1. **Honours**

The Faculty congratulates Prof Sue Richardson and Dr Lorna Hallahan on the following appointments that pay tribute to the excellence of their work:

- Lorna Hallahan, Social Work and Social Planning, to the SA Social Inclusion Board;
- Sue Richardson NILS, appointed as one of three specialist members of Fair Work Australia’s Minimum Wage Panel. For more information see the NILS entry in this Newsletter.

The University is honoured that our Dept of American Studies has been awarded a Prestigious Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science. The award follows the submission of an outstanding application, and we heartily applaud Prof Don DeBats and his team. There is more information in the American Studies entry.

A/Prof Alaric Maude has been appointed to be the national writer for the forthcoming Geography curriculum. He is the first national writer appointed from outside the eastern states.

2. **Staffing changes**

This month the Flinders Business School will farewell Beverley Vickers, who has long been a vital member of the Economics team. Beverley has made substantial contributions to the Faculty as Associate Head (Academic) and in various committee positions. Our sincere thanks and best wishes go with Beverley as she leaves us for the greener (and damper) pastures of NZ.

In the restructured Faculty the general staff from the School of Political and International Studies have changed responsibilities.

- Julie Tonkin and Sonja Yates are now in the School of International Studies.
- Trisha Farmilo is working in the School of Social and Policy Studies.

3. **eLearning**

Check out eLearning - page 14 - at the end of this Newsletter.

4. **Reminders**

**Academic Promotion:** applications have been invited and information sessions have been advertised for potential applicants. Arrangements will be made for anyone who is unable to attend the sessions to access the information. Documentation re applications is available on the HR website: [http://www.flinders.edu.au/ppmanual/promotions.html](http://www.flinders.edu.au/ppmanual/promotions.html)

The Staff Development and Training Unit has been restructured and the following new units are now in operation:

- Centre for University Teaching
- Centre for Educational ICT
- Professional Development Unit

There is information about each unit on their individual websites.

**Strength for Life** – this Over 50’s program will commence this month through Flinders ONEmusic. For more information see [http://www.flinders.edu.au/ohsw/wellbeing/strength-for-life.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/ohsw/wellbeing/strength-for-life.cfm) or contact wendy.gower@flinders.edu.au

5. **Executive Dean**

Thank you Prof Andrew Beer for taking care of Faculty management as our Interim Exec.Dean from early December. We do appreciate what you have done for us.

And we look forward to working with Prof Phyllis Tharenou, whose appointment from 1 February marks a new beginning and fresh start in the Faculty. Welcome Phyllis!

**Rhonda Domin**

Faculty General Manager

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Words of acknowledgement spoken at
John Browett’s Farewell, December 4, 2009
by Don DeBats

John of course is famous for his lists – lists of problems to solve, lists of financial demands and financial resources, lists of difficult problems (maybe lists of difficult people), and endless lists of things to do to keep this Faculty moving.

So here in the spirit of lists, is another:

Oliver MacDonagh
Keith Hancock
Paul Bourke
Murray McCaskill
Gus Sinclair
David Plant
Elaine Martin
Robin Moore
John Browett

That is the entire list of heads of this Faculty since its founding in 1967.

All of these men and women contributed enormously to the shaping and advancement of this Faculty: They all gave far far more than has ever been acknowledged. Flinders has a very unfortunate tradition of taking for granted its only assets – its people – and perhaps none more than the names of people on similar lists in the other Faculties.

Let me, as an historian with an interest in numbers, add some numbers to this list.

Oliver served only a single year, but of course created the whole Faculty. Murray served for two years; Keith, Paul, Gus and Elaine for 3 each. David Plant served as Head of Social Sciences for 5 years; Robin Moore for 9.

And John Browett has been head of this Faculty for 13 years, a third of the whole existence of this Faculty. And before he took over in 1997, John was Associate Head and Deputy Head for another 5 years. John is the Faculty of Social Sciences in a way which no one else has been, or indeed is likely ever to be.

I remember long ago talking to John about some central research committee matter, perhaps even looking for someone from Geography to be on the research committee. John was as I remember at the time most interested in the geography of wine, perhaps even the taste of wine.

But there was one thing he was not interested in. "Administration", he said, "I've got no interest in that." It didn’t turn out that way; and we and the University have been the better for it, and grateful too.

Perhaps we became John’s vineyard that he cultivated, nourished, shaped, and perhaps some days, even enjoyed. I’d like to think so.

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On January 1 2010 most staff in the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management will leave the Faculty of Social Sciences to become part of the new School of the Environment in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. While looking forward to being part of this exciting new venture, our enthusiasm is tinged with sadness at leaving Social Sciences. When the University welcomed its first students in March 1966, Geography was one of the five foundation disciplines in the then School of Social Sciences (with Economics, History, Political Theory and Institutions, and Social Administration). During the 43 years since then, as Geography grew to become the current School within the Social Sciences Faculty, we have received generous support for our endeavours and have enjoyed collaborating with colleagues in other schools and departments in a wide range of teaching and research activities. Despite leaving the Faculty, we are determined to maintain and extend that collaboration into the future. In fact the Vice-Chancellor has made it clear that he expects us to do so. And during the next two or three years, prior to the construction of a new School of the Environment building, we will still be located in your midst and working with you on a day-to-day basis. So, while wishing Social Sciences a fond farewell, we are also looking forward to continuing our productive relationships with colleagues in Social and Behavioural Sciences.

Clive Forster, Interim Dean, School of the Environment
Beverley Clarke, Acting Head, School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management
December 23rd 2009

More from the early days …………

1966 Practical Class.

1966 Flinders site and fashions.

1969 Social Sciences North under construction
Fair Work Australia’s Minimum Wage Panel appointed

The Minister for Workplace Relations, Julia Gillard, has ... announced the three specialist members of Fair Work Australia’s Minimum Wage Panel.

Under the Rudd Government’s new workplace relations system, Fair Work, the Minimum Wage Panel will set and adjust minimum wages including minimum wages in modern awards and casual loadings.

The Minimum Wage Panel will be made up of the three specialist members together with four other members of Fair Work Australia, including the President.

The three new appointments to Fair Work Australia’s Minimum Wage Panel are Mr Peter Dwyer, Professor Sue Richardson and Mr John Vines.

As promised, the Minimum Wage Panel will hand down its first minimum wage review decision in time for it to be implemented for the first pay period on or after 1 July 2010.

The decision will set the minimum wages of all employees within the national Fair Work system. As at August 2008, 16.5 per cent of employees were paid the exact award rate.

In its determination, the Minimum Wage Panel will consider the performance and competitiveness of the national economy including productivity, business competitiveness and viability, inflation and employment growth. The Panel will also be able to commission and publish economic and social research to inform its decision making.

The panel will also take into account:

- promoting social inclusion through increased workforce participation, relative living standards and the needs of the low-paid;
- the principle of equal remuneration for work of equal or comparable value; and
- providing a comprehensive range of fair minimum wages for junior employees, employees to whom training arrangements apply and employees with a disability.

Appointments to the Minimum Wage Panel will be part-time and appointees have expertise in one or more of workplace relations, economics, social policy, and business, industry or commerce.

Mr Dwyer is a former General Manager of Human Resources at Amcor Fibre Packaging. His previous roles include General Manager of Human Resources at Corrugated Fibre Packaging Division and Group Human Resources Manager at Smorgon Consolidated Industries and Ajax Nettlefolds. His Ministerial appointments include Chairman of the Victorian Printing Industry Training Board and Member of the Standards and Curriculum Council (ANTA).

Professor Richardson is Director of the National Institute of Labour Studies at Flinders University. Her key appointments include Reader, School of Economics, University of Adelaide; Associate Commissioner of the Industry Commission; Member of the Council and Finance Committee, University of Adelaide; Director, Enterprise Investments Ltd; Director, Flinders Technologies; and Director, The Pipeline Authority.

Mr Vines is Chair of Innovation and Business at Skills Australia. He also serves in member/non-executive director positions with a number of companies. He was a Member of the ACTU Executive (1994-2008), Industrial Officer and CEO for the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers (1981-2008), and Industrial Officer with the Victorian Teachers Union and the Federation of College Academics.

Media Contact: media@deewr.gov.au
The School welcomes the arrival of new staff members Greg Fisher and Deon Nel. Greg from RMIT arrived on 11 January. He joins the School as A/Prof. in Human Resource Management, and has a real interest (and experience) in International Business. Greg is originally from SA and hence should feel ‘at home’ very quickly. Deon, who arrives from Deakin on 1 February, as A/Prof. in Marketing, is originally from South Africa.

Flinders Business School offered two topics in Summer School mode. In terms of student engagement and the marks students are receiving this was very successful. The School would like to increase the number of summer school topics offered next year as it clearly resonates with students.

Dr Philip Lawn, Senior Lecturer in Ecological Economics, will conduct a free public lecture on ‘Money, the real role of central government spending and taxation, and the humbug on central government deficit’. The presentation is designed to set the record straight on three key issues: (1) the function of money in a market economy; (2) the real role of central government spending and taxation; and (3) the nonsense surrounding the impact of central government deficits on interest rates, inflation, and so-called government debt. For further information please phone (08) 8264 4282.

Sunday 14 February at 2.00 pm
Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Dr Matt Fitzpatrick was named as the Ernst Keller Fellow for 2010 by the Australian Academy of the Humanities. He was also named as an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow for 2010-11, which will see him conduct research at the Westphalian Wilhelms University in Münster, Germany. Along with Dr Susie Protschky, Matt has also co-edited and contributed to the December edition of the tier-A journal *History of the Family*. His article in that edition was ‘The Threat of “Woolly-Haired Grandchildren”: Race, the Colonial Family and German Nationalism’.

On Tuesday 15 December Dr. Karen Agutter was presented with the John Ferry Award by the History Council of NSW. This annual award recognises outstanding contributions to regional, local and community histories in honour of historian and teacher John Ferry (1949-2004). Karen won the 2009 award for her work on Broken Hill and her essay entitled ‘The Importance of Broken Hill: Fighting the Unjust Treatments of Friendly Aliens in Australia during WWT’.

Sharon Crozier-De Rosa published a book entitled *The Middle Class Novels of Arnold Bennett and Marie Corelli: Realising the Ideals and Emotions of Late Victorian Women* (New York: The Edwin Mellen Press, Lewiston). This is an historical study of women’s emotions using bestselling and popular fiction. She was invited to join the conference organising committee of the Australasian Victorian Studies Assn 2011 conference to be held at U.Adeelaide. Sharon also began work on an ALTC funded project testing the usefulness of Second Life (virtual reality) in tertiary teaching, a project on which she is the Flinders Uni representative, at the School of History and Politics, U.Adeelaide.

Dr Evan Smith has just been an Australian Prime Minister’s Centre Fellow with the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, working on a new research project on protest and Parliament since the 1970s.

Dr David Lockwood was in New Delhi and Rajasthan during November-December researching his book, a political history of the Indian bourgeoisie. No bombings or riots to report, but a lot of intense media coverage of violence against Indians in Australia …

In late Oct/Nov 09 Eric Richards delivered a keynote address to the conference in Inverness entitled *Scottish Homecomings – ‘Scotland’s Impact on the World’* to a large international gathering. His attendance was funded by the Scottish Government and he spoke on ‘Australia and Scotland – the evolution of a long distance relationship, 1788-2009’.
Before the Inverness conference Eric gave a research seminar in the Department of Celtic and Gaelic Studies at Glasgow University – a paper entitled ‘Scourie: Famine, Emigration and Malthus, 1841-55’.

He has agreed to assist with the planning of a new MA course on Highland Studies at the History Centre of the new University of the Highlands and Islands. He has been appointed to the Management and Editorial Board of the journal *Northern Scotland* which is being re-constituted with Edinburgh University Press.

After the Inverness Conference he was invited to the Outer Hebrides by the Islands Book Trust. He travelled first to Benbecula and North Uist and addressed a public meeting at Taigh Cearsabhagh, Lochmaddy, with a talk entitled ‘Australia and St Kilda, the 1852/3 Emigration’. He then gave two more public lectures on the island of Barra, addressed students at the Castlebay Community School and also gave several interviews for Gaelic and Highland newspapers and radio programmes. He was also commissioned to prepare a small book on the subject of his Uist talks.

On 18 November Eric Richards was guest speaker at the Annual Bipartisan Scottish Parliamentary Friendship Dinner in Canberra, hosted by Laurie Fergusson, Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services. Eric spoke on ‘Australia and Scotland, Past and Present’.

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**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Dr Curt Andressen has been appointed as Chair of the Faculty’s International Programs Committee.

In December Dr Tanya Lyons’ role as the academic coordinator of the Globalisation Program ended. The Globalisation Program Major Sequence has been wound down and will not be offered after 2010. First year topics are not offered in 2010. Enquiries should be directed to tanya.lyons@flinders.edu.au

Tanya has been appointed full time to the new Department of International Relations. She has taken on the Director of Studies role for the B.International Studies and the International Relations major. From 2011 she will focus on teaching African studies in the School of International Studies and will contribute to the teaching in International Relations.

A/Prof Anthony Langlois has:-

- recently accepted PhD examination requests from UNSW and Queensland University.
- been commissioned to write a piece on human rights for a new book on Asian Regionalism to be published by Routledge. His article on Peter Singer, published in the *Australian Journal of Political Science* in 2008, has just been republished in a book on Peter Singer, *On the Ethical Life*, Cambridge Scholars. A volume to which he has contributed a piece on the religious and political philosophy of Jeffrey Stout, a noted American pragmatist philosopher of religion, has been accepted for publication – also with Cambridge Scholars.
- Langlois’ critique of the international political theory of Chandran Kukathas, has been accepted for publication in the *European Journal of International Relations*.
- had his Kukathas paper accepted for presentation at the prestigious British International Studies Assn conference (Leicester, December 2009) and at the International Studies Assn conference (New Orleans, February 2010).
- attended a December conference in NSW on Research Ethics, in his capacity as Chair of Flinders’ Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee.

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**SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**Awards**

- Anna McKinnon (Clinical PhD student) has been awarded a prestigious 4-year post-doctoral position based in Cambridge, UK, working on a Medical Research Council-funded project investigating child posttraumatic stress. She will be working in the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit with Dr Richard Meiser-Stedman and Professor Tim Dalgleish.
• Michelle Short (PhD candidate) was awarded the Young Investigator Award at the Adelaide Sleep Retreat.

Grant
• Tracey Wade along with Drs Richard Saffrey and Jeff Craig from the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute won the 2010 TJ’s Fund for Eating Disorders Research Grant Competition ($20,000 US) administered by the Academy of Eating Disorders for the project: ‘Anorexia nervosa and the human epigenome: A pilot study’.

Postgraduate Publications

Presentation
• Marika Tiggemann presented a 2-hour workshop entitled ‘Getting published in scholarly journals’ at the RHDPDP Intensive Program on 4 December 2009.

POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

Rob Manwarring is a new member of staff (Lecturer B) in the Department for 2010. Rob will teach POLI1003 (Australian Politics) and POLI2015 (Australian Government and Public Policy) in Semester 1, and in Semester 2 POLI3101 (Advanced Public Policy), and INTR366 (European Union). His main research interests are in public policy, social democracy, labour politics, European politics, and democratic politics.

Rob undertook his PhD at Flinders under the supervision of Prof Andrew Parkin and A/Prof Haydon Manning, and his thesis was submitted for examination last November. The PhD is a comparative study of British and Australian Labour governments’ attempts at innovative forms of consultation. Previously, Rob has worked as a senior policy officer at the UK’s Commission for Racial Equality, and also as social justice policy officer for the South Australian Council of Social Services.

SOCIOLOGY

The Faculty welcomes Dr Suzi Adams who has commenced work as Lecturer in Sociology.

Dr Adams, previously of Monash Uni., is a specialist in social theory. Her research interests span contemporary social and critical theory, feminist theory, phenomenology and in particular the writings of the late European social theorist Cornelius Castoriadis.

Dr Jennifer Rutherford, currently Senior Lecturer in the School of Culture and Communications, U.Melbourne, has been appointed as an Assoc.Professor in Sociology, with special reference to Social Theory. She will commence in Semester 2 this year.

In his role as ex-officio member Brad West recently attended the executive meeting of the Australian Sociological Assn at its annual conference. There he also presented the paper ‘Performing History in American Civil War Re-enacting’. Five years after founding the Cultural Sociology Group, a thematic research cluster within the Association, Brad is stepping down from the post of co-convenor.

On the research front Brad recently had published a chapter on the history and future of ‘cultural theory’ in The Routledge Companion to Social Theory and his interview transcripts from fieldwork at the Gallipoli battlefields have been chosen as the pilot project for the newly established Australian Qualitative Archive, part of the Australian Social Science Archive.

The Department is pleased to announce that Dr Nik Taylor has taken on the role of Director of Studies. Daniel Chaffee is now Honours Convenor.

Prof Anthony Elliott has been appointed to the Editorial Board of Contemporary Sociology, one of the flagship journals of the American Sociological Assn. He will serve on the Board for three years.
Dr Anthony Moran, of Sociology at La Trobe University, visited Flinders Sociology in January to work with Prof Anthony Elliott on a research project concerning the sociology of mobilities. The project is based in the Flinders Sociology Department, and involves co-partner researcher Prof John Urry, Director of the Centre for Research in Mobilities at Lancaster University, UK.

**SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL PLANNING**

The Department welcomes Dr Joanne Baker to the position of Lecturer. In 2009 Joanne tutored in the School of Social Work and Department of Women’s Studies and undertook research activities and teaching at the University of SA. Welcome Joanne.

The Department farewells Ms Li Li and Mr Jay Marlowe. Both Li and Jay began their association with the department as students in the Master of Social Work course. Li has been working as Associate Lecturer/Academic Skills Advisor since July 2008, and is leaving to take up a full time position as a social worker with Domiciliary Care SA. Jay has supported the department’s activities as a sessional teacher, contract lecturer and research assistant. More recently he has been involved with his PhD studies. Jay is leaving to take up a lecturer position with the University of Auckland. We wish them both every success.

On 10 December Dr Lorna Hallahan was appointed by the Premier to the South Australian Social Inclusion Board. The Government also announced statewide reform across the disability sector as they seek to move from a welfare response to a human rights framework. The Social Inclusion initiative will be responsible for developing the blueprint that will drive this general change – a task which is expected to take up to 2 years.

A recreational program for refugee children 7 to 18 years of age was organised by A/Prof Carol Irizarry and Dr Keith Miller who are both conducting research with the Dept for Families and Communities, Families SA, Refugee Services. The research to date has involved interviewing foster parents of refugee children and staff involved in their care with the aim of identifying best practices with refugee children.

In order to pay attention to the children’s voices, a summer program was designed by Carol and Keith to offer children the opportunity to be interviewed during an informal, recreational program that was held at Pulteney Grammar School over three days. 40 children attended and 20 were interviewed while others enjoyed the activities but were not ready to talk to the researchers at this time.

Students in the Master of Social Work course acted as volunteers with the children running craft, music and sports activities, preparing food and helping with transportation. Nine international students and six domestic students participated and their feedback indicated their enjoyment and learning from the experience. One student carried out her fieldwork placement by acting as the coordinator of the event. The program also included clowns, face painters and the Drumming Monkeys as entertainers. The results of the summer project will be written up and presented to Families SA Refugee Service.

**WOMEN’S STUDIES**

From January Dr Heather Brook has taken up the post of Head of Women’s Studies. We take this opportunity to thank A/Prof Barbara Baird for her work in the role over the last several years. Barbara will continue as Honours Convenor, and has also taken up the position of Deputy Dean of the School of Social & Policy Studies. Dr Yvonne Corcoran-Nantes will continue as Director of Postgraduate Studies in Women’s Studies.

Adjunct Professor Margie Ripper and other Women’s Studies staff (along with colleagues from the other Adelaide universities) are organising the next Australian Women’s and Gender Studies Assn national conference, which will take place from 30 June to 02 July. To find out more about the conference, visit [http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/womens-studies/awgsa/conference.php](http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/womens-studies/awgsa/conference.php) or ask us about it.
AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC) DISCOVERY GRANTS

Key dates: ARC Discovery Grant for funding in 2011

Office of Research Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 3rd February 2010

ARC Closing Date: 5:00 (AEDT), Wednesday 3rd March 2010.

ARC Discovery Project Proposals can now be drafted and submitted in the ARC Research Management System (RMS, accessed at - https://rms.arc.gov.au

Documents available on the ARC web site: from mid December 2009: Funding Rules, Instructions to Applicants, Draft Funding Agreement, Request not to Assess form; to follow: Frequently Asked Questions and a Sample Application Form.

Note: A revised version of Instructions to Applicants was made available on the ARC website on 29 January 2010. Access at: http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp_instructions.htm

Researchers intending to submit a Discovery Project proposal for 2011 funding should have already lodged an Expression of Interest with the Office of Research. The Expression of Interest Form is available from the Office of Research (kavitha.subramaniam@flinders.edu.au).

Also note: the DVCR has advised that all ARC applications will be subject to Faculty review prior to submission to the Research Office. Please contact the Faculty Research Officer, Dr Heather Paull, heather.paull@flinders.edu.au ext. 12715 if you have not already advised that you are planning to submit an application, so that a reviewer can be organized to read your draft.

NHMRC PROJECT GRANTS 2010 FOR FUNDING IN 2011

Key dates:

Office of Research deadline for review: Wednesday 24 February 2010

NHMRC Closing Date: Wednesday 17 March 2010

Please be aware that this round will be very different from previous rounds because this round will be submitted using the new Research Grant Management System (RGMS).

The Project Grant Funding Policy is available on the NHMRC website. Please take the time to read this, and related documentation given on the site, very thoroughly.

In particular note page 1 of the Project Grant Funding Policy lists the significant changes for the 2010 application round and gives the section references for these changes. The changes have been made to:
• New Investigator Eligibility Criteria;
• Special Research Areas;
• Large Scale Clinical Trial applications;
• Funding by other organisations;
• RGMS procedure to submit an application;
• An Indigenous Grant Review Panel has been introduced;
• Process to expedite the assessment of less competitive applications;
• Modifications to Funding Policy and Advice to Applicant documentation;
• Formatting requirements for the pdf attachment.

Special Research Areas 2010 are:

• NHMRC’s Priority Research Area: Indigenous Health
• Strategic Plan Initiative Areas:
  o Complementary and Alternative Medicines;
  o Effective Health Care: Comparative effectiveness research;
  o Effective Health Care: Mental illness - Services for severe and persistant mental illness;
  o Global Health - Health issues in our region;
  o Nanotechnology and health;
  o Obesity - Intervention;
  o Water Quality and Health
• Special Initiatives for 2010:
  o Asbestos related diseases;
  o Dementia research;
  o Electromagnetic fields;
  o Health challenges of climate change.

Please direct any questions to Kim Graham (kim.graham@flinders.edu.au or ext 13541), Julie Petticrew (julie.petticrew@flinders.edu.au or ext 15371) or Glenda Neild (glenda.neild@flinders.edu.au or ext 15892). Further information in regard to NHMRC Project Grant applications will be given as it comes to hand.

The password reset form has been removed from the RGMS web site from 26 January 2010.

If you missed the notice below and are having problems please contact Kim Graham (kim.graham@flinders.edu.au or ext 13541), Julie Petticrew (julie.petticrew@flinders.edu.au or ext 15371) or Glenda Neild (glenda.neild@flinders.edu.au or ext 15892) in the Office of Research

ACCESS TO RGMS - ‘SECRET QUESTION and ANSWER’

In December 2009 the names and contact details of all current NHMRC Grant holders and 2009 peer review participants were imported into RGMS, and an account was created on their behalf. NHMRC emailed details about how to activate these ‘pre-prepared’ RGMS accounts on 17 December 2009.
This notice is relevant for any users who had a pre-existing account prior to that date and who may not have nominated a 'secret question/answer' applicable to their RGMS account.

Without their 'secret question/answer' users will be unable to use RGMS Identity Manager to reset lost or forgotten passwords in the future. This is particularly important as the manual ‘Password Reset Form’ will be removed from the RGMS website after 26 January 2010.

Please ensure all relevant RGMS account holders in your institution are aware of the importance of setting up this facility as a matter of priority. This can be done easily via the “Change my Secret Question/Answer” link on the RGMS Welcome Page.

Help:
Training material, Help Sheets, and System information are available via the 'RGMS Documentation' link in the Main Menu, and at the RGMS Website

For assistance, please email: grantnet.help@nhmrc.gov.au or Phone 1800 500 983.

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH FOR AUSTRALIA

ERA: Of interest in particular may be the Journal Title list (without FoRs and ranks). The Journal Title List includes ERA IDs and ISSNs for each journal. The journal title list is final for ERA 2010.

The final Ranked Journal List for the ERA 2010 evaluation will be released in early February 2010 once reviewer feedback has been incorporated.

Key 2010 Documents
Below are the key documents needed for the ERA 2010 process:

- **ERA 2010 Submission Guidelines** [PDF Format](1.35mb)
- **Discipline Matrices** [Excel Format](332kb)
- **ERA-SEER 2010 Technical Specifications** [PDF Format](1.72mb)
- **ERA-SEER 2010 Technology Pack** [ZIP File](2.88mb)
- **Journal Title List** [Excel Format](3.38mb)
- **Ranked Conference List** [Excel Format](384kb)

REMINDER: FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT ROUND 1 2010 IS OPEN

The following grant schemes for funding in 2010 are now open.

**Due Date:** cob Monday 15 February 2010
- 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)

There will be no competitive round for Research Infrastructure Block Grants (RIBG) 2010.

Forms and guidelines for the first round are now available on the Faculty research web site, under the subheading, **Staff research: forms and guidelines at:**
Note: Members of the Faculty of Social Sciences in 2009, who are not part of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences in 2010, and are in the School of the Environment in 2010, are eligible to apply as first-named CI for Round 1, 2010.

Research Student Maintenance
Research Higher Degree candidates who were in the Faculty of Social Sciences in 2009, and have transferred with their supervisor to the School of Environment in 2010, are eligible to apply for Supplementary RSM-Individual through the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences (SaBS). They should use the SaBS RSM-Individual application form in 2010. Submit the form to the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences Research Administration Officer, Heather Paull, Room 268SSS. A recommendation on funding will be sent to the Faculty of Science and Engineering, which will make the final decision.

The 2010 Supplementary Research Student Maintenance application forms and guidelines are available on the Faculty research web site http://flinders.edu.au/sabs/research/research-higher-degree/rsm/home.cfm.

Vice Chancellors Award for Early Career Researchers
Dr Reg Nixon and Dr Nathan Weber, both of the School of Psychology, have each won a VC’s Award for Early Career Researchers. To quote the DVC(R) "... this is a great achievement".

Ethics
Check out the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences Research web page for information about processes for Ethics approval and the release of research funds. The site includes information about advance release of research funds in exceptional circumstances, and a Faculty specific form for the release of research funds where ethics approval is not required.

Farewell and Thanks
Andrew O'Neil has left Flinders University in January 2010 to take up his new position as Director of the Griffith Asia Institute at Griffith University in Queensland. Many thanks to Andrew for his contribution to research in the Faculty both as Associate Head, Research and as Chair of the Faculty Research Committee. We wish Andrew and his family all the best for the future in their new location.

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The restructure of Social Sciences has resulted in a reorganisation of Liaison Librarian responsibilities to align with the schools of the new Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences. Some departments have remained the same and some have moved, so double-check to see who your Liaison Librarian is now. Our telephone numbers and email addresses have remained the same and we will be back in our offices on Level 1 of Central Library when it is re-opened at the beginning of semester.

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Beth is no longer aligned with specific Social and Behavioural Sciences schools but has an overall coordination role with Liaison services and also works with:

Foundation Students  
International Students  
Yunggorendi First Nations Centre
FLO News
As we enter the penultimate year of the life of FLO, in its current guise, much work is being done behind the scenes to ensure that the 2012 replacement for the current BlackBoard Learning Management System (LMS) will be the best match for teaching and learning needs at Flinders.

Surveys and focus groups were conducted late last year to gather feedback on which features and content in an LMS were most important to both staff and students. Those that were considered as “must-have” items by the majority of the 3200 students surveyed were, in order:

1. Access to lecture notes/study guides
2. Access to grades/results
3. Lecture recordings
4. Announcements/notices
5. Access to library resources
6. Online assignment submission

While it’s too early to call, the three upgrade contenders under consideration are Moodle, Sakai and BlackBoard NG (a newer ‘model’ of our current system). For what it’s worth, I’m pitching my tent in the Moodle camp, though we won’t have an announcement until later in the year. We’ll keep you posted.

In the meantime, there are no major changes to FLO for this year. A patch was applied in December which seemed to fix more bugs than it created, most notably the icons that display on your topic list that indicate whether you have new mail or discussion messages are at long last working – now you’ll only see them if there are new unread messages or posts.

Copyright and FLO
Without trying to sound like a broken record, it’s time for us to remind all teaching staff to think twice about putting any copyrighted works into your FLO topics. Just because access to topic sites is restricted it does not mean you have carte blanche to post all your readings, videos etc. to the site. Random audits do happen and the consequences can be severe.

In a nut shell, most literary works can be copied for teaching purposes, but there are limitations. Therefore, the University requires that materials such as readings are managed by the library to ensure that we stay within the legal limitations of our right to copy. The library can digitise and store readings on their eReading system which is easily accessible to students in your FLO site via the “library” icon on the topic homepage. Just ask your Liaison Librarian.

The right to copy video and audio materials for teaching is somewhat different and much more complicated, and we encourage you to seek advice beforehand. The eLearning Unit can advise on copyright issues, or, as an excellent resource, the Australian Copyright Council has a very useful website with a section for educators – in particular the Q&A provides answers to all common questions: http://www.copyright.org.au

Tapping into online video
There is plenty of research that suggests that student learning can be enhanced by the use of video, and video is often a commonly used medium in the classroom. However, given the abundance of publicly available online video content, it is surprising it is still a much under-utilised resource within our eLearning system.

We’ve all heard of the “quirky” videos that are constantly popping-up on YouTube, but I suspect there is little knowledge or appreciation of the enormity of good, informative audio visual content available on sites like YouTube. Yes, a lot of it is for entertainment, let’s say 75% of it, but even so, this still leaves us with about 8 million hours of quality content. Try doing a YouTube search for Alzheimer’s disease, Keynesian economics, Gough Whitlam, the Barbarossa Operation or whatever topic is being discussed in your classroom, and I think you’ll be surprised at what you find.

Among the many great websites offering free video content is AcademicEarth.org – consisting of lecture recordings across a variety of disciplines from many of the world’s most prestigious universities. You’ll be amazed at how engaging many of the lecturers are – and largely without the use of PowerPoint or other technological aids. My personal favourite is Yale’s Benjamin Polak’s lecture series on game theory. If nothing else, you may pick up some tips on giving effective lectures.