Welcome

Welcome back to academic year 2009. I hope you have had some time to take a break and that 2009 is a successful year for all of us.

Staff News

A number of new staff have joined the Faculty recently. Please welcome:

CCJ
Ms Sally Colley, School Administrative Officer

LAL
Ms Rosanne Hill, School Secretary
Ms Adriana Diaz, Lecturer in Spanish

HUM
Dr Tim Humphrey, Lecturer in Creative Practice and Cultural Industries (Gold Coast)

DR Fiona Paisley will replace Dr Jock Macleod as Deputy Head of School in the School of Humanities from 19 January 2009 to 21 July 2009.

Professor Mark Finnane is Acting Director of CEPS replacing Professor Lorraine Mazerolle.

Professor Stephen Smallbone has been appointed Deputy Dean (Research) to replace Professor Richard Yeo.

Teaching Commendations

The PVC (L&SO) commended staff member for their teaching performance based on SET and SEC evaluation over 2008. Congratulations to the following staff members:

ART
Jason Nelson

LAL
Guido Freisberg
Kaz Hagiwara

Hugo Hortiguera
Leigh Kirwan
Delia Lin
Tiziana Miceli
Cristina Poyatos Matas
Sara Visocnik Murray

In The Media

Good Life Conference

(written by Jenny Wilson, Strategic Development Manager, Griffith Institute for Social and Behavioural Research)

‘The Good Life’ conference, held on 12 February 2009 to launch the Griffith Institute for Social and Behavioural Research attracted a Who’s Who from the academic community to discuss the past, present and future of well-being in our communities. The Institute (formerly the Strategic Research Program for Social Change and Wellbeing) includes four of the faculty’s research centres and there was a strong presence from the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance, Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law, Centre for Public Culture and Ideas, and ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security. There was keen media interest in this event with local media coverage including an op-ed by Professor Ross Homel, Director of the new Institute in the Courier Mail. At a national level, the conference was attended by Radio National’s Life Matters program, who not only broadcast presentations from the conference, but also pre and post conference interviews. ABC online also featured op-ed pieces by presenters Associate Professor Geoff Woolcock and Professor Glenda Strachan. In other online coverage, the conference was featured on over 18 external web
sites hosted by a variety of social policy organisations including: the National Homelessness Information Clearing House; Australian Policy on-line; Australian Institute for Family Studies; Volunteering Queensland; Wellness Australia; Auseinet, Community News and the philanthropic and corporate giving site, Ethical Investor. Academic on-line sites covering the conference included: the Australian Academy of the Humanities, the Council for Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) and Academics International.

In a proactive approach to engaging with national media, the Institute took the opportunity of Radio National’s conference coverage to invite Life Matters producer, Ann Arnold, to meet with researchers from the Institute’s constituent centres on the day preceding the conference. Ann was impressed with the quality and ‘passion’ for their projects that our researchers displayed and will be following up with a number of people to explore how Radio National can contribute to research projects.

Podcasts of the conference will be posted shortly to the Institute’s web site but in the meantime, Radio National’s coverage can be downloaded from:


**Professor Ross Homel**

Ross was a guest on Radio National’s Life Matters program on 11 February 2009. He appeared to discuss social inclusion in a recession. The segment is available for download on the Life Matters website.

**Scholarships**

**RHD Scholarships**

Congratulations to the following students who have accepted scholarships:

- Eulalia Han
- Eriksson Li
- Mark Fulloon
- Adrian Strong
- Raphael Nowak
- Yijun Guo
- Mary-Ellen Stringer
- Shanene Ditton
- Dallas Baker

**HASS Honours Summer Scholarship**

Thank you to all honours supervisors that responded to the call for applications for this scholarship. The response was fantastic. Below are the winners of the 2009 HASS Honours Summer Scholarship:

- Jillian Beard working with Bruce Buchan
- Nathan Wedding working with David Ellison
- Natasha Jurek working with Patrick Buckridge
- Melinda Trickey working with Fiona Paisley
- Chris Somerville working with Stephen Stockwell
- Sheena Fleming working with Tim Prenzler
- Toby Miles-Johnson working with Anna Stewart
- Amy Talbot working with Patricia Wise
- Karen Laughton working with Bruce Buchan
- Amanda King working with Louise Porter
PhD Conferrals

HUM
Dr Heather Anderson
Thesis Title: Raising the Civil Dead: Prisoners’ Radio in Australia and Canada
Supervisors: Associate Professor Michael Meadows and Dr Susan Forde

Dr Danielle Zuvella
Thesis Title: Yes, But How do We place you?: Expanding Cinema in Australia
Supervisors: Associate Professor Jason Jacobs and Associate Professor Pat Laughren

CCJ
Dr Danielle Harris
Thesis Title: Offence Specialization and Versatility in Men Convicted of Sexual Offences and Referred for Civil Commitment
Supervisors: Professor Stephen Smallbone

Dr Badar Al-Shaqsi
Thesis Title: Making Public Sector Integrity Systems Work: An assessment of reactive and proactive strategies to combat public sector corruption in three Australian States
Supervisors: Professor Tim Prenzler and Dr Janet Ransley

Grants
Grants Awarded
Bruce Buchan was awarded a $16,000 Griffith University Research Grant for his project The Subject of war: An intellectual history of asymmetric warfare and colonization c. 1650-1800.

Assoc. Prof. Michael Meadows has been awarded a grant of $29,817, in partnership with the Ethnic Community Council of Qld, from Multicultural Affairs, Qld to begin setting up Community Media Link Queensland.

Dr Sue Lovell with Dr Jeanne McConachie was awarded a (level 4: $5,000) grant in the Griffith Grants for Learning and Teaching 2008: A narrative approach to research in the humanities.

Dr Susan Forde received a GURG grant for $16,800 titled Rethinking Journalism: Investigating emerging models of journalism and news for the global community.

Dr Jock Macleod was successful in a bid for a 2009 GU L&T Grant (level 2: $50,000) to trial a feedforward approach to assessment in selected courses in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The team includes staff members from Humanities, Criminology and GIHE.

Dr Michael Haugh was successful in his bid for a 2009 GU L&T Grant (level 3: $20,000) for his project Learning through (e-)Sharing: A corpus-based approach to the pragmatics of English.

Notices
Len Dingwell Travelling Bursary
The Len Dingwell Travelling Bursary is available to research higher degree candidates enrolled in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The bursary commemorates Len Dingwell a graduate of the BA(ACS) a part-time program that gave people without formal university entry qualifications the opportunity to complete a degree. The bursary will support international travel to a library/archive/research centre for the purpose of undertaking work directly related to the candidate’s research project. It is expected that this travel will also allow students to build networks with experts in their field. In accordance with the donor’s, Mrs Sarah Dingwell, wishes this bursary is made available only to students. Staff who are PhD candidates are ineligible.

RHD candidates wishing to apply for the bursary should complete the form ‘Application for Griffith University Len Dingwell Travelling Bursary’ and submit it to the Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences by Friday, 27 March 2009. Application forms and Conditions are available by emailing hass@griffith.edu.au or can be downloaded from the Faculty website.
Upcoming Events

2009 CEPS Policing Symposium

CEPS is bringing national and international experts together to discuss some of the key challenges facing policing agencies in responding to serious and complex crimes. The program will be opened by Commissioner Scipione at the Symposium Dinner on Tuesday 10 March 2009, where Professor Lawrence Sherman, renowned policing scholar and CEPS International Advisory Board member, will deliver the keynote address. Delegates will reconvene on Wednesday 11 March 2009 for an intensive day of plenary presentations and panels.

**Dates:** 10-11 March 2009  
**Venue:** Manly Pacific Sydney, NSW  
For further information the 2009 CEPS Policing Symposium [website].

Creative Communities: Sustainable Solutions to Social Inclusion Conference

'Creative Communities: Sustainable Solutions to Social Inclusion' will be a three-day international conference featuring contributions from academic researchers and practitioners from the Pacific Rim, the European Union, Asia and North America. Its purpose is to provide a forum for the sharing of ideas and knowledge about the value of creativity as a means of engendering social inclusion. The conference will allow academic researchers, practitioners and organisations to explore aspects of commonality in their pursuits and avenues for possible collaboration within Australia through the formation of international partnerships.

Proudly hosted by the Centre for Public Culture and Ideas, Griffith University, with support from the Innovative Universities European Union Centre and affiliated with Griffith University's Strategic Research Program 'Social Change and Well-Being'.

**Dates:** 15 - 17 April 2009  
**Venue:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia  
For further information visit the conference [website] or contact Jill Jones at j.jones@griffith.edu.au or on (07) 373 57338

Publications and Other Research Outputs

Please ensure that all eligible research publications are submitted online via the portal. For more information please visit the Office for Research [Website].

New ERA Deadlines

In response to concerns raised by the sector the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, has announced a revised timeframe for the ERA trial which will evaluate the PCE and HCA clusters. Submissions for the PCE cluster will now commence in June 2009 while submissions for HCA will commence in August 2009. The other significant piece of news is that esteem indicators will not be included in the trial.

The Minister's media release can be accessed at the ARC [Website].

Campus Review Subscription

The Vice Chancellor has organised an unlimited subscription for all Griffith Staff Members to the online version of Campus review. This can be accessed at the Campus Review [website].