Kia ora! On December 5th 2013, the world mourned the passing of a great leader and advocate of social justice: Nelson Mandela. It is fitting then that we start (opposite) with a quote from this great man. I like to think that those who study with us come with a good heart – that’s what makes people like you want to promote ‘good change’ in the world – and hopefully postgraduate study fills your head with good ideas as well.

We’re very excited to be publishing this edition of our newsletter just prior to the 25th Anniversary celebrations for Development Studies at Massey. On March 21st, a group of current and former staff and students will meet at Wharerata, from 3-6pm, for an afternoon focused around reflecting on what has been achieved in the past 25 years, and what changes are needed to policy and practice to better address the challenges confronting us in the next 25 years. You’re all very welcome to join us for this event!

Best wishes to all for the year ahead – we hope to catch up with many of you at the DevNet conference at Otago University in November (see below).

Regina

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination

Nelson Mandela

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

With contributions from all Development Studies staff members and some past staff and students, this book is a ‘must read’ for anyone concerned about practicalities, ethics or methods relating to cross-cultural research.

Important Dates

28 May, 11 June & 10 September: Masters Thesis Student Presentations
All students currently working on a Master’s thesis or 60 credit research project will present on their progress.

If you are thinking about doing a thesis, research project or PhD with us in 2015 and you are based in NZ, you should attend this weekend workshop. We will cover issues such as proposal writing, methods, ethics, funding etc.

27-29 November: DevNet Conference in Otago
http://www.devnet.org.nz/content/2014-devnet-conference - this is our biennial conference, and a very valuable chance to hear about the latest development research as well as an opportunity for networking with academics, students, NGOs, policy makers and practitioners. Note, student rates are available!

5 December: research proposals due
Those wanting to be considered for entry into a Masters thesis (120 credits) or research project (60 credits) in 2015 must submit their research proposal by this date.
**Masters Completions 2013**

**Congratulations to the authors of these theses!**

Sharon Cuddy  
*Gender, security and development: a Bougainville case study*

Joy Davidson  
*Enlarging the field of credible experience: supporting young Solomon Islanders as agents of positive change in their communities*

James Faiau  
*Exploring community-based development: a case study of the Estate and rural community development in North Malaita, Solomon Islands*

Sandra Murphy  
*Fa’a Samoa: an aid to livelihood recovery following the Samoan tsunami? a case study examining two Samoan villages.*

Amy Fraser  
*A critical examination of the role and impact of NGOs in the provision of housing for the poor of Addis Ababa: application of a rights based lens*

Steve Connor  
*Alternative education and community wellbeing: a case study of Tutu Rural Training Centre in Taveuni, Fiji*

Carol Sasa  
*Local government accountability in Bougainville*

Barbara-Anne Stenson  
*Too many hats: exploring the possibilities for women’s political empowerment within Cook Islands civil society*

**And congratulations to the authors of these research reports!**

Killian Anoser  
*The evolution of benefit sharing agreements in Papua New Guinea: what are the lessons learnt and what are the prospects for the future?*

Sandra Gusmao Martins  
*International approaches to literacy for gender empowerment: a review of the literature and analysis in relation to Timor-Leste*

Vongtavanh Sayavong  
*The corporate social responsibility in mining: the provision of infrastructure in mine-affected communities in Lao PDR*

Soraya Zaiden  
*Indigenous rights and developments in equality constraints in Brazilian cities*

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**Check it Out!**

**Master of International Development**  
**Development student, Denise Arnold,** was profiled in the ‘NZ Stories’ TV show showing her work in schools in Cambodia via the charitable trust she established.  
http://tvnz.co.nz/nz-story/s1-ep10-video-5747912

A/Prof Glenn Banks on the news in PNG, talking about his work in the UNDP Human Development Report  
To see the interview search YouTube for ‘2nd National Human Development Report in Draft’

**Corporate Community Development webpage now live!**  
3 staff and 2 PhD students of Development Studies are part of the Marsden-funded Corporate Community Development Project. This investigates mining and tourism corporations and their development initiatives in the Pacific.  
www.massey.ac.nz/ccd

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**Oxfam at Massey**

A group of us IDS students created the Oxfam at Massey Club late last year so we could raise greater awareness about poverty issues throughout the campus. Our most successful event has been a movie night through which donations were given in return for fair-trade baking with all proceeds going towards the ‘Oxfam Syrian Crisis Appeal’. This year we are hoping to get a couple of teams together for the ‘Oxfam Trailwalker’ as well as various other fundraisers that will parallel the different appeals that are going on with Oxfam New Zealand.  
– Anna Baldwin

We’re on Facebook! - join our ‘Oxfamily’ by liking our page ‘Oxfam at Massey University’

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**The Newsletter**

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**March 2014**
Scholarships and Awards

Congratulations to the following recipients!

**Graduate Manawatu Women’s Scholarship**
Christey West
For her Master’s research on ‘Filipina migration: examining the intersection between forced labour, migration and human trafficking.’

**NZ Biosecurity Institute Award**
Dean Stronge
For his PhD research on ‘Invasive Alien Species IAS: a threat to sustainable livelihoods in the Solomon Islands.’

**Massey University PhD Scholarship**
Dorcas Shumba
For her research on aiming to ‘Understand the gender dimensions of environmental change. A study exploring the experiences and perceptions of rural men and women in Zimbabwe.’

**NZ Aid Programme Postgraduate Field Research Award**
Masters Research – Denise Arnold $4000
‘Factors influencing the delivery of quality teaching in Cambodia’

**Doctoral Fieldwork**
- **Emma Hughes $6000**
  ‘Tourist resorts and development: community and corporate perspectives from the Pacific’
- **Emma Richardson $5800**
  ‘Harnessing the power of business: the contested involvement of the mining sector in community development initiatives in the Pacific’
- **Dean Stronge $6000**
  ‘Invasive Alien Species IAS: a threat to sustainable livelihoods in the Solomon Islands’

When I Grow Up … (party)

Development Studies Mid-Winter Party (2013). The theme was “What I want to be when I grow up” (or, What I wanted to be when I grew up… and it’s not what I’m doing now!”

Go Gerard!

Here’s an insight into what IDS Massey staff get up to on the evenings and weekends, in between reading thesis chapters, marking assignments etc…

Opportunity is Knocking

**Himalayan Internship Opportunity**

One of our Master’s graduates, Dr Jeph Matthias, is working in the Indian Himalayas and has identified a small NGO which could benefit from the services of an intern. If this is an opportunity you might like to explore, and you’d have the resources to get yourself there and back and support yourself, please contact Regina for more information: r.a.scheyvens@massey.ac.nz

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IDS Alumni Update

The World Bank

Congratulations to our Master’s graduate, Richard MacGeorge, who is moving to Washington DC to start a new job with the World Bank. Richard, who ran his own engineering business from Christchurch for some time and who worked for CERA (Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority) in the wake of the Christchurch earthquakes, will take on the position of Lead Infrastructure Finance Specialist.

We wish you all the best Richard!

Graduation

Congratulations to all our fabulous students who have officially been ‘capped’! We wish you all the best, wherever your futures may take you.

To those of you still working hard, keep at it and soon you’ll be partying in the marquee with the VC!

Joy, Betty, Steve and Fred celebrate at Graduation, 2013

Recent Staff Publications 2013-2014


Banks, G., Klímsisaš, R., Dilokwanich, S., and P. Stipples (2013) Wines without Latitude: Global and local forces and the geography of the Thai wine industry, EchoGéo (online), 23(1).


Are you an IDS Alumni? Are you, or someone you know, taking the world by storm? We’d love to hear from you!

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