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Learning shared globally



Nin Tomas (right) responding to a question from University of Ottawa students linked by videoconference to the indigenous law course. The Auckland students are (from left) Luana Payne and Anelka Vuletic-Phillips.

A unique masters law course that brings together students in four countries across 16 hours of time difference in opposite hemispheres and seasons is again being offered this year.

Since 2006 The University of Auckland has been one of six universities to teach "Comparative indigenous peoples and the law" by videoconference.

Last year the course, involving five other universities – Monash and Queensland in Australia, Ottawa and Saskatchewan in Canada, Oklahoma in the US – attracted 60 students and this year overall numbers have increased.

At weekly seminars, lecturers from each institution present PowerPoint and audiovisual material via high definition webcams. During questions and discussion the screen flicks between the participating universities.

"It's a quick, efficient way of getting overseas expertise of the highest quality without leaving home," says senior Law lecturer Dr Nin Tomas who contributes from Auckland. "It raises the quality of teaching considerably."

The Auckland students enrolled this year use the new videoconferencing facilities in the Graduate Centre. "This is a fantastic, world-class facility. The IT staff set us up and then leave us to it."

Students access materials for each class from the Ottawa Law School website. "This allows us to be absolutely current as items can be posted at the last minute and new material can be uploaded in response to class discussions," explains Nin.

They communicate with each other through chatrooms and can email the teachers in other countries.

The students "love it", says Nin. "They love being transnational, hearing stuff straight from the horse's mouth instead of a New Zealand interpretation. They love interacting with teachers halfway across the world and getting immediate feedback.

"They like emailing us after class for extra info. They like having a relationship outside their own borders – it makes them feel like globetrotters without ever going anywhere."

Nin, who co-teaches the Auckland end of the course with Khylee Quince, became involved when a lecturer on the course from the University of Saskatchewan approached her. "This person had read an article I'd written and thought it would be a good idea to bring in a Māori person who was also a lawyer.

"This was because of our unique situation in
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Key events

Refresher weekend

More than 350 GPs, nurses and other primary health care professionals will gather at the Hyatt Regency on 12 and 13 April for the Goodfellow Symposium 2008, a multidisciplinary weekend refresher with clinical updates and practical sessions. Contact the Goodfellow Symposium Secretariat at the Conference Company (goodfellow@tcc.co.nz).

Honorary degrees

All staff are invited to attend a ceremony at the Maidment Theatre on 23 April at which Robin Dudding and Emeritus Professor Vincent O'Sullivan will each be conferred with the degree of Doctor of Literature. The ceremony commences at 7.30pm. For catering purposes, please contact Val Pettit, ext 85792 or email v.pettit@auckland.ac.nz by 18 April.

Closer still

The first in a series of "Heritage Lectures" marking 125 years of teaching law at the University will be delivered by Professor Jim Davis on 23 April at 6pm at the Stone Lecture Theatre, 3rd floor, Building 801, 9 Eden Crescent (with drinks and nibbles from 5.15pm). Entitled "Closer economic relations – Closer still and closer", it will focus on the developing legal relationship between Australia and New Zealand.

Evolutionary effervescence

After the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1917 came an artistic flowering focusing on redefining national identity. Frida Kahlo's shocking self-portraits stood in stunning juxtaposition to the work of famous muralists, among them her husband, Diego Rivera. One of the greatest Latin American photographers, Manuel Alvarez Bravo, explored Mexicanness in an understated but powerful aesthetic. They are the subjects of a lecture by Hood Fellows, Professor John Mraz and Professor Eli Bartra at 6.30pm on April 24 at the Owen G Glenn Theatre B4, Business School, 12 Grafton Road.

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From the Vice-Chancellor

As well as celebrating the 125th Jubilee Year of the University, and the twentieth anniversary of Waipapa Marae, we this year celebrate another important birthday – that of our research commercialisation company, Auckland UniServices Ltd.

UniServices was established in July 1988 under the leadership of inaugural Chief Executive John Kernohan. Since that time it has consistently achieved double digit growth and today has an annual turnover of \$87 million, contributing about half the University's external research income. New companies (so-called "spinouts") that have been created by UniServices based on University of Auckland intellectual property today have a market value of over \$500 million, and are important contributors to the diversification of New Zealand's economy.

This success has depended to a large degree on the ability of UniServices to act as a "translator" between the University and business, offering a range of services to both parties. In the area of contract research these include identifying potential clients, negotiating contracts, providing project management and taking care of issues such as professional indemnity insurance. In terms of commercialisation, the company is able to identify concepts that are likely to have commercial value, fund the gap between a bright idea and a commercially viable opportunity, bring in investors, negotiate appropriate licensing or other deals, and ensure that benefits are returned both to the inventors and to the University.

The success of these processes is reflected not only in the fact that we have by far the largest commercial research base of any New Zealand university, but also in the impact our research is having at home and abroad. For example, of the 16 therapeutic drugs to have progressed to clinical trials under the auspices of the United States FDA, 12 originated here; most of the "clean rooms" in silicon chip fabrication plants the world over use induction power technology developed at Auckland; and our formative assessment programme aSTILE is used by teachers in over 80 percent of New Zealand schools.

UniServices has grown in just 20 years to be the most successful research commercialisation company in Australasia and has a world-wide reputation for excellence. I congratulate all those who have contributed to this success and encourage University staff and students engaged in industry-related research to take advantage of its many services.



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Aotearoa/New Zealand, with the Treaty of Waitangi setting the constitutional foundation of our nation, a very vocal Māori population and Māori representation in Parliament as well as Māori concepts being included in legislation, Treaty principles being protected under statute, and the operation of the Waitangi Tribunal."

The course has attracted wide international

attention. At a recent conference in China of the International Association of Law Schools, Nin led a live demonstration with her teaching colleagues.

"The indigenous law course presentation was a highlight of the conference. It opened people's eyes to the possibility of such a method of global sharing of local knowledge – which is where the future of good teaching lies."

Henare Centre off to fresh start



Family and friends of Sir James Henare enter the Whare Whakairo. Mrs Pane Cooper, Ngāti Hine, is carrying his portrait.

The University has renewed its commitment to advance Māori development – cultural, social and economic – in Tai Tokerau.

Around 100 people from Northland were welcomed onto Waipapa Marae at a moving powhiri and rededication of the James Henare Māori Research Centre, extensively covered by Māori media.

The Centre was established in 1993 in honour of the late Sir James Henare, commander of the 28 Māori Battalion in World War Two, farmer, community leader and noted orator who became the foremost kaumatua in Tai Tokerau. In 1986 the University conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws on him for his work for Māori culture, his guidance to the University in developing Māori Studies, and his part in creating the Marae.

Through its research programmes and activities the Centre seeks to contribute to Māori social, cultural and economic well-being and advancement, particularly in Tai Tokerau.

After being in recess for a period the Centre was revived last year under new director, Dr Te Tuhi Robust. Current and future research projects have such themes as protecting and celebrating meaningful identities; rangatiratanga in practice: sustainable development; governance and politics; economic development and healthy communities.

At the powhiri on 28 March a striking framed photograph of Sir James had pride of place in the Whare Whakairo, placed by members of his family.

Hone Sadler, senior lecturer in Māori studies and a member of the Centre's Advisory Board, greeted the guests from Northland along with cultural adviser Emeritus Professor Patu Hohepa.

Among those from Tai Tokerau who responded were Advisory Board member Taipari Munroe (representing the CEO of North Tech) and Cabinet Minister Shane Jones MP from Ngai Takoto.

At the brief rededication ceremony in the house next to the Marae where the Centre is based, Te Tuhi Robust told those present that the occasion culminated a process "that has engaged every one of you. We are now at the point where we can move forward."

Only the previous day the Centre's Research Director, Dr Merata Kawharu, heard that the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology had approved funding for her project to investigate the links between youth success and tribal marae, values and languages. Some \$396,210 has been granted over two years.

The project seeks to strengthen the relevance of iwi/hapu marae and regional language among Māori youth, improving their overall participation and success in New Zealand society.

Retrospective 1883-2008

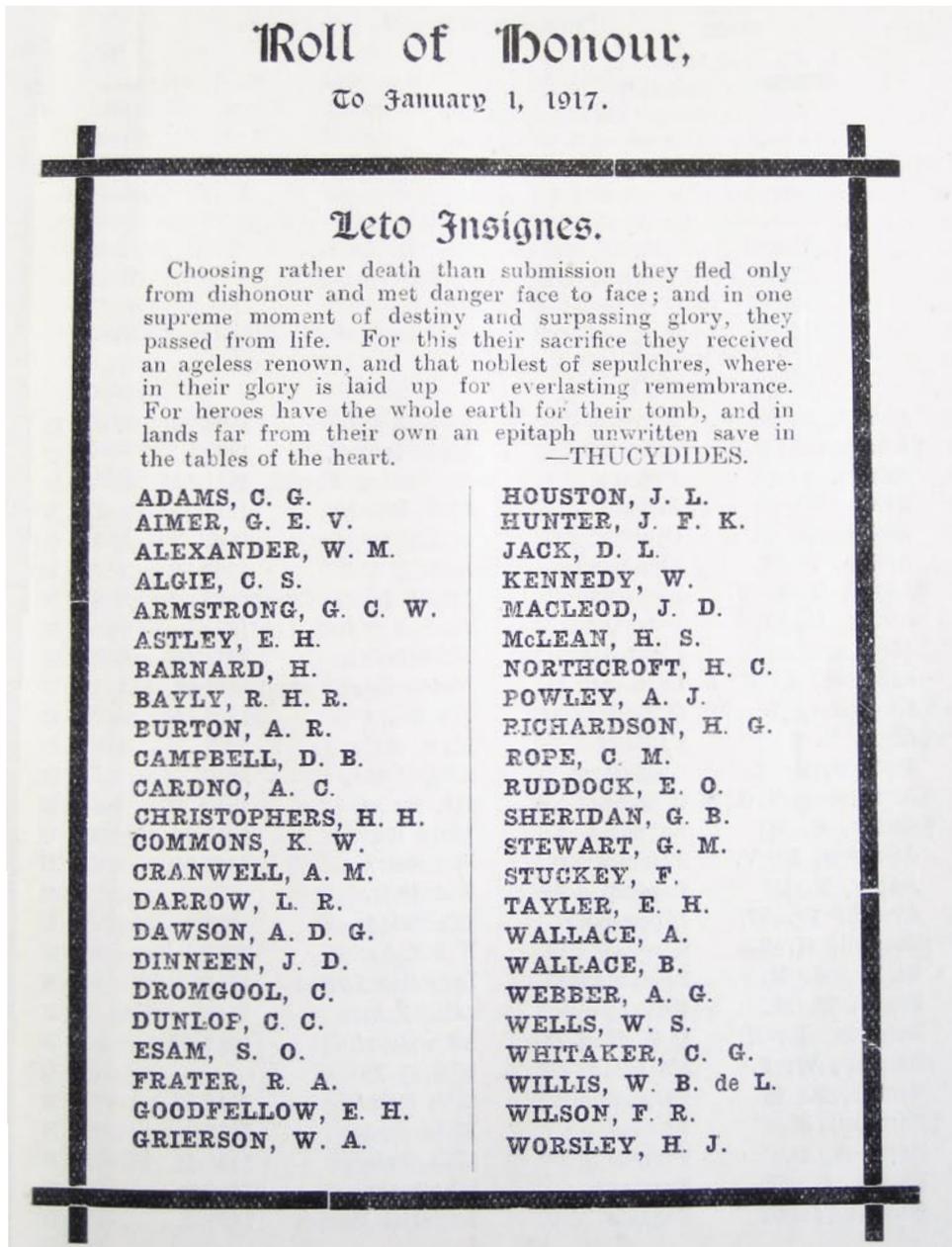
It has come at last, and we are at war. For so long we have expected it that we are not really very surprised. There was really no other way out; and now that things are happening in earnest and the reign of chaos has come on the world again, we are only just beginning to realise that we all are in, whether we like it or not. It is sufficiently obvious that, sooner or later, conscription will come. Until it does it is the duty of every citizen and every student to proceed with his routine work as far as is possible. The best service we can render our country for the present is to go ahead and pass our exams.

And when the time for action does come it is with a spirit very different from that of 1914 that we shall act. We have only one thing in common with the feelings our fathers had in those days, and that is a conviction that our cause is the cause of Truth and Equity and that if we forbear to take up arms, then Justice must disappear from the earth.

"The War", *Craccum*, 27 September, 1939

Although the European war ended a month ago, it would be ridiculous to claim that peace has followed. Most of the battlefronts are quiet, but the tiring work of restoration and education has to be carried out before there is international unity. But – the European war is over. It is time, then, for students to test their mental strength: there can be no return to the old ways. It is time to replace the spirit of nationalism by the spirit of internationalism, because "everyone is responsible to all men for all men and for everything," and many "harmless" men have caused catastrophes through their apathy. Now in the moments after a war ends, students must give the lead in shunning careless ways; and, where international unity is the aim, they must be ruthless idealists.

"A War Ends", *Craccum*, 8 June 1945



The Roll of Honour published in the Auckland University College Calendar, 1917.

... in brief

Brain and mind

The Association of Pacific Rim Universities' second Research Symposium on Brain and Mind in the Asia/Pacific (BMAP) will take place in Singapore from 1-3 September.

This is held in conjunction with the sixth Asia Pacific Symposium on Neuroregeneration (APSNR) from 3-6 September. There will be a joint BMAP-APSNR session on 3 September which participants of both symposiums will be encouraged to attend.

The symposium is, primarily, to promote multi-disciplinary brain and mind research in the Asia Pacific region, and bring together top researchers and clinicians to share discoveries and explore potentially new areas of collaboration in neuroscience. More information on BMAP can be found at www.ols.nus.edu.sg/brainfunction/bmap/ and information on APSNR can be found at www.ols.nus.edu.sg/brainfunction/apsnr/

For registration and enquiries, please contact Ms Wu Yilian at bchbox1@nus.edu.sg. Early registration discounts apply until 1 July.

Read about the Jubilee

The "Retrospective" columns printed in each issue of University News during this 125th Jubilee Year are archived on the Jubilee website www.auckland.ac.nz/uoaa/about/uoaa/history/125jubilee/125jubilee.cfm. There you can also find a list of events to take place during the year; information about the Jubilee book – *The University of Auckland: The First 125 Years*, by Nicholas Reid – and how to preorder it; and copies of Jubilee articles and speeches, which will be placed on the website as they come to hand.

Invitation from Fulbright

Fulbright New Zealand invites applications for the US government's most prestigious and valuable education scholarships – the International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards.

Valued at over NZ\$350,000 each, the awards are for promising graduate students to undertake fully funded PhD study at top American universities in fields of science, technology or engineering.

Approximately 40 awards are offered each year to graduate students from around the world who demonstrate unique aptitude and innovation, leadership potential and the ability to be a cultural ambassador for their country.

Candidates are nominated by their home country's Fulbright commission and selected by rigorous international competition.

Fulbright New Zealand was successful in nominating three candidates in the competition's first two rounds – including Alana Alexander from Auckland last year.

The closing date for applications to Fulbright New Zealand is 1 May. For further information see www.fulbright.org.nz or contact Kara Wood at Fulbright New Zealand on 04 494 1504.

A first for New Zealand



Half the visiting vice-presidents were taken on a campus tour by Bill Williams (Communications and Marketing) – above centre. The other half were escorted on the tour by Maxwell Wang (International Office).

The visit of 26 Vice-Presidents from universities across China to The University of Auckland on 31 March gave an excellent opportunity for building relationships, appreciated both by the guests and the hosts.

This visit was a scoping one which will hopefully lead to a series of overseas workshops for Chinese university leaders, co-sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Education and the State Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs of China. There have been 12 such workshops over the last five years in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. However, this scoping visit might be a sign of the rising profile of New Zealand and Australia's higher education systems in the Chinese bureaucracy.

The aim of the group was to communicate with University of Auckland leaders and to be informed about research and teaching management, including professional development and curriculum development.

The visit included an introduction by Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) Dr Christopher Tremewan; a campus tour; a talk on strategic directions in postgraduate enrolment by Professor Gregor Coster; and an introduction to the University's research expertise by Professor Jane Harding, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). The guests also attended presentations at the Faculty of Engineering and the School of Business.

Edward Connelly honoured

The memory of a former storeman for the Faculty of Engineering has been honoured in the naming of a new scholarship.

Edward Connelly was a dedicated staff member in the Engineering School for 20 years. He joined the Faculty in 1962 as a cleaner at the Ardmore campus. When he retired in 1982 he had been through a series of promotions from Technical Storeman to Stores Steward.

When Edward passed away, he left his entire estate to The University of Auckland, with the commitment that it be used for providing bursaries and scholarships for Engineering School students.

The first Edward Connelly Scholarships, worth \$2000 each, were awarded to first-year students in March, to assist with the costs of starting University.

Two Edward Connelly Scholarships are awarded each year – one to the applicant with the overall highest secondary school marks entering the Engineering degree, the second to the highest achieving student from outside the Auckland region.

The 2008 recipients were Melanie Wood, who graduated from St Cuthbert's College in Epsom and aims to complete a PhD in Engineering and work in structural engineering; and Michael McIvor, the former dux of Napier Boys' High School, who hopes to pursue a career in construction management.

Round the bays

The combined team from External Relations and Communications and Marketing (pictured below) was just one of several from the University to compete in the annual "Round the bays" run (or walk) to raise funds for children's charities.

This year's fastest female was third-year medical student Gracie Keown, who completed the 8.4 kilometre distance in 32 minutes, 23 seconds.

Other teams spotted by the Comms team were from Short Courses in the Business School, from the Chemistry Department, ITS, Tamaki Campus, the Auckland University Medical Students' Association and the School of Engineering.



The University had a lively presence at the popular Pasifika Festival at Western Springs on 8 March.



Left to right, relaxing after the great effort, are Susan van Oorschot, Marion Dimond, Helen Borne, Emma Timewell, Danelle Clayton, Lynda Ferris, Pramilla Andrew.

New associate professors

Melinda Allen (Anthropology)



I had the good fortune to participate in several Hawaiian “digs” as an undergraduate, which led to a life-long passion for Pacific prehistory.

My MA (University of Hawaii) analysed ancient diet and plant use at a high altitude Hawaiian site and was followed by an eight-month study in a Philippine rainforest researching traditional plant use amongst living foragers. My doctoral research (University of Washington) centred on long-term

subsistence practices and landscape change in the Cook Islands (1992).

Before joining The University of Auckland in 1996, I spent five years with Bishop Museum, a large natural and cultural history institution in Honolulu, as a researcher.

Throughout my career, my studies have focused on the dynamics of people’s interaction with natural environments. I’ve investigated questions of island colonisation, human impact, subsistence change, and settlement patterns. Given the range of scholars who are now interested in the long-term effects of humans on natural systems, this is a particularly exciting time to be involved in such research.

Over the years, my studies have taken me to many wonderful Pacific communities. Since 2001 my main field site has been in the Marquesas Islands, a place that is now a second home to my 17-year-old son, Patrick. New Zealand has been a great place for us as we very much enjoy camping, tramping, and kayaking.

Mark J. Costello (Marine Science)



I am originally from County Kildare in Ireland (near Dublin) and have been based at the University’s Leigh Marine Laboratory, with a spectacular view of New Zealand’s first marine reserve outside my window, for the past four years.

As a marine ecologist, I am currently conducting research on applications regarding marine reserves, and sea lice parasites of fish.

I have led the development of global online databases that provide expert validated information on marine species’ names (the World Register of Marine Species at www.marinespecies.org) and distribution (Ocean Biogeographic Information Systems www.iobis.org).

Previous interests include fish and crustacean ecology, ecotoxicology and freshwater ecology. I have about 250 publications, including 78 peer-reviewed papers. Over the past 20 years I have been the primary supervisor of 29 graduate students and over 39 research staff.

I am continually involved in organising international conferences and workshops, and international initiatives in marine and biodiversity science (eg Global Biodiversity Information Facility, Encyclopaedia of Life, Diversitas, Group on Earth Observations).

Last November, I hosted the Census of Marine Life (www.coml.org) biennial All-Programs meeting at the University. We had some 200 of the world’s top marine biologists presenting their work on

Antarctica, the Arctic, seamounts, the deep sea, tracking tuna and seabirds with satellites and other methods, and the diversity of marine life. During our banquet meal we were entertained with a spectacular half hour of Māori song and dance by the Mahurangi College Kapa Haka group from Warkworth. Their polished performance and utmost enthusiasm brought tears to the eyes of New Zealanders, was the envy of Australians, and wowed everybody.

Throughout my post-secondary education and most of my working life I have been fortunate to work in scenic locations around the world. I did my BSc in Galway, and PhD in Lough Hyne, Cork (a marine reserve in south-west Ireland). My first post-doc office overlooked Plymouth Sound in England. The second was on the banks of Loch Ewe in the Highlands of Scotland where I met my future (Canadian) wife.

I next lectured in Environmental Sciences in Trinity College Dublin, and with my research group established an ecology research and consulting company (EcoServe) that thrives in my absence. After a few years running EcoServe, I became Executive Director of the Huntsman Marine Science Centre in Atlantic Canada (another office with a great sea view of the Bay of Fundy). My wife had been a student there and prompted my application. It was a wonderful place to live and satisfying to restore the centre financially to pursue its education and research mission. However, as CEO, the position was fixed term.

As our two children were still young we decided to satisfy another dream to experience the New Zealand environment, and my preference to return to research and teaching. Leigh Marine Lab is not only well situated, but supports an energetic group of researchers (graduates and academics) and excellent technicians with whom it is a pleasure to work.

Viewpoint

The use of ‘legal party pills’

In December 2006 the New Zealand Expert Advisory Committee on Drugs (EACD) recommended that the active ingredients of party pills, specifically BZP and related analogues, should be reclassified under the Misuse of Drugs Act (1975) to Class C1, because they pose a moderate risk of harm to the user. This places them in the same class as cannabis.

However a number of political opponents delayed legislative change which eventually took place on 1 April 2008. Opponents pointed out that while some of the evidence presented to the EACD is sound, it is not entirely relevant because it is epidemiological in nature and was not designed to determine either the short- or long-term effects of BZP. For example there is little to suggest that regular use causes either neurotoxicity or addiction.

A significant proportion of the data is retrospective and based on research designed to determine the demographic of users and their perceived effects of the drugs.

The evidence that does suggest harm is questionable. For example some posit a link between the consumption of BZP and seizures in a very small number of people. However, when seizures have been reported blood samples were very rarely taken to screen for the presence of BZP or other drugs and those affected reportedly co-ingested a wide range of others such as cannabis, alcohol or ecstasy, which confounds the results. Opponents also correctly state that there have been no deaths attributable to the use of BZP after more than eight years and the consumption of many millions of doses. This is in marked contrast to alcohol or even tobacco which is annually linked to 4,500 deaths in New Zealand alone.

Although legislation reclassifying BZP and its analogues was eventually approved it is important to remember that this was not unopposed. This opposition signals a positive shift in society’s view towards the consumption of alternative recreational drugs which is perhaps a reflection of its experiences with BZP or even cannabis, in comparison with those which are more traditionally used and socially acceptable, ie alcohol, tobacco and caffeine. The government is currently reviewing the Misuse of Drugs Act following its experiences with BZP.

Dr Bruce Russell (Pharmacy)

Economist draws capacity audience

Dubbed the “rock star” of economists because of the crowds he attracts, Nobel Laureate, Professor Joseph Stiglitz spent an hour “in conversation” with Rod Oram at the Fisher & Paykel Auditorium in the Business School from 6pm on 18 March. The event attracted a capacity crowd of 600.

Obituary: David Wright (1952-2008)



From Joyce to Joyita

Dr David Graham Wright, a senior lecturer in English, died suddenly on 6 January, 2008. Born in 1952 in Christchurch, David majored in English at the University of Canterbury (BA, 1972, MA (Hons) 1973). In 1974 he taught two terms as a junior lecturer at Victoria University before being awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to the University of Toronto. There he completed a PhD thesis on autobiography in James Joyce and W. B. Yeats in 1978, winning the A.P. Woodhouse Prize for the best thesis in English. He was appointed a lecturer in English at The University of Auckland in 1979 and was promoted to senior lecturer in 1985.

As a scholar, David focused especially on Anglo-Irish literature, publishing *The Characters of Joyce* (1983), *Yeats' Myth of Self: The Autobiographical*

Prose (1988), and *Ironies of Ulysses* (1992) and articles and reviews on Yeats, Joyce, Greene, Beckett and Pinter.

Ironically David's book chapter "Joyce and New Zealand: Biography, Censorship and Influence" was published only two days after the death of this foremost New Zealand Joyce scholar. At the time of his death, he was completing his fifth book, on the roles that characters in Joyce's *Dubliners* play in his masterpiece, *Ulysses*. Dr Marco Sonzogni, a lecturer in Italian at Victoria, and a Dublin MA and PhD graduate, who has his own research interests in Joyce and appreciated David's willingness to share his knowledge with him, is eager to act as David's literary executor to aid in the publication of this final book.

David taught graduate courses in Joyce, Yeats, and other Anglo-Irish writers and at the undergraduate level in nineteenth- and twentieth-century literature courses. In the words of one top scholar who studied in his class, he was "a gift to students. His lectures were clarity incarnate – clearly structured and clearly expressed – and the way he incorporated close readings of the text within a wider framework was revelatory".

He served as the English Department's Webmaster for many years, as deputy head of department, and as departmental Graduate Adviser.

The English Department organised a memorial at the Fale on 17 March, St Patrick's Day, in honour of David's commitment to Irish literature. Among the most unusual tributes was a rendition by Witi Ihimaera (with the rest of those present providing the chorus) of the elements of the haka composed for the 1924-25 All Blacks, the *Invincibles*, which Joyce had incorporated into *Finnegans Wake* and which David discussed in his latest publication.

Colleagues and students alike remember David's quick quips and ready laugh. He had

a rapid, lucid mind, a precise memory, a love of detail, and an absence of dogmatism that made him swift to see and concede another's point of view. He was unusually efficient, organised and exact, yet warm and welcoming to colleagues whether new to Auckland or encountered in the corridor every day. Students admired his enthusiasm, clarity, lightly-worn knowledge and ready sympathy. They also recall his ruddy cheeks, his striped shirts, and the beard that – until he became clean-shaven a few years ago – became increasingly Dickensian, mesmerisingly so whenever he lectured on Dickens.

David's research interests took a new turn at the end of the 1990s. In his childhood he had often heard about the *Joyita*, a small passenger and cargo boat that vanished on a routine trip from Samoa to the Tokelaus in 1955. Months later it was found intact but with no sign of crew or passengers and no clue as to their disappearance – including that of David's mother's first cousin, on board as Tokelau District Officer. Reopening the mystery, David pursued not only Tokelauan, Samoan and New Zealand informants, but those further afield, including, in Dublin, Gay Johnson, a daughter of the ship's Irish doctor. After an intense email romance, Gay came from Ireland to New Zealand as David's partner, shortly before *Joyita: Solving the Mystery* – an important contribution to Pacific history, in Albert Wendt's judgment – was published by Auckland University Press in 2002.

David's mother's death in 2007 appears to have induced in him a mild depression. His first week on antidepressants, the first week of 2008, had a catastrophic effect: while Gay and their four-year-old son, Gabriel, were in Ireland at the bedsides of her dying parents, he took his own life. Those who knew him will remember him for his gentleness, generosity and good-natured glee.

Professor Brian Boyd (English)

Brightest scholars helped to achieve

Of 42 Top Achiever Doctoral Scholars announced in the latest round, 16 are from this University.

Each receives an annual stipend of \$25,000 for up to three years, plus course fees and conference funding.

Professor Gregor Coster, Dean of Graduate Studies, said the recipients bring great credit to the University as well as to themselves.

The University of Auckland recipients and their PhD thesis topics are:

- Emma Carroll (School of Biological Sciences) – Current abundance and individual-based modelling of the New Zealand sub-Antarctic southern right whale
- Yizheng Chen (Department of Statistics) – User equilibria in stochastic networks
- Claire Gregory (School of Geography, Geology and Environmental Science) – Effectiveness of scientific insight to frame policy development for sustainable river management
- Emily Harvey (Department of Mathematics) –

The role of canards in mathematical models of calcium dynamics

- Yu-Yu Ho (School of Biological Sciences) – Molecular programming of human CD8+ T-cells
- Hei Ting Kong (Department of Physiology) – A high resolution study of local calcium signalling in heart muscle
- David Lindsey (Department of Political Studies) – New policies and new politics: How New Zealand's political parties handle moral issues
- Anita McKenzie (Department of Engineering Science) – Selecting evolving perinatal brain injury in the EEG using wavelets and artificial neural networks
- Rahul Mehta (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering) – Investigating the sharing capacity of cognitive radio
- Hazim Namik (Department of Mechanical Engineering) – Control of deepwater floating wind turbines
- Stefan Oehlers (Department of Molecular

Medicine and Pathology) – Innate immunity pattern recognition in immune development and inflammatory disease

- Rachel Patel (Department of Computer Science) – Development of techniques for sketched diagram recognition
- Alethea Rea (Department of Mathematics) – Phylogenetic networks for recent evolutionary history
- Elizabeth Treep (Department of English) – Fragile dwellings: the poetics of space in the writing of Eve Langley
- David Wong (Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering) – Sources of potroom dust emissions from aluminium smelters
- Hunter Wu (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering) – Wireless power transfer for heart assist devices

Last year students from The University of Auckland won 29 of the 78 scholarships awarded nationally.

From the collection



Shane Cotton, *Tunatown Dreaming Moerewa 1979, 2001, acrylic on canvas, 700 x 1000mm.*

Working with imagery related to Te Tai Tokerau, his Ngapuhi turangawaewae, artist Shane Cotton has, for over 20 years, produced landscape paintings combining historical and contemporary elements.

For him, there can be no geography without history, and his works indicate some of the ways in which the land was already a narrative before he came to represent it.

Never merely illustrations, Cotton's paintings make meaning through many layers of complex symbolism, and often include profiles of the Northland coast and the sacred maunga (mountain) Maungaturoto.

From his *Black Out* series based on Penetana Papahurihia's nationalist movement of 1835 whose followers met in darkness to summon spirits, this painting has organic shapes emerging

from the night like paintings of *The Dreaming* which inform and narrate Aboriginal consciousness. These shapes appear as if dreamt by the occupant of the tent at the bottom of the painting.

Centrally placed is a Ngapuhi writhing eel form, perhaps the *nakahi* or spirit which appeared to Papahurihia in a flash of light as he slept, symbolising a vision to be fulfilled. Orbiting around this are a black robin, a swivel table, a couple dancing, a pair of supplicant hands, and an inverted tree. Texts referring to the inside and outside of things written in Hongi Hika's alphabet surface like speech bubbles: "Ke ana waho, Ana roto pu".

Written across the bottom of the painting, the title is the most transparent text of all. It points to events which took place in 1979 when, in the

Being Maori-Chinese

In *Being Maori-Chinese* Associate Professor Manying Ip (School of Asian Studies) tells the stories over several generations of seven Maori-Chinese families, whose voices have seldom been heard before.

Their account casts fascinating light on the historical and contemporary relations between Māori and Chinese in New Zealand. The two groups began to come into contact in the late nineteenth century; both marginalised by Pakeha, they often lived and interacted closely, leading to intermarriage and large families. By the 1930s there were many such families, who struggled under an extra burden of prejudice.

Though proximity and similarities brought them together, Maori-Chinese families also had to deal with cultural differences and discrimination.

Growing political confidence of Māori since the 1970s and the more recent tensions around Asian immigration have put pressure on the relationship and the families' dual identities: "It is like one side of me attacking the other!" says one contributor.

Today's Maori-Chinese, reaffirming their multiple roots and cultural advantages, are playing increasingly important roles in New Zealand society. *Being Maori-Chinese* is oral history at its most compelling – an absorbing read for anyone interested in the complex yet rewarding topic of cultural interactions between the indigenous and the immigrant.

Manying Ip is the respected author of several critically acclaimed books on the Chinese in New Zealand and the editor of *Unfolding History, Evolving Identity: The Chinese in New Zealand* (AUP, 2003).

Being Maori-Chinese is published by Auckland University Press.

Art

words of Māori Party MP Hone Harawira, Moerewa became a little town with a big reputation.

In July of that year, a Black Power member from the area assaulted a member of the rival Storm Troopers in Auckland, and around 50 Storm Troopers travelled north to Okaihau on 3 August, looking for revenge. Wrecking the hotel where they had been drinking, they confronted the two police who tried to intervene, before moving on to Moerewa, where they destroyed a fire engine, fracturing the skull, face and jaw of a police sergeant as they tried to throw him back into the van which they had set alight. The Storm Troopers finally dispersed when police shot one of them in the leg. Later, half of the group were convicted on charges ranging from grievous bodily harm to criminal damage and sentenced to between four months' and eight years' imprisonment, making this the most serious gang-related incident ever to have occurred in New Zealand.

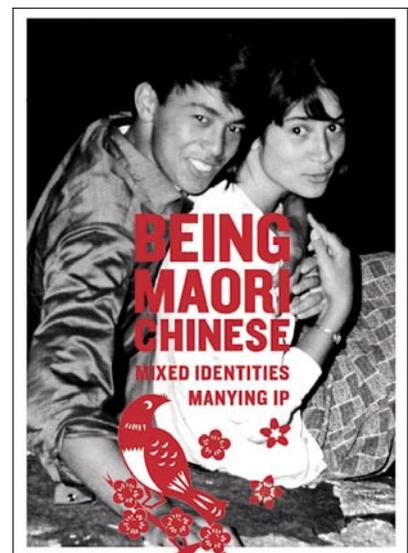
Moerewa had grown from the relocation of Taitokerau-wide Māori who had become landless by the end of World War Two, and were moved into abandoned American transit huts. This settlement came to be known as Tuna Town, as the operations of the Allied Farmers Freezing Company (AFFCO) there led to the development of a thriving population of tuna whakakeke – the silver bellied eel – in the nearby river.

While it boomed in the 1970s, the scaling back of AFFCO in 1994 led to mass unemployment for the population, which is 80 percent Māori. By 2001 when this painting was made, Reverend Ngahau Davis had revitalised the town again.

Cotton remarks: "The only way to move forward is to come to terms with what has happened... revisiting can bring clarity to our own existence in the present", and attempts to demonstrate this with a depiction of Moerewa as a place with a future, as well as a past.

Linda Tyler

Books



What's on

FRIDAY 11 APRIL

Getting the most for your general Staff Development Review

9-11am Rm 336, Level 3, Bldg 810, 1-11 Short St. Information on the Development Review process and how to best prepare for your review. Bookings and queries to ext 85070 or je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz

Budget briefing 2008

12-1pm Room 721-201, Tamaki Campus. This briefing will introduce the University's budget for the current financial year. The Vice-Chancellor will present a summary of the 2007 financial results and introduce the 2008 Budget, which will be followed by a 20-minute question and answer session. Electronic copies of the Budget Report can be downloaded from www.auckland.ac.nz/uoofor/staff/admin%5Fservices/finance/reference/

Department of Physiology seminar

Associate-Professor John Evans, University of Otago: *The hole story: The atomic force microscope and exocytosis*. 4-5pm Rm 502-B41, School of Medicine.

SATURDAY 12 APRIL

Exhibition talk

1pm Gus Fisher Gallery. Professor Michael Dunn responds to the Art-Speak exhibition and discusses his time as curator of The University of Auckland Art Collection from 1983-1999.

MONDAY 14 APRIL

School of Biological Sciences seminar

Prof Richard Cannon, Dept of Oral Sciences, University of Otago: *Oral fungi: Saliva-mediated adherence and drug resistance to oral thrush: Why do we get it and why can't we get rid of it?* 1-2pm Mac1, Old Biology Building.

Child Poverty Action Group special guest seminar

Kate Green, Chief Executive, Child Poverty Action Group, UK: *What makes a difference? Lessons from the UK*. 7pm Rm 439, School of Engineering. Entry by koha. Queries to admin@cpag.org.nz

TUESDAY 15 APRIL

Bioengineering research seminar

Prof Jean-Pierre Montani, Chairman, Dept of Medicine, University of Fribourg, Switzerland: *Modelling the long-term control of blood pressure: Insights from computer simulations using Guyton's model*. 4-5pm Rm 421 W-301, ALR5.

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

General Staff Conference 2008

Day one. 8.30am-4.30pm Conference Centre, 22 Symonds St. The theme is *Investing in the future - the next 125 years*. Visit www.auckland.ac.nz/gskonference2008

Retirement Policy and Research Centre Symposium

8.45am-5.30pm OGGB5, Business School, UoA, 12 Grafton Rd. In

association with the Retirement Commission. Queries to s.stjohn@auckland.ac.nz View www.rprc.auckland.ac.nz

Department of Psychology seminar

Dr Misha Vorobyev, Senior Lecturer, Optometry and Vision Science, UoA: *Evolution of colour vision*. 1pm HSB 604. Queries to a.lambert@auckland.ac.nz

OFHEC special hearing research seminar

Dr Isabelle Viaud-Delmon, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, La Salpetriere Hospital and Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique Paris, France: *Assets and challenges of virtual reality for health care*. 5.30pm Rm 730.220, School of Population Health, Tamaki Campus. Queries to audiology@auckland.ac.nz

THURSDAY 17 APRIL

General Staff Conference 2008

Day two. 8.30am-4.30pm Conference Centre, 22 Symonds St.

Holy Communion

12.30-12.50pm Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes St.

A weekly Holy Communion service will be held today led by the Maclaurin Chaplain. All students and staff are welcome.

Auckland Museum Institute autumn lecture

Professor Sir Brian Heap, CBE, ScD, FRS, St Edmund's College, Cambridge.: *Consumption and happiness*. 6.30pm Auditorium, Auckland War Memorial Museum, Auckland Domain, Grafton. Bookings recommended. Phone 306-7048 or email bookings@aucklandmuseum.com

SATURDAY 19 APRIL

Exhibition talk

1pm Gus Fisher Gallery. Denys Watkins discusses his Creative New Zealand residency at the Sanskriti Foundation and the iconography of India that has been captured in his exhibition.

MONDAY 21 APRIL

School of Biological Sciences seminar

Prof Dave Somers, Ohio State University: *The circadian clock: The long and short of it*. 1-2pm BLT 100.

TUESDAY 22 APRIL

Planning for retirement

9.30am-12.30pm Rm 336, Level 3, Bldg 810, 1-11 Short St. Looks at retirement from the financial angle, also taking into consideration emotional and psychological aspects. Bookings and queries to ext 89630 or b.hoskin@auckland.ac.nz

Engineering careers fair

Day one, 10am-4pm, Atrium, Faculty of Engineering, 20 Symonds St. There will be different employers exhibiting on both days. View www.auckland.ac.nz/careers

Bioengineering research seminar

Dr Justin Fernandez, Australian Research Council Fellow, Dept of Mechanical Engineering, Melbourne

University: *Integrating X-ray fluoroscopy with musculoskeletal modelling*. 4-5pm Rm 421 W-301, ALR5.

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL

Engineering careers fair

Day two, 10am-4pm, Atrium, Faculty of Engineering, 20 Symonds St.

Special UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) seminar

Drs Jon Altman, Megan Davis and Suzana Sawyer: *Identity, power and the rights of indigenous peoples*. 4pm HSB 704, 10 Symonds St.

Department of Philosophy graduate seminar

Simon Hope: *McDowell and Wiggins on intelligible reasons*. 4-6pm Rm 202, Fisher Bldg, 18 Waterloo Quadrant.

Honorary Degree Ceremony

7.30pm Maidment Theatre.

There will be a ceremony to confer the degree of Doctor of Literature on Robin Dudding and Emeritus Professor Vincent O'Sullivan. All welcome. For catering purposes RSVP to Val Pettit, ext 85792 or v.pettit@auckland.ac.nz by 18 April.

THURSDAY 24 APRIL

Holy Communion

12.30-12.50pm Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes St.

A weekly Holy Communion service will be held today led by the Maclaurin Chaplain. All students and staff are welcome.

Department of Anthropology seminar

Drs Jon Altman and Melinda Hinkson, Australian National University: *Anthropological reflections on the "National Emergency" intervention in indigenous north Australia*. 4pm HSB 704, 10 Symonds St.

Hood Fellow lecture

Professors John Mraz and Eli Bartra: *Revolutionary effervescence: Frida Kahlo and Manuel Alvarez Bravo*. 6.30pm OGGB4, Business School, UoA, 12 Grafton Rd. Queries to Dr Walescka Pino-Ojeda, ext 87107 or email w.pino-ojeda@auckland.ac.nz

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Bayswater. Large, dble-storey three-bdrm home available for short-term rental from 21 July to 18 November.

Close to Bayswater ferry and all schools. Fully-furnished. Please contact Roz at (09) 446-0669 for more details.

Devonport house, fully furnished, private garden, from July 2008-January 2009 (flexible). Walking distance to beaches, shops, and ferry to city. 2 bdrm, 2 lounges, study, central heating. Ideal for sabbatical visitor. N/S. \$600 per week (negotiable), includes free local phone calls. Contact r.raine@auckland.ac.nz

Devonport. Modern and sunny three-bdrm, two-bthrm home in peaceful setting. Near beaches and golf course. Granite kitchen, large decks, OSP. Available furnished (unfurnished

negotiable). Perfect writer's retreat! N/S. Avail 1 June. \$750 pw incl gardener and maid. Phone 445-3316.

Devonport furnished home. Available for rent 1 August 2008 until 15 January 2009. 15-minute walk to ferry. Sea views. Five-six bdrms. Rental reduced in exchange for care of cat. Price on inquiry. A car could be included in rental. Quiet street close to good schools. Phone 64-9-446-6574 or email jicopp@hotmail.com or b.copp@auckland.ac.nz

Furnished villa for short-term rental. Superbly-located charming three-bdrm Ponsonby villa available for 2-month rental from 11 May-11 July 2008. \$550 pw. Car available by arrangement. Suit visiting academics or own-home renovators. Contact Julie or Tony at (09) 376-6323 mobile (021) 216-7104 or email tony.k@xtra.co.nz

House rental. Overseas visitors? Birkenhead townhouse available for six months + from 3 May 2008. Three bdrms, two bthrms, modern kitchen, north-facing private garden. Close to shops, cafes and public transport. \$440 pw + utilities. Furnished or unfurnished (neg). Care of friendly cat. Phone Kate on (09) 480-9475 or (021) 188-7272, email hola.katita@gmail.com

House rental. Overseas visitors? St Heliers house available for three months from 22 May 2008. Two+ bdrms plus good office close to Tamaki Campus. \$250 pw + power and phone. Wireless broadband. Care of friendly cat. Car available by arrangement. Terms negotiable. Contact Judith on (09) 528-0252 or (027) 675-1718.

House to rent short-term. Rocky Bay, Waiheke Island, close to beach with expansive harbour views. One large dble bdrm, study and spacious living area. From 23 April until 28 June. \$220 pw includes power, phone and broadband connection. Close to bus stop but possible use of car by arrangement. Contact Julie (09) 372-9260, (027) 473-0880, stretton@akc.quik.co.nz

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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