

FRIDAY FROLICS

Newsletter of UWS Law School

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Introduction

This fortnight there are a number of events that have been occurring connected to the School of Law.

Good News: Staff Matters

Congratulations to the great success of Sue Field, our *N S W Trustee and Guardian Fellow in Elder Law* who has had with being a co-researcher (CI) with Associate Professor Susan Kurrle, the Curran Chair in Health Care of Older People in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney (as well as Clinical Director and Senior Staff Specialist Geriatrician, Division of Rehabilitation and Aged Care, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Health Service) has been successful in a five year \$25 million research grant called a NHMRC Partnership Centre. This is similar to the Australian Research Council (ARC) centres of excellence, but in the medical discipline.

More details at: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply-funding/partnerships-better-health/partnerships-centres>

We do not yet know exactly how this translates for Sue and UWS (and the School of Law) but it is an amazing outcome and a wonderful benefit for research into elder law issues.

Once again, congratulations Sue

Good News: Student Matters

PhD Students

Jane Scanlon and Xiaobo Zhao (Bob) received their PhD degrees at the Law School's first stand-alone graduation ceremony held on 17 April 2012. Both Jane and Bob were supervised by Professors Michael Jeffery and Donna Craig. Jane's thesis is entitled *sustainability Governance in the Delivery Phase of Infrastructure – Two Case Studies from the Urban Rail Sector*. She is currently working for a Sydney consulting firm involved in the rail transport sector.

Bob's thesis is entitled *Developing an Appropriate Contaminated Land Regime in China (Lessons Learned from the US and UK)*. He will be returning to China to take a postdoctoral position with a leading Chinese university.

Their successful completions provided inspiration for PhD students supervised by Donna and Michael - Hem Aitken, Gao Qi, Liz Gachenga and Manzoor Rashid, all of whom joined in celebrating Jane and Bob's success and will submit their own theses for examination later this year.

Student Internships (provided by careers & co-operative)

Two UWS Law students, James Majorich and Lei Azhby Bueno, recently completed prestigious internships over the summer vacation in India.

James Majorich, an Arts/ Law student worked at Innovaid Advisory

Service, an international group of specialist consultants who provide strategic advice and management services to celebrities and companies on their philanthropy and corporate responsibility in India.

Lei Azhby Bueno, completed her internship with a first time industry partner Godrej Industries Limited & Associate Companies, one of the largest corporations in India that sells fast moving consumer goods, Property and Agrovot.

Both James and Lei Azhby found the experience invaluable. Lei wrote to say:

"My entire internship experience was truly remarkable. I met amazing people and had the most enjoyable time. This internship has created lasting memories and is definitely the highlight of my university studies and one of the best experiences of my life. I would highly recommend other students to take up this once in a lifetime opportunity - I sure am thankful and extremely appreciative to have been given the opportunity!"

Research & Scholarships

Dr Daud Hassan

Upon invitation Daud Hassan reviewed a manuscript titled *Trans-boundary Maritime Spatial Planning in the Bothnian Sea Region* to be published by the Helsinki Commission as a book. This manuscript is an outcome of Plan Bothnia Research project funded by the European Commission.

Elen Seymour

Elen Seymour attended the Joint Oxford Sydney Conference at Sydney Law School 30-31 March 2012.

Professor Steven Freeland

Invited (and sponsored) by the Secure World Foundation (USA) to be a guest speaker at a Forum hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico entitled 'Space for Human and Environmental Security in the Americas: Space policy, Long-term sustainability and Cyber- Health', Mexico City, 23-25 April 2012

External Assessor (invited) for PhD submission on international criminal law for Faculty of Law, Bond University

External Assessor (invited) for Ashgate Publishing on book proposal regarding the Death Penalty in Asia

Quoted in an interview in 'Small arms, big problems' *Always Red* (the magazine of the New Zealand Red Cross) Summer 2011/12, pages 12-14 – this article was the winning entry in the 2011 Annual International Humanitarian Law Essay Competition for Journalism students organised by the Australian Red Cross / New Zealand Red Cross

Interviewed on Survive Law.com regarding job opportunities in international law

<http://survivelaw.com/index.php/blogs/careers/630-i-want-your-job-interview-with-steven-freeland-professor-of-international-law-and-visiting-professional-at-the-international-criminal-court>



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Dr Louise Thornthwaite

Dr Louise Thornthwaite, from the UWS School of Law, has appeared in a page three article in the Sydney Morning Herald and on ABC radio discussing her report into social media, *Social Media at Work*.

The report discussed how social media can blur the lines between home and work life, as it can be used as evidence to suggest workers are being unprofessional, for example.

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/technology-news/workers-left-vulnerable-as-social-media-blurs-the-lines-between-home-and-office-20120420-1xcg6.html>

Professor Michael Adams

Professor Michael Adams, has received widespread radio, print, online and television coverage discussing the implications of the High Court ruling against James Hardie directors and executive officers.

The High Court found the former James Hardie directors and senior executives liable for issuing a misleading company statement 11 years ago about its asbestos compensation fund.

Coverage included interviews on **ABC's 7.30 Report**, a live interview on **ABC News 24**, featured in **Australian Financial Review**, coverage in the **Sydney Morning Herald** and **The Age**, and interviews with the **Bloomberg** news service (already syndicated to the **San Francisco Chronicle**) and **Dow Jones Newswire** (already syndicated to the **Wall Street Journal**).

Publications

Dr Michelle Sanson

Michelle Sanson's latest book, *Statutory Interpretation*, is now in print (Oxford University Press, 2012). The book includes analysis of contextual and purposive interpretation, and questions the current court practice in relation to using international law to interpret legislation.

Colin Fong

Fong, Colin 'Using humour to teach legal research' (2012) 20 (1) *Australian Law Librarian* 14-20

Jennifer Ireland

Jennifer Ireland, 'Defamation 2.0: Facebook and Twitter' (2012) 17(1) *Media and Arts Law Review* 53-81.

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of 'The Role of 'Soft Law' in Public International Law and its Relevance to the International Legal Regulation of Outer Space' in Irmgard Marboe (ed), *Soft Law in Outer Space: The Function of Non-binding Norms in International Space Law*, 9-30, 2012 Bohlau Publishing, Vienna, Austria (ISBN 978-3-205-78797-6)

Publication of 'Reshaping Australia's Space Policy and Regulation – Recent Developments' (2012) 61:1 *German Journal of Air and Space Law / Zeitschrift für Luft- und Weltraumrecht* 99-110 (ISSN 0340-8329)

Elen Seymour

Accepted for publication in *The Alternative Law Journal's* Down Under All Over ("DUOA") a case note entitled "Bargwana on Proper Use of Trust Funds by Trustees" on the recent High Court decision of *Commissioner of Taxation v Bargwana*.

Dr Marina Nehme

Marina Nehme, 'The Financial Markets Authority and Administrative Monetary Penalties' (2012) 18(1) *New Business Law Quarterly* 21- 41.

Community Engagement

Michael Adams

Michael Adams presented at the Fast Forward Program on Parramatta campus to 60 Year 10 students on 1st May on the topic of "A career in law: why and how to study law?"

Michael Adams attended the official launch of the Greater West 2012 Red Shield Appeal (for the Salvation Army) by Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO, as a guest of Coleman Greig Lawyers. The Chair of the Greater West Appeal Committee is Paul Matthews of Matthew Folbiggs lawyers.

Jennifer Ireland

Jennifer Ireland and Grant (Bailey) Iso attended the Macarthur Law Society Dinner on Friday 4 May at Harrington Grove Country Club. The Hon. Michael Kirby was the guest speaker and provided us with an inspiring talk and Q & A session – including specific praise for the work of the UWS and Wollongong Law Schools: a number of staff, and former and current students of both Universities were in attendance. Jenn and Grant were delighted to meet up again with several former students, all doing really well in practice now, and also to make new acquaintances among the local practitioners.

Professor Michael Adams
Dean of the School of Law, UWS