International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies on International Students (Special edition) edited by UoW Academics

A special edition of the *International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies* (IJAPS) has explored issues about global student mobility and trans-national education. The edition was co-edited by Peter Kell and Gillian Vogl from the Faculty of Education at the University of Wollongong.

This IJAPS edition was developed around presentations and papers from the highly successful International Students in the Asia Pacific: Mobility, migration and security forum held in February 2008 at Wollongong. The workshop was jointly funded by the Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies (CAPSTRANS) and the Asia Pacific Futures Research Network (APFRN).

The edition of the *International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies* is an electronic journal and the full texts available at:
http://www.usm.my/ijaps/default.asp?tag=2&vol=6

The edition featured articles by Professor Morshidi Sirat and Professor Ambigapathy Pandian from the Universiti of Sains Malaysia contributed articles on the internationalisation of higher education in Malaysia in the Post September 11th environment. Other contributions by Australian authors explored issues about the experience of Singaporean students in Australia, the transition from students to migrants and the challenges of internationalisation for Chinese research students.

This edition also features contributions from Maureen Bell, a PhD student in the Faculty of Education at the University of Wollongong. Bell's chapter entitled *Beyond the Supermarket* discussed offshore study abroad programs in science and critically explored the experience of these innovations on teaching and learning.

Co-editors Peter Kell and Gillian Vogl contribution in the edition has sought to develop new theoretical frameworks for exploring the experience of international students using Ulrike Beck’s notion of individualisation as a tool for analysis.

Another volume of papers on the topic of international students edited by Peter Kell and Gillian Vogl will be published by the Asia Pacific Research Unit (APRU) at the Universiti of Sains Malaysia later in 2008.

Grant Outcomes

ARC Discovery – 2009

Three of our staff members have been awarded ARC Discovery grants for 2009. Congratulations to you and your collaborators!

- Bennett, SJ, Maton, KA. Living and Learning in a Knowledge Society: The implications of young adults’ knowledge-creating practices for higher education. Awarded $80,000 (2009 - 2010).


- Jones, C, Kervin, LK. Measuring children’s responsiveness to food advertising Awarded $120,000 (2009-2011).
Funding Opportunities

AER Foundation’s Small Grants Program for 2008/2009

The Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation Ltd (AER) provide organisations with the opportunity to enhance the professional expertise of their staff and will pursue the following strategies for the next three years:

• To build strategic partnerships, collaboratively, with others for alcohol policies that will promote attitudinal and behavioural change to alcohol and licit-substance abuse.
• To enhance the capacity of the Alcohol and Other Drugs sector to reduce the social and health harms caused by alcohol and licit substance abuse such as petrol, glue and paint sniffing.
• To leverage AER’s extensive intellectual property and research in promoting changes in the way we drink.

Conference Attendance grants are available for organisations that pursue best-practice goals by developing the knowledge and expertise of staff that work in the alcohol and other drug sector. Organisations need to demonstrate the benefits that staff will gain through attendance at professional conferences, seminars and workshops in Australia.

Conference Attendance grants, normally up to a maximum of $5,000 per conference, with a maximum of two persons per organisation receiving assistance.

Innovative Project Grants - October 2008 to 1 June 2009
The Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation Ltd (AER) objectives are to:

• Prevent alcohol and other licit substance abuse, including petrol sniffing, particularly among vulnerable population groups such as indigenous Australians and youth;
• Support evidence-based alcohol and other licit substance abuse treatment, rehabilitation, research and prevention programs; and
• Promote community education encouraging responsible consumption of alcohol and highlighting the dangers of licit substances abuse.

Innovative Project grants (capped at $20,000 per grant) are available for organisations that pursue best-practice goals by developing innovative projects in the alcohol and other drug sector. Organisations need to demonstrate the benefits that will be gained by AER, their organisation and the broader community.

Application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from: http://www.aerf.com.au/community/about.aspx

Please note there is no closing date for applications, which are assessed every 6-8 weeks.

Statistical Consulting Service
The Statistical Consulting Service in the School of Mathematics and Applied Statistics provides students and staff members of the University of Wollongong with consulting assistance for research. The service aims to improve the statistical content of research carried out by members of the University. Researchers from all disciplines may use the Service. Priority is currently given to staff members, and postgraduate students undertaking research for Doctor of Philosophy or Masters’ degrees.

For more information go to: http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics.maths/scs
New Publications


Please continue to add your publications to RIS and send the documentation to Kim for Faculty Verification

Book Launch


Conference presentations and other news

Tonia Gray will be presenting two papers/workshops at the International Consortium of Experiential learning (ICEL) 2008 conference in Sydney, December 8-12:

a. Busy Doing Nothing: Researching the Phenomenon of Quiet Time in Outdoor Experiential Learning - Dr Val Nicholls, Dr Tonia Gray, & Assoc Prof Garry Hoban

b. Young, Fast and Dead: Experiential Learning making a difference at the coal-face - Dr Tonia Gray, Dr Tracey Dickson & Amanda Burrell

Jan Turbill has been invited to be part of a panel at the 2009 International Reading Association Conference in Minneapolis in May 2009. The panel entitled "Governmental Literacy Policies and Practices Worldwide: Pros and Cons", will review government involvement in the teaching of reading across the world with a focus on what is working and what is not.
More Funding Opportunities

The Ian Potter Foundation Application Closing Dates 2009

The Ian Potter Foundation will have three funding rounds in 2009. The Travel and Conference program areas will be in the second and third funding rounds only.

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All applications from universities must be submitted by the Research or Grants Office. Direct applications from individuals will not be considered.

Further information regarding application procedures for The Ian Potter Foundation can be found on their website: [www.ianpotter.org.au](http://www.ianpotter.org.au).

Writing Retreat

On the 1st-2nd October, ten academic staff attended the inaugural Faculty Writing Retreat. Set among the picturesque surrounds of Coolangatta Estate, the two days were spent 'writing up' a manuscript to submit for publication as either a peer-reviewed article or book chapter. Free from the distractions of academic life, staff were able to have the head space and time needed to 'just write'. Feedback was very positive, with all staff indicating that, as a result of the retreat, the manuscript they had been working on had either been submitted or was very close to submission. Creating the right atmosphere is important for such events and Coolangatta was ideal. The formula was simple, provide a room where you plug in your laptop, a space where you can read drafts, and plenty of nice food, and academics will come and write! As one of the attendees said "It's just been lovely being able to get away from the office and concentrate on something I love doing – writing."

Thanks for our Associate Dean Research, Lori Lockyer, for the support provided for this initiative. We hope to make this an annual event and would like to see more staff there next year. Keep the mid-Spring session break free and look out for the notices.
News from Child Obesity Research Centre

Scholarship Award
Current Honours student Jacque Kelly has been granted the ACHPER NSW Heather McGowan Honours Scholarship Award for her project entitled: *Promoting Physical Activity to Prevent Unhealthy Weight Gain in Pre-Pubescent Girls: The second Wollongong Sport Feasibility Study (Wollongong Sport 2)*.

Papers accepted for publication


Trip to Deakin
Tony, Dylan and Rachel visited the Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition Research (CPAN) and colleagues at Deakin University. A very productive and helpful trip for all.

Visit from Professor David Crawford
Professor David Crawford visited the Centre in early November and presented a seminar entitled Behavioural epidemiological studies into healthy eating and physical activity in children and adolescents.

Professor Crawford has been awarded over 30 major research grants, including nine from the National Health and Medical Research Council, three from the Australian Research Council, six from the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and three from the National Heart Foundation. He has over 130 publications in the peer-reviewed scientific literature and is the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity. It was a privilege to have him visit the Centre.

Steering Committee
Tony Okely was invited by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing to chair a steering committee that has been formed to provide advice on the finalisation of the Draft National Physical Activity Recommendations for Children Under Five.