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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

#### **Massey @ The New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference**

23<sup>rd</sup> –26<sup>th</sup> August

*Psychology in Aotearoa: Partnership, Protection, Participation*  
University of Waikato, Hamilton

The highlight of August was the tremendous showing by Massey staff and students at the annual conference of the NZPsS at the University of Waikato. Massey had by far and away the best showing of staff presentations of any university and the quality and commitment was noticeable. There were 22 contributions (presentations, fora, posters) by Massey Psychology staff and students (see the *Staff Publications* section below for more). Well done all staff and graduate students for your outstanding contribution.

Dr Tom Strong (Calgary), who also visited the Turitea campus to work with Prof Andy Lock on a new book, gave a thought-provoking keynote. Tom is also one of the coordinators of the School's Post Graduate Diploma in Discursive Therapies:

[http://psychology.massey.ac.nz/grad/spec\\_pg\\_dipl.htm#Discursive](http://psychology.massey.ac.nz/grad/spec_pg_dipl.htm#Discursive)

#### **Launch of *Professional Practice of Psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand***



The conference also saw the launch of the New Zealand Psychological Society's *Professional practice of psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand*, edited by our own Prof Ian Evans, Dr Julia Rucklidge (Canterbury), and Prof Mike O'Driscoll (Waikato). This volume will be the core text for students and professionals working in clinical psychology in New Zealand.

There was a major contribution to this project by Massey staff and students: Robyn Knuth was editorial assistant and, in addition to Ian Evans, the

following people contributed to chapters in the book: Dr Mei Williams, Dr Joanne Taylor, Jan Dickson, Prof Kerry Chamberlain, Jhanitra Gavala, Dr Dianne Gardner, Dr Leigh Coombes, Erika Te Hiwi, Cheryl Woolley, and Dr Jean Annan (Education).

A large number of Massey staff were also on the editorial board: Dr Simon Bennett, Prof Stuart Carr, Prof Kerry Chamberlain, Dr Leigh Coombes, Dr Robert Gregory, Dr Shane Harvey, Dr Nikolaos Kazantzis, Dr Paul Merrick, Assoc Prof Mandy Morgan, Dr Julianna Raskauskas (Education), Dr Joanne Taylor, Erika Te Hiwi, and Cheryl Woolley.

For more see *Massey News*, September 2007, Issue 13,  
[http://masseynews.massey.ac.nz/2007/Massey\\_News/issue-13/stories/10-13-07.html](http://masseynews.massey.ac.nz/2007/Massey_News/issue-13/stories/10-13-07.html)



### Open Day at Auckland (August 18<sup>th</sup>)

Many thanks to Kathryn Lee, Dr Dave Clarke, Janet Mak, Helen Madden, and the whole Albany team for a successful Open Day on Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>.

On Open Day Albany campus opens its doors to the public, with fun displays, information stands and staff on hand to answer any questions or queries from enthused potential students. Psychology had our display in the Atrium Round Room, ably peopled by staff who had kindly given up their Saturday to be there. We had Graduate Profiles, mirror drawing and a rolling PowerPoint display about psychology as well as the information brochures and prospectuses.



*Above (left to right) Janet Mak, Kathryn Lee, Dr Dave Clarke*

*Below (left to right) Janet, Helen Madden, Kathryn.*

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

## News on Staff Activities, Achievements and Awards

### Dr Dave Clarke

Dr Dave Clarke will take up the reins of *175.201 Social Psychology* at Auckland, which was previously taught by Antonia Lyons.

### Prof Kerry Chamberlain

Prof Kerry Chamberlain has been awarded a Postdoctoral position located at the Auckland campus. This researcher will contribute alongside an ongoing Marsden funded research programme on homelessness and social integration, on a project entitled "The meanings of home and homelessness". This will involve qualitative research with people who are homeless, housed people, service providers and other stakeholders, and also include analysis of media content. For more see *Massey News*, Issue 14

[http://masseynews.massey.ac.nz/2007/Massey\\_News/issue-14/stories/12-14-07.html](http://masseynews.massey.ac.nz/2007/Massey_News/issue-14/stories/12-14-07.html)

Kerry has also taken on the job of interim bicultural committee chair for the School.

### Dr Nik Kazantzis

Dr Nik Kazantzis has been promoted within senior lecturer range. Well done Nik!

### Prof Stuart Carr and Ishbel McWha



Hot on the heels of last issue's interview with Ishbel McWha, Prof Stuart Carr and Ishbel were profiled in issue 11 of *Massey News* in August. The article Better practices for foreign aid included a description of the ADD-UP project (Are Development Discrepancies Undermining Performance) as well as a biography of Stuart and Ishbel's experiences working with foreign aid agencies. For more see *Massey News*, Issue 11

[http://masseynews.massey.ac.nz/2007/Massey\\_News/issue-11/stories/03-11-07.html](http://masseynews.massey.ac.nz/2007/Massey_News/issue-11/stories/03-11-07.html)

### Assoc Prof Paul Merrick

Paul Merrick has received promotion within the Associate Professor range. This is richly deserved and somewhat overdue, given Paul's publication record on top of his roles as Director of Clinical Training and as Campus Coordinator at Albany. Well done Paul!

### Dr Heather Buttle

Heather has received \$4,950 from MURF (Massey University Research Fund). The funding is for a series of studies looking at the effect on face recognition of applying spiral patterns to faces (i.e., as in the patterns of Ta Moko). A pilot study run by Heather and Julie East has shown that recognising a face after it has had the pattern applied to it drops to chance performance levels. Further studies will aim to assess the contributions from featural and configural processing on this face

processing problem. Ideally, the research could offer some advice to would be wearers of Moko as to why and how adaptation to the 'new' face is necessary.

**Dr Dianne Gardner**

Dianne was awarded a MURF grant of \$2,750 for research assistance with a project conducted in association with IVABS (Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences). The study is examines stress and wellbeing among veterinary students. Veterinary work, especially clinical practice, is known to be highly stressful. The study will look at stressors, coping, life satisfaction, self-esteem optimism and social support among veterinary students in years 1-5 and will be repeated next year to see how these factors change over time. The aim is to help the vet school help students to build resilience and adaptive coping strategies.

**Turitea Appointments**

**Dr Janine van Blerk**

Janine van Blerk has accepted the position of clinical psychologist in the Turitea clinic. Janine started on October 1st. Janine trained as a clinical psychologist in South Africa, is registered in New Zealand, and has been working for two or more years in an independent practice in Palmerston North. We look forward to her joining the progressive team in the clinic that is also giving the clinical trainees excellent opportunities to develop their skills in behavioural medicine.

**News on Staff Activities, Achievements and Awards**

**Dr Chris Stephens**

Chris has recently returned from long leave. Here are some of the highlights of her 'James Bond-like' itinerary:



**USA:** Visited Dr Kerryellen Vroman at the University of New Hampshire to discuss collaboration in ageing research. Visited members of the Carsey Institute, a public policy research institute at the University of New Hampshire to discuss their community research projects in rural areas.

Attended the *International Society of Critical Health Psychology Conference* in Boston and presented a paper and supported Mary Breheny who presented two papers (see publications). Held discussions with Professor Uwe Flick and planned to co-edit a special issue of the *Journal of Health Psychology: "Health and Ageing"*. Planned with Professor Wendy Stainton Rogers to co-host her application to be a visiting scholar in the School of Psychology in 2008.

**Germany:** Visited Professor Ralf Schwarzer and his colleagues at the Freie University of Berlin to discuss their recently funded project in ageing research and their present life-span perspectives of health research.

**Australia:** Visited the School of Psychology at Queensland University and worked with Prof Christina Lee (collaborator and advisor on our HRC and FRST funded longitudinal ageing studies), Prof Annette Dobson, (Director of the Australian Longitudinal Study of Women's Health and an advisor on our FRST funded longitudinal ageing study), Dr Nancy Pachana. Presented two seminars to the School (see publications below).

Had time to revise papers for publication, review proofs for a publication and review four articles for journal editors for *Health, New Zealand Journal of Psychology* and *Women and Health*. Continued work on completing a book on health promotion for the Open University Press.

More importantly Chris tells us that the Queensland “weather was unrelievedly brilliant, the facilities are luxurious and comfortable, the food was interesting, varied and nutritious, and all the staff at UQ happy with their work place, their bosses and each other!” Evidence of the latter is evident in the UQ website introduction to one of Chris’ seminars:

*The School of Psychology proudly presents: The Psychonomic Seminar Series 2007 "Navigating the treacherous waters of ignorance upon a raft of science vigorously propelled by an empirical paddle"*

*This Friday, at 3pm in room 304, we are privileged to present Dr. Christine Stephens who will talk about: "Ageing, health, and social structure: Some initial findings from the first wave of a longitudinal study of ageing in New Zealand."*

*Dr. Stephens is perhaps best known for her achievements in winning the nationally televised sheep dog trials a record five years in succession with Max, the incomparable Border Collie. Having retired undefeated, Dr. Stephens now dedicates her time to studying changes in health with aging. Although officially retired, Max can still be found in the fields surrounding Palmerston North in the Manawatu-Wanganui region of North Island New Zealand chasing the odd sheep.*

#### **Assoc Prof Mandy Morgan**

Mandy has been promoted to Associate Professor in the latest academic promotion round. Congratulations Mandy!

#### **Dr Fiona Alpass**

Dr Fiona Alpass was asked by Professor Barrie Macdonald to attend the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) Delivering Outcomes Symposium in Melbourne.

The CHASS meeting focused on how the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences would respond to the forthcoming research evaluation exercise in Australia – the RQF. The sessions were based on Melbourne Vice-Chancellors’ Forum document “Melbourne: Australia’s knowledge capital”.

Speakers included Leanne Harvey, from DEST, who updated the meeting on the roll-out of the RQF with particular reference to the NZ experience with PBRF; and Professor Margaret Sheil, the new head of the ARC, who talked about the collaborations the ARC had funded involving the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. A useful session was provided by Ms Rosalind King, Business, Development Manager at Monash, on “Sustaining a Centre”.

The aim of the symposium was to “explore ways of describing and delivering benefits in a new age of accountability under the RQF”, however, there tended to be a narrower focus on the technicalities of implementing the RQF – thus a lot of the discussion centred around issues already dealt with in New Zealand under PBRF some time ago. A large number of participants were from the creative and performing arts. Most were very positive about the potential of the forthcoming RQF to highlight and give value to the research components of the creative and performing arts.

**Dr Don Baken**

Congratulations to Dr Don Baken who was selected to attend a Protocol Development Workshop in Sydney. All costs will be covered by the University of Sydney, based on Don's excellent research proposal. Don has also been awarded another travel scholarship, this time from the Cancer Society, to go to the world congress in Madrid next year.

**Dr Gus Haberman**

Dr Gus Haberman will be the official liaison between the School and the University Library. Please talk to him about possible new acquisitions.

**Dr Jocelyn Handy**

Jocelyn Handy has agreed to take on the role of Graduate Coordinator. She takes over from Fiona Alpass whose term ended as a result of her large grant award. Special thanks to Fiona for all that she has done and accomplished as Graduate Coordinator.

**Dr Ruth Mortimer**

Dr Ruth Mortimer has been awarded The New Horizons for Women Trust Research Award (up to \$6000) for research by women about women. An award ceremony was held in Wellington on 4 September. Ruth will interview 8-10 retired professional women to learn about their transition to and experience of retirement. This project will be part of the Health Work & Retirement Study led by Dr Fiona Alpass (<http://hwr.massey.ac.nz/>).

**Dr Joanne Taylor**

Dr Joanne Taylor has been extremely busy recently. She has been promoted to Senior Lecturer in latest academic promotion round and has been invited onto the Editorial Board for a new online-only journal to be launched in 2008, the Cognitive Behaviour Therapist (CBT). She has also recently been awarded a \$7000 University Research Award which she will use for teaching release in order to write up her work on impression management and driving behaviour.

**Assoc Prof Keith Tuffin**

Associate Professor Keith Tuffin was awarded the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Award for Supervision. This award confirms the dedication and effectiveness in supervision Keith has demonstrated over the past 21 years. For more see *Massey News*, September 2007, Issue 14  
[http://masseynews.massey.ac.nz/2007/Massey\\_News/issue-14/stories/10-14-07.html](http://masseynews.massey.ac.nz/2007/Massey_News/issue-14/stories/10-14-07.html)

**Prof Ian Evans and Assoc Prof Mandy Morgan**

Prof Ian Evans and Assoc Prof Mandy Morgan joined the other heads of psychology schools and departments from around New Zealand for a meeting before the New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference to discuss a number of topics.

**News on Staff Activities, Achievements and Awards****Dr Steve Humphries**

From 2008 Dr Steve Humphries will coordinate the internal Palmerston North and extramural offerings of *175.203 Introduction to Psychological Research*. He will also teach the block course for *175.746 Psychological Research: Multivariate Data Analysis* at Palmerston North. He will continue to be based in Wellington.

**Dr Linda Jones**

Dr Linda Jones will co-teach the extramural offering of *175.102 Psychology as a Natural Science* with Alan Winton, and will teach the internal offering at Wellington.

*Psychology as a Natural Science* is required for other qualifications on the Wellington campus. Linda will continue teaching *175.317 Health Psychology* which will change to extramural mode. This will provide a useful pathway for undergraduates hoping to do postgraduate study in health psychology, so be sure to mention this option when advising students.

Linda has also received a University Research Award of \$3,743.40 (!) to complete a write up of her PhD data.

#### **Dr Ruth Tarrant**

Dr Ruth Tarrant will continue to teach both *175.101 Psychology as a Social Science*, and *175.201 Social Psychology* internally at Wellington, and will become coordinator for the extramural offering of *175.302 Abnormal and Therapeutic Psychology*.

#### **Dr Antonia Lyons and Dr John Cromby (Loughborough)**

Dr Antonia Lyons has been successful in obtaining from the University an International Visitor Research Fund Award to bring over Dr John Cromby from the University of Loughborough, mid December to mid January. John's Loughborough webpage describes his research interests thus:

"I am interested in the character of experience: in particular, in the way that experience is jointly constituted at the intersection of social influence and the body. This, it seems to me, should be the very stuff of psychology. Currently I am examining the intersection between the body and social influence by engaging with topics such as emotion, depression, paranoia, visual impairment and chronic fatigue syndrome." (<http://www-staff.lboro.ac.uk/~hujc4/>)

#### **Sarah Pomp**

Sarah is a postgraduate student from Germany who will be visiting the School for a 3-month internship (research/clinical). She will be based in Prof Ian Evans laboratory and will be working with some of his doctoral students, including those based at Turitea, so she'll be in Palmerston North on occasion. Make her welcome if you see her around.

## Staff and Student Publications

This issue's staff and student publications list includes a number of publications and presentations from earlier in the year that have not been included in previous issues of the newsletter.

### Book:

Evans, I. M., Rucklidge, J. J., & O'Driscoll, M. (2007). *Professional Practice of Psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington, NZ: New Zealand Psychological Society, 1-550.

### Chapters in Book:

Chamberlain, K. (2007). Research ethics and the protection of human participants. In I. M. Evans, J. J. Rucklidge, & M. O'Driscoll (Eds.), *Professional Practice of Psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand*, (pp. 163-179). Wellington, NZ: New Zealand Psychological Society.

Coombes, L., & Te Hiwi, E. (2007). Social justice, community change. In I. M. Evans, J. J. Rucklidge, & M. O'Driscoll (Eds.), *Professional Practice of Psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand*, (pp. 379-396). Wellington, NZ: New Zealand Psychological Society.

Evans, I. M., & Fitzgerald, J. (2007). Integrating research and practice in professional psychology: Models and paradigms. In I. M. Evans, J. J. Rucklidge, & M. O'Driscoll (Eds.), *Professional Practice of Psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand*, (pp. 283-300). Wellington, NZ: New Zealand Psychological Society.

Gardner, D., & O'Driscoll, M. (2007). Professional wellbeing. In I. M. Evans, J. J. Rucklidge, & M. O'Driscoll (Eds.), *Professional Practice of Psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand*, (pp. 245-258). Wellington, NZ: New Zealand Psychological Society.

Gavala, J., & Taitimu, M. (2007). Training and supporting a Māori workforce. In I. M. Evans, J. J. Rucklidge, & M. O'Driscoll (Eds.), *Professional Practice of Psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand*, (pp. 229-244). Wellington, NZ: New Zealand Psychological Society.

Taylor, J. E., & Dickson, J. A. (2007). Confidentiality and Privacy. In I. M. Evans, J. J. Rucklidge, & M. O'Driscoll (Eds.) *Professional Practice of Psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand* (pp. 131-146). Wellington, NZ: New Zealand Psychological Society.

Whiddett, D., Hunter, I., Engelbrecht, J., & Handy, J. (2007). Privacy and access to electronic health records. In M. Quigley (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Information Ethics and Security*, (pp. 534-541). Hershey, NY, USA: Information Science Reference.

Williams, M. W., & Cleland, A. M. M. T. (2007). Asian peoples in New Zealand: Implications for psychological practice. In I. M. Evans, J. J. Rucklidge, & M. O'Driscoll (Eds.), *Professional Practice of Psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand*, (pp. 85-102). Wellington, NZ: New Zealand Psychological Society.

Woolley, C., & Gregory, M. (2007). Child abuse and neglect: Prevention and intervention. In I. M. Evans, J. J. Rucklidge, & M. O'Driscoll (Eds.), *Professional Practice of Psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand*, (pp. 397-413). Wellington, NZ: New Zealand Psychological Society.

## Journal Articles:

- Abbott, M. W., & Clarke, D. (2007). Prospective problem gambling research: Contribution and potential. *International Gambling Studies*, 7(1), 123-144.
- Bolitho, F. H., Carr, S. C., & Fletcher, R. B. (2007). Public thinking about poverty: Why it matters and how to measure it. *International Journal of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Marketing*, 12, 13-22.
- Breheny, M., & Stephens, C. (2007). Individual responsibility and social constraint: The construction of adolescent motherhood in social scientific research. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 9(4), 333-346.
- Breheny, M., & Stephens, C. (2007). Irreconcilable differences: Health professionals' constructions of adolescence and motherhood. *Social Science & Medicine*, 64, 112-124.
- Du Plessis, K., Clarke, D., & Woolley, C. C. (2007). Secure attachment conceptualizations: The influence of general and specific relational models on conflict beliefs and conflict resolution styles. *Interpersona*, 1(1), 20 pp. Retrieved June 22, 2007, from: <http://www.interpersona.org/issues.php?issue=1>
- Handy, J., & Davy, D. (2007). Gendered ageism: Older women's experiences of employment agency practices, *Asia Pacific Journal of Human Resources*, 45(1), 85-99.
- Paddison, C. A. M., Alpass, F. M., & Stephens, C. V. (2007). Deconstructing distress: The contribution of cognitive patterns to elevated distress among people with type 2 diabetes. *European Diabetes Nursing*, 4(1), 23-27.
- Radice-Neumann, D., Zupan, B., Babbage, D. R., & Willer, B. (2007). Overview of impaired facial affect recognition in persons with traumatic brain injury. *Brain Injury*, 21(8), 807-816.
- Rowland, R. E., Edwards, L. A., & Podd, J. V. (2007). Elevated sister chromatid exchange frequencies in New Zealand Vietnam War veterans. *Cytogenetic and Genome Research*, 116, 248-251.
- Singh, N. N., Lancioni, G. E., Subhashni, D., Singh, J., Winton, A. S. W., Sabaawi, M., Wahler, R. G., & Singh, J. (2007). Adolescents with conduct disorder can be mindful of their aggressive behavior. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*, 15(1), 56-63.
- Singh, N. N., Lancioni, G. E., Winton, A. S. W., Adkins, A. D., Wahler, R. G., Sabaawi, M., & Singh, J. (2007). Individuals with mental illness can control their aggressive behavior through mindfulness training. *Behavior Modification*, 31(3), 313-328.
- Smith, J., & Gardner, D. (2007). Factors affecting employee use of work-life balance initiatives. *New Zealand Journal of Psychology*, 36(1), 3-12.
- Stephens, C. (2007). Community as practice: Social representations of community and their implications for health promotion. *Journal of Community & Applied Social Psychology*, 17, 103-114.
- Stillman, J. A., Fletcher, R. B., & Carr, S. C. (2007). Netball team members, but not hobby group members, distinguish team characteristics from group characteristics. *Journal of Sport & Exercise Psychology*, 29(2), 253-266.
- Taylor, J. E., Deane, F. P., & Podd, J. (2007). Diagnostic features, symptom severity, and help-seeking in a media-recruited sample of women with driving fear. *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*, 29(2), 81-91.
- Treharne, G. J., Lyons, A. C., Booth, D. A., & Kitas, G. D. (2007). Psychological well-being across 1 year with rheumatoid arthritis: Coping resources as buffers of perceived stress. *British Journal of Health Psychology* (2007), 12, 323-345.

Treharne, G. J., Lyons, A. C., Hale, E. D., Douglas, K. M. J., Goodchild, C. E., Booth, D. A., & Kitas, G. D. (2007). Sleep disruption frequency in rheumatoid arthritis: Perceived stress predicts poor outcome over one year. *Musculoskeletal Care*, 5(1), 51-64.

Wahab, M. A., Podd, J. V., Rapley, B. I., & Rowland, R. E. (2007). Elevated sister chromatid exchange frequencies in dividing human peripheral blood lymphocytes exposed to 50 Hz magnetic fields. *Bioelectromagnetics*, 28, 281-288.

Williams, M. W. M., Fletcher, R. B., & Ronan, K. R. (2007). Investigating the theoretical construct and invariance of the self-control scale using confirmatory factor analysis. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 35, 205-218.

#### **Other:**

Alpass, F., & Mortimer, R. (2007). *Ageing workforces and ageing occupations: A discussion paper*. Department of Labour: Wellington, NZ, 1-56.

Busch, R. (in press). Constituting reflexive feminist approaches for narrative therapy [Review of the book *Narrative therapy: Making meaning, making lives*]. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*, 19(2).

Stephens, C., Towers, A., Noone, J., & Alpass, F. (August, 2007). *Ageing, health, and social structure: Initial findings from the first wave of a longitudinal study of ageing in New Zealand*. Invited seminar presented at the School of Psychology, University of Queensland, Brisbane Australia.

Stephens, C. (September, 2007). *Social Capital in its place: Using social theory to understand inequalities in health*. Invited seminar at School of Psychology, University of Queensland, Australia.

#### **Conference Presentations/Workshops:**

Aitken, J., & Williams, M. (2007). Female sex offenders: Student attitudes regarding adult male and adult female sexual behaviour towards children. August 25<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.

Baken, D., Kent, E., & Woolley, C. C. M. (2007). A validation of the distress and impact thermometer using a New Zealand sample. August 23<sup>rd</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.

Breheny, M., & Stephens, C. (2007a). "Breaking the Cycle": Constructing intergenerational explanations for disadvantage. Paper presented at *the fifth biennial conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology*, July 18-21, Boston, USA..

Breheny, M., & Stephens, C. (2007b). A life of ease and immorality: Health professionals construct the welfare mother. Paper presented at *the fifth biennial conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology*, July 18-21, Boston, USA..

Busch, R., Lock, A., & Strong, T. (2007). Understanding theoretical influences on narrative therapy to inform psychotherapy evaluation. August 23<sup>rd</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.

Callan-Bartkiw, U., & Williams, M. W. (2007). Depression in child sex offenders: The relationship between the Beck depression inventory-second edition and the Millon clinical multi-axial inventory-third edition. August 25<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.

Carr, S. (2007). Methodology of Comparative Analysis Workshop. January 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, *GDN's Eighth Annual Global Development Conference: Shaping a New Global Reality: The Rise of Asia and its Implications*. Beijing, China.

- Carr, S. (2007). 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Ippr-GDN Development on the Move Workshop. January 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, *GDN's Eighth Annual Global Development Conference: Shaping a New Global Reality: The Rise of Asia and its Implications*. Beijing, China.
- Carr, S. C., & MacLachlan, M. (2007). Organisational psychology and poverty reduction: The ADDUP Programme. August 24<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
- Darrah, A., Jenner, L., Taylor, J. E., & Woolley, C. C. M. (2007). Archival file analysis. August 24<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
- De Terte, I., Stephens, C., & Huddleston, L. (2007). Resilience and the prevention of work related traumatic stress: An overview. August 23<sup>rd</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
- Gardner, D., & Fletcher, R. (2007). Wellbeing at work. August 25<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
- Groot, S., Hodgetts, D., Chamberlain, K., Radley, A., Nikora, L., Stolte, O., & Nabalarua, E. (2007). Street scenes: Homelessness in New Zealand. August 24<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
- Handy, J. (2007). Work-life balance in families of long-term shiftworkers: A case study of a New Zealand petrochemical company. July 11<sup>th</sup>, *Fifth International Critical Management Studies Conference*, Manchester, UK.
- Handy, J., & Davy, D. (2007). Reproducing gendered ageism: Interpreting the interactions between mature female job-seekers and employment agency staff. July 13<sup>th</sup>, *Fifth International Critical Management Studies Conference*, Manchester, UK.
- Harvey, S. T., & Taylor, J. E. (2007). What works in therapy for sexual abuse? A meta-analysis of treatment outcomes with sexual abuse survivors. August 24<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
- Hill, S. (2007). Embodied cognitive science's unique selling point: The switch from viewing cognisers as representers to viewing them as detectors. June 18<sup>th</sup>, *International Society for Theoretical Psychology Conference*, York University, Toronto, Canada.
- Kazantzis, N. (2007). Cognitive behaviour therapy – An influence in Aotearoa/New Zealand. August 25<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
- Lyons, A. (2007). Alcohol, gender and identity: Using photos to explore young adults' binge drinking behaviour. July 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, *Fifth Biennial Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology*, Boston, USA.
- Lyons, A. (2007). Theorising embodiment: Psychophysiology and self-construction processes. July 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, *Fifth Biennial Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology*, Boston, USA.
- Menon, K. (2007). Polynesian migrant women at work in New Zealand: Self-perceived knowledge, skills, and sense of identity. February 22<sup>nd</sup>, *BRCSS New Settler Researchers Network National Conference*, Auckland, NZ.
- Menon, K. (2007). Polynesian migrant women at work in New Zealand: Self-perceived knowledge, skills, and sense of identity. August 24<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
- Morgan, C. A. (2007). Sado-masochism, feminist desire and the production of subject positions in the discourse of victimisation. June 20<sup>th</sup>, *International Society for Theoretical Psychology Conference*, York University, Toronto, Canada.
- Morrison, L., & Woolley, C. C. M. (2007). The role of family in child sexual abuse across the lifespan: A grounded theory of therapist perceptions. August 24<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.

- Mortimer, R., Dickson, J., Woolley, C. C. M., Campbell, J., Taylor, J., & Harvey, S. (2007). A view from the coalface: A survey of sensitive claims practitioners. August 24<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
- Norriss, K., & Lock, A. (2007). Waiting for tomorrow: A qualitative study of procrastination. August 23<sup>rd</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
- Pechtel, P., Evans, I., Bimler, D., & Harvey, S. (2007). Emotion influences perceptions of the psychological consequences of sexual abuse: An analogue study. August 25<sup>th</sup>, *New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference 2007: Psychology in Aotearoa*, Hamilton, NZ.
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**IMPORTANT!** Please send information about in press or published research to [R.A.Geard@massey.ac.nz](mailto:R.A.Geard@massey.ac.nz). We will include research outputs information that you forward to Melanie Robertson. However, since outputs information does not include in press or in preparation research we'd still like you to keep us updated directly about such material.

**Please let Melanie know if you do not wish your outputs to be released in the newsletter.**

# Student Activities, Achievements, and Awards

## Doctoral Oral Examinations

### Gillian Craven (Turitea)

Many congratulations to Gillian Craven who successfully defended her doctoral thesis on sociotropy and autonomy in older adults, supervised by Associate Professor Paul Merrick. Gillian's examiners were our own Dr Ross Flett, Malcolm Johnson (Auckland) and Prof Robert Knight (Otago). We hope to include the abstract for her thesis in the next issue.

## Doctoral Confirmation Events

### Jaimie Veale and Sarah Calvert (Albany)

On Thursday 27 September, two of Dr Dave Clarke's doctoral students presented to Albany academic staff (including the Head of School, Prof Ian Evans) and graduate students some unusual and interesting research proposals for their confirmation of registration requirements. Sarah Calvert's topic was "*Exploring the association between the nature of Christians' relationship with God and their emotional wellbeing*". Jaimie Veale's was "*The viability of the Identity-Defence model for explanation of the development of gender-variance*". Both are using world-wide internet surveys and structural equation modelling to test their respective, well-developed models. Dr Richard Fletcher and Dr Llewelyn Richards-Ward who taught 175.727 Adult Psychopathology in 2005 are Sarah's co-supervisors. Dr Tess Lomax at AUT is Jaimie's co-supervisor, with helpful input from Richard. Both candidates also successfully passed the confirmation committee's review and are on track to complete their dissertations.

## Other News

### Robbie Busch (Turitea)

Robbie has recently had a book review accepted for the *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy* – see the publications section for more detail.

### Doctoral Academic and Social Support Group

Students and staff are reminded of the existence of our excellent support group for all doctoral psychology students coordinated by Dr Ruth Tarrant ably assisted by three student contacts Karin Menon (Albany), and Philippa Croy (Wellington). The Turitea contact position is currently vacant following Robbie Busch's resignation. As well as providing support for PhDs and DClinPsychs, the group organises meetings and provides invaluable information about the thesis writing process. Doctoral students are kept informed via a regular newsletter, **DUB** (Doctoral Update Bulletin). If you'd like to find out more about the group please contact Ruth or one of the student contacts:

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## Other News

### Growth in the Turitea Clinic

The Psychology Clinic at Palmerston North has been doing very well in setting up collaborative service contracts with the local DHB MidCentral Health, an initiative that Cheryl Woolley was instrumental in setting up and which the Clinic staff have now taken on very successfully. The Psych-Oncology project, a New Zealand first, has been going well for some time, coordinated by Lizzy Kent and with a research component managed by Dr Don Baken. A second project focusing on chronic illness is about to be signed off by MidCentral Health. This encouraging increase in work has necessitated the appointment of another clinical psychologist, Janine van Blerk. See *Turitea Appointments* section above for more information about Janine.

### The Great Wellington Brain Cake



Here are some pictures from the last day of Prof Janet Leatham's *Child Clinical Neuropsychology* (175.734) block course. The fantastic 'Brain Cake' was made by Liesje Donkin, with surgery (bottom right) by Janet, and oversight by Dr Lisa Wu.



## Upcoming Albany Research Seminar

On the Wednesday 24th October at 12pm Dr Virginia Braun (University of Auckland) will give a presentation entitled *Making sense of rape, sexual coercion, and unwanted sex among gay and bisexual men in Aotearoa/New Zealand*.

### Abstract

There has been relative silence around the issue of rape and sexual coercion among men who have sex with men. Although data from a limited number of prevalence studies suggest that between a fifth and a third of gay/bisexual men may experience rape, forced, coerced or unwanted sex from other men, little is known about the nature and meaning of such experiences for gay and bisexual men, or about any issues to be addressed. This talk provides an overview of the results of a multi-phase, qualitative, New Zealand-based study on rape, sexual coercion, and unwanted sex among gay and bisexual men. The project consisted of interviews with gay and bisexual men about their experiences, focus groups with gay and bisexual men discussing the issue, and interviews with key informants who work in, or have knowledge of, the area. Specific issues that will be addressed include: the nature of the experiences men report, aspects and domains of risk, and issues for prevention.

## The Adventures of Dr Charlotte Paddison

As you'll know if you read the last issue of Psychology News @ Massey Dr Charlotte Paddison graduated earlier this year and quickly found employment as a research officer at the Cambridge University. Charlotte recently emailed to let us know how she has been going. Here's what she had to say:

*Dr. Paddison's daily adventures in Cambridge involve working on large diabetes screening project nested with a RCT. The first paper from this study will be published in the BMJ in September, and my job is essentially to play with the data and write up manuscripts for the papers following on from the BMJ one. It's a quantitative project, and I'm up to my eyeballs in numbers. At the risk of sounding sick, find this rather fun! My boss (Prof Stephen Sutton) is great, and the team here are good sorts, friendly and relaxed. Though not a patch on the wonderful folks at Massey, NZ.*



*Extracurricular activities include a workshop in Belgium last week that may morph into a special interest group focused on cross-cultural and cross-national health psych research (within the EHPS). I also made a concerted effort to enjoy the fantastic pleasures of Belgian beer (best with mussels and 'frites'). I'm playing touch rugby every week, have found a 'body pump' class, and was recently gifted a ticket to the rugby world cup quarter finals in Cardiff in October. Whoo Hoa!! Look out for me on the big screen come October 6th. With very best wishes to all - Charlotte.*

**If anyone has heard about the post-Massey activities of any of our alumni (students and staff) please let us know.**

## Wireless Access in the Psychology Building at Turitea

Thanks to the efforts of technician Harvey Jones's and the IT committee, we'll soon be getting wireless access to the block course teaching room on Level 2, at Palmerston North. Welcome to the 21st century.

## Erratum

### **Eleven (not seven) Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Diplomates in 2007!**

In the description of the Albany graduation in the previous issue of Psychology News we mentioned that seven students obtained the Postgraduate Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. In fact six students received their diplomas at the graduation ceremony, with a further five receiving their diplomas in absentia.

## Interview with Prof. Janet Leathem: Our Professor of Neuropsychology Clocks up 20 years at Massey

**Prof. Janet Leathem**

*Professor of Neuropsychology and Clinical Programme Co-ordinator, Wellington Campus*



On April 11 this year, Wellington psychology staff joined with Professor Janet Leathem and her children, Matthew, Ross and Fleur, to celebrate Janet's milestone of 20 years work in the School of Psychology at Massey University. We met at the clinic and enjoyed a casual meal and film together, peppered with much laughter.

Janet had been at Massey even earlier, completing her undergraduate degree before heading to Victoria University for her BA(Hons), MA, and PhD degrees. During university holidays, she worked at Kimberley Hospital, Levin, where she developed an interest in people with intellectual disabilities, now carried into her Child Clinical Neuropsychology paper. Janet completed her clinical psychology training as an intern at Wellington Hospital, where she continued to work for a further eight years, completing a PhD while working in the Neurology and Neurosurgery departments. This and the many opportunities she had to observe neurosurgical procedures heightened her interest in neuropsychology.

After three or four years away from fulltime work to care for her young family, Janet took up employment at Massey, Palmerston North, just after Easter 1987 and established the Psychology Clinic while offering a graduate paper in neuropsychology. At this time the clinic was housed in the prefab behind the psychology building, overlooking the Turitea ravine, a space shared with organisational psychologists, Mike Smith and Dave George. Clinical psychologists came in from the hospital to assist part-time, as they still do. In coming to Massey, Janet hoped to help shift the focus in neuropsychology from assessment, to rehabilitation. This change she says has happened, but slowly as has been the case around the world. Since an early age, Janet's children have been obliging research participants for psychology students, and now a psychology student herself, Fleur still does the odd role-play for our clinical students.

In 2000, Janet moved from the Turitea campus to Massey's newest campus at Wellington, again establishing a clinic and setting up the Wellington branch of the clinical programme. Part-time psychologists from outside the university again assisted, and the clinic was located in Block 7, initially in an old noisy seminar room and later in an academic office in the Psychology corridor. In 2004 the clinic moved to its current location in King Street, refurbished from an old Dive Centre/Design Studio.

What changes has Janet seen in the School of Psychology at Massey over the last 20 years, during the time of five heads of school? Financial constraints are a visible reality, and this influence is felt in areas such as staffing. For instance, the number of staff running the clinical training programmes on the three campuses today, is about the same as the number that had run one programme in Palmerston North before the expansion. There have been vast changes in methods of communication, for example email, and the need for travel between campuses, and availability of research resources – electronic journals.

Janet enjoys seeing some of her former students come back to the clinic as part- or full-time staff. Currently, four of Janet's past students, Dr Duncan Babbage (Clinic Director), Dr Susan Watson, Tracey Barnfield and Simon Bennett are part of our Wellington clinic staff. The proximity of the

Wellington clinic to Wellington Hospital allows the potential for clinic staff to be in contact with some of the hospital staff, for example staff from the neurology and endocrinology departments. Research work with Massey's Sleep/Wake Research Centre is a possibility in the future, particularly with DClinPsych students.

On a lighter note, Janet recalls an early experience at Massey where in the throes of capping week, students had just launched a couple of guinea pigs attached to weather balloons. Indignant at such cruelty, Janet raced outside and accosted the students in their tracks. Apparently the students felt a little contrite about their antics, and later a box containing the rescued guinea pigs was delivered to Janet at the clinic, for her children. Such a good ending - off home in the Mercedes to a better life in the country with the children. Except that - two days later the family Great Danes ate the guinea pigs while everyone was away. When the students asked after the guinea pigs, Janet said, "They're fine."

In over 20 years, Janet has guided hundreds of students through post-graduate papers, through clinical training, and been supervisor for many BA/BSc(Hons), MA/MSc, PhD and, latterly, DClinPsych thesis students. Janet played a major role in structuring the change over to the DClinPsych which provides students with an extra year of training, teaching and research. Janet has an international reputation in her field, she has a large number of publications, and is a seasoned presenter at numerous conferences around the world.

So, what does the professor do when she's not at work? Janet likes music, and one of her favourite artists is Ella Fitzgerald. A keen traveller, Janet's favourite places are Galway, Pisa and the south of France. We can't possibly give you a lot more detail about the private life of the professor, but I can tell you that you could keep an eye out for a black Toyota station wagon with a whitebait net in the back. Driving, and under a black woollen beanie, you just might see the same woman who used to be spotted around the Palmerston campus in the 1980s with shoulder length blond hair, driving a Mercedes sports car.

- *Janet talked to Dr. Ruth Tarrant*

**Next Issue**

The next issue of this newsletter will be sent out in early December. If you have any news, or fabulous photos, or research and publication information that you would like to contribute to the August-September newsletter, please send the information to Rachel Geard; R.A.Geard@massey.ac.nz before 20 November.

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