



PACIFIC HIGH FLIERS

University of Auckland students and alumni cleaned up at the inaugural 2010 Prime Minister's Pacific Youth Awards announced last week.

Samuelu Siilata (pictured left), Tammy Atatose Monaki Mokatagaloa Kingi-Fakalooa and J'aime Laurenson each received one of the three new and coveted awards from Prime Minister John Key, designed to recognise outstanding achievers from the New Zealand Pacific community.

New Zealand-born Samoan J'aime Laurenson, who graduated last year with a BE (Honours majoring in Mechatronics)/LLB (Hons) conjoint degree, has been awarded The University of Auckland-sponsored Leadership Award. The 24 year old from Herne Bay says: "I was stoked to hear that I was shortlisted for an interview, even more so when I heard I received it. The scholarship pays fees towards a masters or PhD at The University of Auckland, and postgraduate study has always been a goal of mine."

Samuelu Siilata, who is of Samoan, Fijian and Māori descent, graduated last year with a

Bachelor of Arts majoring in Film, Television and Media Studies with a minor in Anthropology, and has been awarded the much sought-after Weta Workshop-sponsored Creativity Award, which provides one-year's paid internship at the Weta Workshop in Wellington. Samuelu, who is also 24, says: "I'm still in shock. This is the opportunity of a lifetime, I'm just blown away."

Recipient of the Cogita-sponsored Inspiration award, Tammy is currently enrolled at the University in a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts. The Inspiration Award will provide Tammy with \$5000 towards overseas travel, which she hopes to use to explore the best process to save the Niue language and other endangered languages from extinction.

"The University of Auckland is committed to ensuring access and opportunities for Pacific communities and is proud to sponsor the Prime Minister's Award for Leadership as it recognises the valuable contributions youth already make to their respective families and communities," said the Vice-Chancellor Professor Stuart

McCutcheon. "A scholarship to The University of Auckland will place them in an even better position to make their mark on the world."

With 3,000 Pacific student enrolments and academics teaching and researching across many Pacific-related disciplines, Auckland is New Zealand's leading Pacific university.

Rugby lectures

The University is putting rugby under the academic spotlight with the 2011 Winter Lecture Series.

The series, entitled "New Zealand's Rugby World", will feature academics from the Arts, Education and Business faculties and is sponsored by Dr Jennifer Curtin from the Department of Political Studies who is currently writing a book *More than a Man's Game: Women and Rugby in NZ*.



On 17 November we held the final major alumni event of 2010, hosting 90 alumni and friends in Whangarei. This completed a very busy annual programme in which over 8000 of our "friends and family" have attended events hosted by the University. These have included receptions in London, Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, New York, Washington and Boston, as well as special events at home, including the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, Golden Graduates Lunch (for those who graduated at least 50 years ago), Richard Dawkins' lecture, Chancellor's Dinner, University Strings Concert and Mayoral candidate debate.

Having attended most of these functions, I am struck by the very strong interest our alumni retain in the University – an extreme case being those who flew (at their own expense) from the West Coast USA to attend an alumni dinner hosted by Ambassador Mike Moore in Washington in September. For many of those based overseas, interest in the University is a key part of their Kiwi connection and identity. Many want to send their children back to the University for study to ensure that the connection is retained across the generations. Alumni talk fondly of their "social" adventures at University, belying the common view that we do not have as good a student experience as elsewhere. And they speak glowingly of staff who made a particular impression on them. Many were set on their current career paths by the accident of enrolling for a particular course, sometimes as a "filler", and being switched on to a new subject by an outstanding teacher. That is an important reminder of the need to have our new students exposed to our best teachers.

The organisation of these events is a huge undertaking for our staff, but it is one that will continue to reap significant rewards. Although it is sometimes said that universities are interested in their alumni only from a fundraising viewpoint, the truth is that many of our largest donors are not graduates at all. And while the financial support of alumni is certainly welcome, their interest and advocacy are equally important at a time when universities have few advocates and many challenges. Those who hold our qualifications have a reason to be interested in their ongoing value, and a common interest with the University in ensuring that their value continues to be enhanced.

Transforming Auckland underway



The first four research teams at the launch of the Transforming Auckland TRI

How do we turn Auckland into a more sustainable city? This is the question being addressed by four cross-faculty research teams that are part of the university-wide thematic research initiative (TRI), "Transforming Auckland: Institutional, technological and cultural innovations for sustainable cities".

Within days of the birth of the new Auckland Council, the TRI launched its first interdisciplinary research projects at a special luncheon on 5 November.

"Cities are increasingly seen as core sites of environmental and economic change and significance for our sustainable futures," said Acting Director of the TRI, Professor Larry Murphy (Property). "The University's position in Auckland and its significant research profile and expertise, combined with the emergence of a new regional governance, define this as a strategic moment to engage in creating a more sustainable future for Auckland."

The purpose of the TRI is to build on the expertise of individuals and groups within the University, creating dynamic new interdisciplinary research teams. Of seven projects involving 27 academics from seven faculties, four have initially been funded to a tune of \$127,000 in total.

The projects are:

- "Active transport to reduce carbon emissions in Auckland". This project employs Vibat Auckland, a transport carbon emissions model that is being calibrated for Auckland city in a partnership with researchers at the University of Oxford. It starts with desired reductions in greenhouse gas emissions for Auckland by 2041 and then models the likely impacts of policies that could be implemented to achieve the targets. Researchers involved include Senior Lecturer Tricia Austin and Tania Utley (Architecture and Planning), Associate Professor Niki Harré and Dr Quentin Atkinson (Psychology), Research Fellow Dr Graeme Lindsay, Dr Jamie Hosking and Dr Alexandra Macmillan (Population Health).

- "Anchor organisations, sustainability and new forms of leadership in transforming Auckland" investigates cross-organisational leadership initiatives among key economic actors (public and private) with long term and defining commitments to Auckland. A sustainable future Auckland must draw on a transformational political economy that is embedded in, and responsive to, its communities and environments. Co-principal investigators are Senior Lecturer Nick Lewis (School of Environment) and Professor Larry Murphy (Property), and other researchers on the project include Professor Richard Le Heron (School of Environment), Professor Brad Jackson (Business) and Research Fellow Dr Charlotte Sunde (NICAI).
- "The place of diverse ethnic communities and business innovation intransforming Auckland" project asks the question: How does the contemporary ethnic diversity of Auckland promote positive socio-economic transformation of the city, enhance economic innovation, and foster engagement between New Zealand and Asia? The research team, includes Professor Robin Kearns and Senior Lecturer Wardlow Friesen (Environment), Professor Hugh Whittaker (Business) and Professor Manying Ip (Arts).
- "Transforming Auckland into a bicycle-friendly city" is a project led by Dr Judith Wang, a Research Fellow at the Business School's Energy Centre, and includes Dr Andrea Raith (Engineering Science,) and Senior Lecturer Hugh Byrd (Architecture and Planning). It looks at why cycling in Auckland is lower than the national average and will find out what puts people off bicycling and what encourages them. Researchers will look to international cities like Denmark, The Netherlands and Germany to see what Auckland can learn from their experience.

The next round of TRI funding will close in March 2011. Leading up to that, a symposium will be held on Monday 21 February 2011 to

bring together University of Auckland researchers from different disciplines with an interest in urban innovations and sustainable cities research. The purpose is to identify new research projects of critical relevance to urban

sustainability challenges in New Zealand, and to begin a dialogue with the Auckland Council to ascertain research needs in meeting Auckland's sustainability challenges. Researchers interested in the Transforming Auckland TRI are

encouraged to contact Professor Murphy ([l.murphy@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:lmurphy@auckland.ac.nz)) or Dr Šunde (c.sunde@auckland.ac.nz) to ensure they are included in the TRI Research College email list and stay updated on the TRI's activities.

Librarian stamped his mark



Ever since Brian Marshall was a young boy he's been fascinated by maps.

Now after 37 years looking after thousands of maps as the University's Geography (and most recently Geography and Environmental Science) Subject Librarian at the General Library, Brian is retiring to pursue his passion as a collector of stamps with maps on them.

"A whole pile of maps appear on stamps," he says. "In some places like South America different countries will show conflicting borders on their stamps, or a different version of a map

showing a bit of land differently. Often there's a political and strategic reason behind a map on a stamp. If you look at Korean stamps for example, there is no such thing as a North or South Korea – it's all a happily united country."

A University alumnus, Brian completed his masters in History in 1968 and then went to Library School in Wellington. When the Alexander Turnbull Library created a new position for a historical map librarian, he was perfect for the job. After three years there, he headed north returning to his alma mater in

1973 as the Geography Librarian, housed in the Geography Department. In 1987 he was promoted from Senior Librarian to Associate Librarian and in 2002 when the Geography Library was amalgamated with the General Library he became the University's Geography and Environmental Science Librarian.

A life member of the Australian and New Zealand Map Society, Brian has written for numerous publications. This year he self-published *If you take care of the pennies, the fullfaces will look after themselves, A history of Pim and Company stamp dealers*.

His most recent task has been helping get many of the University's 50,000 maps online.

"Brian has been a cornerstone of Geography and cognate disciplines through his exemplary service to students, staff and members of the public," says Professor Glenn McGregor, Director of the School of Environment. "He embodies all that is important in a valued colleague and the fact that he is the first person people ask after when I have conversations with former students and staff is testament to his legacy as a star!"

For Brian too working with staff and students in the Geography Department and latterly the General Library has been one of the high points of his time at the University.

"And I still enjoy the job," he says sitting in his spacious corner office looking out through the trees to Alfred Street. "But I've got other things I want to do now and I think it's time to move on to new adventures."

Highlighted Events

Te Whare Kura congress: Maura Tangata

Te Whare Kura congress: Maura Tangata, the third research theme congress for the Thematic Research Initiative Te Whare Kura, will be held on 26 November, 9.30pm-12.30pm at the Wharenui, Waipapa Marae. Focused on well-being and identities of indigenous peoples, proposed research includes restorative justice, mental health and indigenous curriculum development. The theme is led by Dr Melani Anae (Pacific Studies) with support from Dr Rhys Jones (Population Health), Dr Tracey MacIntosh (Sociology); Associate Professor Elizabeth McKinley (Education) and Julie Park (Anthropology).

Growing Up in New Zealand findings

The first Growing Up findings – the University's longitudinal study of more than 7000 children born in 2008, 2009 and 2010 – will be released on Friday 26 November, 2 - 3.30pm at the Fale Pasifika.

The findings come from antenatal interviews with mothers and some fathers/partners undertaken before the babies were born. Study Director Dr Susan Morton says "the information collected to date clearly paints a picture of a changing New Zealand and poses challenges for the country's decision-makers".

See www.growingup.co.nz

Summer learning

Learn Italian, French or Spanish on a four-day intensive course. Have a go at botanical painting or chronicle the beauty of Tongariro National Park on a three-day journey to the Central North Island's volcanic plateau. These are the sorts of courses on offer during the Centre for Continuing Education's "A Summer Affair" from 8 to 12 January next year. The centre is offering 22 short courses during the week-long programme and University staff members get a ten percent discount. So enrol now!

See www.cce.auckland.ac.nz/summer

Generosity draws rich harvest

Every year since 2006, thanks to the generosity of the recently deceased Dr Eve Seelye – and the Ralph and Eve Seelye Charitable Trust – the University has been able to award the Seelye Fellowships, with the purpose of attracting distinguished leaders in their fields and hosting internationally recognised experts to deliver guest lectures and seminars.

This coming year five distinguished academics will visit the University to share their skills and scholastic passions with staff, students and the wider community; and to collaborate or exchange ideas.

These Seelye Fellows include experts in thermal engineering (from Spain), in law and psychiatry, in philosophical theology and in history (all from the United States), and a leader in health geography (from the UK).

The first to arrive (just this month) is Luisa Cabeze, a professor of thermal engineering at the University of Lleida in Spain, who has broad research interests in applied energy and is a world expert in the use of phase change materials in buildings. She is leading a large group working on thermal management of buildings in Europe, using innovative building materials to improve thermal mass and building insulation.

In Auckland Professor Cabeza delivered a seminar at the Faculty of Engineering on how to make buildings more sustainable and energy-efficient.

April 2011 will see the arrival of Professor of History, Jay Winter from Yale University, whose special expertise is in the history of the two world wars, the history of the human rights movement, and history and memory.

He intends to offer three public lectures relating to those themes: one on “the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”; another on “Reflections on silence”; and a third on “The lost generation of the First World War”. In addition he will share his interests and knowledge with staff and graduate students.

Michael Perlin, Professor of Law at New York Law School and an Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry and Law at both the New York University Medical School and the New York College of Medicine, is an internationally recognised expert on mental disability law and has devoted his career to championing legal rights for people with mental disabilities.

In May and June 2011 he will deliver a public lecture, lead three seminars for staff and students, and conduct two master classes for selected interdisciplinary researchers studying

mental health law at the University.

John E. Hare, Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology at Yale Divinity School, will be hosted in July and August 2011 jointly by the Department of Philosophy and the School of Theology.

Professor Hare, who has achieved international distinction for his work on the relationship between religion and morality, will give at least one public lecture relating to ethics or international affairs, will give guest lectures in one undergraduate and two postgraduate courses, and will speak at a Theology seminar and at two conferences hosted by the Department of Philosophy.

In July and August 2011, Professor Graham Moon from the School of Geography at the University of Southampton will further stimulate and consolidate interdisciplinary links between the Faculties of Science, Arts and Medical and Health Sciences.

A leader in health geography and its intersections with public health and the “medical humanities”, he will assist in advancing critical understandings of the socio-cultural contexts of health services and behaviour through University and public seminars and lectures. He will also meet with key groups of researchers in his area.

Rare honour for law academic



A door tenant is a barrister granted permission to join a set of chambers and work with them from elsewhere.

Peter is a recognised expert in agency, company and commercial law, including on directors’ powers and duties, and is the current General Editor of the leading work on agency: *Bowstead and Reynolds on Agency*. He writes extensively for the *Law Quarterly Review* and other academic journals.

Fountain Court has as members 27 Queen’s Counsel, and 34 other full-time barristers. Many past and present members of the senior judiciary of England and Wales practised from Fountain Court before becoming judges, including Lord Bingham of Cornhill and before him, Lord Scarman.

Peter also holds a door tenancy at Bankside Chambers in Auckland. He will have no rights of audience in English courts and expects to visit Fountain Court once a year.

He knows of only one other New Zealand academic in a similar position: Professor Campbell McLachlan at Victoria University of Wellington who is a door tenant at Essex Court Chambers in Lincoln’s Inn, London.

A subcommittee of Fountain Court members approved his application to become a door tenant.

“I am very pleased to have been made a member of the Chambers, principally because it raises my credentials to be editing the English book *Bowstead and Reynolds on Agency*,” he says.

He was appointed along with David R Wingfield, a leading Canadian commercial litigator, and Lawrence Boo, a leading Singaporean arbitrator.

Timothy Dutton QC, Head of Fountain Court, said they would be “working on the kind of legally significant, high value, complex cases that Fountain Court Chambers is known for, whether in the English courts, or in arbitral tribunals, both in London and globally.

“These appointments will further enhance our existing reputation for providing extremely high quality advice and assistance to the world’s leading law firms and their clients.”

Professor Peter Watts (Law) has been made an external, part-time member of one of England’s largest and best-known commercial barristers’ chambers.

He has been invited to become a “door tenant” of Fountain Court in the Temple, London. In this capacity he will provide opinions from New Zealand on issues of commercial law, his field of expertise.



Chancellor's Dinner

Back, from left: Bruce Goodfellow; Owen Glenn; Bruce Cole, Auckland Medical Research Foundation; Ian Robertson, Neurological Foundation of New Zealand; Neal Plowman; Murray MacCormick, Cancer Society Auckland; Phil Harrington, New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. Front: The Chancellor, Roger France; Jim Hodge, Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust; Ann Hartley, ASB Community Trust; Annette Plowman; the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon.

Our top researchers, teachers and senior management gathered with donors at the annual Chancellor's Dinner on 4 November.

One highlight was the announcement of a new attainment figure for the University's "Leading the Way" campaign: \$120 million at the end of October, up from the original target of \$100 million.

This year the dinner introduced a new form of donor recognition, the Chancellor's Circle, to honour the University's most significant benefactors, past and present.

Over the years 11 families, organisations, and individuals have each given more than \$5 million to support the University's research and teaching, including: the Goodfellow family, who established the Maclaurin Chapel and have supported healthcare education and many other activities; the Neal and Annette Plowman family, who established an endowment fund to support business growth and innovation; and the Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust, funders of ophthalmology and child health research.

Also included are several New Zealand organisations: the Auckland Medical Research Foundation; the Cancer Society Auckland; the

ASB Community Trust; the Neurological Foundation and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board; as well as high-profile philanthropist Owen Glenn, who has funded improvements in business education, marine science and cancer research, and who was in Auckland for the event.

Internationally, the Wellcome Trust has funded advances in human and animal health; and Friends of The University of Auckland (US) has supported scholarships, fellowships, and research projects.

They were honoured at the dinner as founding members of the Sir Maurice O'Rorke Society, named after the original instigator of a university for Auckland.

A further 35 donors, each of whom has made gifts totalling between \$1 million and \$5 million, were named members of the Sir George Fowlds Society, after a former Minister of Education and Chair of Auckland University College.

A third group, the 179 donors who have each given between \$100,000 and \$1 million, were honoured as members of the Sir Douglas Robb Society.

Staff Development Awards

Applications and nominations for General Staff Professional Development Awards close at 5pm on Tuesday 30 November.

These awards provide an avenue for general staff (either individuals or teams) to make an identifiable contribution to the University in the fields of administration, management, technical or professional services by furthering their professional development.

Awards are available for professional

development activities such as attending or presenting at conferences, visits to other higher education institutions, staff exchanges, specialised training, coaching, mentoring, shadowing and further study.

All applications/nominations should be made on the official application form. See the Staff and Organisational Development Unit (SODU) website at www.auckland.ac.nz/sodu and click on the "Awards and Fellowships" link.

Rutherford Discovery Fellowships success
Dr Donna Rose Addis and Associate Professor Alexei Drummond have been awarded prestigious Rutherford Discovery Fellowships. Dr Addis is a cognitive neuroscientist from the Department of Psychology and Centre for Brain Research whose fellowship will support her research into the constructive nature of memory. Associate Professor Drummond from the Department of Computer Science will use his funds to support his research across three themes: modelling infectious diseases from a genetic perspective; using genetic information to identify species and the relationships between them; and using evolutionary models to study ecosystems. The fellowships provide researchers with up to \$200,000 annually for five years.

Lottery Health recipients

The University of Auckland has been awarded \$884,000 in Lottery Health funding for ten researchers and two PhD scholars. Awards to University of Auckland researchers comprise 27.4 percent of the total funding pool, marginally up on our 2009 share. For further information, please contact Mandy Brown ext 82735 or email mandy.brown@auckland.ac.nz

"Research Expertise Database - What Do We Need?"

This month's Research Management Network Seminar will take the form of a facilitated discussion on the topic: "Research Expertise Database - What do we need?"

Date: Thursday 2 December, 2010

Time: 12.30 to 2pm

Venue: Owen G Glenn Building; Case room 4 (260-009)

Anyone with a view on the Expertise Database is encouraged to attend. Contact Jody Howell at j.howell@auckland.ac.nz

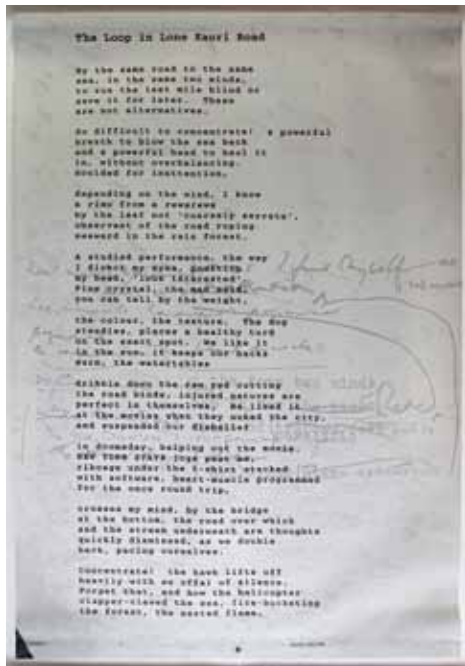
HRC Programme grants reminder

The HRC portal will open for registrations for programme grants from 1-7 December 2010. Programme grants fund research aligned to one of four investment streams for up to \$1million a year for five years. The Research Office closing date for full applications is 26 January 2011. For further details, contact Carmella.lee@auckland.ac.nz, extn 83562.

Maori scholarships

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga announces its scholarships for research methods and skills via the New Zealand Social Statistics Network (NZSSN) summer programme 2011.

Up to 12 Māori scholarships are being offered to tertiary students (undergraduate or postgraduate) and emerging researchers to attend any of the short courses offered by NZSSN in its Summer Programme 2011 at Victoria University, Wellington (refer to www.nzssn.org.nz) for further details of the courses offered).



In 1986 Auckland University Press published (jointly with Oxford University Press) a collection of ten poems by Allen Curnow titled *The Loop in Lone Kauri Road* (poems 1983-5). The cover illustration echoes the title and features a circular gleam of blurred metal in motion. The image is in fact a photo of Len Lye's kinetic sculpture Roundhead, which includes a whirling wedding band at the centre.

Curnow would have seen Roundhead (a version of which now resides in The University of Auckland Art Collection) when he visited Lye's 1980 retrospective exhibition at the Auckland

Art Gallery. Curnow himself notes experiencing another kinetic sound sculpture at the Auckland Art Gallery – American composer Alvin Lucier's *Music on a Long Thin Wire*, which was on show in 1984 and is perhaps a kindred spirit for the cover illustration. In the poem "Blind Man's Holiday", Curnow tells Lucier how his long wire "sings/ to the oscillator, end over end, glistens/ in your dark gallery."

The eponymous poem that concludes *The Loop in Lone Kauri Road* takes its name from the road where Curnow and his wife Jeny Curnow, to whom the collection is dedicated, built a holiday and weekend home near Karekare Beach in the early 1960s. After living in Christchurch and abroad, he became one of the country's leading writers and had returned to Auckland, taking up a teaching post in 1951 at The University of Auckland where he had once studied. It was in this West Coast setting that he is said to have found his "second wind", and the surroundings became a prominent feature of his work from the 1970s.

In 1995 Lopdell House Gallery in Titirangi held a tribute exhibition for Curnow, translating his texts to a large photographic installation of images with the help of artist Gail Haffern and SUMO Design. Also titled *The Loop in Lone Kauri Road*, the exhibition included a photo of the actual tree that gave the road (and subsequent poem, publications and exhibition) its name, taken by Dick Scott. As Professor Peter Simpson noted in the exhibition's publication, the tree is said to have been milled in the 1920s, not long before Curnow first visited the coast as a 20-year-old student and poet. At this stage, what

was left of the West Coast's grand kauri forests would have been not much more than the seeds of the recently felled trees, now predecessors to a significantly regenerated landscape. It is around these circular motifs of return, regrowth and repetition that Simpson traces his essay, also observing that Lone Kauri Road's loop returns from the coast to the Piha Road under a different name, as Karekare Road.

From this exhibition, The University of Auckland acquired the title work, which is overlaid with the poet's own jottings and a wet texture that reinforces the text's damp imagery. Another text enlarged for the exhibition is "A Fellow Being", which is printed with the texture of kauri bark in the background. Just as the West Coast's Kauri Forests were also influential on Colin McCahon in the 1950s, these same locations continue to provide an evocative setting for a new generation of artists with Alex Monteith and Sarah Munro now living on Lone Kauri Road and many others, including Joyce Campbell, living not far away.

Andrew Clifford

Allen Curnow (1911-2001), *The Loop in Lone Kauri Road*, 1995
Photographic image produced by Gail Haffern, 1420 x 970mm
The University of Auckland Art Collection

Christmas books special

To celebrate a big year in publishing Auckland University Press (AUP) is offering all staff 25 percent off 2010 history and biography books for orders received by 3 December 2010.

The Press enjoyed some major achievements in 2010: Alan Bollard's *Crisis* soaring up the bestseller list; Paul Millar's biography of Bill Pearson, *No Fretful Sleeper*, and C K Stead's memoir *South-West of Eden* filling the review pages; plaudits for the visual magnificence of Julia Gatley's *Group Architects* and Chris Bourke's *Blue Smoke*.

"With more finalists than any other publisher in New Zealand's national book awards for the third year in a row, our commitment to great minds and big ideas seems to be paying off," says AUP Director, Sam Elworthy. "The Press could not flourish without our great authors and

readers at The University of Auckland," he adds pointing out that five out of the six finalist authors in the 2010 New Zealand Post Book Awards were current or former University staff.

Books that are part of the special deal include: *Crisis: One Central Bank Governor & the Global Financial Collapse* \$29.99; UoA price \$22.50

No Fretful Sleeper: A life of Bill Pearson \$59.99; UoA price \$45

South-West of Eden: A Memoir 1932-1956 \$45; UoA price \$33.75

Blue Smoke: The Lost Dawn of NZ Popular Music, 1918-1964 \$59.99; UoA price \$45

Shear Hard Work: A History of New Zealand Shearing \$45; UoA price \$33.75

The Treaty of Waitangi Companion \$49.99; UoA price \$33.75



What's on

FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Teaching Showcase: Innovative strategies for teachers

9am-5pm Function Hall, School of Population Health, 730-220, Tamaki Campus.

The Centre for Medical and Health Sciences Education (CMHSE) along with the Learning Technology Unit (LTU) will be hosting two, half-day seminars exploring innovative strategies in teaching and learning in technology and in simulated learning environments.

1) Iain Doherty, Fiona Kelly, Nataly Martini, Cris Print, Gillian Robb, Sue Wells: *Innovative uses of technology in teaching.* 9am-12noon.

2) Sandy Garden, Michelle Honey, Jane Torrie, John Windsor, Jennifer Weller, Chris Wong: *Innovations in simulated learning environments.*

Morning tea and afternoon tea will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. RSVP to Nikki Earnshaw, email n.earnshaw@auckland.ac.nz or phone ext 86391.

MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER

ORSNZ10

Until 30 November. Clocktower Lecture Theatres, 24 Princes St.

The Department of Engineering Science is pleased to host the 45th annual conference of the Operations Research Society of NZ, ORSNZ10. Further details are available at <https://secure.orsnz.org.nz/conf45/>

TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Department of Political Studies seminar

Dr Muthiah Alagappa, Distinguished Senior Fellow, East-West Center, Washington DC: *Rethinking regionalism in Asia.* 3-4pm Meeting Rm, 16 Symonds St.

Public lecture

Professor Isak (Sakkie) Pretorius, Director, Australian Wine Research Institute: *Sparkling! The science of yeast and wine.* 5.45pm for a free glass of wine; 6.30pm for lecture. Owen G Glenn Bldg, 12 Grafton Rd.

Visit www.nzms2010.org.nz

NZ Institute of International Affairs Auckland branch public lecture

Dr Muthiah Alagappa, Distinguished Senior Fellow, East-West Center, Washington DC: *The military's role in Asia-Pacific domestic and international politics.* 6-7.30pm Lecture Theatre 018, ClockTower, 22 Princes St.

WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER

Department of Applied Language Studies and Linguistics seminar

Dr Simon E. Overall, University of Otago and La Trobe University: *When grammar turns to frustration: The grammatical category of 'frustrative' in Amazonian languages.* 12noon-1pm Rm 103, Fisher Bldg, 18 Waterloo Quadrant.

THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER

Women Returning to Work Network lunchtime meeting

1-2pm FGW Rm, OGH. The Tertiary Education Union will be hosting this meeting: Items for the agenda are:

1. A panel discussion on taking parental leave and returning to work by women who have recently returned to work;
 2. Five top tips for successful management of your parental leave and return to work;
 3. Update on the Salary Sacrifice Scheme.
- RSVP to ms.freeman@auckland.ac.nz

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

Outlook information management workshop

9am-12noon CAD, 4th Floor, 76 Symonds St. Contact caditliteracy@auckland.ac.nz with queries or to enrol.

Public seminar

Growing Up in New Zealand: First findings. 12.30-2pm Rm 220, School of Population Health, Bldg 730, Tamaki Campus. Professor Iain Martin (Dean, FMHS) will introduce the seminar followed by a presentation by Growing Up in NZ Research Director, Dr Susan Morton. There is a visitor car park available via the main entrance, gate 1, opposite the School.

MONDAY 6 DECEMBER

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences research seminars

3-5pm Rm 303, eCom House.

- 1) Prof Iain Martin: *Challenges for health professional education: System and political issues.*
- 2) Assoc Prof Jennifer Weller: *Interdisciplinary simulations to reduce communications failures and improve outcomes.*
- 3) Assoc Prof Phillippa Poole: *Medical workforce development in NZ: The contribution from FMHS.*
- 4) Dr Boaz Shulruf: *Student admission policies: The good, the bad, and future directions.*

RSVP to n.earnshaw@auckland.ac.nz by 1 December.

TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER

HTML introduction workshop

1-4pm CAD, 4th Floor, 76 Symonds StSt. Contact caditliteracy@auckland.ac.nz with queries or to enrol.

WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER

Business School lecture

Prof James Banks, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London: *The effects of the financial crisis on older households in England.* 11am-12.30pm Rm tba, Owen G Glenn Bldg, 12 Grafton Rd.

The seminar will be followed by lunch and a discussion on the specific role of the Institute of Fiscal Studies in London and also on the wider topic of think tanks that offer independent advice.

Queries to Joe Li, joe.li@auckland.ac.nz

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ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Apartment for rent. Large two-bdrm apartment with terrace in central city location. Walking distance to University, Britomart and ferry terminal. Fully furnished, fully equipped kitchen and bthrm, all linen supplied. Secure with building manager on-site. Available for six months (longer term negotiable). Phone owner on (021) 544 836.

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Devonport, refurbished 1927 bungalow in kid-friendly blind street, good neighbours. Fully furnished, two bdrm, two bthrm; to let from mid-June to mid-Sept 2011 (neg). Two living areas, nice deck, garden, close to beach (outside bathers' shower!). Easy walk to ferry ride to Auckland, free bus to University. Osp (uncovered). In good school zones. \$700 pw neg. Please contact Ian at i.g.free@clear.net.nz

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PLANET-FRIENDLY PROCUREMENT

Left to right: Richard Stevani, Stu Duggan, Ann Thomson, Shane Milner, Xian Fu, David Freeman

The University buys and uses enormous amounts of paper, either printed – for example, in prospectuses – or for use in printers and photocopiers.

Since paper production involves removing trees – as well as using chemicals that can cause damage – the University cannot help but have an impact on the natural world.

“As large users we have a responsibility to ensure that our consumption is not detrimental to the environment,” says Richard Stevani, Procurement Project Manager. “However, as large users, we also have the power to influence the practices of our suppliers.”

The University orders paper only from companies that are approved by international accreditation agencies.

“That way,” says Richard, “we ensure the paper is from renewable resources, managed through appropriate forestry practices – and that the production process is also managed well, with responsible use of bleaching agents and proper management and disposal of effluent.”

Richard’s responsibility, as one of five in the University’s recently set up Procurement Review Project team, is to procure a whole range of goods and services on behalf of the University by engaging appropriate suppliers and formalising relationships into contracts and supply agreements.

In issues concerning the environment, Richard stays in regular contact with the University’s Sustainability and Environmental Co-ordinator,

Dr Lesley Stone, who sees his work as immensely helpful in improving the University’s environmental performance.

“One of the first areas Richard worked on,” says Lesley, “when he began at the University in 2006, was on including environmental key performance indicators (KPIs) in the reports we get from suppliers.

“Before he did this it was time-consuming and difficult to extract data on many of the resources the University uses, and because of these difficulties the data was not always reliable. The fact that suppliers do now report on these KPIs has enabled us to develop baselines on what we use – and to show trends.”

The University’s paper use, for example, has decreased in the past three years. “In 2006 paper we used would have formed a pile as high as 23 Sky Towers; this had dropped back to around 18 Sky Tower’s worth in 2009.”

This is another reason why it is essential for people to use our preferred suppliers, Lesley explains. “Richard and the procurement team have put a lot of effort into securing preferred suppliers that are environmentally responsible – but if users do not comply with using preferred suppliers, we’re less able to keep track of our consumption.”

Baseline data is an important first step in changing purchasing behaviour to more environmentally considerate products. “This is because we have to have something to measure change against, and for giving feedback to our decision-makers, as well as to staff and

students.”

Another focus for the Procurement Review Project team is on travel by staff and students. The travel consultants used by the University have now been asked to include the carbon usage of the quoted itineraries, so that travellers can make informed choices. This, of course, also allows Lesley to make more accurate assessments of the impact of travel, and is helping us to investigate how best to respond to responsibilities with regard to greenhouse gases.

In addition a new project is looking at rationalising the transportation of goods and services. For instance four companies all supplying goods and services to the University – though located close to each other in East Tamaki – all have their own distribution infrastructures.

“This means it makes sense to encourage the four to come to an agreement to distribute products on a daily basis, not jeopardising service but axing inefficiencies, and reducing the fuel used and the number of vehicles coming on campus,” says Richard.

He sees these procurement practices as an essential support for the University’s Strategic Plan.

“If the Vice-Chancellor’s vision is for us to be among the best universities in the world then everything we do must align itself to allow that strategy to be realised. This includes the suppliers we use, the way we conduct ourselves towards them, and what we expect of them.”

Judy Wilford