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Newsletter of UWS Law School

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Introduction

This fortnight there are a number of events that have occurred.

Good News: Student Matters

Mohamed Mowjoon Atham Bawa

Mohamed is a PhD researcher in law at UWS and alumni of the University of Technology Sydney has been recognised and won the **Australian Alumni Excellence Award 2013**.

Mohamed received this award for his hard work and dedication and outstanding contribution to education and research to Australian education institutions and the global community in the area of human rights. He won this award for his high achievements and received this award at the high profile ceremony held on 23 February, 2013 at the Hotel Tajsamudra, Colombo which was organized by Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) in Colombo Sri Lanka.



Mel Pudig

On 15 May the City of Sydney Law Society and Eaves Legal hosted the annual Law Breakfast at the Swissotel in Sydney as part of Law Week 2013. The breakfast was attended by practitioners and recruiters from Sydney and each university was asked to send one student as a representative.

Mel Pudig attended on behalf of UWS. The Honourable Anthony Whealey, former Supreme Court Judge, was the guest speaker and regaled the attendees with a few stories of his time spent presiding over Criminal Trials. This was the first year that UWS had presence at the breakfast, and Mel was thrilled to hear Anthony Whealey speak about his experiences in criminal trials and to attend on behalf of UWS.

Research & Scholarships

Dr Marina Nehme, Dr Renu Narchal and Professor Michael Adams have lodged a grant application with the Law Foundation of Tasmania Inc. The Title of the project is: Financial Planning for the Twilight Years (in CALD Communities).

Professor Steven Freeland

Appointed as independent assessor for FWO, the largest academic research funding institution in Belgium.

Judge (by invitation) at International Law Competition 'Youth for Peace' at International University 'MITSO', Minsk, Belarus, 20-24 May, 2013.

Speech (by invitation) 'Space, Technology and the Challenges they pose for International Humanitarian Law', International University 'MITSO', Minsk, Belarus, 21 May 2013.

Interviewed by various Belarus radio, newspaper, and television media regarding international criminal law and international humanitarian law principles, 21-24 May 2013

Interviewed on Dutch Television programme 'Altijd Wat' in documentary aired on TV Netherlands 2 regarding the Mars One Project, 4 June 2013

Featured in Australian TV programme 'Enquiring Minds' on TVS Digital 44 regarding Human Rights issues, 4 June 2013

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Publications

Dr Shelley Bielefeld

Shelley Bielefeld, 'Compulsory Income Management under the Stronger Futures Laws – Providing 'Flexibility' or Overturning Freedom of Contract?' (2013) 8(5) *Indigenous Law Bulletin* 18-21. (journal selected for an audience interested in Indigenous legal and social justice issues, peer reviewed article)

Ms Liesel Spencer

Liesel Spencer, 'Integrating Food Security Into Local Government Law, Policy and Planning: Using Local Government Legal Structures to Build Community Resilience to Food Insecurity' (2012) 2(1) *Food Studies: An International Journal* 1-15.

Teaching & Learning

Practical Legal Training

UWS School of Law has reached an agreement with The College of Law so that their Practical Legal Training (PLT) program will be offered to UWS law students online with attendance periods to be held at the UWS Parramatta campus.

For many years, the UWS School of Law and The College of Law have worked in partnership to provide the PLT program at UWS. We are confident that the new arrangement will be of benefit to our students, particularly as the program offered by The College is recognised as the benchmark in Australia.

The first UWS PLT course offered by The College of Law will start on Monday 22 July 2013.

The three weeks of on-site classes will be held in the Moot Court at the Parramatta campus. The remainder of the learning program is conducted online via The College's learning portal.

UWS Education Expo

Grant Bailey, Dr Stephen Janes, Professor Michael Adams, Francois Brun and Murray Wesson at UWS Education Expo at Rosehill Race Course on 18 May 2013.



Community Engagement

Prof Michael Adams

On Friday 7 June 2013, Professor Michael Adams, as Dean of UWS Law School, was invited to lunch at King & Wood Mallesons (KWM) in Governor Phillip Tower, Sydney. All the NSW law school deans were invited to the lunch, as a way of maintaining a close relationship with a top law firm. Five partners of KWM joined the seven law deans that were present, including the new Managing Partner, Sue Kench. It was a very useful and valuable time to understand what the major law firms need from law school graduates.

Professor Michael Adams
Dean of the School of Law, UWS