FACULTY RESEARCH NEWS

Faculty of Education

FRC Meetings
7 September
19 October (tbc)
23 November

HREC due dates
1 September
29 September
27 October
24 November

Upcoming Funding Opportunities
13 Sept 2010:
Ian Potter Foundation Grants
25 Oct 2010:
URC Research Partnerships Grant Scheme – Rd 2

HDR graduands July 2010 graduation
Congratulations to the following HDR students who graduated at the Winter ceremony in July

- Gail Hood
- Ibrahim Shaabi
- Lisa Carrington
- Rainbow Chen
- Jessica Mantei
- Louisa Peralta
- Lauren Puglisi
- David Ritchie
- Catherine Wormald

Awards, Grants & other great news . . .

Dr Lisa Kervin was awarded an Elva Knight Grant from the International Reading Association. Lisa will receive $8133 for her study *Children’s reading comprehension of online advertising.*

Associate Professor Garry Hoban received a Runner Up award – Open Category at the recently held 2010 Trailblazer Awards, for *Slowmation: Student-generated Digital Animations.*

July has a busy month for Languages and Literacy Coordinator, Professor Bev Derewianka. Bev recently gave the Plenary Address at the International Reading Association Congress in Auckland and, prior to that, the Keynote address at the National Conference of the Australian Literacy Educators Association (ALEA) and the Australian Association of Teachers of English (AATE) in Perth.

Congratulations to PhD student Catherine Wormald who was recently awarded the Aust. Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented (AAEGT) John Geake Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Award for 2010. Catherine’s thesis on the educational issues associated with giftedness coinciding with learning disabilities was selected in a blind review process by a panel of national and international experts in giftedness. Catherine was awarded with the prize at the 11th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness which will was held in Sydney at the end of July.

Congratulations to Caroline Jones, who was part of a team led by Speech Pathologists Jo Collier and Anna Wheaton from Port Kembla Hospital, who were successfully awarded $5,060 from the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Areas Health Service’s Cultural Diversity Health Enhancement Grants Program for their project "Developing Effective Strategies to Improve Language Skills of Children from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and Australian Backgrounds in Early Childhood Centres."

The Darkinyung Language Group (of which Caroline Jones is a member) was awarded the Achievement in Arts and Culture award (adult group category) in the 2010 NAIDOC Awards, Central Coast Aboriginal Community Congress. The Darkinyung Language Group is a community organisation whose aim is to teach and promote awareness of Darkinyung language. Caroline’s 2008 book *Darkinyung grammar and dictionary: revitalising a language from historical sources* (published by Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Co-operative) ([http://www.muurrbay.org.au/publications.html](http://www.muurrbay.org.au/publications.html)) was developed with the group and is the only comprehensive research-based description of Darkinyung language.

Associate Professor Mohan Chinnappan has been awarded a Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning for 2010 by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC). The Citation was awarded for - Research developing and using Model-Eliciting Activities in numeracy to enhance the professional development of teachers.

PhD student Russell Walton presented a paper on *Spiritual intelligence as a component of giftedness* at the 11th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness (28 July – 1 August) held at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre. The presentation was well received by the attendees, with further positive feedback coming from a number of representatives of state-level gifted associations. The ensuing discussions have prompted Russell to expand the participant base for his PhD, thus providing a wider platform for the results.

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Professional & Organisational Development Services: Providing Training for Researchers

Do you supervise higher degree research students? Effective and successful HDR supervision is critical to the success of our students, ‘The Craft of HDR Supervision’ workshop is recommended for HDR Supervisors and will provide an outline of the importance of UOW policies and procedures and where they fit into effective supervision strategies/hits and tips on being an effective supervisor. Next (& last) 2010 session is 12th August.

Creating the 7 Secrets of Successful HDR Students (recommended for Supervisors)
You know what your higher degree research (HDR) student should be doing, but it just doesn’t seem to be happening. Despite your best efforts to set up good habits for your student, it does not work. This course gives you practical strategies to deal with common problems. Next (& last) 2010 session 23rd September.

Research Information System (RIS) training is recommended for all research staff. RIS is a comprehensive, online system for managing research publications for UOW Staff and HDR students to update their own web profiles, add new publications, and use a CV helper function to create instant CVs. Next sessions available are 30th September & 18th November 2010.

Are you a busy researcher? Are you writing proposals, getting ethics approval and dealing with the paperwork, meetings, applying for grants, getting grants and then managing the money and the people and writing reports? The Balanced Researcher workshop will describe the most useful strategies that thousands of researchers have found helpful in balancing the many demands on their time. Next (& last) 2010 session 23rd September.

Want to Develop Your Research Grant Writing Skills? Day one of this workshop provides information and advice on preparing a successful grant application, including elements of a good application and practical grant application writing skills. The second day (optional) provides participants with the opportunity to have their own grant application reviewed by experienced researchers. Next (& last) 2010 session: Day 1: Monday 20th September (9.00am-12.30pm) Day 2 (optional): Friday 5th November (9.30am-12.30pm)

Need Some Tips for Tendering? The Tips for Tendering workshop is recommended for staff currently participating, or interested in tender processes. Next (& last) 2010 session is 22nd October. The Networking and Initiating Research Partnerships workshop will focus on the benefits of effective networking, and how to use networking to support your research career and will include a panel discussion with experienced UOW researchers who will give some of their tips and tricks for becoming a successful networker. Next (& last) 2010 session is 9th August. The Managing Partnerships workshop will outline: • What the industry partner will expect • The chain of events from attracting an industry partner and initial discussions to contract negotiations and post-award project management. Next (& last) 2010 session is 2nd September.

To register for any of these courses, Please follow this link https://intranet.uow.edu.au/pods/calendar/index.html
News from IERI

On 17th June IERI (Interdisciplinary Educational Research Institute) officially launched the Australian Character Study. This prospective cohort study, led by Joseph Ciarrochi and Patrick Heaven, and in collaboration with the Catholic Education Office and Department of Juvenile Justice, seeks to identify the temperamental and parental variables that predict the development of character in adolescence and, in turn, the role that developing character plays in promoting social, emotional, and productive well-being. In addition, this research will examine the risk factors for declining adolescent well-being and behavioural adjustment, and provide specific suggestions for social and emotional interventions that are tailored to the child’s temperament and to the parenting context. The Australian Character Study is innovative in that it seeks to understand adolescent development by simultaneously assessing the adolescent at multiple levels, including assessments of family and social environment, individual difference stability and change, and biology.

Journal Articles

Dylan Cliff, John Reilly, and Tony Okely’s paper entitled "Methodological considerations in using accelerometers to assess habitual physical activity in children aged 0-5 years", published in a special issue of the Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport on Physical Activity in Young People was among the top 25 downloaded from the journal's website over Autumn.


Books/ book Chapters


News from the Research Student Centre
www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc

HDR SYSTEM Update
The online HDR application system is now up and running and work has commenced on the first phase of the HDR Scholarships Module. Phase 1 will take data from the on-line application/Admissions system and will allow Faculties electronic access to application details. The major functionality of Phase 1 of the HDR scholarships module will be to remove the HDR Scholarships data from the existing Filemaker Pro database, and onto SMP (thereby removing much duplication of data entry). Basic reporting requirements will be included, as well as provision of data to a warehouse to allow ad-hoc reporting. The initial Ranking of Scholarship functions will also be included in this phase.

Three Minute Thesis Competition
The Three Minute Thesis Competition will be held on 2 September 2010. It will be an exercise in developing academic and research communication skills in our Higher Degree Research Students (PhD and Masters Research). The HDR students will have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic and its significance in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience. The UOW winner will compete in the National/Trans-Tasman competition to be held in Queensland on 21 September 2010. Great prizes to be won. More details at: http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/news/UOW074626.html

Free Seminars for HDR Students
Are you a new or re-enrolling research student who would like to get some extra training in different aspects of research? The Higher Degree Research (HDR) Student Seminar Series is a free program specifically designed for HDR Students. Some of the Seminars to be presented this session include: Endnote, Thesis Writing, Your Gateway to Research at UOW, Your Rights and Responsibilities to Your Research, Thesis Submission and Examination. Spring Session Seminars will commence in the week of 3rd August 2010. For further information go to: http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/news/seminars/index.html

HDR Student Enrolment Checking For Spring Session 2010
All Higher Degree Research Students are asked to check their second session (Spring) enrolment to ensure that all enrolment details are correct (for example part time or full time thesis subjects and/or correct coursework subjects are listed). Please send any enrolment variations (leave of absence, change of status etc) to June Toussis, Enrolment Officer, Research Student Centre, Building 20 or email junet@uow.edu.au or for more information please phone 4221 5453. All enrolment changes must be processed by 31st August 2010.

2011 Higher Degree Research Scholarships
Applications for Round 1, 2011 APA, UPA and IPRS Scholarships close on 17th October. Scholarship ranking will be finalised by late November and all candidates will be notified in writing of the outcome by the Research Student Centre. For further information please contact Maree Buchanan on Extn 4323, or Kim Callaway on Extn 5525.

Recent Publications