

FRIDAY FROLICS

Newsletter of UWS Law School

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Introduction

Welcome to this newsletter covering the last month of events that have occurred in the Law School.

Staff Matters

Congratulations to Yvonne Daly on her new appointment as Academic Course Advisor for Law Summer School.

Dr John Nelson finished in the role of project manager/blended learning adviser on 6 September. We wish John well in his new role at the College of Law.

The University has provided us with a new person, who has been and will continue working with us – Paul Hampson.

Student Matters

The First Year High Achievers Function was held on Wednesday 11 September from 6 to 7-30pm in the Orphan School, Parramatta campus. The purpose of the Function is to congratulate all of those hard working First Years who achieved a Distinction or High Distinction in their first semester units, both in Spring 2012 and Autumn 2013. We had some very illustrious guests, including Kerry-Lee Krause (who has asked to be included in the guest list next year), Craig Ellis, senior representatives from supporting law firms, and, of course, our Dean. The guest speaker was Paul Armstrong, a Law School alumnus, winner of the University Medal in 2013, and who was himself a High Achiever in 2010. His speech was highly entertaining, thoughtful and very warmly received by all participants.

The function was also attended by a heartening number of staff: many thanks to all those who took the time to add your support to our First Years, it was most appreciated. Acknowledgement is also due to Jane Lindsay: without all of her infinite patience and hard work, the event would not have been possible. Considering the fact that the Function continued well beyond 7.30pm, it is safe to say that a good time was had by all!!!



Professor Carolyn Sappideen

On 27 August Honours Students presented their Honours proposals. The presentations were of exceptional quality and the Dean is exploring whether there might be opportunities for a special edition of the UWS Law Review for honours dissertations

The following students presented:

Surname	Given Name	supervisor	Topic
Cameron	Ashley Alyce	Francine Feld	Right to silence
Diinis	Emmanuel	Michael Adams	My Super: False Hope or Panacea for Default Member account Balances
Ilic	Aleksandra	Simon Kozlina	Remoteness of damage rules in contract law
Jackson	Lachlan	Elfriede Sangkuhl	Wealth transfer taxes
Lang	Melanie	Jennifer Ireland	Patentability of Genetic Material
Dalitz	Anastasia	Shelley Bielefield	Stronger Futures legislation and criminality of alcohol use by Indigenous peoples.
Coluccio	Robert	Scott Mann	Selective Termination of Fetuses.

Research & Scholarships

Ms Elen Seymour

Elen Seymour has had her abstract "Using social media to connect tax teaching to tax policy formation and change" accepted for presentation at the 2014 Australasian Tax Teachers' Conference in January 2014

Professor Steven Freeland

Public speech (by invitation) 'International Law and the Regulation of Child Soldiers' - the Humanitarian Law Perspective Seminar, sponsored by the Australian Red Cross and King & Wood Mallesons, Perth 27 August 2013

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Public lecture (by invitation) 'International Humanitarian Law and the Technology of Warfare: The use of Satellites in Armed Conflict' - sponsored by the Faculty of Law, University of Western Australia, Perth 27 August 2013.

Interviewed on SWR FM 'Western Sydney People of Interest' on various issues of international law 24 August 2013

External examiner (by invitation) of LLM thesis on Space Law submitted to McGill University, Canada

Publications

Professor Michael Adams

Professor Michael Adams, was quoted in a Weekend Australian Story on 7 September examining ASIC.

In the article, Professor Adams discusses the corporate regulator's recent track record in prosecuting the directors of failed companies.

Professor Michael Head

Michael Head's book, Evgeny Pashukanis: A Critical Reappraisal, on socialist legal theory, has been published in Chinese, and an article "High Court Erodes Free Speech" will appear in this month's edition of the Alternative Law Journal.

Dr Daud Hassan

Hassan Daud, Maritime Spatial Planning and The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975: An Evaluation, (2013) 44 *Environmental Policy and Law* (in print)

Dr Marina Nehme

Seminar Series

On 11 September 2013, our colleague, Dr June Wang, presented a paper on 'The Evolution of Franchising in the Chinese Courts: The Qualifications for a Franchisor and the Application of the Disclosure Requirements by the Courts'. The Seminar was chaired by Dr Elfriede Sangkuhl. The seminar was very engaging and interesting. It shed some light on the Chinese judicial system. It further focused on judicial trends in interpreting franchising law in China.

The next seminar will take place on Wednesday 18 September. Our colleague, Ms Thilla Rajaretnam, will be presenting a paper on 'Implementing Ethical Principles in Medical Data Mining: Ethical and Regulatory Considerations Related to Privacy and Confidentiality in Medical Data'. The Seminar will be chaired by Mr Simon Kozlina.

Community Engagement

Ms Francine Feld

As part of Parramatta High School's first Wellbeing Day for students, Francine Feld gave a talk to Year 12 students titled "Young People and the Law".

Open Day

Once again, 1st September, UWS Open Day was a mixture of beautiful weather and lots of people coming to find out about our many law courses. The Law Students did some mock moots in the Moot Court to packed houses (four bail applications, watched by 50 people at a time). The Dean presented to over 150 people on "Why study Law?" and the information booths in building EB and in the tent next to the Moot Court, had a constant flow of enquiries. Thanks to all the staff, alumni and volunteers who helped make the day a great success.



Ms Elen Seymour

UWSLawSchool Twitter statistics as at 10/9/2013

536 followers, on 15 lists.

Staff are reminded to send Elen Seymour links and updates to any law articles, cases etc and especially anything about your research successes.

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Special thanks in no particular order to David Sinfield (star contributor), Marina Nehme, Jennifer Ireland, Steven Freeland, Michael Adams and Simon Kozlina for feeding twitter.

Parramatta Community Justice Clinic News

New staff

PCJC and SLS program has welcomed a new staff member Jo Huntington who is job-sharing with Nola Bourne administering both programs. Jo is settling in well and enjoying the diversity of the client and student interactions. Jo has an administration background and has worked in Higher Education previously.

CLP unit

The Clinical Legal Placement unit (200699) for Quarter 4, starting 16th September, will have four students weekly in attendance. This increase will mean that students will be allocated a team and rostered to learn alongside both the MLC solicitors, Tanja Podinic and Jamal Maroon. Students will also have the opportunity to visit the Children's court from Quarter 4.

Community Information Session:

An upcoming Immigration Community Information session has been booked for the 2nd October with Michaela Byers presenting on the topic "Are you trying to bring family members to Australia?". The Department of Immigration have also been asked to present on the Humanitarian entrants visa program. Michael Brogan, as the newly appointed Director of Community Engagement for Law will welcome the community to the event and introduce the speakers across the evening. The event is being held at the Jubilee Room at Parramatta Town Hall, Church St, Parramatta and starts at 6pm. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending Registration is essential by emailing pcjc@uws.edu.au or calling (02) 86887874.

SLS:

The UWS Student Legal Service is a joint venture between Macquarie Legal Centre and UWS. It provides UWS student legal advice between the times of 2-5pm Monday to Friday. The service is provided via SSF funding. Tanja Podinic is the newly appointed solicitor from Macquarie Legal Centre for the UWS Student Legal Service. To contact the SLS : studentlegalservices@uws.edu.au or (02) 8688 7875.

General News

Michael Brogan

Thursday, 29 August 2013, saw Campbelltown Law School staff receive a couple of surprise visits from the local fire brigade. While some members of staff bemoaned the inability to keep working productively for the collective benefit of the Law School, others took simple delight in observing the skills of the fire-fighters as they courageously checked out the faulty alarm, on not one but two, (apparently), mightily handsome occasions.



Your reporter on the spot, Michael Brogan

Corporate Charity Challenge – Seeking expressions of interest

UWS is a sponsor of the 2013 Coleman Grieg Executive Challenge. On Friday Nov 1, teams from organisations across Greater Western Sydney will be competing in an early morning 12km run or 40km cycle event at Parramatta Park to raise funds for local charity and UWS Staff Giving Partner, Northcott Disability Services and St Gabriel's School for hearing impaired and intellectually disabled children. We have a limited number of places available for those interested in competing and would welcome supporters down at the park to represent UWS at this friendly community event.

Competitors will also be invited to a cocktail launch event in October, a training session with the Western Sydney Wanderers and a breakfast after the event – lots of networking opportunities with executives from business and industry.

If you are interested in competing as part of a UWS team or require further information, please contact Stephanie Moran.

Email: s.moran@uws.edu.au Extension: 9685-9511

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Adams".

Professor Michael Adams
Dean of the School of Law, UWS