Welcome to 2012 and About the Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College

The Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College (GSBRC) is a collective that supports and profiles over 500 humanities, social and behavioural science-based researchers, and a similar number of postgraduate students, to value-add to the collective research capacity of its twelve constituent Research Centres and Institutes. The College seeks to facilitate improvement in members’ research performance through inter- and multidisciplinary activities, the development of external partnerships, and advance their methodological capacity with programs that complement the basic research training offered by Griffith’s central services. Constituent Centres and Institutes include: Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security (CEPS); Centre for Governance and Public Policy (CGPP); Centre for Tourism, Sport and Service Innovation (TSSI); Centre for Work, Organisation and Wellbeing (WOW); Griffith Asia Institute (GAI); Griffith Centre for Cultural Research (GCCR); Griffith Health Institute (GHI); Griffith Institute for Educational Research (GIER); Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law (IEGL); Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance (KCELJAG); Socio-Legal Research Centre (SLRC) and; Urban Research Program (URP). The College also supports social and behavioural researchers who are not affiliated with a Research Centre/Institute.

For the full story, please visit: http://www.griffith.edu.au/social-behavioural-research-college

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Workshops delivered to date
The 2012 HDR and ECR training program opened with capacity attendance at the 20 March ‘Introduction to Research Methodologies’ day. Keynote guests and constituent-Centre Directors Professors David Shum (left) and Jason Sharman shared thoughts on contemporary quantitative and qualitative research methods (respectively). The day sought to profile a variety of research methodologies through constituent-ECRs’ presentations, whilst providing an opportunity for students to consider the design of their work and to network with academics and other HDR students.

Dr Kate Smith’s popular ‘Interviewing Techniques’ workshop was also held 12-13 April on the Gold Coast campus, and Griffith Health Institute’s Dr Ori Guides led four 1/2-day sessions on ‘Geographic Information Systems’ during April and May with capacity attendance.

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Meet the new Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College team

College Coordinator, Professor Joy Cumming joined the team in January 2012. Professor Cumming has had a long career in education and education research, engaged as Chief Investigator in numerous state and federally funded research projects. She has held positions as Dean, Griffith Graduate Research School, standing acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) (2005-2009), and Head of School in the Faculty of Education (1995-2002), although chose to return to an academic research career from 2010. Joy’s research has included work on adult and child literacy and numeracy, and assessment and accountability. She has been a consultant and policy advisor to state and federal government. Joy is also Leader of the Griffith-node of the Queensland Centre for Social Science Innovation.

College Manager, Janet Price is a recently welcomed addition to the team. Janet has worked in education throughout her administrative career, as a Manager and subsequently Quality Service Trainer for the New South Wales Department of Education. Moving to Chinchilla she coordinated and administered a jobs creation program for the unemployed based in the horticultural industry, and more recently worked at Bond University as Manager of the Graduate School of Education. Janet assists the College Coordinator through the provision of high-level executive and strategic support, as well as advocacy and representation of the College at internal and external level.

Rounding out the team is Administration Officer, Denise Hemsley who is responsible for the day-to-day organisation and execution of College events and member resources; finance; IT and human resource administration; and facilitates all mediums of the College’s marketing. Before joining Griffith in October 2011, Denise accumulated extensive experience from roles in executive administration directly supporting Chief Executive Officers, Chief Operating Officers, Chief Financial Officers and General Manager’s of security, legal, insurance and assistance businesses.

How we can help you? email suggestions to d.hemsley@griffith.edu.au

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