 SSN
BILL CHAFE, DUKE UNIVERSITY
The Challenges Facing Barack Obama: An Historical Perspective
All are welcome to attend

The Department is delighted to report that Prof Peter Edwards AM, has been honoured as one of Australia’s leaders in international affairs. Peter has recently been made a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs [AIIA] in recognition of his distinguished contribution as a historian of Australian foreign policy and international relations.

AIIA has been promoting interest and understanding of international affairs in Australia for more than 75 years. As a part of this mandate, the AIIA last year launched a Fellows program to recognise exceptional contributions to Australia’s international relations, and is continuing the program in 2009.

Inaugural Fellows announced in 2008 were Professor Coral Bell AO, The Hon Gareth Evans AO QC, Dr Stephen FitzGerald AO, Mr Hamish McDonald, Dr Robert O’Neill AO, Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC, Mr James Wolfensohn KBE AO and Mr Richard Woolcott AC.

The Australian Institute of International Affairs was established in 1933 as an independent non-political body to promote interest in and understanding of international affairs. It operates nationwide with more than 1600 members across seven State and Territory branches. The AIIA hosts almost 200 events per year, and disseminates ideas via its publications including the Australian Journal of International Affairs. For more information see www.aiia.asn.au

Department of Sociology

The Department is very pleased to announce that Prof Sharyn Roach Anleu, in conjunction with Prof Kathy Mack (Flinders, Law), has been awarded an ARC Discovery Grant for funding to commence in 2010 for their project: ‘Courts, the Judiciary and Social Change’.

Sharyn has just finished teaching a two week intensive topic on research methods at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, in Onati, Spain.

Constance Lever Tracy’s International Handbook of Climate Change and Society has been sent to Routledge, with an expected date of publication next April or May.

Brad West has become an ex officio member of The Australian Sociological Association’s Executive Board.
In 2006 a small group of staff members at Flinders University started SASCWA – South Australians supporting children and women in Assam. The group is holding a fundraising movie night at Trak Cinemas on 15 November – see the flyer on the last page of this Newsletter.

Dr Jonathan Sobels and staff led a party of students from his ENVS 1703 ‘Professional Skills in Environmental Management’ class on a four day camp to the Murray Lower Lakes and Coorong in late September. The party of 50 arrived at Langhorne Creek on the first day to be greeted by the thunderous applause of inclement weather including a blast of hail and rain. Not to be deterred the group good humouredly set out daily on a full program which included a visit to Kiyanga Vineyard, the location of the largest private desalination plant in the Southern Hemisphere. Over the next four days students observed, listened and photographed their way through a series of talks and visits with private landholders, fishers and government officers who spoke about their particular application of environmental management to the current crisis of the Lower Lakes and Coorong. Students learned first hand from neighbouring farmers on the Narrung Peninsula (separating the Coorong North Lagoon from Lake Albert) of the various land uses, of the diverse adaptations to the drought and low flows, of the farmer’s unique prospects for the future, as well as local stories about early European settlements. Some highlights of the camp included a description of the internationally accredited environmental stewardship program that is practiced by the very professional Southern Fishery Association of the Lower Lakes, Coorong and Southern Ocean, and an unexpected invitation to a public meeting in Meningie. The meeting, facilitated by government officers from five departments, presented the latest strategies for dealing with the very tricky problems of water supply, whether fresh or sea water, water quality, acid soils, fish kills, revegetation, amenity and timeliness. Students will complete their study in this topic by an exam and submission of their professional journals compiled during this highly successful camp.

Conferences, Seminars, Symposiums....

Chris Paris, AcSS Emeritus Professor of Housing, Ulster and Visiting Research Fellow, presented his paper ‘Housing and Ageing in Northern Ireland’ at Adelaide Art Gallery on October 20. Prof Paris discussed policy-oriented research in Northern Ireland relating to the future housing and support needs of older people. The changing situation in Northern Ireland was also compared in outline to the circumstances in South Australia in order to open discussion on this important topic for housing and care-related public policy action. The presentation was supported by ECH Inc. Prof Paris also delivered a seminar ‘Housing booms and housing busts: mansions, booms, and holiday homes in Ireland and the UK’ at Flinders on October 27.

PhD candidate David Bunce participated in an Exchange Series program at the Affordable Housing Institute in Boston, USA in September. This program commenced in early 2009 with a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. David was also a keynote speaker at the annual convention of The Manufactured Home Owners Association of America, delivering his talk on Relocatable Home Parks in Australia. He attended The Innovations in Manufactured Homes Conference, hosted by the corporation for Enterprise Development in Seattle, and spent time with the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund to investigate transferable models that may be utilised to secure the land for park residents in Australia.
A/Prof Clive Forster will give a presentation on ‘Population growth projections and metropolitan strategy: challenges for the planning consensus’ to the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia Symposium 2009: Space and Place - Informing Policy and Planning Through a Spatially Integrated Social Science, on November 3 in Canberra.

Clive will also give a paper on ‘Population growth, metropolitan strategy and challenges for urban councils’ to the Australian Local Government Association National Roads and Transport Congress 2009, on November 9 in Mackay, Qld.

Prof Andrew Beer attended a seminar in September, hosted by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences [CASS]. In the People's Republic of China CASS is the highest academic research organisation in the fields of philosophy and social sciences as well as a national centre for comprehensive studies.

Dr Udoy Saikia and Dr Gour Dasvarma presented their paper on The world's highest fertility in Asia's newest nation: an investigation into reproductive behaviour of women in Timor-Leste, at the XXVI International Union for Scientific Study of Population Conference [IUSSP] in Marrakech, Morocco, in late September. It was the first IUSSP International Population Conference to be held on the African continent and in an Arab country and included over 180 regular scientific sessions, poster sessions, and training sessions, as well as plenary and debate sessions, side meetings and exhibitions.

Udoy is pictured dancing at the special dinner offered by H.M.the King in honour of conference participants.


Dr Debbie Faulkner and Dr Selina Tually, Research Fellows with Flinders Institute for Housing, Urban and Regional Environments [FIHURE], were invited to present a joint report entitled ‘Our Homes, Our Communities: The Aspirations and Expectations of Older People in South Australia’ at the CEOs’ Residential Seminar coordinated by the Local Government Association of SA on September 24.

Dr Faulkner was invited to present the results of FIHURE’s work on Ageing and Housing at the Australian Institute of Urban Studies One Day Event in Perth on October 7. The presentation was titled Are We Meeting the Needs of the Older Population?

Debbie was also a member of a discussion panel addressing issues of housing and planning for South Australians at the Shelter SA AGM on October 21 at Old Parliament House. The facilitated discussion was around the topical subjects of housing need, and initiatives for increased housing supply in the context of the 30 year plan for greater Adelaide.

Dr Selina Tually, Research Fellow with FIHURE, will be launching her report on ‘Women in the Community Housing Sector Workforce’ at the 6th National Housing Conference in Melbourne, on 24 November. Dr Tually’s report is the culmination of a research project involving interviews with women from the community housing workforce, focussing on their career insights, experiences and aspirations. The conference is being hosted by the Victorian Office of Housing and the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI).

Dr Emma Baker, FIHURE Research Fellow, is a keynote speaker at the Regional Studies Assn’s Winter Conference 2009, ‘Global Recession: Regional Impacts on Housing, Jobs, Health and Wellbeing’, to be held in London at the end of November.

Dr Debbie Faulkner, together with Rosemary Crowley, Chair, Ministerial Advisory Board on Ageing, will be presenting a session on ‘The Impact of an Ageing Population on Councils’ at the Mayors and Chairpersons Residential Seminar at Mawson Lakes, November 27-28. The session will examine the effects of an ageing population on councils, highlight some examples of best practice, and explore councils’ responses to this ongoing issue.
Notable Achievement:

_The Bougainville Human Development Report 2007_ a report by Dr James Chalmers, Dr Gour Dasvarma and Dr Udoy Saikia, School of Geography Population & Environmental Management, was recently launched by the United Nations Development Programme [UNDP], Papua New Guinea. The academics were involved through every stage of the production of this report. It was the outcome of a participatory process that engaged scholars, writers, activists, universities and other research and statistical institutions, civil society organisations, women’s representatives, Councils of Elders, and other government institutions. A group of internationally recognised academics peer reviewed this report before its finalisation. Citing the report as an invaluable contribution to the nation building process the President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARB), James Tanis mentions:

Development has traditionally been viewed in terms of economic growth. The concept of Human Development has changed all this. Today there is much better understanding that development is really about improving human lives and that social progress is a combination of economic growth plus social wellbeing. Against this background of a major shift in awareness, and with this Human Development Report, the Autonomous Region of Bougainville joins a distinguishing group of sub-national governments who have prepared such reports.

Publications:


School of Psychology

**Appointments**

- Marika Tiggemann has accepted an invitation from John Hill, Minister for Health, to join the Scientific Advisory Committee of OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle).
- Richard Clark has been appointed a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.
- Norm Feather is now a Fellow of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology in recognition of substantial contribution to social psychology as an empirical science.

**Grants**

Neil Brewer has been awarded two new ARC Discovery grants:

- N. Brewer, with Nathan Weber and Steve Lindsay (U.Victoria, Canada), _Identifying the bad guy with deadline confidence judgments_, $424,000.
- Carolyn Semmler (Adelaide), N. Brewer, and Amy Bradfield Douglass (Bates College, USA), _The distortion of eyewitness identification testimony_, $230,000.

**Postgraduate Publications**


**Conference Presentations**

Papers presented at the 44th Australian Psychological Society annual Conference, Darwin, Australia, October 2009:

- Kemps, E., Hollitt, S., Tiggemann, M., Smeets, E., & Mills, J. _Speeded detection and cognitive avoidance of food cues in restrained eaters_.
Lynd-Stevenson, R.M., *The unified paradigm and attempts to evaluate the causal impact of clinical treatments: How do we know which clinical treatments really work in the community?*

Koschade, J.E., & Lynd-Stevenson, R.M., *Associative stigma and the role of genetic attributions: Why do people stigmatise children who have parents with a mental illness?*

Papers presented at the 21st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Sleep Association, Melbourne, Victoria, October 2009:

- **Lack L.,** *Light therapy for the treatment of circadian insomnias.* Oral symposium. Sleep and Biological Rhythms 7 [Suppl. 1]: A3.
- **Lack L.,** *The diagnosis and treatment of circadian rhythm disorders.* Oral symposium. Sleep and Biological Rhythms 7 [Suppl. 1]: A11.
- **Lack L., Andrews-Cooper C., Hennessy C, McEvoy D., OSA and insomnia co-morbidity.* Sleep and Biological Rhythms 7 [Suppl. 1]: A19.
- **Short M., Gradisar M., Wright H., Lack L., Dohnt H., Carskadon M., Time for bed: The impact of parent-set bedtimes on the sleep and daytime functioning of a representative sample of adolescents.* Sleep and Biological Rhythms 7 [Suppl. 1]: A22.
- **Dalmeyer M., Lack L., Wright H., Gradisar M., Harris J., Is non-drug treatment of insomnia impaired by the presence of co-morbid OSA?* Sleep and Biological Rhythms 7 [Suppl. 1]: A24.
- **Lovato N., Lack L., Wright H., The napping behaviour of Australian university students.* Sleep and Biological Rhythms 7 [Suppl. 1]: A47.
- **Paine, S., Gradisar, M., CBT for insomnia in a sample of primary school-aged children; Results from a case series study.**

**Other**

- **Richard Clark gave an invited address on Neurofeedback: Past, Present and Future to the Institute of Private Practicing Psychologists on August 20.**
- **In his capacity as Patron of the Brain Injury Network, Richard Clark gave an invited address on 'Acquired Brain Injury' during Brain Injury Awareness Week at the 2009 Achievement and Service Excellence Awards of the Brain Injury Network of SA, September 14, Convention Centre, SA.**
- **Richard Clark gave an invited address on 'Psychobiological perspectives of working memory systems function' at the 2009 meeting of the Applied Neuroscience Society of Australia, Tweed Heads, NSW.**
- **Leon Lack gave an invited talk on 28 October to Coromandel Valley Rotary Club, Nature of sleep and insomnia.**
- **Leon Lack gave the following media interviews:**
  - **ABC radio, Adelaide, preparing for daylight savings time, 5 min, 30/09/09.**
  - **ABC radio, Brisbane, effects of daylight savings time, 4 min, 5/10/09.**
  - **Readers Digest, Ditch the Monday blues, 10/09/09.**
- **Michael Gradisar presented a case study and part of a pre-conference workshop titled 'Practical approaches to sleep problems across the lifespan' for the 21st Annual Scientific Meeting of Australasian Sleep Association and Australasian Sleep Technologists Association in Melbourne. Michael also co-chaired the conference symposium 'Sleep Health from Infancy to Adolescence'.**
- **Simon Wilksch presented a seminar to the SA Clinical College of Psychologists titled 'What lies at the core of eating disorders? Implications for prevention and treatment' on September 25.**
- **At the Body Image and Eating Disorders Research and Practice Forum Simon Wilksch presented a talk titled 'Taking the next steps in evidence-based prevention: can we prevent both eating disorders and obesity?' on October 9.**
- **Sarah Wilksch was interviewed on ABC radio (891) about her PhD research (treating PTSD); the interview is being aired on 21st October.**
- **Tracey Wade, Anna Steele, and Simon Wilksch all presented papers on their respective eating disorder research at the SA Body Image and Eating Disorders Forum held at the Women's and Children's Hospital on 8 and 9 October.**
As part of the lecture program of INTR3069 Wars of the Fleas: Asymmetric Conflict Since 1945, three practitioners in counter insurgency discussed their experiences in the theatres of Afghanistan, Iraq and the north of Ireland.

Flinders Asia Centre staff have promoted Indonesian language studies to schools and within the community. Two educational events were held on campus on 27 October.

Year 11 students of Indonesian from Pembroke High School visited Flinders and attended an Intermediate level class.

At the University of Indonesia Janet McIntyre was invited as a guest speaker to present to graduate students. Her presentation entitled ‘Islam, e-democracy and good governance, Indonesia perspectives’ was later given at the Wahid Institute.

The Indonesian@Flinders facebook site was recently launched. All are welcome to become a friend, please go to http://www.facebook.com/pages/Adelaide-Australia/IndonesianFlinders/155552583019

Publications

Janet McIntyre, with members of the Bandung Trust and participants at the University of Indonesia, ‘Identity in Post Suharto Indonesia: Potential and Pitfalls of Decentralisation’, Systemic Practice and Action Research, 22, 3: 149-172 (ISSN 1094-429X)

In September the XXVI International Population Conference, organised by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, was held at Marrakech, Morocco. Four Flinders University staff were amongst the 2300 participants (see Geography, Population & Environmental Mgt news, above).

Dr Laurence Lester’s presentation, ‘A multiple indicators and multiple causes model of immigrant settlement success’ was given to the session International Migration: methods and data.

Dr Yan Tan presented her paper ‘Environmental concerns and people displacement in West China’ to the scientific session Environment-Induced Migrants. Editors from two leading journals have invited her to submit the paper for publication.


Yan also travelled to Paris where she visited the Sorbonne and the OECD, building contacts with their senior researchers in the population, migration and environmental change fields.
AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC) DISCOVERY SUCCESS

Congratulations to Neil Brewer and Nathan Weber (Psychology) and Sharyn Roach Anleu (Sociology)(and colleague Kathy Mack, in Law) for their success in the recent ARC Discovery Round. Commiserations to our researchers who applied to, but were not successful in, the recent ARC and NHMRC rounds. The projects which received funding were:

Prof Neil Brewer; Dr Nathan Weber; Prof DS Lindsay for Identifying the bad guy with deadlined confidence judgments (2010-2013)

Prof Sharyn Roach Anleu; Prof Kathy Mack for Courts, the Judiciary and Social Change (2010-2012)

Dr C Semmler; Prof Neil Brewer; Dr AB Douglass for The distortion of eyewitness identification testimony (2010-2012)

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC) LINKAGE GRANTS (ROUND 2) FOR FUNDING COMMENCING JULY 2010

Key dates: ARC Linkage Grant (Round 2) Funding Rules released: March 2009
Proposal open: 8 October
ARC Closing date: 5 p.m. 18 November 2009

Information on obtaining or updating an RMS ID is available at http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/system_default.htm

INAUGURAL ‘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.

There was some structure to the session as Barbara and Budi facilitated discussion about the purpose of the network, and asked for input about how future gatherings might be conducted and what topics might be covered. HDR participants indicated that they:

• would like supervisors to participate in future sessions;
• want sessions to have some structure and be facilitated;
• that the social aspect of the gatherings is important;
• would like to gather again before the end of 2009.

If you were unable to come to the first gathering but have some ideas about what you think are important aspects of HDR life, how the faculty can assist, what you would like the HDR Network to do e.g. activities, speakers, topics please don’t hesitate to contact Tracey.Kohl@flinders.edu.au.
And please don’t hesitate to come along to the next gathering. As soon as the date is confirmed details will be distributed.

Thank you to the general and academic staff involved in implementing this program.
FLINDERS PARTNERS RESEARCH DEMONSTRATION:
HOW ASK SOFTWARE CAN HELP SS RESEARCHERS

Opening comments by Professor Andrew Beer, Interim DVCR

Demonstration: how the web-based Ask software can help researchers in the social sciences
- Friday 20 November
- 112 SSS
- 12.00 m.d. to 1.00 p.m.

RSVP: Heather.Paull@flinders.edu.au

Too much time taken up by administration, project management, & identifying commercial opportunities etc?
Could your research have commercial potential?
Do you need better processes in place to manage research projects?
Would you like a one stop shop (program) to manage your research projects and identify commercial opportunities?

Then Flinders Partners new software Ask is the tool you need for managing opportunities to get your research ideas moving. The demonstration will show how Ask can help SS researchers including those who usually do not think in terms of commercialising a product.

A current social sciences research project will be used in the demonstration to highlight both the project management and commercial aspects of the tool. The latter is not just about the commercialisation of a technical innovation or similar. Rather, it can be as simple as getting the benefits of your research out into the community.

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2009 University closure and end of year arrangements

The last day of business for 2009 will be Thursday, 24 December 2009 and the University will re-open on Monday, 4 January 2010.

The University will close for business at 1.00 pm on Thursday, 24 December 2009 and all general staff (excluding casuals) who attend work that day will be credited with three (3) hours for the afternoon.

Public Holidays which will be observed during the end of year closure period are as follows:
* Christmas Day (Friday, 25/12/09)
* Proclamation Day (observed in SA on Monday, 28/12/09)
* APS public holiday (Tuesday, 29/12/09)
* New Year's Day (Friday, 1/1/10)

Wednesday, 30 December 2009 and Thursday, 31 December 2009 will count as Recreation Leave for all staff, except where staff are required to work to maintain essential services:
1. ICT update

There is quite a lot going on in the world of ICT in Social Sciences at the moment.

Firstly, there is the campus-wide ICT Review. Information on the ICT Review can be found here: [http://www.flinders.edu.au/staff/ict-review/](http://www.flinders.edu.au/staff/ict-review/)

The ICT Review covers every aspect of ICT at Flinders, including web services, audio-visual, ICT governance, systems integration, local services, central services, ICT organisational and management structures. If you have a view on any of the above we encourage you to make a submission.

The deadline for submissions to the ICT Review is Monday 2nd November.

Then there is the impending departure of SGPEM from the Faculty.

While SGPEM won’t be leaving our buildings any time soon, from next year it will no longer belong to the Faculty. The Faculty will continue to provide ICT support, but there are a number of technical issues that need to be resolved in order to make this work. We are also beginning the process of separating out the SGPEM systems and servers from the rest of the Faculty’s systems, which promises to be a complex and time consuming task.

Another issue on the horizon is a roll-out of Office 2007 on all Faculty PCs next year. Some staff and students have opted to install Office 2007 already, so thank you to all the early adopters. You make the path smoother for those who follow you.

Closely related to the above is the prospective roll-out of Windows 7 on new PCs and in all computer labs next year. We are in the testing phase at present, with some server upgrades needed to take full advantage of Windows 7. So far the results look promising. Barring any major problems we will go ahead with this plan in early 2010.

We haven’t heard much from the University-wide Microsoft Exchange Email Project recently, but we are expecting the roll-out to occur early in the new year. We remind all staff that the new email system will include a quota on your email – probably 300 – 500Mb. Now would be a good time to consider some email housekeeping. If you start chipping away at it now, the transition to the new system will be much easier. Contact the helpdesk if you need a hand with this.

Remember, the main purpose of this project is the implementation of a shared calendaring system – those of us who have to arrange meetings will find it an invaluable tool.

2. Academics and Secretaries be warned, They’re Coming...

‘They’ being Windows 7 and Office 2007. Yes, they’re coming, they’re quite different and if you haven’t used them it is worth investing some time learning to use them.

Office 2007 has a very different user interface from previous Office versions, and you may find it quite bewildering the first time you use it - I did. However it still does everything and the new added bits are really very funky.

Fortunately there is help available in the form of online tutorials, available through the Help menu in Word 2007 (just click on the [i] in the top right corner, and click on “What’s new” when the menu comes up).

There are also user guides available in G:\Docs\Office 2007 for Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Publisher, written by a Flinders staff member.

Windows 7 isn’t that different to XP, and if you have used Windows Vista you will feel quite at home. Certainly it’s nicer-looking and has a few extra things that I would miss if they were taken away again.
Unfortunately we don’t have Windows 7 available for early adopters yet, so unless you have purchased it for your home computer you will have to wait a little longer.

We do recommend that you install Office 2007 as soon as it is convenient for you to do so. Instructions for installing it on on-campus computers can be found here: https://socsci.flinders.edu.au/staffinfo/doku.php (bottom link). We are trying to give you sufficient notice so that you can do this at a time of your own choosing, rather than having it enforced upon you next year.

3. **Social Sciences webpages**

If you have links on your home computer to any of the Social Sciences webpages, make sure they are still working. If you made the links a long time ago they may need updating. Any address with www.ssn.flinders... does not work any more off campus. It needs to be changed to www.socsci.flinders... so it will work.

4. **Humour**

   **I have a Microsoft waiter**

   **Patron:** Waiter!
   **Waiter:** Hi, my name is Bill, and I'll be your Support Waiter. What seems to be the problem?
   **Patron:** There's a fly in my soup!
   **Waiter:** Try again, maybe the fly won't be there this time.
   **Patron:** No, it's still there.
   **Waiter:** Maybe it's the way you're using the soup; try eating it with a fork instead.
   **Patron:** Even when I use the fork, the fly is still there.
   **Waiter:** Maybe the soup is incompatible with the bowl; what kind of bowl are you using?
   **Patron:** A SOUP bowl!
   **Waiter:** Hmm, that should work. Maybe it's a configuration problem; how was the bowl set up?
   **Patron:** You brought it to me on a saucer; what has that to do with the fly in my soup?!

   **Waiter:** Can you remember everything you did before you noticed the fly in your soup?
   **Patron:** I sat down and ordered the Soup of the Day!
   **Waiter:** Have you considered upgrading to the latest Soup of the Day?
   **Patron:** You have more than one Soup of the Day each day?
   **Waiter:** Yes, the Soup of the Day is changed every hour.
   **Patron:** Well, what is the Soup of the Day now?
   **Waiter:** The current Soup of the Day is tomato.
   **Patron:** Fine. Bring me the tomato soup, and the check. I'm running late now.
   [Waiter leaves and returns with another bowl of soup and the check]
   **Waiter:** Here you are, Sir. The soup and your check.
   **Patron:** This is potato soup.
   **Waiter:** Yes, the tomato soup wasn't ready yet.
   **Patron:** Well, I'm so hungry now, I'll eat anything.
   [The waiter leaves.]
   **Patron:** Waiter! There's a gnat in my soup!

   **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
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Fundraising Movie Night
Raising funds for SASCWA (South Australians supporting children and women in Assam)

Sunday 15th November 2009
Costs – $15 per person (drinks and nibbles included)
6:00pm – drinks and nibbles. With consideration for other cinema patrons please do not arrive prior to 6pm as you may be asked to wait outside.
6:30pm – Raffle draw and Movie starts

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Directed by Scott Hicks

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Thank you for your support! See you on the night.
Your contribution will go towards supporting the early childhood development and women's welfare activities in two very disadvantaged villages in Assam (India) where SASCWA has been working since 2006.
ACRAWSA now has a long tradition of convening events that feature cutting-edge research and theorising on issues pertaining to race and whiteness both within Australia and abroad. This year the Association presents two one-day symposia, held on the same day but in two different cities: Adelaide and Sydney. The Adelaide event, to be convened in the beautiful State Library building on North Terrace, will include a keynote from Professor Pal Ahluwalia, PVC of the University of South Australia, UNESCO Chair of Transnational Diasporas and Reconciliation Studies and esteemed scholar in postcolonial studies; presentations from three local Key Thinkers, and two roundtables. The day will conclude with book launches for *Beyond the Hijab Debates* and *The Racial Politics of Bodies, Nations and Knowledges*.

Our Key Thinkers are: Associate Professor Barbara Baird, Head of the Department of Women’s Studies at Flinders University, with areas of expertise including gender, race and the sexual politics of citizenship and national identity; Professor Martha Augoustinos of the School of Psychology at Adelaide University, whose interests include the peculiarities of racist discourse in Australia from an everyday conversational angle; and Brenda L. Croft of the Gurindji/Mudpurra peoples, who is an artist, curator and academic from the School of Art, Architecture and Design at the University of South Australia. In 2009 Brenda was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Sydney for her contribution to Indigenous art and culture. These Key Thinkers will provide us with insight as to the contribution they have made to the fields of critical race and whiteness studies, as well as outlining their own recent work.

Our first roundtable will cover issues of masculinity, sexuality, identity and representation, whilst the second roundtable touches on issues related to education, belonging, and anti-racism. Each roundtable features 4 speakers who will act as topic starters using their own research as a springboard to start discussions on the themes. We hope that this will result in stimulating and exciting conversations amongst all attendees.

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**Where:** Lecture Room, State Library, North Terrace, Adelaide

**When:** Friday December 11, 9.30-5pm, followed by book launches (with drinks and nibbles) 6-7 and informal dinner plans to follow

**Cost:** Free for ACRAWSA members, $25 for non-members (or sign up on the day) and $15 concession. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea are provided by Hello Dolly.

**RSVP:** to alia.imtoual@flinders.edu by December 1st for catering purposes