

QUADRIVIA

The HPRC Newsletter



September 2004

Welcome to our newsletter...

Called into life following the recent Review, QUADRIVIA will circulate the news, events, gossip, announcements, procedures and trivia of the School and its four disciplines. It will appear early each month, providing a retrospect of the month passed and a calendar of the month ahead.

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To a large extent we are merely the traffic police, waving the flow of information around. So please send any news items, snippets, reports, direct by email to the above addresses.

Deadline

Last day of the calendar month.

Editorial policy

SIMPLICITY SELLS – that rules out anything that takes you longer to write than it takes us to read!



Calendar

September 1: Rhodes applications close

September 3: HPRC Meeting/seminar on 'Research Strengths', chaired by Prof. Graeme Turner (UQ). 11-12 noon, Rm. 312, Prentice Building. Ms Belinda Weaver (UQ Library) will also discuss the E-Prints initiative from 11.45.

September 7: Postgraduate Studies Committee Afternoon Tea, HPRC foyer. All invited.

September 27- October 4: Mid Semester break

September 2: UQ Sport Golf Day

September 20: Academic Board

September 24: COPS Barbecue, Guyatt Park, 6pm.

Head of School's Report

It has been an active few months since the School Review preparing for the implementation of the recommendations and beginning a number of other initiatives. The following are worthy of note.

Baby boys

Congratulations to Deb Brown and Aurelia Armstrong on the birth of their new boys.

Welcomes

Greetings again to Tim Parkin, Frank Zelko, and Tamara Ditrich (see below). These three appointments bring to an end the long process of recruiting which began soon after the School was created. I am sure all members of staff agree that we have made excellent appointments and we look forward to all our new colleagues continuing to make new and exciting contributions to the School.

Review

The School response to the Review has been submitted to the Office of the Academic Board.

Partnerships

We are about to enter into a partnership with the Museum of Brisbane for the appointment of a research historian to be funded by them. The appointee will be located both at the Museum and in the Centre for Applied History & Heritage Studies from, we hope, January of next year. (Details: Geoff Ginn)

We are also entering into a co-sponsorship with the Museum of Brisbane for the 2005 Brisbane Buddha Exhibition to take place in May next year. (Details: Primoz Pecenko).

Clive Moore and I have recently had discussions with Adjunct Professor Jim Varghese, Director General of Primary Industries and Fisheries. We are hopeful some genuine town-gown relations will result from a series of planned initiatives.

Post-docs

The School has been awarded two postdoctoral fellows who will begin next year. They are Dr Paul Laffey to work in the area of the History of British Psychiatry, and Dr Lorenzo Veracini who will examine, comparatively, historiographies of settler-indigenous relations in Australia, Mexico, Algeria, and Canada. Dr Koji Tanaka (Western and Indic traditions of logic) is on the reserve list.

Dr Simon Duffy, a joint postdoctoral fellow in both HPRC and CHED, has now arrived and has taken up residence in the Forgan Smith Tower (Level 5). He will be active in the School's European Philosophy Research Group. (Details: Michelle Boulous-Walker.)

Buddhist Studies

I am continuing to have discussions with the Amitabha Buddhist Foundation about support for Buddhist Studies within the School. A campaign proposal has been developed (in Chinese and English) to forward to them next week.

We are currently negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chung Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies in Taiwan.

Fellowships and Affiliates

Paul Griffiths, our Federation Fellow, will arrive in early September. He will be located in the Michie Building in what was Patrick Wheatley's room.

Andrew Gentes and Tom Stevenson have been awarded fellowships for 2005 and 2006 in the Centre for Critical and Cultural Studies. Congratulations to them.

Professors John Mattick and Wayne Swan of the IMB are shortly to be appointed Affiliate Professors in the School. Details: Dominic Hyde.

Strategic matters

A strategic Retreat will be held for all members of the School in November. A series of position papers by

the major Committees of the School, taking up the review recommendations together with other initiatives, is being prepared for the occasion.

We have made a submission to the University for Enhanced Student Funding Charges projects - one in tutorial programmes, the other in increasing IT in course delivery. It is expected that this will be worth around \$90,000 in 2005, rising to \$180,000 and \$270,000 in the following two years. I am currently working on a position paper on principles for tutorial funding within the School. Currently, funds are allocated to disciplines. A School based model of tutorial funding allocation is planned.

The School reached its target for first Semester fee paying income (around \$370,000). This is very encouraging and I am confident we will reach our intended target of c.\$750,000.

A new M.Phil in 'Spirituality and Writing' is reaching final form for forwarding to the Postgraduate Studies Committee.

Philip Almond



BLAST from the PAST



Who He???

Comments to
Serena



Farewells

Simon Devereaux and **Andrea Mackenzie** were farewelled by the History crew with much dismay at the end of Semester 1. They return to Victoria University, BC, to take up a joint lectureship in British History. Along with Classics' **Pat Wheatley**, who has

taken up a lectureship at Otago in chilly New Zealand, these fine colleagues will be missed by all.

Simon and Andrea have since reported that thanks to a very enthusiastic real estate agent they've seen every local house in their price range, and have bought a beautiful 'West Coast'-style duplex near the university complete with goldfish pond and hot tub. They took possession on August 31. Their stuff had arrived safely in Vancouver so they were able to take delivery on the same day.



Who's Who: September 2004

Head of School

Prof. Phil Almond

Discipline Convenors

History: Assoc. Prof. Clive Moore

Philosophy: Dr. Dominic Hyde

Religion: Dr. Rick Strelan

Classics: Assoc. Prof. John Whitehorne

Directors and Chairs

Director & Chair, U/G Studies: Assoc. Prof. Clive Moore

Director & Chair, P/G Studies: Dr. Phil Dowe

Deputy Director: Dr Tom Stevenson

Honours Co-ordinator: Dr. Andrew Gentes

Director & Chair, Research: Prof. Mark Colyvan

Chair, Advisory Committee: Assoc. Prof. John Whitehorne

Chair, Information Technology & Space Advisory Committee: Dr. Julian Lamont

Chair, International Students & Marketing Committee: Dr. Deb Brown

Administration

School Manager: Mrs. Grace Dunn

Secretary: Mrs. Cindy Johnston



In the Media

Post-doctoral fellow Michael Barr was interviewed on the August 12 change of leadership in Singapore by the *Australian Financial Review* and *South China Morning Post*. Lee Kuan Yew's son Lee Hsien Loong will head a government laden with several premiers of various standings, including his father.

HPRC postgraduate Craig Barrett attended the annual ceremony commemorating Allied war dead at the Yokohama War Cemetery in Japan in early August, and was interviewed for national television on the subject of Japanese war crimes in the Asia-Pacific.



School News

Its been a fertile few months for philosophers... **Aurelia Armstrong** produced a beautiful baby boy Guy on July 8, coming in at nearly 8 lbs. His first visit to the School on August 18 was marked by much cheerful cluckery by all present.

Deborah Brown reports:

Joseph Alexander Francis Normore saved his mother from two grading meetings by being born on August 10. So far he just sleeps and eats for which we're most grateful. And we're all doing fine.

Meanwhile, **Julian Lamont's** daughter Angelie is approaching her first birthday, leading this little phalanx of proto-*philosophes* into the world. Congratulations to all parents & families involved.

Renee Worringer has been elected to the Asian Studies Association of Australia Council, filling the position responsible for West and Central Asia.

Sarah Ferber's monograph *Demonic Possession and Exorcism in Early Modern France* (Routledge) appeared recently.

In August, Classics had a visit from **Dr Malcolm Davies** (St. John's College, Oxford) to give a research seminar on a poem of Propertius. In the course of his paper Malcolm also discussed Norse mythology, Jesus Christ, and Etruscan mirrors!

After recently completing her doctorate, History graduate **Shirleene Robinson** has secured a tenured

teaching position at Bond University and was due to start on the 16th August. She will be teaching Australian History in second semester. Hearty congratulations to Shirleene.

History's **Leo Launitz-Schurer** returned to work on Monday August 23 after being ill for several weeks. He was in hospital for some two weeks but was keeping in touch and continuously worried about missing his classes. Talk about dedication; we could imagine Leo coming to Uni complete with drip in hand!

In August **John Whitehorne** (Classics) gave a paper and chaired a session at the 24th International Congress of Papyrology, in Helsinki.

Wedding bells....former PSC Chair and Classics/History postgraduate **Maria Dwyer** married her 'Fletch' (aka Matthew) on Saturday August 7.

Rob Knowles (History) recently graduated with his PhD and was awarded a Dean's Commendation for his thesis on 'Communitarian anarchism 1840-1914: a neglected tradition in economic thought'. No more than 10% of graduating research higher degree students receive such a commendation. The thesis is being published by Routledge and is currently in press. Rob is now lecturing in modern European history at the University of New England.

Heather Wolfram (History) has just been awarded a travel grant from the Australian Universities Europe Network, to allow her to attend a conference in Italy and conduct a short research trip to Germany.

Classics and Ancient History are looking forward to the visit of **Marc Waelkens**, AAIA Visiting Professor, in September. Marc will give a seminar as well as a public lecture on work at Sagalassos.

Julian Lamont (Philosophy) has taken up a Center for Ethics and Public Affairs Fellowship at Tulane University in New Orleans for August to December. Fellowships are funded by the Murphy Institute of Political Economy. He will be working on ethical issues associated with the patenting of genetically modified organisms.

Binoy Kampmark (History), who is in the process of submitting his MPhil, is about to leave for Cambridge University to take up a Commonwealth Scholarship for PhD studies there. Binoy has recently published

articles in the *Electronic Journal of Australian and New Zealand History*, *Australian Humanities Review*, and the *New Zealand International Review*, among others.

The *Australian Journal of Politics and History* recently celebrated its fiftieth volume. Launched by UQ's McCaughey Professor of History Gordon Greenwood in November 1955, AJPH is now edited by **Andrew Bonnell** (History, UQ) and Ian Ward (Politics, UQ), and is produced by editorial assistant **Margaret Higgs**. The journal's continuous expert commentary on Australian political events and foreign policy over five decades is a valuable resource for scholars both here and overseas.



From the Centres

Dr. Jan Wegner, from James Cook University, spent a week in early August perusing the resource collection in the School's **Centre for Applied History & Heritage Studies**. Her present sabbatical is taking her around all the libraries and collections relating to public history and heritage studies in Australia. Meanwhile, a donation of historical books and sources in Queensland history has been made by Mr. Fred Archer of Beechmont to the Centre collection. Mr. Archer's late wife Barbara worked as a librarian and archivist, and completed postgraduate studies at UQ in East Asian history before publishing in this area. Sincere thanks were extended to Mr Archer by Geoff Ginn when the donation was made on August 12.

The **Centre for Buddhist Studies** recently commenced discussions with the Museum of Brisbane in planning for next year's exhibition on Brisbane Buddhism. 2000 statues of the Buddha will be brought together from donors across the city, each with a story to tell. It is hoped the Centre will be officially launched during this exciting exhibition.

The **Australian Studies Centre** welcomes Dr. Joanne Scott of the University of the Sunshine Coast. Joanne will be researching various topics during her six-month placement, including the history of the Brisbane Exhibition. She will present a seminar in the History Staff-Student Seminar Series on this topic on September 2.

Further details on the work of the School Centres can be gained from the relevant Directors:

Dr. Martin Crotty (Acting), ASC

Dr. Primos Pecenko, CBS

Dr. Geoff Ginn, CAHHS



Welcomes

A morning tea to welcome new staff members Prof. Tim Parkin (Classics), Dr. Frank Zelko (History) and Ms. Tamara Ditrich (Religion) was held on Friday August 13. Despite the auguries the event was well attended; after Prof. Almond delivered an oration of welcome in lightning time, cakes and bickies were enjoyed by all.

Tim is a native of Wellington, a specialist in Roman history and was previously Professor of Classics at Canterbury University. Frank completed his PhD on the history of Greenpeace, and arrives here from the German Historical Institute in Washington to lecture in American and environmental history. Tamara is completing her doctorate and will teach Buddhism and Hinduism.

Prof. Paul Griffiths, formerly of the University of Pittsburgh, joined the School on September 1 as an ARC Federation Fellow. Paul will be based here for five years researching the Biohumanities, specifically 'Philosophical, Historical, and Socio-Cultural Studies of Contemporary Bioscience.' This is the first of the prestigious Federation Fellowships to be offered in Humanities at UQ.



Union News

Andrew Bonnell (History) reports that the bargaining round for the academic enterprise agreement, that fixes pay and conditions for ca. three years has almost concluded. Andrew has been negotiating on our behalf together with colleagues from the NTEU.

Outcomes include: pay increase of 15% (or 15.9% cumulatively over the life of the agreement), which includes 5.5% already paid during the negotiations (next instalment 3% on 1 January 2005); increase of paid parental leave from the current 12 weeks to 26 weeks (note that there will be a central university fund

to support replacements); and enhanced clauses on workloads, change management, and indigenous employment.

General staff negotiations are continuing, but the gains from the academic round (pay, parental leave) will also flow to general staff.

In other news on the union front, the NTEU is initiating a 'Fair Shares' campaign to seek to improve the allocation of funding to the School level. The University's operating budget is expected to be significantly larger next year, but it is still unclear whether the allocations to Faculty and School budgets will increase by the same proportion.



From the Antiquities Museum

In 2003 a programme of Internships was introduced into the undergraduate teaching role of the Antiquities Museum. It was intended as an intensive programme of both administrative and practical work in the daily running of the museum, as well as being part of a course in Greek Art and Architecture offered by Classics and Ancient History.

Three students, Sally McHugh, Melissa Cadden and Jackie Fraser, were chosen and subsequently curated an exhibition using artefacts within the collection. This display was based on three roles of the goddess Athena in Athens; craft, politics and the military. All three students did exceptionally well and two of them hope to pursue a career in the museum industry.

This semester three students, Mark Avery, Kellie-Anne Hamilton and David Parkhill, were chosen as museum interns as part of the Roman Art and Architecture course. One already works within the museum industry and a second is also hoping to be a curator. These 2004 interns have already settled into their tasks and are enthusiastically planning their exhibition which will be opened in October.



SEMINARS and CONFERENCES

September 2: History

Dr. Joanne Scott (USC): 'Its Showtime: A history of the Brisbane Ekka'

4.15 pm, Rm 324, Michie Bldg.

September 3: Classics

Mr. Caillan Davenport (UQ): 'Tacitus and A. Caecina Alienus'

3.30 pm, Rm 323, Michie Bldg.

September 3-4:

'Islam and Society: Perspectives and Prospects'

Keynote address:

Prof. Bassam Tibi (Göttingen): "Islam's Predicament with Modernity: between Defensive-Cultural Response and Cultural Innovation in an Uncertain Age"

St John's College, UQ

September 3-5

'Postcolonial Australia: three-day masterclass'

Hosted by the Australian Studies Centre and the Postcolonial Research Group, the masterclass will be held at the University of Queensland Staff and Graduates Club.

See website: www.asc.uq.edu.au/main/index.php

Bookings (\$250 staff, \$190 students) can be made via Marilyn Barton (ext 51369, email m.barton@uq.edu.au).

September 5: Friends of Antiquity

Prof. Tim Parkin (UQ): 'Letting nature take its natural course: the health of older people in antiquity'

2.00 pm, Rm 388, Goddard Bldg.

September 9: Philosophy

Prof. Louis Dupre (Yale): 'Apologia for the Enlightenment'

3 pm, Rm E-348, Forgan Smith Bldg.

September 15: 'Soapbox Forum'

'Multiculturalism and our University'

12.30-1.30 pm, SS&H Library Conference Room, Level 1, Duhig Bldg. This open forum for UQ staff and students will provide an opportunity to discuss what 'multiculturalism' means today within our University community. Tea and coffee provided.

September 16: History

Mr. Anthony Yeates (UQ): 'Introducing the Patrol Officers: Changed Agents and Agents of Change in Post-Second World War Papua-New Guinea'

4.15 pm, Rm 324, Michie Bldg.

September 17: Classics

Prof. Bob Milns (UQ): 'A King's Bookshelves: The Literary Tastes of Alexander the Great'

3.30 pm, Rm 323, Michie Bldg.

September 17: Philosophy

Dr Peter Menzies (Macquarie): 'Singular Causation'

3 pm, Rm E-348, Forgan Smith Bldg.

September 24: SLCCS & CCCS

Double seminar by Dr Mandy Thomas, ARC Executive Director (Humanities & Creative Arts): 'Doing Cross-Cultural research' and 'Life with the Australian research Council'.

2.00 pm and 3.30 pm, SSSL Conference Room, Level 1 Duhig Bldg.

September 24: Philosophy

Dr Morgan Luck (Nottingham): 'Defining Miracles'

3 pm, Rm E-348, Forgan Smith Bldg.

Tutoring Seminars

with Mia O'Brien (TEDI)

Rm 324 Michie, 3 pm Wednesdays as follows:

25 August: introduction

1 September: teaching and learning strategies

8 September: questions and critical thinking

15 September: assessment and plagiarism

All welcome; please contact Tom Stevenson for more details.



Zero Gravity

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat this problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 million developing a

pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300 C. The Russians used a pencil.



Reports from Committees

The International Students and Marketing Committee (the only ISM that matters anymore) met on August 20 to discuss promotion of the School's Honours programs. Look out for newspaper advertisements on the subject in the near future.



MY FAVOURITE THINGS

Who: Renee Worringer (History)

What: my dogs, Mr. Spock and Sulu.

Why: They are always happy to see me, they always act as though it's been too long since we last met, and they are always in a good mood, tails wagging and ready to go! They will go anywhere, and remind me that life should be simpler - just throw the ball, c'mon c'mon, throw it, throw it, throw the ball, c'mon throw it!



Postgraduate News

Another very successful PSC morning tea was held on August 3 in the HPRC foyer. As **Lynne Hume** read the crystal ball the gods smiled on *KHYTHÓNIOS*, the journal of religious studies edited by postgraduates within the School. The second volume of this fine journal is now officially launched.

Submissions, Examinations, Graduations

History postgraduate **Trudy Jacobsen** recently learnt that her PhD thesis 'Apsara, Accoutrements, Activists: A History of Women and Power in Cambodia' has been passed by the examiners. The bonnet looms...

One of Lynne Hume's PhD candidates, **Renee Brodie** (Religion), will be sending out her dissertation to examiners at the end of August. Her thesis, 'The Kabalarian Philosophy: Charismatic Control and Sexual Convictions' is based on the case of Ivon Shearing, the leader of a Canadian new religious movement who was convicted of sexual abuse with female followers of the movement. He is now serving a prison sentence in Canada. A lot of the data involves information from court transcripts. Congratulations Trudy and Renee!

Postgraduate Scholarships

Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Queensland and Postgraduate Research Scholarships (UQPRS) for P/G students interested in MPhil or PhD study.

Applications close October 15 2004 at the Scholarships Office. Please note that late applications will not be accepted. The application kit can be accessed from the Graduate School's website at: <http://www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/apa>. Any students wanting further information regarding eligibility and the selection procedures should attend the Scholarships Office's APA/UQPRS Information Session on September 23 2004, 4.00-7.00 pm in the UQ Centre, Lecture Theatre. Students are advised to register by emailing their name and contact details to: graduateschool@uq.edu.au

History Honours

The History Honours students delivered seminars on their thesis topics on August 27. As usual, the range was diverse and the audience appreciative of the high quality of work being undertaken. Theses are progressing on the following topics: The Church of England & WWI (Sandra Smith), War Remembrance and Community in Gympie (Deborah Evans), Floods in Colonial Queensland (Emily O'Gorman), Domesticity in Colonial Queensland (Josie Meadows), Childbirth and the Supernatural in Early Modern Europe (Natalie Ryan), The Vatican & Nazi Germany (Matt Tan), Press Reaction to the Alien & Sedition Acts (Ryan Goss), Black Power & US Civil Rights (Sarah Garrahy), American Radicals of the 1960s (Tom Gatling), The US Army 1861-1863 (Paul Dawson), O'Keefe v Caldwell (Catherine Arscott), and Nationalism in the Ottoman Empire (Tom Whelan).

All supervisors and staff wish the Honours students well in the two months ahead.

C.O.P.S. B.B.Q.

Hosted by the Committee of Postgraduate Students (COPS), Classics and Ancient History, this barbecue is an opportunity for Classics staff, students and friends to gather for food, drink and merriment.

Friday September 24, 6.00 pm

Guyatt Park, Sir Fred Schonell Drive, St Lucia.

Classics Postgrads **FREE**

Partners, Staff & others: \$5

FOOD & DRINKS INCLUDED; RSVP Sept 17

Contact Sandra Christou for further details:
s.christou@uq.edu.au

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION POSTGRADUATE BURSARIES 2004

Bursaries are available to graduates of this University who are members of the Alumni Association. Five bursaries are available to students who, in 2004, entered the first year of a PhD program at this University having shown the greatest proficiency in previous studies undertaken.

The value of each award is \$1,000. Application forms are available from: The Student Centre, Level 1, J D Story Building and Student Centres at Gatton, Herston and Ipswich campuses. CLOSING DATE: 30 September 2004



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