

FRIDAY FROLICS

Newsletter of UWS Law School

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Introduction from the Dean:

Welcome to the Autumn semester of 2014, starting on Monday 24th February.

I attended the First Year Law Camp, that was run Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February, which was a great success. About 100 first year LLB students attended the Collaroy Centre. Dr Lucy Robinson with Jane Lindsay and David Sinfield and a team from the LSA did a great job.

I officially welcomed the students at 11.30am and attended the dinner in the evening, chatting with students – judging “fright night” a dress up competition. A Lawyer, a law cadet a Barrister and a police prosecutor spoke on Law Careers paths – a great night all round.

Research and Scholarships

Professor Steven Freeland

Interviewed on radio stations 2UE News (Sydney), 5AA News (Adelaide) regarding the international legal aspects of Australia’s alleged spying in Indonesia and a proposed code of ethics, 27 November 2013

Interviewed on radio 2UE (drive time) and Channel ‘7 two’ television station (world news) regarding the international legal aspects of Australia’s alleged spying in Indonesia and a proposed code of ethics, 28 November 2013

Interviewed on radio stations 2UE News regarding the international legal aspects of Australia’s alleged spying in Indonesia and a proposed code of ethics, 29 November 2013

Quoted in ‘Fellow Judges Support Ousted Colleague’s Criticism of Hague Tribunal’, *Information* newspaper, 6 December 2013, pages 8-10 (in Danish and English)

Quoted in ‘Critics Urge Hague Tribunal for Greater Transparency’, *Information* newspaper, 11 December 2013, pages 7-9 (in Danish and English)

Quoted in ‘East Timor Case Leverage in Gas Dispute’ on SBS News online (and various other media outlets) 19 December 2013.

Speech (by invitation) ‘How to Address the Problem of Child Soldiers?’ to Year 12 students from 10 High Schools, sponsored by St Catherine’s School, Sydney,

29 November 2013

Public lecture (invited) ‘Seeking More Effective International Criminal Justice’, sponsored by the Justice Research Group, University of Western Sydney, Sydney 28 November, 2013

Organisation of International one-day teaching Symposium ‘Establishing Mechanisms of Justice for Gross Violations of Human Rights’, Sydney 4 December 2013

Presentation ‘Regulating the Problem of Child Soldiers: Mere Children or Weapons of War?’ at Symposium ‘Establishing Mechanisms of Justice for Gross Violations of Human Rights’, Sydney 4 December 2013

External referee (invited) of article on the International Criminal Court for the *University of NSW Law Journal*

Robert Hayes Memorial Scholarship – Fundraising Success!

John Juriansz

It is my pleasure to announce that the 27 November 2013 fundraising event in support of the Robert Hayes Memorial Scholarship has been a tremendous success. The recent fundraising drive raised over \$15,000 to add to the overall total raised in support of the scholarship to just over \$40,000 and we are well on our way to achieving our goal of making this a self-sustaining perpetual scholarship. The Robert Hayes Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Associate Professor Robert Hayes to provide scholarships to outstanding students with a passion for studying law at the University of Western Sydney but who need a helping hand to get them on their way.

The UWS School of Law owes a special debt of gratitude to Elayne Hayes, who has been both tireless and gracious as the driving force behind the establishment of the scholarship and each of the fundraising drives. On behalf of Elayne, the UWS Office of Development and the School of Law, I would like to express our collective appreciation to LexisNexis and Michael Eburn, the Honourable Roderick Howie QC and Paul Sattler, the authors of *Hayes and Eburn Criminal Law and Procedure in NSW* (LexisNexis, 4th ed, 2013), who have consented to donate a portion of the proceeds of sales of this leading criminal law textbook to the scholarship fund.

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Special thanks are due to the Honourable Justice Meegan Latham and His Honour Judge Mark Marien SC who each spoke at the official launch of the 4th edition of this textbook and this fundraising event. Special thanks are also due to Ms Mel Pudig, the first recipient of the Robert Hayes Memorial Scholarship, who spoke glowingly about Robert's legacy of commitment to the students and graduates of the University of Western Sydney. [Give now](#) to support the Robert Hayes Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Dr Shelley Bielefeld

Dr Bielefeld was invited to be interviewed by Helen Anu, host of Blackchat, a national Aboriginal radio station 'Conditional Income Support under SEAM: Human Rights Compatibility Issues' (2013) 8(9) *Indigenous Law Bulletin* 17-21.

Ms Elen Seymour

Attended the 2014 Australasian Tax Teacher's Association conference at Griffith University 20-22 January and gave a presentation on "Tax Policy Formation and Change: Connecting Students to the Profession via Social Media."

Dr Marina Nehme

Dr Marina Nehme featured expert commentary in Sydney Morning Herald- story on crowdsourcing regulations
<http://www.smh.com.au/it-pro/business-it/crowdfunding-for-highrisk-startup-investments-20140127-hva1y.html>

Ms Michaela Byers

Michaela Byers comments to The Global Mail re. stateless children have appeared online at the link below.
<http://www.theglobalmail.org/feature/the-law-and-the-little-boy/773/>

Publications

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of 'International Criminal Justice in the Asia-Pacific Region: The Role of the International Criminal Court Regime' (2013) 11(5) *Journal of International Criminal Justice* 1029-1057 (ISSN 1478-1395)

Publication of 'Outer Space and the Non-Appropriation Principle' in James Charles Smith (ed), *Property and Sovereignty: Legal and Cultural Perspectives*, 81-97, 2013 Ashgate, United Kingdom (ISBN 978-1-4094-4470-1)

Mock Trial Competition

Mr Michael Brogan

On 22 November 2013 the School of Law hosted a semi-final of the Law Society of New South Wales' Mock Trial Competition. The School of Law's Director of Engagement, Michael Brogan, welcomed Sylvania High School and Chevalier College to the Marsdens Moot Court on the Campbelltown campus of UWS.

"The School of Law has recently entered into an arrangement with the Law Society of New South Wales to host mock trial and mock mediation competitions at both our Campbelltown and Parramatta campus moot courts.

Our facilities are fantastic and the students really appreciate the opportunity to compete in 'real' court rooms. Hosting the semi-final of the mock trial competition this year was a great way to enhance the School of Law's developing engagement with high schools via legal studies and competitions." said Michael Brogan.



In a closely-fought battle between two well-coached teams Chevalier College were victorious and moved to the Grand Final. Both teams performed admirably and were a credit to their schools and coaches. On 13 December 2013 Chevalier College competed in and won the Grand Final – congratulations Chevalier.

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Staff News

Associate Prof Michael Blissenden

Associate Professor Michael Blissenden who is a member of TESQA Panel of Experts has been assigned to review and provide accreditation that has been submitted to TESQA for approval.

Associate Professor Michael Blissenden took things to new heights in December by trekking to Base Camp Mount Everest. Mt Everest is the mountain over his left shoulder. The height at Base Camp is 5,400 metres or 18,000 feet for those old enough to remember such measurements. The temperature on the night he was at Base Camp was minus 25 degrees C and yes it felt that cold!



Community Engagement

Laura Horn

The Lucy Mentoring Program will be running again this year (in cooperation with the University of Sydney) and it will be the ten year anniversary of the program!

Ms Elen Semour - Twitter

UWSLawSchool twitter account stats update:

635 Followers, Member of 15 lists.

Don't forget to send to Elen any interesting news articles, links to research successes, updates about courses you are running or information you want to give your students.

AGLC App

The AGLC app now works on Google Play on Android devices as well as Apple app store.

The Dean of School of Law had lunch on Wednesday 29th January 2014 with UWS Vice-Chancellor, Professor Barney Glover and UWS Adjunct Professor, the Hon Michael Kirby AC, to discuss a human rights public lecture at UWS in May 2014.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Adams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath.

Professor Michael Adams
Dean of the School of Law, UWS