



ANOTHER WIN FOR ANU!

The results of the Federal Government's Learning and Teaching Performance Fund for 2009 have been announced. This important Federal Government initiative was established in 2006 with awards in each subsequent year. The relevant discipline group is "business, law and economics" (Group 2 of the Learning and Teaching Performance Fund). The ANU has now appeared in Band A1 every year since 2006 in the group. Most Group of 8 universities appear in the upper levels of success. This year the University of New South Wales also achieved Band A1 with Band A2 being achieved by the University of Melbourne, the University of Queensland, the University of Sydney and the University of Western Australia with the University of Adelaide achieving Band B along with Monash University. The Associate Dean (Education), Alex Clarke, commented, "What is particularly notable is that having achieved such a high level of excellence, the University continues each year to improve on the teaching and satisfaction criteria scores."

The Dean of the College, Professor Keith Houghton, said, "This award acknowledges the fine effort of a wide range of academic staff who are dedicated to the educational outcomes of their students. There is no doubt that the student experience for ANU undergraduates and coursework graduate students is an outstanding one and we are pleased to be recognised in this way."

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME

The College recently welcomed the semester 1 cohort of new international students comprising 421 students from 33 countries. Professor Keith Houghton gave the welcome address.

There was a large turnout of students and staff to both the International Undergraduate and Graduate Welcomes. Guest representatives from the Royal Thai, People's Republic of China and Indonesian Embassies and the High Commissions of Singapore and Malaysia from were present to meet students from their respective countries.



Students attending the International Welcome

THE D/L METHOD IN ONE-DAY CRICKET: 12 YEARS ON

Mr Frank Duckworth, one of the two statisticians who developed the Duckworth-Lewis method for resetting targets in interrupted one-day cricket matches, recently delivered the first ANU College of Business and Economics public lecture for 2009 to a receptive audience of over a hundred people as part of the ANU Public Lecture series.

The Duckworth-Lewis method has gained worldwide acceptance and is employed by every country of the world where cricket is played. The public lecture "The D/L Method in One-day Cricket: 12 years on" analysed what was wrong with previous rain rules and why a mathematical method and statistical analysis was needed providing explanation of how the method works.

The public lecture series serves as a vital link to the general public attracting a broad audience and generating interest from the media. The Marketing and Development Office welcomes the opportunity to host future public lectures and encourages updates from Schools on topics of interest for presentation by prominent individuals who may be scheduling an upcoming visit to Canberra.



Mr Frank Duckworth continues his discussion with the audience after the lecture

SCHOOL NEWS

ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Professor Kerry Jacobs to Join CPA Advisory Committee

Congratulations to Professor Kerry Jacobs, who has been invited to join the CPA Education Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is responsible for overseeing all CPA education activities. Professor Jacobs has been appointed for two years commencing in April 2009.

ECONOMICS

CENTRE FOR APPLIED MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Conference on "Inflation Challenges in an Era of Relative Price Shocks"

CAMA, the Reserve Bank of Australia, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada) and Westfälische-Wilhelms Universität (Germany), will host two conferences on Inflation Challenges in an Era of Relative Price Shocks. The conferences will be held in Munster, Germany on 16 – 17 June 2009, and in Sydney on 17 – 18 August 2009. Please visit www.rba.gov.au/PublicationsAndResearch/Conferences/index.html for conference details.

Econometric Society Australasian Meetings 2009 (ESAM09)

The Econometric Society Australasian Meeting in 2009 (ESAM09) will be held in Canberra, from July 7th to 10th. ESAM09 will be hosted by the ANU College of Business and Economics, and the program committee will be co-chaired by Professor Heather Anderson and Dr Maria Racionero. The program includes plenary, invited and contributed sessions in all fields of economics. Prospective contributors are invited to submit titles and abstracts of their papers in both theoretical and applied economics and econometrics by March 6th 2009 via the conference website <http://esam09.anu.edu.au>

Conference in Honour of Professor Adrian Pagan

In July 2009 a two-day conference in Sydney will celebrate the work of Professor Adrian Pagan. Professor Pagan's work has had great impact on econometrics and applied macroeconomics, and we invite papers that contribute in either of those streams for presentation at the conference. Invited keynotes will be given by Professor Hashem Pesaran and Professor Pravin Trivedi.

The conference will follow immediately from the Econometric Society Australasian Meetings 2009 (ESAM09), to be held at the Australian National University. Prospective contributors to both conferences should make separate submissions (of different papers) to each conference.

Final submission date: 6 March 2009
Notification of successful papers: 3 April 2009

Thank you to the Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis (ANU), QUT, UNSW and the Reserve Banks of Australia and New Zealand for their support.

For more information <http://cama.anu.edu.au/Pagan2009.asp>

Visitors

February Visitors:

- Professor Kihoon Lee of Chungnam National University is visiting until February 2010.
- Dr Andrew Stoeckel, formerly of the Centre for International Economics is visiting until February 2010.
- Mr David Stephan of The Treasury is visiting until late April.

More information on upcoming visitors can be found at <http://cama.anu.edu.au/camavisitors.asp>

New Research Associates

The Finance and the Macroeconomy program welcomes Professor Iftexhar Hasan of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as a new research associate.

The Economic Growth and Development program is delighted to welcome Dr Sambit Bhattacharyya of The Australian National University as a new research associate.

Workshop on Macroeconomic Dynamics (WMD 2009)

The 4th Workshop on Macroeconomic Dynamics (WMD 2009) is being organized by the Department of Economics at the National University of Singapore (NUS). It will take place on 31 July and 1 August, on the NUS campus. The invited speakers for the workshop this year are Professor Costas Azariadis (WUSTL), Professor Volker Böhm (Bielefeld) and Professor Kazuo Nishimura (Kyoto).

Further information will be provided at <http://nt2.fas.nus.edu.sg/ecs/wkshop/wmd2009>

Participation in the workshop is not limited to researchers based in Australasia and Asia. There are no registration fees and campus accommodation may be available. Submissions of a complete paper or preliminary draft should be made electronically as a PDF file to wmd2009@nus.edu.sg. For more information, please email wmd2009@nus.edu.sg

Workshop on Behavioural Macroeconomics

The unfolding global financial crisis dramatically illustrates the deficiencies of the current state of macroeconomic theory. The Great Moderation, the recent era of high growth and subdued volatility, has ended abruptly with unprecedented gyrations in stock markets, severe disruptions in global credit markets, volatile inflation and—most likely—deep recessions across the industrialised world.

Such wholesale shifts in economic fortunes are difficult to reconcile with dominant standard economic theory, which emphasises rationality and linearity. Behavioural economics seeks to refine our understanding of the discipline by accounting for relevant features of human behaviour that are absent in the standard economics framework.

This two-day workshop conducted by the Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis and the Reserve Bank of Australia brings together leading researchers from the US, Europe and Australia to present recent advances in behavioural macroeconomics. The workshop will be of interest to academics, research students, policy makers from central banks and government departments as well as financial market economists.

MANAGEMENT, MARKETING & INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

ANU - UniSA Research Collaborations

Heads of School and staff from the School of Management at UniSA and the School of Management, Marketing and International Business at ANU met in Adelaide from 16-18 February 2009 to discuss research and teaching collaborations between both Schools. The Adelaide meetings were a continuation of discussions held last November, which were a direct product of the memorandum of understanding between UniSA and ANU. This recent round of meetings reinforced the existing relationship between the two management Schools and extended plans for research collaboration.



In relation to research, a project is being developed by researchers from ANU and UniSA that focuses on building employee capabilities and innovation in a research environment. The project aims to survey staff in several large research organisations in Australia and generate a number of jointly authored research papers that explore the links between employee capability and creativity and innovation. Staff from ANU met with the Vice-Chancellor of UniSA whilst in Adelaide, who strongly endorsed the aims of the research collaboration.

There were also a number of meetings that focused on potential teaching collaborations in the area of HRM and leadership across undergraduate and postgraduate programs. These discussions covered knowledge sharing for curriculum development and providing students with access to management courses not offered at their home university. Both Schools are confident that this relationship will produce high impact research outputs and enhance the quality of teaching at ANU and UniSA.

Research Award for Dr Ofer Zwikael

Dr Ofer Zwikael (right), a new Associate Professor at the School of Management, Marketing and International Business, has won a research award from the IPMA (International Project Management Association) for his research into critical success processes. His research has ranked the impact of various project management processes on project success and identifies Critical Success Processes to which project success is most vulnerable. As a result of this research, managers can better invest their limited time and resources in the most effective project management processes to improve project success. Data has been collected over the past seven years in organisations from five continents. The research has identified unique Critical Success Processes for different project scenarios, for example, industries, cultures and level of project risk.

Further information can be found at <http://www.ipma.ch/awards/resawards/Pages/winnersandhonours2008.aspx>



Appointment to University Research Committee

Alessandra Capezio, Lecturer in the School of Management, Marketing and International Business, has been appointed to the University Research Committee in the Early Career Researcher position for two years to 21 December 2010. Congratulations Alessandra!

NEXT COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

6 March 2009

The next College Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Friday 6 March 2008 at 4pm in Lecture Theatre 1, HW Arndt Building. Apologies and enquiries to the College General Manager.

Following the meeting, refreshments will be provided in the Faculty Suite and Seminar Room, First Floor, H.W. Arndt Building at 5:15pm. All staff are welcome to attend the refreshments.

ANU EXPERTS GUIDE

The ANU Experts Guide is an online and printed resource which is available to journalists who seek expert comment. Academic staff are encouraged to list themselves as available for comment on their areas of expertise. The resource is very popular among journalists and allows academic staff to participate in public discussion. The online directory can be viewed at: http://oldinfo.anu.edu.au/OVC/Media/Experts_List/ The Communications and External Liaison Office (CELO) runs regular media skills workshops for ANU staff. Participants in these free sessions will learn how to generate and make the most of news coverage, as well as covering essentials like media release writing and interview techniques.

Workshops are held for both academic and general staff, with the focus for academic staff on being interviewed and for general staff on how to get a story into the media.

For more information on either media training or the ANU experts guide please contact Martyn Pearce in CELO on x55575.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PROFESSOR PETER KARMEL AC, CBE

Professor Karmel was Vice-Chancellor of ANU from 1982 to 1987. He was an outstanding academic leader, an esteemed economist and a great contributor to education in Australia - a person much admired by the whole ANU community.

A special service will be conducted to celebrate the life and contribution of Professor Karmel.

Date: Friday 6 March 2009

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Venue: The Hall, University House

Balmain Crescent, The Australian National University

Refreshments to be served in the garden.

RSVP: Mrs Sandy Hawke

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2009 STUDENT AMBASSADORS

The following students will be representing the College in a variety of marketing and student recruitment activities in 2009:

Sophia Agneskis, B. Commerce / B. Arts*
 Kyle Auret, B. Economics / B. Laws
 Janine Bialecki, B. Finance / B. Laws
 Stephen Brightman, B. Commerce / B. Laws
 Tim Budihardjo, B. Commerce / B. Science (Psychology)
 Tim Cameron, B. Commerce / B. Economics
 Kelly Chan, B. Finance / B. Laws*
 Vicky Chen, B. Commerce / B. Laws
 Rahul Khanna, MBA*
 Kimberly Kishore, B. Actuarial Studies / B. Finance
 Rob Klein, B. Actuarial Studies / B. Finance*
 Jomel Law, B. International Business
 Ben Lin, B. Finance / B. Laws
 Dave Mao, B. Commerce / B. Laws
 James Nagle, B. Economics / B. Laws
 Ahmed Qureshi, B. Commerce*
 Aditi Srivastava, B. Actuarial Studies / B. Finance*
 Cameron Systemans, B. Economics / B. Asian Studies
 She Yin Teo, B. Economics / B. Laws

Laura Crespo, B. Economics / B. Arts
 Sewit Fessehaie, B. Finance
 Louis Henley, B. Economics / B. Arts
 Jayce Hong, B. Commerce / B. Economics
 Alissa Irgang, B. Actuarial Studies / B. Law
 Rick Jacobson, B. Commerce
 Amir Jilani, B. Commerce / B. Economics*
 Marjan Khalidi, B. Commerce / B. Asian Studies*



2009 Student ambassadors (left to right): Tim Cameron, Jayce Hong, Alissa Irgang, Rick Jacobson, Sewit Fessehaie

*New for 2009

HUMAN RESOURCES

New ANU Enterprise Agreement

As many are aware, the University's Enterprise Agreement - The Varied ANU Enterprise Agreement 2005-2009 is a Collective Agreement which sets out all ANU staff terms and conditions of employment and aims to assist the University in achieving the goals of ANU by 2010.

This full agreement can be found at http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Salaries_and_Conditions/Enterprise_Agreement/2005-2009 or the ANU Staff web page.

Training and Development

The Staff Development Branch has developed a training and development calendar for 2009. The calendar provides an overview of training programs, initiatives and events coordinated by HR Division.

For more information about training and development opportunities for ANU staff: http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Training_and_Development

To contact the Staff Development Team:
http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/HR_Help/HR_Staff/Staff_Development_Branch

For all HR enquiries please contact: hr.cbe@anu.edu.au

STAFF CHANGES

New Academic Staff Members

- Ms Erica Anand, Student Administrator, FAS
- Ms Jennifer Berrill, Associate Lecturer, MMIB
- Mr Andrew Bradley, Associate Lecturer, MMIB
- Dr Larelle Chapple, Associate Professor, ABIS
- Dr Habib Mahama, Associate Professor, ABIS
- Ms Sarah Osborne, Associate Lecturer, ABIS
- Mr Stephen Powell, Lecturer, FAS
- Ms Yi-Hsun Su, Research Assistant, FAS
- Ms Zhe (Isabelle) Wang, Associate Lecturer, ABIS
- Mr Ziyang (John) Zhang, Associate Lecturer, ABIS
- Mr Abhinav Mehta, Associate Lecturer, FAS

Staff Departures

- Ms Elaine Ee, Marketing and Development Office
- Ms Laura Fitzgibbon, ABIS
- Mr Michael Hsu, ECO
- Mr Christopher Ikin, ABIS
- Dr Leanne Johns, ABIS
- Dr Alexander Robson, ECO
- Mr Anthony Swan, ECO
- Dr Sirimon Treepongkaruna, FAS
- Mr Peter Vouzas, FAS

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