

FRIDAY FROLICS

Newsletter of UWS Law School

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This is the last Friday Frolics Newsletter for 2012. Have a happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to keeping you updated on the Law School activities in 2013.

Good News: Staff Matters

The Campbelltown School has moved out of Building 22, after 20 years in residence, to downsize and refurbish over summer. Kerrie and Jenny are currently in 26.1.10 and have a couple of workstations set up for staff. The team will move back into the revamped ground floor of Building 22 in mid February.

Ms Elen Seymour

Elen has accepted a place on the Tax Institute's Membership Committee representing tax teachers and the University of Western Sydney. Elen will be commencing in January 2013.

Professor Steven Freeland

Prof Freeland was appointed as Permanent Visiting Professor of the *iCourts Centre of Excellence for International Courts*, Denmark as from 1 January 2013.

Dr Sarah Wilks

Dr Wilks passed her Yondan (fourth Dan black belt) grading in Shotokan Karate, making her one of the most senior ranked karateka in NSW.

2012 School of Law Award Winners

Highly Commended – Individuals

Dr Elfriede Sangkuhl, Lecturer, School of Law
Dr Ludmilla (Lucy) Robinson, Lecturer, School of Law

Highly Commended - Team

UWS School of Law - First Year Law Initiative

Mr Simon Kozlina, Lecturer, School of Law
Ms Jane Lindsay, First Year Administrator, School of Law
Dr Michelle Sanson, Senior Lecturer, School of Law
Dr Susan Armstrong, Senior Lecturer, School of Law

Congratulations from the whole Law School.

Good News: Student Matters

Student summer placement program

There were over 100 applications competing for 30 placements in the summer placement program.

The School of Law have been successful with some undergraduate students being assigned to projects.

The following projects have been included in the final project listing and an undergraduate student has been assigned to each project. The student which has been assigned to these projects were ranked first place for the projects:

- **Restricting tobacco use:** what works and what doesn't (Nikki Bromberger and Sarah Wilks) - Student Melanie Pudig (B Arts/B Laws)
- **Constitutional Law and Social Justice** (Murray Wesson) - Student Ben Hardy (B Arts/B Laws)
- **Animal welfare and animal consciousness:** the law and the science (Scott Mann and Sarah Wilks) - Student Nathan Lentern (B Arts/B Laws)

Professor Michael Jeffery

Liz Gachenga successfully completed her Phd in just over 2.5 years with no revisions and was eligible to graduate at the December 2012 graduation ceremonies. Unfortunately Liz had recently returned to Kenya and will have to defer her graduation until the April 2013 graduation ceremonies. Her thesis is entitled "Integrating Customary and Statutory Law Systems of Water Governance for Sustainable Development. The Case of the Marakwet of Kenya".

Professor Donna Craig was her Principal Supervisor and Professor Michael Jeffery her Co-Supervisor.

Research & Scholarships

Professor Michael Adams

Professor Adams presented as part of a Panel (Bob Seidler AM, Alan Cameron AO and Angela Pearsall – partner at Ashurst) on an Australian Corporate Law Association event, entitled "James Hardie Under the Microscope – implications for in-house counsel". The event was hosted by the law firm Ashurst (old Blake Dawson) in Grosvenor Place, Sydney on Monday 26th November.

Professor Steven Freeland

On 28 November, 2013, the SOL held its first annual Research Colloquium. The Colloquium brief presentations from Dean Professor Michael Adams, Co-Director of Research Professor Steven Freeland, Kristy Gleeson from the UWS Media Centre, Professor Donna Craig (sustainability / environment research cluster), John Juriansz (International Governance research cluster), Professor Carolyn Sappideen (social justice research cluster) and three current PhD students, Ying Shen, Xiangbai He and Winifred Murray.

There was also a general discussion about the research output of the School in 2012, and its continuing focus on its areas of research excellence in its future research activities

On 30th November 2013, the SOL hosted Eric Sidoti and Anna Yeatman from the Whitlam Institute for an informal lunch, during which Eric and Anna presented the research profile and activities of the Institute, and various SOL academics outlined their research interests within the current research cluster system. It was clear that there are a number of areas of research overlap, and opportunities exist for collaboration and multi-disciplinary research on issues such as social justice, constitutionalism, public policy, human rights, democracy and citizenship.

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The meeting identified a number of areas for potential collaboration, not only in research, but also with respect to research grant applications, postgraduate and HDR supervision, teaching, colloquia and other events. An informal 'research network' was established as a first step towards more detailed discussion regarding tangible projects and areas for future multi-disciplinary collaboration.

Prof Razeen Sappideen

Professor Sappideen acted as a Panellist and also presented a paper titled "Approaches to addressing the Executive Compensation problem" at the Twelfth International Symposium on Corporations Law held at Tsinghua University, China on 26-28 October.

Prof Michael Head

Michael Head has been invited by Federation Press to become joint author, with Professor Roger Douglas of La Trobe University, of Douglas and Jones's Administrative Law, the most widely used Australian administrative law text and casebook. This is another indicator of the UWS School of Law's rising scholarly reputation.

Ms Michaela Byers

Michaela Byers was interviewed on 6 December 720 ABC Perth Radio about Hundreds of detained asylum being released into the community.

Dr Elfriede Sangkuhl

Dr Elfriede Sangkuhl, from the UWS School of Law, has featured in a live studio interview on ABC News 24 discussing how multinational companies operating in Australia are minimising their tax bills.

In the interview, Dr Sangkuhl discusses recent consumer protests against Starbucks in the UK, and suggests Christmas shoppers in Australia follow their lead and boycott companies which fail to pay a reasonable amount of tax.

You can view the interview at the link below.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-12-15/multinationals-push-ethics-and-law-to-avoid-tax/4429728>

Publications

Ms Elen Seymour

Publication by Elen Seymour in the 5th edition of Sharon Taylor et al's, Financial Planning in Australia including 2 chapters " Taxation: An Overview by Financial Planners" and "Tax Strategies" published by Lexis Nexis.

Dr Elfriede Sangkuhl

Article in the Conversation "Should Australians follow the British lead and boycott tax avoiders?"

<https://theconversation.edu.au/should-australians-follow-the-british-lead-and-boycott-tax-avoiders-11338>

Professor Michael Jeffery and Xiaobo Zhao

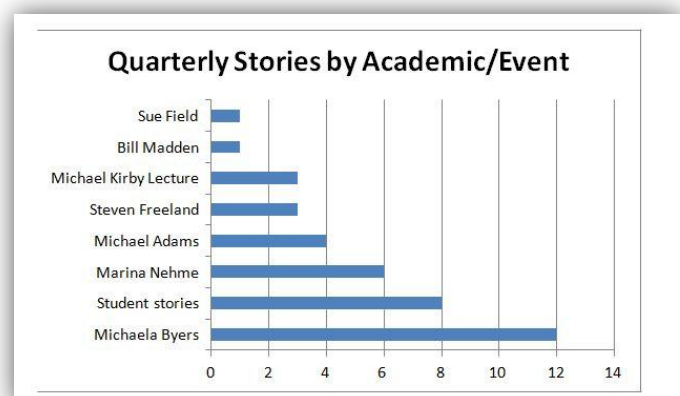
"Developing a National Contaminated Land Liability Scheme in China: the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Revisited", (2012) Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law, Vol 30, No 4, pp 423 – 465.

School of Law Quarterly Media Report

Over the last quarter (September to November 2012) the School of Law has accumulated a total of 40 media stories. Some months have been higher than others, which can be seen in graph 1 below, but the regular Law School media commentators continue to drive the coverage for the School.



Further to the media stories by month graph, a breakdown of media mentions of academics/events over the quarter can be seen in graph 2. This graph gives a clear visual on whom and what has received media coverage for the period of September to November 2012



Community Engagement

Professor Michael Adams

Professor Adams presented on the topic "Legal Update on Directors' Duties" to the Chartered Secretaries Australia 'Retirees Discussion Group' on Monday 26th November in their Hunter Street, Sydney office.

External Advisory Committee

On Thursday 7th December, the newly resurrected External Advisory Committee met for the School of Law. This is an important part of the School and helps the law degree and its various activities to be guided by the various branches of the profession, including judges, solicitors, barristers and law students (undergraduate and postgraduate).

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Mr Greg James QC, stepped down as chair after a good number of years and Judge Mark Marien SC (judge of the NSW District Court and former President of the Children Court) was elected Chair of the EAC. The meeting had a focus on the outcomes of the External Quality Panel Review and a number of contemporary matters facing the law school. It was agreed to meet twice a year, as well as establish tele-conferences and working parties as necessary.

The next meeting will be in March 2013. Members of EAC include Judge Mark Marien SC, The Hon. Greg James QC, Magistrate Tom Altobelli, Mr David Bray, Mr John Rafferty, Mr Jason Harris, Mr Keiren Ginges, Professor Michael Adams, Dr Steven James, Mr John Juriansz, Ms Ling Ling He and Ms Melanie Pudig.

On 12 December, Prof Michael Adams, Prof Steven Freeland and Francine Feld (who had the day earlier also attended a SOL sponsored research discussion with various criminal justice research units throughout the University), attended a 'Research Snapshots' event organised by the Criminal Justice Research Group and the SOL, and hosted in the Banco Court of the NSW Supreme Court by the Chief Justice of NSW, His Honour Tom Bathurst. After official welcome from the Chief Justice, Prof Michael Adams and Prof David Tait (from the Criminal Justice Research Group), there were a series of short presentations - including one by Prof Steven Freeland regarding his European-sponsored research on international criminal justice - on various aspects of criminal justice and process. The event again demonstrated the vibrancy of research undertaken by UWS academics, also in collaboration with experts from other institutions and industry partners.

Ms Thilla Rajaretnam

Thilla attended a one day symposium hosted by the Communications Law Centre, University of Technology Sydney entitled 'Privacy in the 21st Century' held on the 7 December 2012 at the Shangri-La Hotel, The Rocks, Sydney. The keynote address was given by Lord Justice Brian Leveson.



Mr Simon Kozlina

Ingrid Matthews and Simon Kozlina, with Dan Scaysbrook from Amnesty International, presented a workshop on Human Rights as part of the UWS / Halogen Foundation 10K Youth Leadership Master Class on Tuesday, 11 December 2012, which is an annual event for promising high school students across western Sydney who demonstrate leadership potential in their communities. The workshop introduced students to the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights through examining 10 recent achievements and 10 on-going human rights abuses, including the shooting of Malala Yousafzai in Pakistan and the release of Aung San Suu Kyi in Burma.

Ms Elen Seymour

Twitter:

UWSLawSchool now has the following stats:

214 Followers,
205 Following
9 Lists include us

Snapshot of activity:

Week ending 30 November: 26 Tweets (note some are re-tweets), 1 re-tweets received, 1 new listings, 7 new followers, 3 mentions.

2012 Alumni Dinner

This year, the UWS Law Alumni Association returned to the Hilton Hotel in the City of Sydney. The Chancellor, Professor Peter Shergold, was the host with the guest speakers being Federal Magistrate Tom Altobelli (formerly Associate Professor Dr Tom of the Law School) who made some comments and introduced our main speaker, Hon Justice Ian Coleman of the Family Court. Both gave inspiring speeches as to how the law impacts on everyone and the importance of education in life. The Alumni Team with the help of the Law Alumni Association had approximately 100 people at the Black Tie event, which is also the UWS Occasional Address. A special guest of honour was Mrs Elayne Hayes, who hosted the Robert Hayes Memorial Scholarship event the following Friday and Adjunct Professor David Barker, with his wife Catherine were able to attend. An excellent evening was had by all.



Professor Michael Adams

Dean of the School of Law, UWS