

FRIDAY FROLICS

Newsletter of UWS Law School

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Introduction

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

Student Matters

It was a great pleasure to hand out to nearly 100 graduating Law Students at UWS on 24 September 2014. But as we all know, the real joy is with our higher degree by research (HDR) students.

On Tuesday 24th September 2013, at Noon we graduated Dr Ling Ling He with a thesis "Regional Trade Integration: A case study of the Australia-China free trade agreement negotiation process" and our own academic, Dr Thilla Rajaretnam, with a thesis entitled "The regulation of information privacy protection in electronic commerce in Australia". Additional, we had a master of laws by thesis (LLM(Hons) to one of our previous sessional academic, Ana Milena Torres Ahumada, with the thesis "The applicability of the battered woman syndrome model to gay males and lesbian women who kill their intimate batterers in self-defence".

Research & Scholarships

Sue Field

Congratulations to Sue Field, our NSW Public Trustee and Guardian Fellow on being a successful CI (chief investigator) on a Category 1 (ARC/NHMRC competitive grant) to the tune of \$132,956.

This is an excellent and outstanding achievement.

Professor Steven Freeland

Public speech (by invitation) 'International Law and the Regulation of Child Soldiers' - the Humanitarian Law Perspective Seminar, sponsored by the Australian Red Cross and King & Wood Mallesons, Canberra, 3 September 2013

Keynote address (by invitation) 'Space, Technology and Warfare: Applying the Laws of Armed Conflict to a Changing World' at the 7th ESPI (European Space Policy Institute) Autumn Conference 'Space in a Changing World', Vienna, 11-12 September, 2013

Presentation (by invitation) 'The Sources of International Space Law' at 56th Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space, sponsored by the International Institute of Space Law, Beijing, 28 September 2013 (with Ram Jakhu)

External referee (invited) of article on international humanitarian law for the *University of Western Sydney Law Journal* September 2013

Dr Shelley Bielefeld

Dr Shelley Bielefeld was invited to present a research paper, entitled 'Compulsory Income Management and Indigenous peoples – why conditional welfare payments are inappropriate', and participate in a panel discussion, entitled: 'Never-deserving citizens or ending the entitlement culture: The debate about the merits of conditionality in Australian income support policy', at the Australian Social Policy Conference, University of New South Wales, Sydney, 17 September 2013

Australian Law Teachers Association conference 2013 – Professor Adams

The Dean would like to note with pride the quality of UWS law papers given at the ALTA annual conference at ANU in Canberra.

Of particular note was the work presented by Murray, Shelley, Scott, Marina, Elen, Elfriede, Simon, Susan Fitzpatrick, Michael Blissenden. I was re-elected to the ALTA Executive once more, so we hope the organisation to continue to grow.

Next year's conference will be hosted at Bond University Faculty of Law in July 2014.

Professor Michael Adams

Article in the Conversation and on ABC TV on the Leighton Holdings bribery allegations going to the heart of corporate reputation – by Professor Michael Adams
[See article](#)

Ms Elen Seymour

Elen Seymour is a speaker, by invitation, on "Social Media and Tax Practice" at the Tax Institute of Australia's 2013 Tasmanian State Convention 17-18 October 2013.

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Dr June Wang

Interviewed by SBS Radio regarding a recent Chinese Court decision and execution of the street vendor Xia Junfeng. It was broadcasted at 8:15am 27th September at AM1224.

During her sabbatical leave in China, June had been interviewed by multiple Chinese media, including China Weekly, Fangyuan Magazine and Xinjing Newspaper regarding various cases and the law reform in China. June's comments have published in their online and/or hardcopy release.

Research Seminar Series

On 18 September 2013, our colleague, Dr Thilla Rajaretnam, presented a paper on 'Implementing Ethical Principles in Medical Data Mining: Ethical and Regulatory Considerations Related to Privacy and Confidentiality in Medical Data'. The Seminar was chaired by Mr Simon Kozlina. The seminar was very engaging and interesting. It shed some light on the issues that arise from medical data mining.

On Wednesday 16 October, Professor Steven Freeland presented a paper on 'Space, Technology and the Challenges they Pose for International Humanitarian Law'.

The next seminar will be held on Wednesday 30 October with Francine Feld presenting on Development of Neurolaw.

Publications

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of 'The Final Piece of the Puzzle? The Launch of Australia's Satellite Utilisation Policy' (2013) 62:3 *German Journal of Air and Space Law / Zeitschrift für Luft- und Weltraumrecht* 429-452 (ISSN 0340-8329)

Dr Marina Nehme

Dr Marina Nehme had lead article in *Companies and Securities Law Journal*, vol 31 no 6 (Sept 2013) page 341 entitled "Latest changes to the banning order regime: were the amendments really needed?"

Mr Michael Brogan

Becoming a Lawyer, Success at Law School Third Edition Michael Brogan and David Spencer

Community Engagement

Mr David Sinfeld

UWS Law School "On Trial" at Agitations 2013!

Simon Kozlina, Golam Rabbi Hadi and Mel Pudig represented UWS at the 2013 Australian Law Librarian's Conference, held in The Sydney Town Hall

Despite competing with the sponsors for the attention of the delegates, and enduring raised noise levels from the afternoon tea processes, Simon as judge, Golam as prosecutor and Mel as defender did a great job arguing over the actions of a wayward UWS law student caught urinating in public. Delegates who watched were very impressed with the humour and professionalism of the mooters, and despite the judge's wayward ruling, were firmly behind the defence in showing where their sympathies lay!

Justice didn't get it right, but UWS certainly did! Thank you to Simon Kozlina for organising the students and the session, and to Mel and Golam for a great performance!



Dr Susan Armstrong

Dr Armstrong attended South West Sydney Legal Service board meeting on 16 October 2013 as part of her role as board member.

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Dr Armstrong has been nominated by UWS to participate in the new Emerging Leaders Program being launched in November. The program is focused on supporting the development of high-performing, emerging leaders in Australian Education, encompassing both the Higher Education and K-12 sectors. The program will provide sector-specific professional learning over a 12-month period, and will provide participants with a unique opportunity to engage with senior Apple Executives along with key educational and corporate leaders at the highest level.

Lucy Program

Dr Laura Horn

The Lucy Mentoring Program held a very successful graduation celebration for the Lucy students in law, business and accounting on Tuesday 8 October 2013 at Sparke Helmore Lawyers.

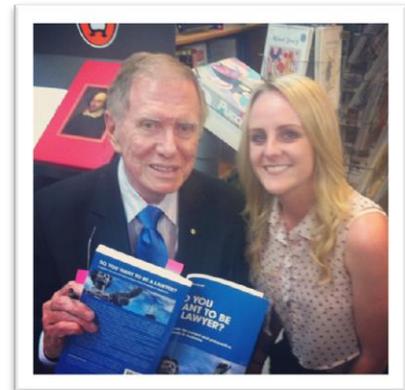
Our law students were fortunate to have mentors from a number of different businesses and law firms including the Crown Solicitor's Office, Coleman and Greig, Sparke Helmore Lawyers and Aon Hewitt.

We are looking forward to the ten year anniversary of the Mentoring Program in 2014!

Official Opening of Female Orphan School



It was a real honour, with the Deputy Dean, to attend the re-opening of the Female Orphan School, exactly 200 years to the day that Mrs Macquarie laid the foundation stone. It was an excellent event and the Governor-General completed the task and the Vice-Chancellor gave a wonderful speech.



Emeritus David Weisbrot has a new book, "So you want to be a lawyer?" and at the launch, Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC, was in conversation with David at Gleebooks. One of our top students, Mel Pudig, attended the event with the Dean.

2013 UWLSA Law Ball

The highlight of the year (other than graduation ceremonies) for me is the Law Ball. This year was no exception. The students looked wonderful, the food and venue was great, the President of the LSA was funny and the guest speaker, President Margaret Beasley AO (NSW Court of Appeal) was inspirational.



From left to right: Claire Limbach, Mel Pudig, the Honourable Justice Margaret Beasley AO, Aleksandra Ilic, Avinesh Kumar and Taylor Macdonald.

Professor Michael Adams
Dean of the School of Law, UWS