**Introduction**

This fortnight there are a number of events that have been occurring connected to the School of Law. This week saw the commencement of the new Autumn semester of 2012.

**Good News: Student Matters**

Simon Kozlina

**First Year Law Team**

Orientation activities for incoming law students took place last week. The annual First Year Orientation Camp was held at Collaroy on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 February, with 75 students in attendance, which was our largest first year camp ever. Thanks to David Sinfield, Michael Adams, Stephen Janes and Law Students Association officers for their help. Orientation Sessions were held on Parramatta Campus on Wednesday, with 280 students in attendance, and Campbelltown Campus on Thursday, with 100 students in attendance. Thanks to Stephen Janes, Susan Fitzpatrick, Elfriede Sangkuhl, Katrina George, David Sinfield, Joy Keast, Liesel Spencer, Marina Nehme, Kerrie Manning, Dorothy Sargent-Stevens, Michael Blissenden, Carolyn Sappideen and Law Students Association officers for their assistance. An Orientation Day was also held on 25 February for those students who work during the week and were unable to attend the other orientation activities.

**From the Law Students Association**

New Office-Bearers

Following the recent AGM the new Law Alumni Executive Committee for 2012-2013 has been announced.

The next two years will be busy for the Law Alumni who will be working to make the association grow.

Robert Hayes Scholarship

One of the key items discussed at the AGM was the establishment of the Robert Hayes Scholarship. We hope to use the Alumni Dinner this year to promote the Scholarship and to raise initial funds. We will then hold a larger fund-raiser next year.

Jonathan Adamopoulos

Jonathan Adamopoulos, who has been teaching for us part-time, while working as a lawyer with Allens, has recently contributed to the looseleaf publication as an author. LexisNexis have recently released National Work Health and Safety Law which is a commentary on the new work health and safety legislation in Australia. Information regarding the publication is located here: [http://www.lexisnexis.com.au/workhealthandsafety/downloads/national_work_health_safety_law_brochure.pdf](http://www.lexisnexis.com.au/workhealthandsafety/downloads/national_work_health_safety_law_brochure.pdf).


Jonathan is currently the President of the UWS Law Alumni Association.

**Learning & Teaching**

Assoc Prof Michael Blissenden

Assoc Prof Michael Blissenden has received an invitation as a Visiting Scholar position in the School of Law at the University of Portsmouth in September 2012.

Assoc Prof Michael Blissenden has been endorsed as a nominee by UWS for a Teaching Fellowship with the Office of Learning and Teaching (formerly ALTC) for 2013. Assoc Prof Michael Blissenden will be presenting a teaching paper with a UK academic at the Association of Law Teachers (UK) in Oxford at the end of March.

**Research & Scholarships**

Michael Brogan

Conducted a CLE at the Law Society of NSW entitled “Chapter 4 of the Legal Profession Act” on 16/02/2012.

Dr Daud Hassan

Upon invitation I have reviewed the following manuscript submitted to Routledge Publishers, UK for publication as a research monograph: Extension of Coastal State Jurisdiction in Enclosed or Semi-Enclosed Seas: A Mediterranean and Adriatic Perspective.

Dr Louise Thornthwaite

Louise presented conference paper for the Association of Industrial Relations Academics of Australia and New Zealand on Feb 8th and received some publicity in Workplace Express.
Professor Steven Freeland

External referee (invited) of article ‘The Death Penalty in Australian Law’ for the *Sydney Law Review*

External referee (invited) of article ‘Prosecuting International Crimes in Australia: The Case of the Sri Lankan President’ for the *Melbourne Journal of International Law*

**Publications**

Sue Field

Sue Field wrote an invited Expert Opinion piece for the "Standard" which is the publication put out by the Commonwealth Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency, which appeared in the February edition of that publication.

Dr Marina Nehme


Dr June Wang


Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of ‘The International Criminal Court – An opportunity for the Asia Pacific’ (2011) 20:3 *Human Rights Defender* 2-4 (ISSN 1039-2637)

Dr Daud Hassan


Dr Sarah Wilks

Publication of ‘The process of supervisor selection’ chapter 3 in the second edition of 'Doctorates Downunder: keys to successful doctoral study' edited by Carey Denholm and Terry Evans (ACER)

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**Community Engagement**

Sue Field

Sue Field was interviewed for the World Today - News ABC Radio last week on the topic of financial abuse of older people.

**Administration**

Natalie Smith

I am pleased to announce that Nola Bourne will be commencing with the School of Law the week starting the 12th March. She will be filling the administrative support role at the Parramatta Community Justice Clinic. Nola has had extensive experience at UWS from various roles in the Academic Registrars Office to the School of Marketing / Business and will be a great asset to Law School.

Professor Michael Adams

Dean of the School of Law, UWS