



STUNNING WIN FOR DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR

Professor Jane Harding, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) has been awarded a prestigious grant from the United States National Institutes of Health (NIH) for a project that has global implications for reducing brain damage in newborn babies.

"This is a remarkable achievement, not only because the NIH rarely funds major projects outside the USA, but also because Professor Harding is carrying out the duties of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor while also producing world class research," says the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon.

Jane received an individual investigator grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development - one of 21 institutes which make up the NIH - for research which is investigating the connection between hypoglycaemia in newborn babies and subsequent brain damage.

As many as 15 percent of newborn babies have periods of hypoglycaemia (low blood glucose concentrations), which in some cases may lead to brain damage, explains Jane. "At present we don't know which babies will suffer brain damage or what glucose concentrations will trigger the damage. It is likely that the

duration, severity and frequency of the hypoglycaemic episodes are all important factors. So the question we're trying to answer is, when does hypoglycaemia matter?"

It is very rare for researchers to get direct access to NIH funding outside the US. "You have to have an argument that says we can contribute in a way that North American investigators can't."

The project Jane is leading, called the CHYLD Study (Children with Hypoglycaemia and their Later Development), already has a unique cohort of nearly 600 children ranging in age from nine months to four and half years old - all of whom were born in Hamilton - and all of whose blood glucose concentrations were monitored continuously over the first few days after their birth.

"The NIH recognises that we can do this study better and faster than anyone in the US because we have a population already willing to participate in the study and available for follow-up."

The CHYLD study will be funded over five years to enable teams of investigators to follow the development of the cohort of children.

"It's very exciting," says Jane who has overall

oversight and coordination of the project and is leading a team of about 25 people.

"Neonatal hypoglycaemia is an area I've always been interested in and I think we can really make a difference with how we care for these babies within five years," she adds. "And caring for them probably means preventing brain damage."

Jane became Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) in 2008 and has a chair in Neonatology at the Liggins Institute. She is an international authority on the regulation of fetal growth, placental function, and the treatment and consequences of undernutrition in the womb. The CHYLD project is the largest study she has led in her career to date and fits in within the wider research programme of the Liggins Institute's Fetal and Neonatal Physiology Group, focused on caring for babies in the newborn period to improve their longer term health.

Photo: Jane and some of her team (left to right, back row then front): Dr Jane Alsweller, Dr Chris McKinlay, Yann Henry, Judith Ansell, Elba Escobar, Dr Nicola Anstice, Jenny Rogers, Dr Janine Paynter, Prof Jane Harding, Dr Trecia Wouldes, Ellen Campbell



From 11 to 18 September I led a delegation of University of Auckland staff to Canada and the West Coast of the United States to explore opportunities for research collaboration and to continue our programme of engagement with alumni and friends. In the course of five days we visited four universities – the University of Alberta (Edmonton), University of British Columbia (Vancouver), University of Washington (Seattle) and University of California (Davis). In addition to being leading West Coast universities, all are partners of The University of Auckland through one or more of the international research university networks to which we belong.

The purpose of the trip was to develop collaborations, where appropriate, in four key areas – Food, Nutrition and Health (led by Grant Guilford), Indigenous Knowledges (Charles Royal), Materials Science and Technology (Debes Bhattacharyya) and Human Therapeutics (Rod Dunbar). In addition we held alumni events in each of the four cities visited (as well as in Palo Alto) and met with a number of the University's friends and philanthropic supporters. Overall it was a very full agenda, in common with most of the visits of this type we undertake, but very productive and a good use of time.

Despite the fact that several of the universities we visited have been subjected to savage budget cuts (particularly in the USA), our delegation was very warmly received and there was a great deal of enthusiasm for the development of collaborative research programmes and student exchanges. Even after recent cuts these universities are well resourced by our standards and they recognise that we have unique capabilities which complement their own. This is true in each of the four key areas represented by our team. In the past weeks the team has met again and we have assembled a list of key opportunities, which we will now discuss further with our partners. If staff would like to know more about the opportunities presented by these relationships they are invited to contact the programme leaders listed above or the tour organiser, Director of Research Management John Smart.

Spring Graduation

The University held graduation ceremonies at the Auckland Town Hall for the final time during Spring Graduation.

The Aotea Centre, whose greater capacity necessitates fewer ceremonies, has been used since 2009 but was required for Rugby World Cup purposes during September.

There were six Spring Graduation ceremonies spread over two days (20 and 22 September) with 2450 graduates receiving a total of 2708 qualifications. These included 124 doctorates. (At Autumn Graduation 6051 students graduated at ten ceremonies.)

A challenging path



Three and a half years ago when Sue Nash enrolled in the University's New Start programme she had no clear idea of what she wanted to study but she wanted to make a difference. At Spring Graduation Sue graduated with a double major in History and Sociology alongside her youngest son Sam Nash with a conjoint BA (Political Studies) and BCom (Marketing).

Unfortunately Sue's journey into academic life coincided with the family moving from two incomes to one income to no income. Her initial reaction was to give up study and return to the

workforce but she had been given a gift through the Kate Edger Charitable Trust scholarship without which she would not have embarked on an academic path. "KEECT enabled me to give up the security of employment to study fulltime. Staff member Jane Bellamy and the KEECT had put their faith in me, they gave me the encouragement and flexibility I needed."

Business and Economics was the faculty awarding the most qualifications with 611 followed by Science (599), Arts (596) and Education (252).

There were 201 in Engineering, 195 in Medical and Health Sciences, 140 in Creative Arts and Industries, 113 in Law and one in Theology. Associate Professor Toni Ashton from the School of Population Health, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences was the only academic to receive a Sustained Excellence in Teaching Award. (see story in the next issue).

The year Sue started at university, her daughter graduated with a BA/LLB(Hons). "I had seen how she had grown and developed as a person through her time at Auckland. She was my inspiration. Both my sons were also studying. James left university with a BE(Hons) and today I am graduating with Sam.

"I was very aware of not compromising my sons' experience at university," says Sue. "It was their time as much as it was my time. During the first year I only saw them when they had run out of refill, or credit on their photocopying account, but by my third year Sam and I were studying the same Irish history paper and sitting together in tutorials."

High-achieving partners share law success



Law lecturer (pictured left) Valmaine Toki (Ngāti Wai, Ngāti Rehua, Ngā Puhī) had double cause for family pride at Spring Graduation.

Not only was her daughter Kiri Toki (Ngāti Wai, Ngā Puhī) capped but also Kiri's partner Kingi Snelgar (Ngā Puhī, Whakatohea, Te Arawa)

— both with a conjoint BA/LLB(Hons).

Each came to University holding a 28th Māori Battalion Ngarimu VC Scholarship. As well as majoring together in Political Studies for their Arts degree the pair took the same elective papers in Law.

Although they had already met the shared experience undoubtedly strengthened the bond

between them. “Their approach and study methods were very different but complementary,” says Valmaine.

She is proud of how Kiri coped with the Law School’s “competitive and challenging” environment. “To complete with a BA/LLB (Hons) is a testament not only to her strength of character but also her academic aptitude and

courage.”

The korowai (feather cloak) worn by Kiri is the same korowai which Valmaine and her colleague Dr Nin Tomas used at their graduations. Kingi’s korowai was specially handmade for him by his mother Eliza. “Both are special korowai for occasions of celebration and great accomplishment,” says Valmaine.

Staff PhDs



Two staff from the Faculty of Education Dr Joo (Mark) Seng and Dr Kirsten Locke were awarded with PhDs in Education.

Mark, a postdoctoral research fellow in the School of Teaching, Learning and Development

and a Starpath researcher, has completed his PhD on the impact of prompts and explicit coaching on peer feedback quality.

His research has specific implications for teaching and learning in the classroom. “It shows that peer feedback, when seen as progressive rather than positive or negative, can be improved. Moreover with coaching, students can recognise and interpret different types of feedback and use this to help each other learn,” he says.

Kirsten is a Professional Teaching Fellow in the School of Critical Studies in Education. Her PhD entitled “Shadows of sound: Music, pedagogy and writing the inaudible” investigates the works

of cultural theorist Jean-François Lyotard exploring a musical aesthetic with important resonances for pedagogy.

Kirsten explored music as an art that emerges from both sound and silence. The artistry that music creates is felt as a singular and unrepeatable event that often escapes definition. Similarly, pedagogy, as the art of teaching emerges as a singular and unrepeatable event in which the invisible and inaudible elude measurement and assessment.

“It is wonderful to reach the point of graduating as the culmination of one journey, and the starting point of another,” says Kirsten.



Two UniServices staff graduated with PhDs at separate ceremonies during Spring Graduation.

Dr Judith Hammond, an Operations Analyst, was awarded a PhD in Political Studies. Her thesis explores theoretical endeavours over the past 600-700 years to secure perpetual peace. She concludes that the mutual responsibility by all members of humanity, and the evolution of institutions and practices to reflect that obligation, might actualise a “true” international law and thereby secure perpetual peace. Judith is currently applying this concept to operational improvements at UniServices, particularly in the

area of research centre management.

Dr Todd is Business Development Manager of UniServices Biomimetics Laboratory and was awarded a PhD in Bioengineering on “Smart artificial muscles”. Working with Dielectric elastomer actuators (DEA), which are soft polymers that can be made to deform upon the application of an electric stimulus, Todd has made it possible to create true artificial muscle. He is now keen to see smart artificial muscles become a mainstream technology and is working to establish a spin-out company that will design and develop innovative products that utilise artificial muscle technology.



Rick Henry (left), a lecturer in the Faculty of Engineering’s Civil and Environmental Engineering Department and Mehdi Shahbazzpour, a lecturer in the Department of

Mechanical Engineering received doctorates at Spring Graduation.

Rick’s PhD research on self-centering precast concrete walls could in the future mean buildings are more likely to withstand earthquakes with minimal structural damage, reducing economic costs and heartache for home and business owners.

“The current seismic design philosophy is focused on life-safety and we allow controllable damage of structures during an earthquake. That works really well but it means the economic costs are really high, and that is what the people of Christchurch are suffering from at the moment with all the demolitions and rebuild.”

Mehdi’s PhD, which involved him being imbedded in a manufacturing company, investigated the dynamics of system and process innovation in small and medium-sized

manufacturing companies, where he developed a practical framework for initiating and implementing strategic innovation for manufacturing companies.

“My thesis was about developing a tool or framework for New Zealand manufacturing companies to help them come up with new products and new processes,” he says.

At Mehdi’s graduation was his wife Zahra, their three-year-old daughter Leyla, one year-old son Daniel, his mother Mahin and father Nosrat.

Mehdi, who was born and partly schooled in Iran, spent his high school years in Australia, where his family moved so his father could complete a PhD.

“It was my father’s dream that one of us would do a PhD. The others (his siblings) have done bachelor degrees and are very successful in their careers as well. I had the opportunity to do both so I took it.”

Researchers join WUN's Global Challenge



Four researchers from different faculties are expanding the University's knowledge spaces by actively engaging with the World Universities Network (WUN).

Professor Richard Le Heron and Dr Nick Lewis (Science), Professor Roger Dale (Education) and Professor Cris Shore (Arts) are all recognised research partners in WUN-funded projects which come under the umbrella of WUN's Global Challenge in Higher Education and Research. The Challenge, of which our researchers are active in two key projects, calls for WUN member universities and their partners to address the sources, mechanisms, and social structures that give rise to today's higher education challenges. They are charged to work

collaboratively across the network to propose reform policies for international research and education.

Richard and Nick, along with researchers from Bristol, Western Australia, Cape Town and Wisconsin Madison, are examining how, why and in what forms globalising research projects are emerging. "The team is interested in how things are tracking," says Richard, "where there are connections, movements and tensions; and where new spaces and subjects give rise to new opportunities for globalisation."

Adds Nick: "This work will generate new knowledge and understandings of the diverse aspirations, drivers and consequences of global research assemblages".

Roger (Education) and Cris (Anthropology) are partners on the WUN-funded project entitled "Global regionalisms, governance and higher education". This collaboration between the universities of Bristol, Auckland, Cape Town, Penn State, Sydney and Wisconsin Madison examines the emergence of new forms of region-building and inter-regional relations around the globe, as they are imagined and constructed through innovative forms of higher education at the supra-national scale. The team is also examining the dynamics of governance associated with these forms of global regionalism.

Both Roger and Cris recently accepted invitations from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon, to represent the University on the WUN Higher Education and Research Global Challenge steering group and champion related WUN opportunities within the University. "WUN offers us the opportunity to engage in research in areas of current and significant global concern - it does so by bringing together the combined experience, expertise and resources of both WUN and non-WUN partners. This alliance holds significant potential for researchers at this University working in any discipline," says Cris.

From left: Chris Shore, Nick Lewis and Richard Le Heron.



Aiming high

Young high achievers were challenged to keep up their momentum and aim to become "old high achievers" at the 2011 Blues Awards in September. The sage advice to the 94 glam and glitzy Blues winners came from guest speakers Lynda and Jools Topp.

As Kiwi cultural icons and self-professed "old achievers" the Topp twins showed that high achievers can come from anywhere, even Huntly. They urged the 250-strong audience to feel, see and grasp the moment every day; and reassured that "it is okay to stumble on the odd stuff-up, or

leave a train stationary on the tracks, on the way to achieving great things".

Strangely though, while the country is immersed in the throngs of rugby cheer, the Blues Sports Awards were anything but. There was a strong cohort of students from orienteering and karate, and a wide representation of

watersports from waterpolo, underwater hockey, kayaking, canoeing, swimming and surf lifesaving; while others excelled in less popular activities such as canoe polo, fencing and ultimate Frisbee.

Cultural awards were given out to students for their contribution to fine art, music, singing, film and dance as well as debating, business case competitions, architecture, mentoring and language support.

The night culminated in the announcement of the overall supreme awards.

These were The University of Auckland Society Art and Cultural Award to Anthony Schneider who gave up a place at Oxford to study voice at Auckland and has been a frequent performer for the Opera Factory, singing with the Chapman Tripp Opera Chorus and performing the role of an Apparition in the 2010 NBR NZ Opera production of Verdi's Macbeth; Sportsman of the Year and Māori Sportsperson of the Year to James Eunson who represented New Zealand in badminton at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi and for the 2011 Whyte Trophy series; Sportswoman of the Year to Elizabeth Lamb who placed 6th equal for high jump in the 2010 Commonwealth Games and now has her sights set on the London 2012 Olympics; and Most Meritorious Sporting Performance to Madison Boon, gold medallist at the Sanyo Busson International Lifesaving Cup for surf life-saving in Japan.

Blues committee Chair, Dr Jane Skeen says: "The Cultural and Sports Blues Panel continues to be impressed by the achievements of the Blues recipients and acknowledges the flexibility of the academic staff in meeting each student's individual needs, when events such as competitions and world championships conflict with academic schedules."

From left: Lynda Topp, chancellor Roger France and Jools Topp.

Confucius Institute at Otago

The Confucius Institute based at The University of Auckland is opening an office at Otago University.

This will initiate and support Chinese language learning and culture activities in the Dunedin area and will focus on programmes and projects to meet local needs.

A Dunedin-based, part-time administrative position funded by Otago University will be dedicated to co-ordinating of local activities and Otago will be represented on the advisory board of the Confucius Institute.

"The arrangement will enhance the

collaboration that already exists between the two universities with regards to the Institute," says Director Nora Yao. "It also strengthens and further develops the two universities' relationship with the Institute's China partner, Fudan University in Shanghai.

"The Dunedin area currently has only one school offering Chinese and this collaboration will help support the development of teaching the language in more schools."

Earlier this year the Institute funded a language assistant to work for a year in the Dunedin area.

U21 graduates confer in KL



In June PhD student Ashley Young from the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering went to the third Universitas 21 Graduate Research Conference (U21 GRC) hosted by the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus. She writes here of her experience.

"I was one of 35 postgraduate students representing fourteen universities, from ten countries, that presented their work relating to the topic of "Food".

As a PhD candidate it can be easy to get caught up in the minutiae of your topic. Researching the textural properties of biscuits through mastication had me obsessively thinking of bolus particle size distribution, and shear stresses. While this is far from a bad thing when it comes to completing doctoral studies, it can lead to a disconnect from the "big picture". This concern was a thread that ran through the conference. Keynote speakers Professor Sayed Azam-Ali and Professor Neville Wylie delivered the message of the importance of breaking out of knowledge "silos"; of communicating research findings on a worldwide scale between

disciplines and to the general public so that global issues can be addressed with the best tools available.

This conference made me realise how lucky I am to be studying at The University of Auckland. I was proud to hear delegates' success stories of people they knew who had or were studying here. Feedback on my presentation highlighted to me how innovative the research that is being

carried out at this university is; I had made people think about an everyday activity in a way they never had before.

Strong bonds were forged between the delegates; for five days, we lived, learnt, competed in a poster competition, and experienced the culture of Kuala Lumpur together. In addition to academic content, there was a rich social programme: a welcome dinner, a cultural tour with traditional Malaysian dances, an agricultural tour of Putrajaya and a gala dinner in the Penthouse of The Royale Chulan. These experiences taught me things that cannot be learnt in a classroom. For that reason, I encourage everyone that gets the opportunity to jump at the chance to be involved in future Universitas 21 Graduate Research Conferences.

Poster presentation group. From left to right: Kim-Yen Phan-Thien (University of New South Wales), Ashley Young (University of Auckland), Rong Cao (Lund University), Tristan Partridge (University of Edinburgh). Absent: Hilary Brook (University of Birmingham).

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations Round 8

Funding for innovative and unconventional global health solutions in the developing world. Initial grants of US \$100,000 with possibility of a further \$1m. Application via a two page form. Closing date at Research Office, 10 November 2011. Topics are:

- Protect crop plants from biotic stresses from field to market
- Design new approaches to optimize immunization systems
- Explore new solutions in global health priority areas
- Explore nutrition for healthy growth of infants and children
- Apply synthetic biology to global health challenges

Research Office contact David Saunders, d.saunders@auckland.ac.nz, ext.84886. www.grandchallenges.org

Royal Society of New Zealand International Mobility Fund - Cancelled

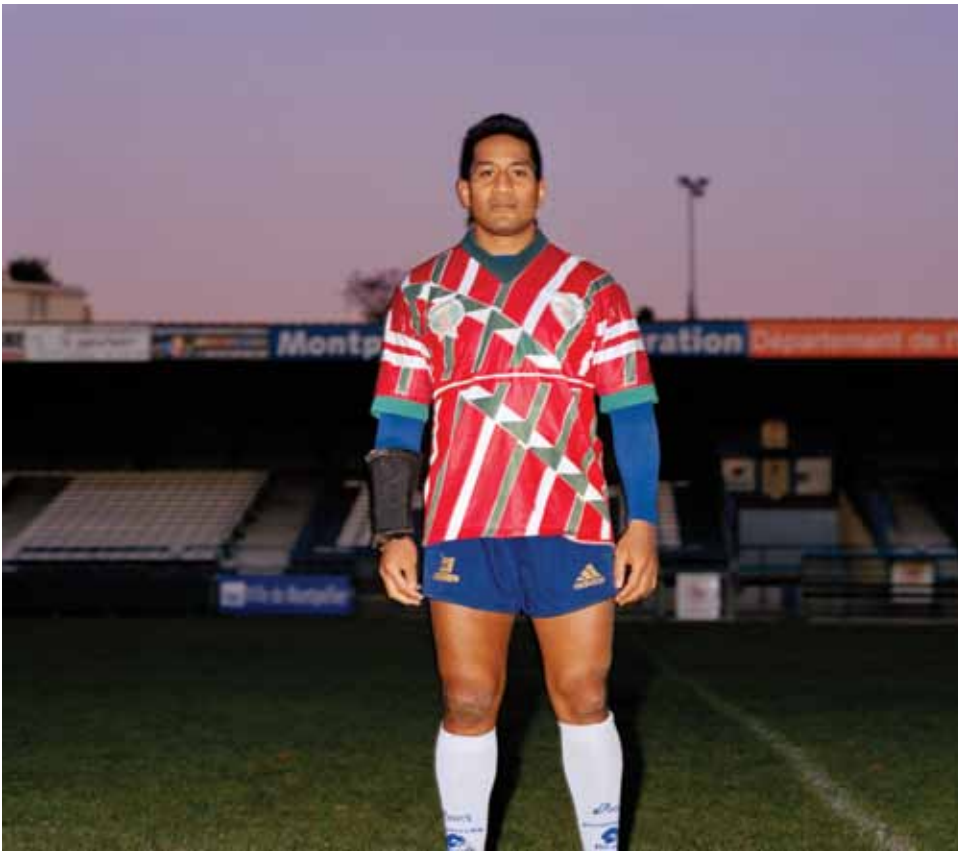
The Ministry of Science and Innovation has recently revised its budgets for the International Relationships Fund. As a result of a significant IRF budget reduction for 2011-12, MSI has decided to dis-establish the International Mobility Fund (IMF). Research Office contact Chris Tews, c.tews@auckland.ac.nz, ext 88301. www.royalsociety.org.nz/programmes/funds

HRC NZ-Canada Community-based primary healthcare research

Further details are available about this joint initiative between the HRC and the Canadian Institute of Health Research (Canadian equivalent) in the following areas:

- Better systems: chronic disease prevention and management in community-based primary healthcare
- Access to appropriate community-based primary healthcare for vulnerable populations

This is now not part of the HRC Annual Funding Round. The deadline for registration of interest with HRC will be December 2012 with full applications due by July 2012. NZ proposals need to be partnered with a Canadian proposal which has already been successful at the CIHR "Expression of Interest" phase (deadline January 2012). Research Office contact Elizabeth Visser, e.visser@auckland.ac.nz, ext. 83562. www.hrc.govt.nz/funding-opportunities/



During 2006, Edith Amituanai visited France and Italy as part of a Creative New Zealand-funded five-week project to photograph professional rugby players. Each of her subjects had a Pasifika background, and many of them were her relatives or friends. The theme for her work at that time was “third wave” migration, as the children or grandchildren of people who emigrated from the Pacific Islands to New Zealand in the twentieth century, started to move back out into the world to seek new opportunities.

The title for the series, *Dejeuner*, was suggested by one of the subjects, Philemon Toleafoa, mentioning to her how he missed the shared meals and family gatherings back home in New Zealand in particular the Sunday lunch at his grandmother’s house. The use of the title *Dejeuner* also recalls a famous painting by Edouard Manet created in 1862-3 *Dejeuner sur l’herbe* where a large female nude sits with fully dressed men in a sylvan glade, gazing out at the viewer while her male companions remain engrossed in conversation. She is starkly-lit, and

the painting is often used as an example of “photographic” lighting, since there are almost no shadows cast. Daguerrotypes, the forerunners of photographs, were an innovation in Paris at this time, and they had a profound effect on painting. The writer Emile Zola felt this was Manet’s greatest work, since in it he had realised the dream of all painters: to place figures of natural grandeur in landscape.

The subject for Edith Amituanai’s *Dejeuner* is similarly grand. Murphy Pavihi Taele played as a flanker on contract to the Montpellier Herault Rugby Club during 2006. Montpellier is capital of the Languedoc-Roussillon region and Murphy wears the white and blue that signifies this region. During the early 2000s, this team was in the top division of the French league system and played in the European shield. Their success was due to their large number of “imports”: foreign players who were on contract from Argentina, South Africa, Fiji and New Zealand. Murphy is photographed here with a flash at sunset, after evening practice. He is standing casually, and his feet are cropped by the framing, as if snapped in a moment’s relaxation, Edith Amituanai describes her process. “I pose them.

I make sure my subjects understand what I am trying to do. I find they know more about what I am trying to communicate than I do, and they often suggest, “What about this instead?”

Linda Tyler

Edith Amituanai, Monsieur Murphy Pavihi Taele 2006 from the series Dejeuner, 2007, type C photographic print

Books



Bligh: William Bligh in the South Seas (New Zealand Penguin Group (NZ), University of California Press) by Distinguished Professor of Maori Studies, Dame Anne Salmond brings new revelations about Pacific explorer and Bounty commander William Bligh’s voyages from 1777.

William Bligh is perhaps the most misunderstood character of the early Pacific explorers and colonisers. Anne charts Bligh’s three Pacific voyages – with Captain James Cook in the *Resolution*, on board the *Bounty*, and as commander of the *Providence* – and beyond. Anne breaks new ground by portraying the Pacific islanders as key players for the first time and shows this episode as important to the

history of the wider world, not simply of the West. She retells the infamous mutiny aboard the *Bounty*, which saw Bligh lose control of his ship and be left marooned in a small boat near the Tahitian islands. All the drama and danger of seafaring is brought to life on the page. There are many new revelations about Bligh’s relationship with Captain Cook.

“Although he is famed as a practical seaman and hydrographer, Bligh was also a pioneering ethnographer, who made major contributions to our knowledge of life in Polynesia during the early contact period,” says Anne.

What's on

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER

Word fundamentals training

9am-12noon CAD, 4th Floor, 76 Symonds St. Visit www.cad.auckland.ac.nz/workshops (IT Literacy).

Faculty of Law lecture

Judge Arthur Tompkins: *Stealing beauty: Art crime during war*. 1pm Northey Lecture Theatre 204, Bldg 801, Faculty of Law.

Think Pink: 2011 Interfaculty Netball Final

Doors open 2.30pm, game starts 3pm. Recreation Centre, City Campus. Supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Centre for Biodiversity and Biosecurity seminar

Dr Joanne Peace, Reserves Coordinator, UoA: *The University of Auckland ecological reserves: Valuable resources for research and education*. 3.30pm Rm 231, Bldg 733, Tāmaki Innovation Campus.

Dept of History seminar

Charlotte Greenhalgh, Oxford University: *Understanding ageing, identity and emotion in Britain, 1937-1970*. 4pm Room 59, History Dept. Queries to a.harris@auckland.ac.nz

School of Asian Studies Honorary

Research Fellow seminars

4-6pm Resource Rm 412, Arts 2.

1) Dr Phoebe Li: *Imaging New Zealand: China's views of the world*.

2) Dr Zain Ali: *Muslim responses to religious diversity*.

Queries to a.harding@auckland.ac.nz

Dept of Anthropology/Political

Studies/Europe Institute seminar

Prof Iver B. Neumann, Acting Director, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs: *Norway between right-wing extremism and multiculturalism*. 5pm Lecture Theatre B15, General Library Bldg, Alfred St.

NZ Asia Institute seminar

Prof Richard Phillips, UoA: *China's October revolution: 100 years on*. 5-6.30pm Decima Glenn Rm 260-310, Owen G Glenn Bldg, 12 Grafton Rd. Visit www.nzai.auckland.ac.nz

Inaugural lecture

Prof Thegn Ladefoged, Department of Anthropology: *Agricultural development and socio-political transformations in the southern Hawaiian Islands*. 6.30pm, Lecture Theatre, OGH.

By new professors at UoA. Visit www.auckland.ac.nz/inaugural

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

Lunchtime concert

Featuring School of Music students from the composition and early music departments. 1.05-1.55pm Music Theatre, School of Music, 6 Symonds St. Free.

Department of Philosophy seminar

Prof Garrett Cullity, University of Adelaide: *The context-undermining of practical reasons*. 3-5pm Pat Hanan Rm 501, Arts 2 Bldg.

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

Exhibition talk

1pm Gus Fisher Gallery, 74 Shortland St. A panel discussion exploring issues of the self and culture in a New Zealand context, particularly as it relates to new migrants from the Asian region, led by Vera Mey and Liyen Chong.

Queries to gusfishergallery@auckland.ac.nz

Interfaculty Rugby Final

3pm, Colin Maiden Park, 71 Merton Road, St Johns.

Watch the final of the University's annual student rugby tournament, which sees all faculties contest for the chance to win the Sir Wilson Whineray Trophy.

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER

School of Environment public lecture

Dr Paul Reynolds, Ministry for the Environment's Chief Executive and Secretary for the Environment: *Policy development in a complex world*. 11am-12noon Room G53, OCH, Bldg 104.

Queries to i.hindle@auckland.ac.nz

Department of Māori Studies seminar

Arapera Ngaha: *Crisis and challenge: Te Reo Māori and Web 2*. 1-2pm Room 101, Māori Studies.

Contact s.abel@auckland.ac.nz

Bioengineering research seminar

Dr Alona Ben-Tal, Institute of Information and Mathematical Sciences, Massey University: *A theoretical study of respiratory sinus arrhythmia and its physiological function*. 4-5pm Ground Floor Seminar Rm G010, UniServices House, 70 Symonds St.

1987 former All Black team fundraising dinner

6.30pm Ellerslie Racing Club, Greenlane.

An evening featuring a live panel discussion with Sir Brian Lochore, Sean Fitzpatrick, Grant Fox and David Kirk. All proceeds going to the John Drake Memorial Scholarship. Visit www.iticket.co.nz/events/2011/oct/an-evening-with-the-1987-former-all-black-team/

Future Proof seminar

Gary Caulfield, Stanley Construction: *From high altitude to high rise*. 6-7pm Design Theatre, NICAI Conference Centre, 22 Symonds St. Queries to events-archplan@auckland.ac.nz

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER

Outlook information management training

1-4pm CAD, 4th Floor, 76 Symonds St. Visit www.cad.auckland.ac.nz/workshops (IT Literacy).

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

Special presentation

Gregory O'Brien, poet, artist, curator and friends: *Encountering the Kermadecs: Art meets science in New Zealand's subtropical islands*. 6pm OGGB4, Owen G Glenn Bldg, 12 Grafton Rd.

FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER

Lunchtime concert

Featuring School of Music chamber music ensembles. 1.05-1.55pm Music Theatre, School of Music, 6 Symonds St. Free.

School of Music composition class

Piano composition prize concert. 4pm Music Theatre, School of Music, 6 Symonds St.

Original piano works by composition students will be performed in this annual competition, founded in memory of noted Auckland pianist and composer Llewelyn Jones (1895-1978).

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

Exhibition talk

1-2pm Gus Fisher Gallery, 74 Shortland St.

In response to Frank Hofmann's multi-disciplinary lifestyle, Gus Fisher Gallery Curator Andrew Clifford discusses the relationships between art and music.

Queries to gusfishergallery@auckland.ac.nz

MONDAY 17 OCTOBER

Exposure: Postgraduate research exposition

Runs until 20 October. Presented by the Postgraduate Students' Association (PGSA) and the School of Graduate Studies. For full details visit www.exposure.auckland.ac.nz

School of Biological Sciences seminar

Dr Nicole Webster, Australian Institute of Marine Science, Townsville, Australia: *Symbiotic microbes: Sentinels for marine ecosystem health*. 1-2pm Mac 1 Seminar Rm, Biology Bldg.

Queries to mw.taylor@auckland.ac.nz

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER

Dept of Māori Studies seminar

Dr Hazel Petrie: *A 'wretched race of native prostitutes': Female war captives and the sex trade in early 19th century NZ*. 1-2pm Rm 101, Māori Studies. Queries to s.abel@auckland.ac.nz

Future proof lecture

Prof Janis Birkeland, Professor of Sustainable Design, UoA: *Positive development*. 6-7pm Design Theatre, NICAI Conference Centre, 22 Symonds St. Queries to events-archplan@auckland.ac.nz

University of Auckland Business School Rugby in NZ lecture

Winning the away game: How to prosper in international business. 6.30pm Fisher & Paykel Appliances Auditorium, Owen G Glenn Bldg, 12 Grafton Rd.

Chaired by Kevin Roberts. Panel: Dr Kerry Spackman, Prof George Foster, Murray Mexted, Dr Farah Palmer.

Queries to [Amanda Stanes, a.stanes@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:a.stanes@auckland.ac.nz)

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER

\$100k Challenge Grand Prize Giving 2011

5.45-8pm Level 1 Foyer, Owen G Glenn Bldg, 12 Grafton Rd.

Keynote speaker: Owen Glenn ONZM. Share in the excitement as over \$80,000 worth of prizes are awarded. University students and staff have created 70+ ventures through the Spark system. Mix with the winners, investors and supporters over nibbles and drinks.

Student jazz ensemble concerts

Large ensemble concert. 6.30pm Kenneth Myers Centre, 74 Shortland St. Featuring students of the School of Music. Free.

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LEGISLATING FOR PRIVACY

The blood running through the veins of twenty-first century commerce increasingly consists of information about individuals. This personal information is expanding at an exponential rate and is the very lifeblood for companies such as Google and social networking giant Facebook. Many of these companies are based outside New Zealand and individuals here and globally are making use of the “cloud” for their information processing needs. However these trends present a challenge to privacy laws and regulators worldwide as they struggle to keep abreast of rapid technological and social changes in how personal information is managed.

New Zealand’s 1993 Privacy Act is written in technology-neutral terms, is principles-based and has thus far stood up relatively well to these challenges. Indeed earlier this year an independent panel of European experts recommended that this country’s laws be certified as providing an “adequate” level of protection for personal information, thereby enabling information relating to European Union citizens to be exported to New Zealand – a not inconsiderable achievement given the importance of outsourcing and service-based businesses to our economy.

On the other hand development of “Web 2.0” has meant that previously vertical relationships in the collection and processing of personal information have been to a large extent replaced by horizontal ones where individuals process one

another’s information. In addition, many businesses have become complacent as to their level of compliance with the Privacy Act and related laws such as those prohibiting spam (unsolicited electronic mail). There is a need for complete transparency as to how information is to be used and who it is to be shared with (for instance in the wording of privacy policies on websites).

The recently completed Review of the Privacy Act by the Law Commission is therefore timely. The Commission’s final report makes several recommendations. Amongst the most significant is the heralded shift in the way the Privacy Act is enforced. Currently, this is largely complaints-driven with individuals able to lay complaints with the Privacy Commissioner and on to a specialist tribunal which has significant powers including the power to award monetary compensation. This is to be retained but, in future, be supplemented by the ability of the Commissioner to serve compliance notices on organisations, with fines to back them up should compliance not be forthcoming. This will be especially useful where systemic failures are evident in an organisation (such as when Google last year used information gathered from individuals’ Gmail accounts to create its new Buzz application).

Another recommendation relates to the ability of individuals to access their files, whether these are held by the Government or by commercial enterprises. The Privacy Act gives individuals the right to access these although statistics show

that failure to give individuals their information constitutes the single largest source of complaint to the Commissioner and to the Tribunal. To simplify procedures in future the Commissioner will have the power to make binding determinations which organisations would have to abide by (with the right to appeal to the Tribunal thereby shifting the burden from the individual onto the organisation withholding the file).

Two other recommendations are of interest. First, the exception that currently exists for individuals collecting personal information for their “personal, family and household purposes” will be removed where the information is offensive to a person of ordinary sensibilities. This will close a loophole which currently permits individuals to post, say, naked photographs of their former partner on a social network. Secondly, the Commissioner is to be given the ability to conduct privacy audits of organisations. Whilst this may be a burden for some companies it also provides an opportunity for business graduates (especially auditors) and a reason to be well-acquainted with the requirements of the Privacy Act.

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