Introduction

Welcome to the new first semester of 2013, starting on Monday 25th February. We hope that it is a great time of innovation as we develop the blended learning strategies and utilise the iPads, where possible.

Good News: Staff Matters

The staff at the Law School in Campbelltown move back the newly renovated offices on Monday 18 February 2013.

Good News: Student Matters

There are three summer research students in the School of Law: Nathan Lentern, Mel Pudig, and Ben Hardy who were awarded internships out of a pool of only 30 offered throughout UWS.

Yesterday was summer student research presentation day. During the day, students from other areas of UWS, along with Ben, Mel and Nathan, gave 15 minute presentations with brief question and answer sessions afterwards. Topics varied from eg stainless steel/concrete engineering problems, to bacterial genomes, to Law-based projects.

It was especially heartening to see our students give interesting and informative talks which were intelligible and sensible to a multi-disciplinary audience- as evidenced by the nature of the questions raised and the fact that Nathan Lentern was awarded the Peoples' Choice prize for the best project presentation. And, although there wasn’t a formal ‘runner-up,’ Mel came second in the vote.

While circulating and talking with academics from other schools and folks from ORS and other arms of the University during the day, I heard several comments on the theme of other disciplines’ perspectives (of each other and of Law in particular). Whatever the merits of such sentiments, it is clear that Mel, Nathan and Ben have done a fantastic job as ‘ambassadors’ for research in Law. They have each undertaken- and brought alive to a mixed audience- interesting projects which both ‘live’ in Law and have further contexts (there must be a lesson in there somewhere).

I’d like to acknowledge the fantastic job these three students have done at representing us as a School and congratulate Nathan on a job very well done.

Research & Scholarships

Dr Elfriede Sangkuhl

The publisher LexisNexis has finalised the donation of textbooks for financially disadvantaged students. Thank you to LexisNexis and all unit co-ordinators who got their orders in before the due date and so ‘earned’ the scholarship books for their students.

Eighty one texts at a value of $4,800 were donated.

Michael Brogan

On 7 February 2013 I presented a CLE to the Law Society if NSW. The topic was “The Professional Conduct Committee and the Legal Profession Act”.

Dr Marina Nehme

A submission to the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee regarding the discussion paper - AGM and Shareholder Engagement- was completed in December 2012. Four students from Law of Associations were involved in the process and directed by Marina Nehme regarding this matter. The students are:

- Waill Hannouf
- Aleksandra Illic
- Danielle Khouchaba
- Dalya Oraha.

The Submission was made under the name of UWS Law of Associations Group and can be accessed on CAMAC’s website via the following link:


Dr Marina Nehme was invited to present this paper at the Symposium on ‘The Teaching-Research Nexus in Law: Opportunities and Challenges’ which was organised by Adelaide University. The presentation took place on 15 February 2013.
Professor Steven Freeland


Presentation (by invitation) to the Danish National Research Foundation, ‘Why We Must Continue to Evaluate the Mechanisms of International Criminal Justice’, Copenhagen 6 February 2013

Presentation (by invitation) to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ‘Space, Technology and International Humanitarian Law’, Copenhagen 7 February 2013

Presentation (by invitation) of public lecture ‘Measuring the Effectiveness of International Criminal Justice’, sponsored by the Danish Institute for Human Rights and the University of Aarhus, Copenhagen 8 February 2013

Mr Awal Khan (HDR Student)

Mr Awal Khan presented a paper titled ‘Impact of Climate Change on Right to Housing: An Approach on Minimum Core Obligation and Progressive Realisation’ at the 2nd International Conference on Climate Change and Social Issues, Malaysia held on 28-29 November 2012.

Publications

Prof Razeen Sappideen and Ling Ling He


Ling Ling He, ‘China’s WTO Participation in Anti-Dumping Disputes: The First Ten Years’ (2012) 7 (4) Frontiers of Law in China, 616-643.

Professor Michael Adams

Professor Adams article in The Conversation on the Whitehaven Coal Mine hoax media release:


Dr Marina Nehme


Ms Elen Seymour

Elen Seymour article in Australian Financial Review 10 January 2013 with reference to using social media such as twitter to effectively network with the legal profession and the general public. UWSLawSchool is mentioned as enabling engagement with students and the wider legal profession

Community Engagement

Law School Twitter account update

The twitter account now has 301 followers and is listed 11 times

Professor Michael Adams

Dean of the School of Law, UWS