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Newsletter of Western Sydney University Law School

From the Dean

April 2016

As you can see from the long list of activities, Western Sydney University School of Law has been very busy in March and April, with Easter in the middle. Our international connections get stronger each year and we are very proud of Professor Steven Freeland, representing Australia at a UN conference. Many of the academics and professional staff are involved in community engagement activities, which help promote the law school and the whole University. Enjoy reading the long list of positive activities.



International Cooperation

Dr June Wang and Professor Michael Adams travelled to China in the first week of April where they had meetings with Law Deans at Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL) in Chongqing, Northwest University of Political Science and Law (NWUPL) in Xi'an, China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU) and Beijing Institute of Technology in Beijing last weeks. The trip was very productive. The MoU proposal with SWUPL has been approved by the WSU DPVC Prof Yi-Chen Lan on Wednesday this week. The LLM cooperation and short programs with those universities have also been proposed.

June did an amazing job with the complex negotiations around the formal agreements and meeting expectations.



It was great to see so many law colleagues at the School of Business and School of Law graduation. Congratulations to 71 undergraduate LLB graduates, including first class honours and University medal to Taylor McDonald.

It was great to see Prof Donna Craig get to read out the thesis of her principal PhD student, Dr Kip Werren, entitled "Utilising taxation incentives to promote private sector funded conservation" – with co-supervision by Prof Paul Martin (UNE) and A/Prof Scott Mann. This was a great occasion under the new Western branding

Good News - Staff and Students

Sue Field

Sue has been invited by the President of the Australian Law Reform Commission to join the ALRC Advisory Committee for Protecting the Rights of Older Australians from Abuse.

Julie Evans

Julie has been selected as a member of the Single Point of Contact Working Group - Service Unlimited Project - the aim of this group is to Creating a single point of access for students, staff and visitors in order to provide a seamless experience across the wide range of University services

Lynda Holden

Lynda has been asked to be a board member of YENU ALLOWAH which is an early childhood centre for First Peoples at Mt Druitt.

Steven Freeland

Professor Freeland was been formally invited by DFAT to join the Australian Government's official delegation to the fifty-fifth session of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) Legal Subcommittee, held at the United Nations in Vienna from 4-15 April 2016.

The session was attended by the 90 Member States of COPUOS, as well as another approximately 100 observer States, international intergovernmental organisations and non-governmental organisations.



Congratulations to all who successfully nominated for positions on the Executive Committee of the WSULAA for the 2016-2018 term. Following the recent Annual General Meeting, the following committee was announced:

President - David Saliba
Vice President - Jason Donnelly
Treasurer - Jonathan Adamopoulos
Assistant Treasurer - Timothy McGrath
Secretary - Alex Djurdjevic
Assistant Secretary - Kieran Ginges
Councillor - Taylor Macdonald
Councillor - Tim Williams
Councillor - Rami Yousif

School of Law Representative - John Juriansz
WSU Law Students' Association Representative - Andrew Olivares
Patron - The Honourable Brian Sully AM QC

Adjunct Fellow Suzanne Howarth

Congratulations to our Adjunct Fellow, Suzanne Howarth who has obtained national accreditation as a mediator. Suzanne will be registering with the Conflict Resolution Service in Canberra.

Adjunct Professor Mr Sully AM QC

In March, a number of us gathered together in the Law School staff room at Campbelltown for a most enjoyable lunch. The occasion was the 80th birthday of our esteemed Adjunct Professor Mr Sully AM QC. His continuing vitality and enthusiasm for teaching is remarkable and much appreciated by all of us. Of equal remarkability is the secret Kerrie Manning has been keeping - she is an absolutely masterful cake maker and decorator. The likeness between Mr Sully and his icing sugar 'avatar' is uncanny, to which the photographs will attest. The lunch was enlivened by a gracious speech by the man of honour, his Honour.



Research

Mr Luke Beck

Luke Beck's research was cited in the Australian Law Reform Commission's *Traditional Rights and Freedoms - Encroachments by Commonwealth Laws* (ALRC Report 129, 2 March 2016) in the chapter on freedom of religion.

Research Seminar

On 16 March 2016, Dr Laura Horn & Professor Donna Craig presented such a wonderful demonstration of why we need to resist the ERA conclusion our research is not world class. We have many world class scholars whose research is easily world class and above. We just need to ensure we showcase it effectively. Thanks to both of you for a stimulating and provocative presentation. And how wonderful to see a full house of staff and students!

Publications

Professor Michael Adams

'Professor Michael Adams publication in the [conversation](#) 'ASIC v ANZ rate-rigging

case will be one epic proportions'

Dr Thilla Rajaretnam

Thilla has co-authored and published an article, KL Alex Lau, Thilla Rajaretnam and Angus Young, "Mis-selling of financial products in Hong Kong: the problem, limitation and a proposition" (2016) 37(4) *The Company Lawyer*, 104-112.

Dr Elfriede Sangkhul

Dr Sangkhul has had published a book chapter entitled, Modernising Transfer Pricing Rules: As useful as moving the deckchairs on the Titanic, published in the book, *Business, Economics and Mercantile Law: Selected Issues*, published by the Athens Institute for Education and Research, 2016.

Elen Seymour

E. Seymour 'Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission update' *Alternative Law Journal* (2016) 41(1) 66

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of *Annotated Leading Cases of International Criminal Tribunals: Special Court for Sierra Leone 2009-2011* (Volume 47), 2016 Intersentia, Antwerp, Belgium (ISBN 978-1-78068-285-3) (with Andre Klip) (794 pages)

Media

Professor Steven Freeland

Interviewed on 'Blueprint for Living' on [ABC Radio National](#) about the future of space tourism, 16 April 2016

Quoted in "It's always next year: the long wait to realise the dream of space tourism", [ABC Online](#), 15 April 2016

Engagement

Professor Steven Freeland

Public lecture (by invitation) 'Military Launches, Space Debris and the Environment: Avoiding Conflict in Space?', sponsored by the Faculty of Political Science, Department of Peace Studies, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, 18 April 2016.

Public lecture (by invitation) 'Space, technology and International Humanitarian Law: Irreconcilable or Complimentary?', sponsored by the Faculty of Political Science, Department of International Relations, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, 19 April 2016.

Faculty Presentation (invited) 'Crimes against the Environment: Relevance for the Balkans War?', Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, 18 April 2016.

Presentation (by invitation) 'Challenges posed for International and National Space Law by Technology Development', at Symposium entitled 'Challenges to International Law on the threshold of Unispace+50', organised by the Permanent Mission of Argentina in Vienna, 55th session of the Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS), United Nations, Vienna, 8 April 2016.



Next free community information session

Car Accidents, Insurance & Debt
Presenters: Katherine Boyle, Solicitor
Parramatta Community Justice Clinic
Clare Mangiokas, Solicitor
Macquarie Legal Centre

This information session will be held on Monday 23 May 2016 at 10.30am – 12:30 pm

VENUE: Community Migrant Resource Centre, Level 4, 1 Horwood Place, Parramatta NSW 2150
CATERING Light refreshments
RSVP: Monday 9 May 2016 E:pcjc@westernsydney.edu.au P: 02 8688 7873

Professor Michael Adams

On 14th March 2016, Professor Michael Adams, with Dr Tom Hickie and Ian Lloyd QC, made a submission to the Commonwealth Senate Economics Reference Committee on its “Inquiry into the penalties for white collar crime”. Available on Senate’s website.

Jason Donnelly

Jason Donnelly, "Legal Studies, Law and the Legal Profession: Synthesis of Principles", King's School Lecture, 12 April 2016.

Upon special invitation from Mr Christopher Bradbury (Head Teacher and House Master of History and Legal Studies at the King's School), Jason was invited to give a lecture to members of the King's School on contemporary issues related to social justice and the law. The lecture ran for about 1.5 hours. Jason also spoke about the benefits of studying law at Western Sydney University, and practical aspects of life in the law as an academic and barrister.

2016 First Year Information Evening

Nikki Bromberger, Lucy Robinson, John Juriansz and Michael Adams, all spoke at the Law Students Association “2016 First Year Information Evening” on the 16th March. About 50 new law students attended and was hosted by the LSA general manager, Winnie Jobanputra and included a session on mental health and wellbeing by Jerome Doraisamy and promotion of the student magazine, by Maria Yelavich.

Sue Field

Sue Field recently reported on her research findings relating to substitute decision making instruments and financial institutions at the National Dementia Conference in Brisbane.

Sue Field and Professor Michael Adams recently met with Professor Michael Ganner from the School of Law at the University of Innsbruck, visiting as part of his research into adult guardianship in four jurisdictions, Germany, Austria, New Zealand and Australia.

Lynda Holden

Lynda is currently running a campaign in the Daily Telegraph to have safer accommodation for children using long day care centres.

Lynda provides pro bono work for Salvo Legals on Thursday night in Parramatta.

Lynda nominated Mr Robert Leslie, Community Project Officer with Blacktown Council for a WSU Community Service Award. Mr Robert Leslie was selected for the award and Lynda attended his presentation on Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 5pm. .

Julie Evans

Julie Evans attended on behalf of the Law School First Year program the MATES (Mentoring and Transition Equals Success) celebration Wednesday 13th April. Michelle Gillard, MATES@UWS Program Assistant hosted the night, around 70 students attended. This was an opportunity to celebrate the successes of the Mentors, Mentees and the program overall. Law got a specific mention because of its initial setup of the Law Buddy Program and our decision this semester to join MATES, primarily because of the training MATES is able to provide due to its funding.

In Autumn 2016, 633 students signed up for MATES. 90 First Year Law Students signed up to be Mentees, 42 actually decided to join a Mentor group. Students who signed up but did not select a group were contacted, many said they were coping so did not want a Mentor, some were too busy to make the commitment. 16 Law students signed up to be Mentors, 12 were new to Mentoring. Students self-select the group they wish to be in, they are given profile information on the Mentor and the days, times and venues where the meet ups will be. The Mentors are given drink vouchers and snacks to give to Mentees at the catch-ups.

74% of the First Year Law students signed up to a group with a Law Mentor. Initial phone feedback from the Law Mentors and Mentees has been very positive.

One of the Law Mentors Daniela Zappa was given a special mention due to the positive feedback from her Mentees.

The night was very student focused and fabulously interactive, with several ice breaker activities. The overall feeling in the room was upbeat, it was fabulous to see students of all different ages, genders and stage of their degrees interact so well. It felt very positive and I took the opportunity, with permission to steal some ideas for our Orientation Boot Camp.



International Women's Day

On 7 March 2016 the University hosted a breakfast in the Boilerhouse for International Women's Day entitled "Using Gender Equality to Drive Innovation and Success". Professor Adams, Simon Kozlina and Dr Elfriede Sangkhul all attended the breakfast.



