



January - February 2009 News, School of Social Sciences

Welcome to New Teaching Staff

Dr **Gemma Betros** has recently returned to Australia after seven years in the United Kingdom. She did her undergraduate study at the University of Queensland, followed by an M.Phil in European Studies and a PhD in History at the University of Cambridge (Peterhouse). In 2007-08 she taught French history at the University of Leeds and is currently teaching EURO1004 – Europe in the Modern Era. Gemma’s PhD, which she is adapting for publication, looked at nuns during the French Revolution and under Napoleonic rule. She is also writing a biography of Napoleon for Routledge’s Historical Biographies series.

Dr **Maria Hynes**, after teaching on a casual and contract basis in the School of Social Sciences since 2004, Maria has now been appointed permanently. She moved from Macquarie University where she completed her PhD and teaches Modern and Classical Sociological Theory and has guest lectured and tutored on a variety of Sociology courses in her time her at the ANU. Maria’s current research focuses on the relationship between humour and social, political and cultural change. She has a particular interest in anti-globalisation politics. Other research interests include racism and anti-racism, terrorism, and the relationship between art, science and ethics (in the context of genetic science).

Dr Shino Konishi is a research fellow at the Australian Centre for Indigenous History in the Research School of Social Sciences. This semester she is teaching a course on Indigenous Australian history in the School of Social Science. Her research examines representations of indigenous masculinity and corporeality and histories of maritime exploration and culture-contact in Australia. She has recently co-edited a special issue of *Borderlands E-Journal* on Indigenous Bodies, available at <http://www.borderlands.net.au/issues/vol7no2.html>

Dr Amanda Laugesen – After completing her PhD at the ANU (at RSSH) in 2000, Dr Amanda Laugesen has spent the last five years teaching History and American Studies in Queensland and at Flinders University in Adelaide. She has now moved back to Canberra. Her research covers a wide range. Dr Laugesen's most recent research has been in the History of Reading, Publishing and the Book, with her main project being a study of American publishing programs abroad during the Cold War (with a focus on the period 1950-1975 and the American-based Franklin Books Program).

Dr Bill Standish is a former lecturer who rejoins the department to teach Pacific Politics this semester, focusing on Papua new Guinea. From 2002-08 he frequently visited PNG, working on election reform as a consultant, and publishing occasionally as a Visitor in SSS. From July 2009 he will be located at the Pacific and Asian History Division in the College of Pacific and Asian Studies, funded by an Australian Development Research Award, to work with a team of PNG scholars on 'Governance in Papua New Guinea'.

School Visitors

Professor Consuelo Ahumada – ANCLAS. Professor Ahumada is Director of the Program in Latin American Studies and of the Andean Observatory at the Javeriana University in Bogotá, Colombia. She has done research and published extensively on international, political and economic issues of the region. Her work and research interests are related to the fields of political economy and political science, with an emphasis on contemporary issues. She is currently the Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies (ANCLAS) Visiting Chair of Latin American Studies. Her first talk – at 3pm on Wednesday 18 March will be on *American hegemony and the alternative governments of the South: challenges for development in the Andean region in the 21st century*

School staff and postgraduates are invited to a welcome for Professor Ahumada to be addressed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Ian Chubb and the Colombian Ambassador to Australia, Mr Diego Bettancourt at 3pm on Wednesday 25 March in the LJ Hume Centre.

Professor **Barry Carr** - ANCLAS. Professor Carr is a leading scholar in the fields of Latin American History and Latin American Studies. Between 1972 and 2007 he taught in the History department at La Trobe University in Melbourne where he served as the director of that university's Institute of Latin American Studies. In 2007 he was research Professor at El Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City and in 2008 Visiting Professor in the History Department and in the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) at the University of California, Berkeley. From 2009, Barry Carr is also Adjunct Professor at the ANU working with the Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies (ANCLAS).

PhD Students

Congratulations to **Shakira J. B. Hussein** who was admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Shakira was approved to graduate by the College Dean on behalf of the Council of the University on 23 February 2009. Her thesis topic is *Examining the Other/Reflecting the Self: encounters between "Western" and Muslim women*.

Congratulations to **Norman Kelly** who was admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Norman was approved to graduate by the College Dean on behalf of the Council of the University on 23 February 2009. His thesis topic is *Evaluating Australian Electoral Reforms: 1983 – 2007*.

Congratulations to **Tania Colwell** who was admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Tania was approved to graduate by the College Dean on behalf of the Council of the University on 23 March 2009. Her thesis topic is *Reading Mélusine: Romance Manuscripts and their Audiences c.1380-c.1530*.

New Books

Abjorensen, N C 2008, *John Howard and The Conservative Tradition*, Melbourne Australia

Curthoys, A, Genovese, A, Reilly, A 2008, *Rights and Redemption: History, Law and Indigenous People*, Sydney

D'Costa, B, Lee-Koo, K 2009, *Gender and Global Politics in the Asia-Pacific*, New York (editors)

Grey, S, Sawer, M 2008, *Women's Movements: Flourishing or in abeyance?*, USA and Canada

Hopkins, A P 2008, *Failure to Learn: the BP Texas City Refinery disaster*, Australia

Sawer, M 2008, *Making Women Count: A History of the Women's Electoral Lobby in Australia*, Sydney

Farewells

Farewell to Anthea Hyslop

This issue of the Newsletter coincides with Dr Anthea Hyslop's retirement from the ANU. Anthea retired officially earlier in 2009, but will stay on in the School until April, when she plans to return to Melbourne.

During her twenty years at ANU Anthea has contributed enormously to the scholarly and collegiate activities of the university. Arriving at the beginning of 1989, she has been prominent in the teaching of Australian, British Empire, and public health history and has published across all three fields of her teaching. Her book, *Sovereign Remedies: A History of Ballarat Base Hospital, 1850s to the 1980s*, encapsulated the combination of Australian and medical histories that also underpin her current project on the Spanish Influenza epidemic during and after the First World War. Apart from her own scholarly work, Anthea has been an active and successful honours, Masters and PhD

supervisor, selflessly devoting untold time and energy to assist junior scholars in their first major academic research projects.

As a teacher Anthea has been an inspiration to her students and colleagues alike. No other member of the History discipline has done more to bring out the complexities, ironies and excitements of Australian history to our undergraduate students. Because of her richly deserved reputation as a teacher who is never too busy for her students, Anthea's courses have always been fully subscribed and highly reviewed.

Anthea's energies have also been generously directed towards many academic activities outside the ANU. She served on the executive of the Australian Historical Association (AHA) for many years, led the organisation of the AHA conference at ANU, was prominent in bids to host and then organise the International Committee for Historical Sciences (CISH) Congress in Australia, and has been a leader of the Australian Society of the History of Medicine.

Most of us in the School, however, have seen Anthea in the more public forums of the ANU. She has been very active in University administration from the beginning of her career here, a prominence that culminated in two terms as a staff-elected member of Council. Beyond that, she has contributed to a host of University committees, to the Faculty of Arts, the former department of History and to the School. Throughout her career and its many facets Anthea has been a fearless defender of academic integrity, university independence and conscientious teaching and research.

Perhaps most importantly of all, Anthea has been an active, engaged and generous colleague to us all. Warm hearted and witty, she has enlivened us and the university with her zeal, her intelligence and her style. She richly deserves her retirement, and its promise of more time to cure Spanish flu, and to enjoy more regularly the delights of Eltham, her family, and her singing. We will miss you very much.

There will be a farewell dinner for Anthea on Thursday April 9. If you are able to join us please contact me ASAP for details as to time and place.

Douglas Craig
February

What has been or will be happening.....??

Congratulations to **Professor Graeme Clarke** who has become an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to tertiary education as a leader and academic in the field of classical studies, and through executive and advisory roles with professional bodies.

Professor **Marian Sawyer**, Adjunct Professor in the School of Social Sciences, has won an International Research Linkages grant funded by the Canadian Government for a project on gender and multilevel governance that links the ANU with Carleton University, Ottawa. The grant will bring three Australian scholars, including **Dr Gwendolyn Gray** of the ANU and Professor Deborah Brennan of UNSW, to Ottawa for workshops at the end of May.

John **Hart** has been appointed a member of the panel of judges for the 2009 Richard E. Neustadt Award, given by the American Political Science Association's Presidency Research Section for the best book on the American presidency published in the previous year.

John **Minns** and **Kim Huynh** were awarded the ANU Students' Association Award for Excellence in Teaching in October 2008.

Daphnée **Lee** presented a paper on Heritage and Modernity in the International Conference on Heritage in Asia: Converging Forces and Conflicting Values, organized by Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. Entitled "What Chinese Am I?: the use of heritage for economic imperatives in developmental state Singapore", Daphnée examined state intervention and ethnic management's indirect effects on how individuals engage with economic life, a dimension of key concern especially to developmental state Singapore. Daphnée will return to the Department of Sociology in Feb 2009 upon completion of fieldwork on this research topic.

Ben **Wellings** spent last semester as Senior Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics researching a monograph on Euroscepticism and English nationalism.

In January, **Maria Maley** returned to the School after a fruitful period based in the RSSS as part of the Swap Scheme. In October 2008, **Maria Maley** was asked to present a seminar on public policy in the Defence Strategic Study Course for military personnel at the Australian Defence College. She agreed to do this again in February 2009. She also appeared in a sell out show at the Canberra Theatre in December 2008, as a panel member in an *Ethics Hypothetical* for senior public servants, organised by the Australian Public Service Commission. The presenter was Peter Thompson and other panel members included Laura Tingle, Clive Hamilton, Peter Baume and John McMillan.

Congratulations to **Alex and Danielle Cook** on the safe arrival of their son, Gabriel born Friday, September 5, 2008.

Joan and John Warhurst have welcomed their first grandson, Hamish Thomas Warhurst, born to Jodie and Ben on 29 December 2008.

The 2008 Last Lecture

Dr **Alastair Greig** was nominated by the 2008 ANU students to deliver The Last Lecture. Alastair marked his 30th year at ANU by giving students an insight into the life of lecturers.

Reminder: DEST Publications

Please report your 2008 publications data to Tracy Deasey or Cath Phillips ASAP or by 30 March 2009.

Please remember to report all publications as those not suitable for DEST may still be counted towards the FRAM collection and/or the Annual Report. Thank you.

Requests Regarding SSS Office Business

It is important to direct requests for work via Helen (the Office Manager) so Helen can assess and prioritize then distribute to the appropriate staff. As we have part-time staff, and staff on leave, work may not be attended to, whereas Helen's emails are checked daily. This is particularly important over the following month as we try to coordinate our activities with classes resuming.