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The School of Psychology at Massey University is situated on three campuses, Albany in Auckland, Turitea in Palmerston North and Wellington. This newsletter is issued bi-monthly and is intended to capture what's been happening and what's coming up in the School of Psychology at Massey University.

Significant Events

A Mihi whakatau for Bronwyn Campbell was held at Wharerata (Turitea) on 6 March. Bronwyn is joining us for a year as a lecturer with responsibilities at both Turitea and Wellington, and in a position shared between the School of Psychology and Te Pu-tahi-a-Toi.

The Albany Graduation was at the beginning of April. The event was very successful, with a great turn out of graduands, their families and friends, and staff at the four ceremonies. Congratulations to all the Albany graduates.

Postgraduate I/O students were welcomed in Wellington on Friday 10 March at a relatively informal function including drinks and nibbles and a few words of greeting. Wellington-based interns and thesis students, as well as Field Supervisors and the coordinator of the Wellington IOnet, were also invited.

Campus News on Staff Activities, Achievements, Awards, Appointments and Departures

Departures

Linda Kemp, the secretary in Albany has resigned and she will officially finish on Friday 19 May. Linda will be greatly missed in our School, and we have already seen a number of staff email-messages expressing thanks to Linda for her contribution to our School, and wishing her well in the future.

News on Staff Activities, Achievements and Awards

Dr Dave Clarke

Dr Dave Clarke has been subcontracted as a principal investigator to a multidisciplinary research team looking at barriers to obtaining help for problem gambling in New Zealand. The project will be administered by the Gambling Research Centre at the National Institute for Public Health and Mental Health Research at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT). The research team includes senior research fellows from Hapai te Hauora Tapui Ltd, the Centre for Pacific Health and Development Research, and the Centre for Asian and Migrant Health Research. The team successfully tendered for a \$400,000 contract with the Ministry of Health. The team aims to identify barriers and enablers to help-seeking for problem gamblers and their families/whanau, by using focus groups, workshops, surveys and the inclusion of apposite questions in related studies.

Associate Professor Stuart Carr

Associate Professor Stuart Carr has recently been designated as Massey's contact person in developing cooperative linkages with the University of Lueneburg, Germany. Both

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Universities offer programmes in Industrial/Organisational Psychology, and there are shared research interests among I/O Psychology staff. There is good potential for student and staff exchanges.

Professor Kerry Chamberlain & Dr Antonia Lyons

Albany hosted a book launch for Dr Antonia Lyons and Professor Kerry Chamberlain's book "Health Psychology: A Critical Introduction" on Thursday 6 April. The launch was well attended. Congratulations Antonia and Kerry.

@Turitea

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Dr Jocelyn Handy

Dr Jocelyn Handy has taken over from Dr Chris Stephens as the seminar coordinator for Turitea campus. If you are hosting a visitor who might like to present in the series, please let Jocelyn know.

Associate Professor Keith Tuffin

Associate Professor Keith Tuffin's book *Understanding Critical Social Psychology (2005)*, published by Sage, has been reviewed favourably by Dr Ann Weatherall of Victoria University in the latest edition of the NZ Journal of Psychology.

@Wellington

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Simon Bennett

Simon started his Health Research Council (HRC) Clinical Research Fellowship at the Wellington Campus Clinic, on 4 April, supported by an HRC grant over three years. Simon is examining adapting Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Maori Tangata Whaiora with depression. Simon's new title is HRC Clinical Research Fellow, having been seconded from his previous clinical position.

Staff Publications

Lyons, A.C. & Chamberlain, K. (2006). *Health Psychology: A critical introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Completed Theses / Honours Projects

The following theses/honours projects have been completed since the last bi-monthly newsletter:

Student	Mahrukh Stazyk
Thesis	Honours Project
Title	Constructing Mindfulness: Therapies, Practice and Practitioner.
Supervisor	Professor Kerry Chamberlain
Student	Simon Judkins
Thesis	MA
Title	Access Barriers to Neurorehabilitation in a New Zealand Traumatic Brain Injury Population Programme.
Supervisor	Professor Janet Leathem
Student	Cherie Schaeffer
Thesis	MA
Title	Men's and Women's Social and Cultural Constructions of Good and Bad Foods.
Supervisor	Professor Kerry Chamberlain
Student	Melanie Holdaway
Thesis	MA
Title	The Effects of Berry Juice on Cognitive Decline in Older Adults.
Supervisor	Dr Patrick Dulin
Student	Melanie Simons
Thesis	Honours Project
Title	Media Constructions of the Pitcairn Island Sexual Abuse Trial.
Supervisor	Associate Professor Keith Tuffin
Student	Vinodhini Ramkissoon
Thesis	MA
Title	The Eye of the Team: Critical Analysis of Team Metaphors used by Teams in a Health Setting.
Supervisor	Associate Professor Stuart Carr

Visitors

1. Professor Mick Power visited our Albany Campus's *Centre for Psychology* last Thursday. Mick is Professor of Clinical Psychology at Edinburgh University and met with staff and postgraduates from the Clinical and I/O Programmes, as well as Sport psychology staff. Professor Power has worked extensively with the World Health Organization (WHO) on Quality of Life, and our discussion focused on applying the concept to various special populations, and to organisational services for special populations, both in New Zealand/Aotearoa and across the Pacific region. Later in the day the group as a whole met with staff and postgraduates from Health Psychology at AUT, including meeting Professor Rex Billington, a founder member of the original QOL research programme at the WHO. These meetings may produce future collaborative bids for external and international research funding.
2. Dr Averil Herbert met with Maori staff and postgraduate students on the Turitea campus to facilitate the formation of a Maori Research Roopu. The development of the Roopu is linked to the broader strategic goal of promoting research and scholarship by Maori staff and students, and is timely given that we have the largest cohort of postgraduate Maori students beginning research training and activities in the School's history.
3. Leroy Johnson, a Barkinji man from Western NSW, a musician, counsellor and educator with extensive experience in working with Aboriginal men and youth, presented an indigenous workshop entitled "Songs from a Resting Place" on Tuesday 28 March, 10am-2pm, at the Highbury Whanau Centre,

Palmerston North. The workshop was a joint collaboration between the Highbury Whanau Centre and the School of Psychology at Massey University to enhance collaboration with indigenous communities.

4. Dr. Claire M. Fletcher-Flinn, from the University of Auckland, presented a seminar, 18 April, on “Universal aspects of reading acquisition: Preliminary findings.”
5. Professor Christina Lee, Head of the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, will be visiting the School at the Turitea campus. While at Turitea, Professor Lee will present a seminar entitled “Ten Years of the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women’s Health.”
Date: Wednesday 10 May
Time: 12.00pm – 1.00pm
Venue: Psychology Building, Room 2.22

Forthcoming Events

PhD student Pia Pechtel will be presenting her research in a seminar titled; “Pathways following sexual abuse: Applications for research and practice”.

Date: Wednesday 17 May
Time: 12.00pm – 1.00pm
Venue: Psychology Building, Room 1.14

Graduation

Graduation at Turitea campus will be from 8 – 12 May.
Graduation Ceremony at Wellington Campus to honour Māori students will be held on 25 May.
Graduation at Wellington Campus will be 26 May.
Albany graduation was held in April.

Other News

We received the announcement that Mr Steve Osborne will take up an appointment as the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Psychologists Board on April 17th. Mr Osborne has been President of the College of Alberta Psychologists and has considerable experience on professional boards in Australia and Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Dr Heather Buttle and Dr Antonia Lyons are in the process of organising research presentations at Albany. Heather and Antonia would be pleased to receive your suggestions for speakers.

The next issue of this newsletter will be sent out early in July. If you have any news you would like to contribute to the July newsletter, please send the information to Rachel Geard; R.A.Geard@massey.ac.nz before 20 June.

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