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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

Psychology in the Capital

The School's Summer Institute entitled *Questioning Interviewing: Dialogues in praxis & practice*, for this year has been canceled, due to lack of enrolment. This is very disappointing as Andy had organised a really spectacular team of international speakers, including himself and Mandy, to give a week-long presentation on discursive therapies, especially around interviewing processes--some of you will have seen the exciting brochure.

Postgraduate Student Research Day

The Postgraduate Student Research Day held in Palmerston North on 7 December was a complete success, with an impressive turnout. There were twelve presentations altogether, with Dr Shane Harvey as the keynote speaker. Dr Harvey's seminar was titled: *Post-doc & beyond: Will I ever understand the classroom emotional climate?*

Thank you very much to the presenters for their interesting and engaging presentations! Thank you to the staff and postgrads who attended the Research Day and supported our presenters. Thank you to the chairs who kept the timing of the presentations running like clockwork. Thanks to Shane for willing to be Keynote presenter... not once but twice in one day (Part 2 was after the presentations)!!! Thank you to Ross for taking care of the PowerPoint presentations and IT aspects behind the scenes, to Chris for her advice, to Robyn and Rachel as well, and to Ian for introducing and welcoming the students, and for honouring the presenters. Finally, a special and warm thank you to my close colleagues Jack, Ella, Kirsti, Pia, and Brian. These wonderful people worked and supported behind (and in front of) the scenes to help create, together, the great success of the Postgraduate Student Research Day. Without your help it wouldn't have been the success that it was.

Contributed by Robbie Busch

New resource developed for post-graduate students

With so many thesis students off-campus, Dr Ross Flett, with the help of Harvey Jones, has developed a CD to assist students who are beginning a thesis. Students enrolled in Wellington or Turitea can get a copy by emailing Rachel Geard (R.A.Geard@massey.ac.nz). Albany students can contact Dr Dave Clarke for a copy.

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

@Albany

Appointments

Dr Sarah Wright

Dr Sarah Wright will be joining us again this year as a contract lecturer for Industrial / Organisational psychology.

News on Staff Activities, Achievements and Awards

Dr Antonia Lyons

The University has approved a campus transfer for Antonia Lyons, whose partner has been appointed to a lecturing post in Media Studies on the Wellington campus. This will, of course, mean some shuffling around of duties, responsibilities, and teaching schedules. It is a blow to the Albany management process because Antonia had done such a nice smooth job of slipping into the role of Campus Coordinator at Albany. The Wellington staff are looking forward to having Antonia joining them.

Associate Professor Paul Merrick

Assoc. Prof. Paul Merrick will be taking over the role as Campus coordinator on Albany campus.

Professor Stuart Carr

Professor Stuart Carr has been appointed Associate Editor for the *Journal of Managerial Psychology*.

Dr Dave Clarke

Dr Clarke is an invited Member of the Advisory Group, Formative Investigation of the Links between Gambling (including Problem Gambling) and Crime in New Zealand. The advisory group is part of the Gambling Research Centre, National Institute for Public Health and Mental Health Research, Auckland University of Technology.

Drs Dianne Gardner & Richard Fletcher

Dr Dianne Gardner and Dr Richard Fletcher were both nominated for Albany Lecturer of the Year. The final outcome is by student vote.

Dr Linda Jones

Dr Linda Jones has been elected to the Academic Board.

Dr Nikolaos Kazantzis

Dr Nikolaos Kazantzis has been appointed Editor of the New Zealand Journal of Psychology. This is an important professional milestone for Nik.

Dr Jennifer Stillman

In late 2006 Dr Jennifer Stillman was contacted and subsequently interviewed by the Unilever Food Health and Research Institute in the Netherlands. Unilever is currently exploring the area of multisensory research, and to that end arranged interviews with experts in various fields. The interview was conducted by telephone, over a 2-hour period, with the questions emailed in advance.

Over the Christmas break Dr Stillman hosted Professor Tom Troscianko, Professor of Psychology at Bristol University, and founder of the Cognition and Information Technology Research Centre (COGNIT) which fosters inter-disciplinary approaches to cognitive neuroscience. Dr Stillman and Professor Troscianko have collaborated in the past, and plan future collaboration. Professor Troscianko is an Executive Editor for the journal *Perception*,

and Dr Stillman has agreed to take on editorial duties for *Perception* with respect to manuscripts involving the chemical senses.

Appointments

Erika Te Hiwi

Erika has joined the staff at Turitea on a one year contract as Academic Administrator while Natalie Allen is on parental leave.

Dr Shane Harvey

Dr Shane Harvey has been appointed as the new Director at the Psychology Clinic in Turitea.

Departures

Helen Goldstraw

Helen Goldstraw did an excellent job as the secretary for the Psycho-Oncology team.

Karen Frewin

Karen Frewin's post-doctoral fellowship is coming to a close on 9 February. Our farewell lunch for her at Turitea was on Wednesday 31st January

Ella Kahu

Ella Kahu, has resigned her GA position as she has decided to suspend work on her PhD indefinitely.

News on Staff Activities, Achievements and Awards

Professor Ian Evans

Professor Ian Evans has been appointed to the Editorial Board of *PsycCRITIQUES-Contemporary Psychology*, APA Journal of Reviews, for 2007.

Also Prof. Evans will be on one of the Scientific Committees (Training, Supervision, and International Standards) for the World Congress of Behavioural and Cognitive Therapies in Barcelona this year - submissions close on 31st January.

Associate Professor John Podd

Assoc. Prof. John Podd's research productivity this year (not to mention a considerable teaching load) has been recognised by the University and rewarded with promotion within the Associate Professor range.

Malcolm Loudon

Malcolm Loudon has carried out the role of Safety Officer conscientiously for a number of years and knows all the drills. He will be doing so again this year.

Dr Fiona Alpass

Dr Fiona Alpass has received an award from the Massey Postdoctoral Fellowship Fund to support the "Cultural pathways to retirement" project.

Dr Jocelyn Handy

Dr Jocelyn Handy has agreed to take over Helen's role of Library Liaison for the School.

Natalie Allen

Over the break Natalie Allen had a baby boy, Liam Allen. Congratulations to Natalie and Shane Allen.

Appointments

Nicola Schuyt

Nicola worked again as the administrative assistant at the Wellington Campus over the university holidays. Nicola has given great value to the School at Wellington during university holidays over the past few years. We wish Nicola continued success as she returns to Otago to complete her LLB this year.

Staff Publications

Robbie Busch

Strong, T., Busch, R., & Couture, S. (in press). Conversational evidence in therapeutic dialogue. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*.

Dr Dave Clarke

Clarke, D. (2006). Impulsivity as a mediator in the relation between depression and problem gambling *Personality and Individual Differences*, 40, 5-15.

Clarke, D., Tse, S., Abbott, M., Townsend, S., Kingi, P., & Manaia, W. (2006). Religion, spirituality and associations with problem gambling. *New Zealand Journal of Psychology*, 35 (2), 77-83.

Clarke, D., Abbott, M., Tse, S., Townsend, S., Kingi, P., & Manaia, W. (2006). Gender, age, ethnic and occupational associations with pathological gambling in a New Zealand urban sample. *New Zealand Journal of Psychology*, 35 (2), 84-91.

Clarke, D., Tse, S., Abbott, M., Townsend, S., Kingi, P., & Manaia, W. (in press). Key indicators of the transition from social to problem gambling. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*, 3(1).

Clarke, D. E. (2006). *Intrinsic and extrinsic barriers to health care: Implications for problem gambling*. Paper presented at the 2006 International Conference on Gambling, Gambling and its Impacts: Policy, Practice and Research Perspectives. September 13-15 Auckland, NZ.

Clarke, D. E., DeSouza, R., & Bellringer, M. (2006). *Help seeking by problem gamblers, their families and whanau including barriers to and relevance of services*. Paper presented at the 2006 International Conference on Gambling, Gambling and its Impacts: Policy, Practice and Research Perspectives. September 13-15 Auckland, NZ.

Associate Professor David Johnston (Director of the Joint Centre for Disaster research, JCDR)

D. Paton & D. Johnston (2006). *Disaster resilience: An integrated approach*. Springfield, Illinois.

Karin Menon

Menon, K. & Mulitalo, T. (2006). Sense of connectedness and empowerment in story telling and its therapeutic effect on Polynesian women. *International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities, & Nations*, Vol. 5 (6).

Menon, K. & Mulitalo, T. (2006). The socio-cultural meaning of nightlife to Samoan women in Auckland: observed variations in females' behavior on the dance floor. *International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities, & Nations*, Vol. 5 (6).

Mulitalo, T. & Menon, K. (2006). Art Therapy and Pacific Island Peoples in New Zealand: A Preliminary Observation and Evaluation from a Pacific Island Perspective. *Social Work Review – Tu Mau*, Vol. XVIII (1).

Dr Jennifer Stillman

Stillman, J.A., Fletcher, B., & Carr, S.C. Netball Team Members, but not Hobby Group Members, Distinguish Team Characteristics from Group Characteristics. Accepted by *JSEP* 2006.

Jackson, D.J. R., Barney, A.R, Stillman, J.A. & Kirkley, W. When Traits are Behaviors: The Relationship between Behavioral Responses and Trait-Based Overall Assessment Center Ratings. Accepted by *Human Performance*. Publication expected late 2007 or early 2008.

Jones, L., Bunnell, J., & Stillman, J.A. (in press Nov 2006) A 30-year follow-up of residual effects on New Zealand School Dental Nurses, from occupational mercury exposure. *Human & Experimental Toxicology*.

Dr Ruth Tarrant

Tarrant, R.A. & Leathem, J.M. (in press). A CBT-based Therapy for Music Performance Anxiety. In D. Einstein (Ed.). *Innovations and Advances in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy*. Sydney: Australian Academic Press.

Student Activities, Achievements and Awards

BRCSS Masters Research Award

Catherine Ashwood, was successful in gaining the Research Award of \$8000.

New online bookstore founded by one of our graduates, Dr Jane Cherrington

Dr Jane Cherrington has founded a new online bookstore, *Goodbooks NZ*, a company where 100% of the profits go to support Oxfam Aotearora New Zealand projects. *Goodbooks NZ* has partnered with The Paperback Shop UK, a major global internet book dealer and one of Amazon's leading suppliers of international titles. Available online now, www.goodbooksnz.co.nz claims access to over two million titles at competitive prices, with fast delivery.

Jane's PhD concerned the psychology of people's engagement with media (see her PhD abstract in Issue 3 of the School of Psychology Newsletter). Although Dr Cherrington currently works with the School of Māori Studies at Massey, she maintains her connection with the School of Psychology on the Albany campus.

NZ Psychological Society Institute of Clinical Psychology's Student Presentation Prize

Judith Russell received the award for a presentation entitled "*What Do People Believe About Their Antidepressants?*" based on her Master's thesis research.

Doctoral scholarships

Clare Couch **

Juan Chen **

Annette Henriksen

** awarded for two years.

Other News

Police Studies programme

The School has taken over the Police Studies programme for the College. In assist in the success of this programme, we'd appreciate support from all School members interested in any aspects of policing. Emeritus Professor George Shouksmith will be the course controller for the policing papers: 166.201, 166.202 and 166.203.

The next issue of this newsletter will be sent out in April. If you have any news you would like to contribute to the February/March newsletter, please send the information to Rachel Geard: R.A.Geard@massey.ac.nz before 2 April.

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