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Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy (CCPP) Launch

The Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy was established in July 2008 as one of the five university research centres and areas of excellence within the College of Arts. On May 6 the Centre held a launch and opening of their new premises on Bankstown campus.

The official launch included an address by UWS Vice-Chancellor Professor Janice Reid, an introduction to the Centre by Professor Yeatman and the debut of the Citizens' Liberation Orchestra led by Centre member Professor Nikolas Kompridis.

Four Year PhD in Political and Social Thought

The Centre conducts a unique four year PhD in Political and Social Thought. The program engages students in one year of advanced graduate coursework, fostering the intellectual quality and development of their supervised research thesis.

All Doctoral candidates participate in courses, seminars and supervisory relationships with outstanding academic staff. CCPP currently has 14 postgraduate students. Eleven of them are enrolled in the four-year Political and Social Thought (PhD PST). The PhD PST is unusual, by Australian standards, in that before students embark on their dissertation, they must study four units in their first year (or in their first two years, if they are part-time). Each unit takes the form of a semester-length seminar led by one or two of the Centre's academics. Each unit is assessed, and a student must get B+ or better in all four units before they can move on to their dissertation. The Confirmation of Candidature falls due eighteen months into the four year candidature.

The Political and Social Thought students come from Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Russia, Turkey and Colombia. Their diversity of disciplinary background, cultural experience and political perspective is proving to be an asset in more than one way.



Amanda Third, Centre for Cultural Research (CRC), Pip Collin, CCPP, and Kitty Rahilly – Research Officer at Inspire <http://www.inspire.org.au/>

Amanda and Pip are working with Inspire.



The Vice Chancellor, Professor Janice Reid in the foreground, with cheerful participants.

Prof Lyn Carson is on the left of Prof Reid. Professor Lyn Carson from the Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy at the University of Western Sydney talks about using deliberative democracy to solve the world's 'wicked problems' on Ockhams Razor, Radio National, first aired on June 4 2011;

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/ockhamsrazor/>

The units of study vary from year to year. In 2010 and 2011, the CCPP has offered studies in: the writings of Hannah Arendt; Cosmopolitanism as a perspective on political affiliation and obligation; emotions and politics; nineteenth and twentieth Indigenous political and social thought; economic reasoning - both classical and post-structuralist; and secularism (with the writings of Charles Taylor in the spotlight). In 2012 there will be a course on Adam Smith and the Moral Sentiments and a course on Transitional Justice.

Units Open to all Research Students

The first year units offered by CCPP are open to doctoral students in other Schools and Centres of UWS, and CCPP welcomes all inquiries from interested graduate students. Be warned, however, that each unit requires roughly two days per week (reading and attendance).

Please direct your inquiries to Prof Tim Rowse
t.rowse@uws.edu.au

Citizens Liberation Orchestra



The Citizens Liberation Orchestra (postgraduate students at the CCPP) after performing the fanfare from Thus Sprach Zarathustra with Professor Anna Yeatman, Centre Director, Professor Peter Shergold UWS Chancellor, and conductor Professor Nikolas Konpridis. (photo taken by Sally Tsoutas).



For more information about the Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy;

http://www.uws.edu.au/ccpp/citizenship_and_public_policy/doctoral_program_in_political_and_social_thought



Professor Anna Yeatman, Centre Director



Professors Wayne McKenna, Nikolas Kompridis and Tim Rowse



Professor Natalie Bolzan and Professor Branko Celler



Student travel award



Hayley Stannard with a common marmoset.

Hayley Stannard, School of Natural Sciences PhD candidate, has been awarded a highly competitive travel grant to attend a joint meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists and Australian Mammal Society, 23rd-29th June in Portland OR, USA

Hayley said "The conference will allow me to meet people from across the world doing similar research on small mammals to improve conservation efforts and to make contacts and possible collaborations with other universities and people doing similar research. It will also allow me to share knowledge of our unique marsupials with people who know very little about them. I am also hoping to meet academic staff who have funds for postdocs".

Hayley's presentation is: *Digestibility of two captive dasyurids the kultarr and red-tailed phascogale*. Hayley's PhD title is: Dasyurid Biology

The order Dasyuromorphia (meaning "hairy tail") comprises most of the Australian carnivorous marsupials, including quolls, dunnarts, the numbat, the Tasmanian devil, and the recently extinct thylacine. Hayley's work will go a long way to help conserve these important but vulnerable little animals.



A Red Tailed Phascogale



Two Kultarr



Tempting Links for Idle Moments



A search engine that finds stats, graphs, tables and charts

<http://bit.ly/mA1dpa>



Professor Peter Shergold,
Chancellor UWS

UWS Chancellor, Prof Peter Shergold talking about;

Why is it that in spite of all the research they do and the papers they write, few of our university academics have much influence on 'real world' public policy formulation?

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/latenightlive/stories/2011/3224046.htm>



TEDx; A forum for Sharing Great Ideas

<http://www.ted.com/tedx>

TEDx events in Sydney recently

Listen on-line at ABC Radio National to the Sydney talks on May 28th.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/tedxsydney2011/>



An interactive history of climate science

<http://www.skepticalscience.com/Interactive-History-of-Climate-Science.html>

Ninth UWS Intellectual Property (IP) Evaluation Panel

UWS's growing innovation capability was on show again at this year's first Intellectual Property (IP) Evaluation Panel, held on May 3rd at the Female Orphan School, Parramatta South Campus.

Scott Willis, a UWS PhD student in the School of Biomedical & Health Sciences presented his idea for nanoscale continuous flow separation devices.

It was Scott's first appearance before the IP Panel. "It was a great experience presenting to the IP Panel, I also attended the ATP Successful Innovation Workshop in 2010 and both events were very useful to me as a research student. The feedback and questions I received after my presentation to the IP Panel gave me some other ideas about what else could be presented at a later stage. It is an exciting time

when you (and any other inventors involved) present your research to a panel of experts as an idea at the forefront of technology and to see the interest that they have in it."

Gal Winter, another student of UWS co-supervised by Chris Curtain of the Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) presented her idea of a high throughput system for detecting odours in fermented foodstuffs. Both of these inventions stimulated very robust discussion from the panel.

Ekta Nankani, a UWS PhD student in the School of Mathematics & Computing, was invited to sit on the panel as a non-voting member, and was a very active contributor to the discussions. It was Ekta's second time attending the panel, the first was as a presenter of a student business proposal.

Ekta joined an eminent panel of UWS academics and industry experts to advise and recommend outcomes for inventions brought to the panel for investment and protection.

Assoc/Prof Andrew Shalliker from the School of Natural Sciences presented his idea that should revolutionise the efficiency of current separation technologies.

Dr Anton Bogdanovych from the School of Mathematics & Computing talked about his recently reported invention, see;

<http://uwsinnovation.blogspot.com/2011/04/artificial-intelligence-takes-virtual.html>

Research students own the IP they generate, however by assignment to UWS, Innovation & Consulting can take over the risk and support commercialisation of suitable student inventions. Several student inventions have been included in the UWS patent portfolio in recent years. If you have ideas or inventions that are innovative, have market potential and may be patentable, talk to your supervisor and give UWS Innovation & Consulting a call on 9685 9800.

If you would like the opportunity to sit on the IP panel as an HDR student representative, or make a student pitch of an idea, please contact Robert Burnside at the UWS Innovation & Consulting on (02) 9685 9742 or email r.burnside@uws.edu.au



*Pictured: Scott Willis (PhD Student),
Stephan Golla (Commercialisation Manager, UWS I&C),
Gar Jones (Director, Office of Research Services, UWS)*

The remaining IP Evaluation Panel dates for 2011 are:

- » Tuesday, 5 July 2011
- » Friday, 9 September 2011
- » Friday, 11 November 2011

Three Minute Thesis Season

The Australasian Final will be held on September 29 at UWA.

Prizes;

- » \$3,000 travel or research grant for the winner
- » \$1,000 travel or research grant for the runner-up
- » \$500 travel or research grant for the people's choice award winner

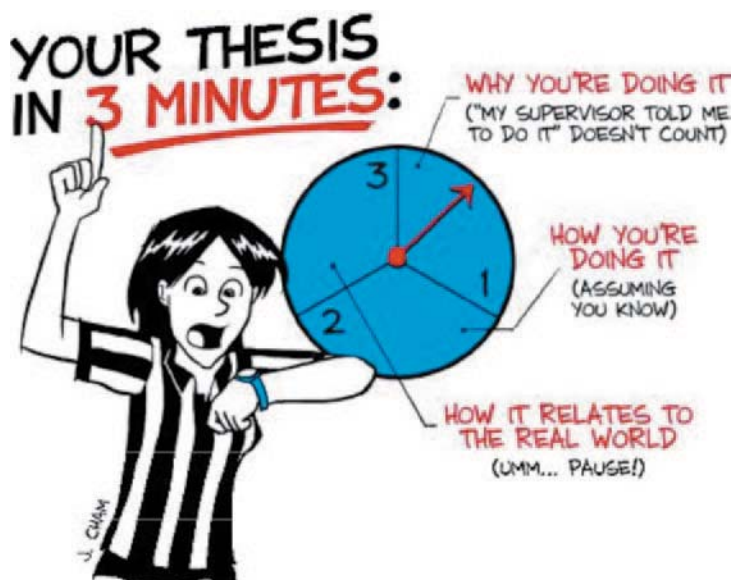
The UWS final will be held on September 2nd

UWS Prizes;

- » First prize of \$2000 plus economy airfare, one nights' accommodation and airport transfers for the winner and one supervisor to compete in the national title.
- » Second prize of \$1000
- » Third prize of \$500
- » People's Choice prize of \$500

The 2010 UWA winner, Barlaka Banerjee won the national finals which means UWA will host the 2011 Australian and New Zealand 3MT™ finals.

You can watch Barlaka's UWA presentation and his winning



presentation at UQ, or hear an ABC interview with finalists (under "UQ 3MT Competition - Media") from the competition at UQ in 2010.

More information;

http://www.uws.edu.au/research/current_research_students/three_minute_thesis_competition

School of Communication Arts Welcome

At a School of Communication Arts welcome for new and continuing students Dr Claire MacLean spoke about her experiences as a recent Doctor of Creative Arts student. She said that in the initial stages it was difficult to see a clear future in the candidature and it was up to the supervisor to provide guidance through the “fuzzy” stages. She also spoke of the stamina required, both physical and mental and of the fortitude required to overcome fears. Claire dealt with this by constantly telling herself “just keep going”.

Dr Rachel Morley launched the current issue of the Australian Edition of the Global Media Journal.

<http://www.commarts.uws.edu.au/gmjau/>

A/Prof Jonathan Allen and Dr Rachel Morley illustrated how research is conducted in design practice by discussing current projects.



A/Prof Hart Cohen at end of the table, with SoCA students and staff



SoCA Staff and students at the 2011 Welcome

Travelling Overseas to Conduct Fieldwork?

- » You are considered a UWS traveller if you are conducting work overseas that contributes towards your degree, whether funded by UWS or not.
- » You must apply for permission from your College to do overseas field work.
- » You are required to book travel using the uWS travel booking system.
- » The UWS Travel (Overseas) Policy applies to your travel.

Research candidates must consider any travel advice issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Travel to destinations where the DFAT travel advisory classification is “reconsider your need to travel” must be approved by the relevant Executive Dean or Deputy Vice-Chancellor. Approval to travel is considered on a case by case basis.

If travel has been booked and the DFAT travel advisory classification escalates to “reconsider your need to travel” the Executive Dean or Deputy Vice-Chancellor must approve travel before departure.

Where the DFAT travel advisory classification escalates to “do not travel” the travel approval is withdrawn.

UWS will not approve travel where the DFAT travel advisory classification is “do not travel”.



If the DFAT travel advisory classification escalates after travel has commenced, you will be contacted and assisted to return, if warranted.

UWS travellers approved to travel to destinations where a DFAT travel advisory classification of “reconsider your need to travel” has been issued, must register with Smartraveller (DFAT) prior to departure. Irrespective of travel warnings, all other UWS travellers are also encouraged to register their overseas travel plans with DFAT prior to departure.

Applying for College permission to travel

All candidates travelling overseas to conduct research should apply using the Vary Research Candidature/Scholarship form (PDF, 108Kb).

International candidates are advised to contact UWS International to ask about the validity of their visa if they leave Australia for any period.

Library News

New Liaison Librarians

The Library takes pleasure in introducing three new Liaison Librarians. Linda, Zoe and Lily look forward to assisting candidates within their respective Schools to locate and obtain relevant research material, and provide guidance on keeping up to date and managing references.



My name is Linda Thornely. I am the new Liaison Librarian for the School of Social Sciences at the Penrith Campus. I have worked as a teacher-librarian, in public libraries, as a primary school teacher and a graphic designer so have a broad set of knowledge and skills to bring to my role supporting students and staff at UWS.

My contact details are l.thornely@uws.edu.au, 02 9852 5907.



My name is Zoe Morley and I'm the new Liaison Librarian for Nursing and Midwifery at the Parramatta campus. I'm new to UWS, having joined in February this year. Since qualifying as a librarian, I have worked in several different organisations, including a hospital and the BBC. Prior to joining UWS I was an Extended Hours librarian at the Open University (UK) working with the library's subject team for Health and Social Care and Science.

I'm looking forward to providing support to the staff and students at UWS. My contact details are z.morley@uws.edu.au, 02 9685 9136.



Hi, my name is Lily Collison and I'm the new Liaison Librarian for the School of Education at Bankstown. My first degree was in Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) and I spent most of that long career working in acute and community mental health services.

I look forward to meeting the School staff and students. My contact details are Lily Collison L.Collison@uws.edu.au Ph: 9772 6287



Completions and Beyond



Completions and Beyond is available to all candidates who have passed their Confirmation of Candidature. You can check if you have access by logging into vUWS. If you can't see it on your list, email Mary Krone, m.krone@uws.edu.au to arrange access.

Writing topics include;

Writing to Finish

Writing well and writing quickly

What does a PhD thesis look like?

Knowing what is expected?

Searching for successful UWS theses

PhD theses from other institutions

Research problems and aims

Developing an Argument

What's the story?

Thesis Structure

Drawing it all together

Practical tips for writing your thesis

Word processing packages

Document formatting

Ref Works and EndNote

My Journal

Writing Issues

What happens to your student record when you submit your thesis for examination?



*Ms Sophie Buck Assistant Registrar,
Student Administration, Registrars Office*

Once you have submitted your thesis for examination, your status on MyStudentRecords (MySR) will turn to "INACTIVE". This means that you are still a student of the University, but you don't have an active enrolment. You have this status until your thesis is marked and you are approved to graduate.

As this can take some time (the examination process is usually between 4 – 6 months), and can go into a following year, you will eventually lose automatic access to the Library, once the census dates for the research semesters pass (R1 is the 31 March and R2 –is 31 August).

If you need access to the Library for rewriting after examination, please contact us (see below) and we will make arrangements.

You may find that if your student ID card has expired you may not be able to secure another one as the University does not issue new student ID cards where there is not an active enrolment. However, this should not be an issue because you can contact us if you need access to a UWS resource, see below.

You will still have access to your UWS Student email account, and you are still considered a UWS student, so are covered for insurance purposes. If for some reason your UWS student email account is closed, please let us know and we will arrange for it to be re-opened.

You can email us at sa-research@uws.edu.au. or phone Michelle Collins on 02 47360643 (ext 2643)

E3 2011 Welcome to new and continuing students.

The Educational Excellence and Equity group of the Centre for Educational Research holds a welcome at the beginning of each year, for new and continuing students.

The E3 group in the Centre for Educational Research is led by Professor Rhonda Craven and has a research focus on issues of equity and excellence in the Australian educational context.



Front row from left to right is A/Prof Alex Yeung, Nicholas Green, Samantha Hornery & Michelle Rose.
Back row from left to right is Dr Marjorie Seaton, Joce Santa Maria, Chaz Richards, Lisa Car, Nyrie Nalbandian & Chandrasena Wanasinghe.

Registration for Session Two Workshops is Open



Students at a Final Stages Workshop

Workshops on Offer;

- » Preparing for Confirmation of Candidature
- » Writing a Literature Review – Part 1
- » Writing a Literature Review – Part 2
- » Introduction to Ethics
- » Thesis Writing Circle
- » Publishing From Your Thesis
- » Getting Ready to Write your Literature Review
- » Managing Final Stages
- » Presenting Your Research Orally
- » NVIVO (Intro/Intermediate/Advanced)

To register and to find more information;

http://www.uws.edu.au/research/current_research_students/candidate_support/workshops

Taking Leave from Candidature

When to take leave?

- » Problems are interfering with progress and there is an expectation that a period of leave will give time to resolve the problem. Reasons may include personal ill health, health problems within the family, short term professional pressures, grief etc.

What happens if leave is not taken when perhaps it should have been?

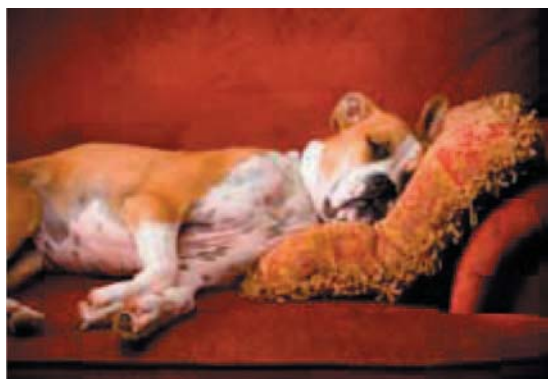
- » You may go overtime and be liable for full fees for an extension
- » It can cause additional stress that makes it even harder to resolve the original problem.

While you are on leave you are not enrolled and do not have access to UWS resources.

The candidature clock stops during periods of leave, that is, the maximum period of enrolment is adjusted to account for the period of leave.

- » Candidature is recorded in whole sessions. Candidates should apply for leave well before the census dates of the two main research sessions, that is, by the end of March for session one or the end of August for session two.

To apply for leave: http://www.uws.edu.au/research/current_research_students/supervision/variation_of_program



I need to put my feet up for a while and I'll be ok.

2011 Humanities Research Centre conferences open for registration.

5-16 July

Opening the World: Literature in a Global Age - Conference

3-5 August

Subaltern Studies: Historical World-making Thirty Years On

11-13 August

The World and World-Making in Contemporary Art - Conference

For further information, please visit: <http://hrc.anu.edu.au/2011-conferences>
or contact Leena Messina leena.messina@anu.edu.au

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