

Professor Mick Dodson named Australian of the Year for 2009



Prof.essor Mick Dodson AM

ANU College of Law congratulates **Professor Mick Dodson** on becoming the Australian of the Year 2009. Professor Mick Dodson is a member of the Yawuru peoples the traditional Aboriginal owners of land and waters in the Broome area of the southern Kimberley region of Western Australia. He is currently Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University and a Professor of law at the ANU College of Law.

See the Australian National University [media release](#) or read more courtesy of the *The Sydney Morning Herald*, the *National Indigenous Times* and *The Australian*.

For biographical details about Professor Dodson please read the ANU College of Law [Staff pages](#).

ANU College of Law Migration law lecturer, **Marion Le**, was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to the community as a human rights advocate, cultural and migration adviser and contributor to the development of refugee programs in the ACT.

**Richard Chisholm**, retired Family Court judge and current Visiting Fellow at the ANU College of Law received the same award for service

to the judiciary, to the law and to legal education, particularly in the field of family law and the welfare and rights of children and young people.

Congratulations also to retired Federal Court judge and noted law reformer **Ronald Sackville**, who has featured as a speaker in many of our Law conferences. He was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to the administration of the Australian judicial system to the reform of federal and state law, and to legal education.

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## Law alumni cocktail function 2008

The ANU College of Law held a cocktail reception on 10 October 2008 to celebrate the achievements of distinguished alumni, Justice Hilary Penfold QC, Justice Richard Refshauge SC and Stephen Gageler SC. Hilary Penfold and Richard Refshauge were both appointed judges to the ACT Supreme Court in February 2008, and Stephen Gageler was appointed Solicitor-General of Australia in May 2008. More than sixty alumni who graduated between 1970 and 2007 attended the event held at the National Library of Australia. Guest speakers were Hilary Penfold and Stephen Gageler.



*Guest speakers Hilary Penfold and Stephen Gageler (left) with Professor Michael Coper and Professor Stephen Bottomley*

To read the speech prepared by Justice Richard Refshauge and Justice Hilary Penfold, and delivered by Justice Penfold in Justice Refshauge's absence interstate, please follow this link: [Alumni speech](#).

More photos taken at the function can be found on the [Alumni events](#) webpages.

## ANU College of Law alumnus appointed next Solicitor-General

Stephen Gageler SC has been appointed the next Solicitor-General of Australia. He commenced a five year term on 1 September 2008.

For more details see: [the announcement](#) by the Attorney-General.



*Stephen Gageler SC*



## Distinguished Visiting Fellows at ANU College of Law in 2009



*Sir Anthony Mason AC KBE*

Sir Anthony Mason will again visit the Faculty in 2009 as a Distinguished Visiting Fellow to give talks to staff and students of the Faculty.

He was Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia from 1987 to 1995.

He is joined in 2009 by the College's second Distinguished Visiting Fellow, recently retired High Court Justice Michael Kirby.

For more details see the [media release](#)



*Justice Michael Kirby*

# Congratulations

## Simon Rice to chair new ACT Law Reform Advisory Council

Attorney-General Simon Corbell announced the establishment of an independent Law Reform Advisory Council that will provide independent legal policy advice to the ACT Government.

Associate Professor Simon Rice, Director of Law Reform and Social Justice at the ANU College of Law, has been appointed Chair of the Council.

The then Acting Dean of the ANU College of Law, Stephen Bottomley congratulated Simon and said that this development is an important part of the College's commitment to the ethos of law reform and social justice.



Assoc Prof Simon Rice OAM

## Professor Tim Bonyhady appointed to expert panel



Professor Tim Bonyhady

The Environment Minister, Peter Garrett has announced an independent review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. The review, to be led by Dr Allan Hawke, will take place over the next year. Professor Tim Bonyhady, the Director of the the Australian Centre for Environmental Law and the Centre for Climate Law and Policy at the ANU is one one of four members of the expert panel involved in the review.

Follow this link to read Peter Garrett's: [Speech to the Annual Merit Award Gala Dinner](#) of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand.

## Don Anton gives US lectures

On 16 October 2008 Donald Anton spoke at a [Symposium on Whaling Law](#) jointly organised by the Boston College Law School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sea Grant College.

And on 18 October 2008 Don was in New York City to speak at the Annual Meeting of the International Law Association (American Branch) on Human Rights and Climate Change.

Don Anton also gave the Berger International Lecture on False Sanctuary: The Australian *Antarctic Whale Sanctuary and Long Term Stability in Antarctica* at Cornell Law School on 19 September.



Donald Anton

## ANU's high world ranking

The ANU has again been ranked 16 in the 2008 World University Rankings by the *Times Higher Education Supplement*.

The rankings are published on the [Times Higher Education website](#).



## ARC successes at the ANU College of Law

The ANU College of Law congratulates staff who have been successful in the 2008 round of ARC Grants for funding commencing in 2009.

Dr George Barker and Professor Peta Spender have been awarded a three year Discovery grant looking at 'A Comparative Law and Economics Analysis of Class Actions in Australia, the US and the UK'.

Professor Simon Bronitt, Anne McNaughton, with staff from ANU College of Asia and the Pacific and College of Arts and Social Sciences, have been awarded a three year Linkage grant on 'Australia and the European Union: A study of a changing trade and business relationship' with DFAT and the EU as partners.

Professor Hilary Charlesworth was successful in obtaining a two year Linkage grant on protecting economic, social and cultural rights in the ACT.

Dr Matthew Rimmer is also part of a successful Discovery grant with ACIPA colleagues from the Australian Centre for Intellectual Property in Agriculture (ACIPA) at the University of Queensland on 'Promoting Plant Innovation in Australia: maximising the benefits of intellectual property for Australian agriculture'.

More information about ARC Grants can be found at: <http://www.arc.gov.au/>

### Dr James Prest makes Senate submission

Dr James Prest, an ANU College of Law lecturer, gave evidence to a Senate Inquiry into Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff Bill.

For more details please see: [Dr Prest's submission](#) to the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts.

For background information about Dr Prest, see the: [ANU College of Law staff webpage](#).



Dr James Prest

### ANU College of Law staff awarded ANU teaching grant



Dr Gregor Urbas

Ms Molly O'Brien and Dr Gregor Urbas were awarded one of the University's Teaching Enhancement Grants for their project 'Evidence Law in Context'.

For more information see: [ANU teaching grant](#).



Molly O'Brien

### Senator Penny Wong announces climate change research networks

The Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, has announced seven new 'adaptation research networks' to foster research into the effects of climate change. The ANU Centre for Climate Law and Policy was part of the successful bid led by the University of Melbourne to run the Social, Economic and Institutional Dimensions Network, October 2008.

For more information see: the [Farm Weekly online article](#).



Professor Kim Rubenstein

### Professor Kim Rubenstein involved in the review of the Australian Citizenship Test

Please see the [Press Release](#) (November 2008)

### Sue Tongue becomes legal adviser to Senate Standing Committee

Emeritus Professor Jim Davis has stood down as legal advisor to the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills, a position he has held since 1983.

See the [tribute to Professor Davis](#) published in Hansard.

Visiting Fellow, Sue Tongue took over the role of legal advisor to the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills at the end of 2008.

### CIPL and the National Europe Centre present public seminar



Professor Dr Alexander Graser

The Centre for International and Public Law, ANU College of Law and the National Europe Centre held a public seminar, *Disintegration through law: On the decomposition of citizenship in Europe* on 7 November 2008.

The lecture was delivered by Professor Dr Alexander Graser who teaches Comparative Public Law and Social Policy at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, Germany.

Before he joined the Hertie School, Professor Graser was a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Social Law in Munich for nine years. During that time he obtained his doctorate and his postdoctoral lecture qualification for the fields of public law, comparative law, legal sociology and theory, from the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich. He was awarded the Max Planck Society's Otto-Hahn Medal for outstanding achievements of young scholars in 2001 and the Bavarian prize for the advancement of postdoctoral theses in 2003.

To hear the lecture follow the [audio link](#).



Sue Tongue

# ANU College of Law Centre Events

## Centre for Climate Law and Policy Law

Martijn Wilder presented a public lecture at the ANU on 10 December 2008 titled, Climate Policy, Carbon Markets and Melting Ice Caps in a Time of Global Economic Turmoil. To hear the lecture: [Wilder.mp3](#)

## Public Presentation: 60th Anniversary of the Genocide Convention

Dr John Docker and Mr Robert Handby (24 November 2008)  
[Genocide.mp3](#)

## Public Law Weekend 2008

Public Law: Public Leadership [Program/Papers/audio file](#)

## Geoffrey Sawer Lecture 2008

Chief Justice Gleeson and the Constitution  
Prof Leslie Zines (ANU College of Law) [SawerLecture.mp3](#)

## The John Fleming Centre for Advancement of Legal Research

Public lecture by Baroness Ruth Deech was held on 11 December 2008. The topic was *Modernising Reproduction*. [Deech.mp3](#)

## Australian Centre for Military Law and Justice

On 26 November 2008, a seminar was held by the centre titled, Defence Watchdogs: The administrative oversight of military justice. See these links: [Papers and presentations](#) and [Photos](#)

## Hart-Fuller Symposium

Held by the John Fleming Centre for Advancement of Legal Research on 17-19 December. Topic: The Hart-Fuller Debate 50 Years On.  
[Hart-Fuller Program](#), [Colloquium speakers](#)

## Catching up with our alumni

### Steve Michelson



Steve studied at the Australian National University as a [CAS Hawker Scholar](#) from 2000 – 2004. In 2002 he was Vice-President of the ANU Law Students' Society and President of the ANU Students' Association in 2003. A year later he transferred to Melbourne University where he completed his combined Arts (politics/international relations)/Law degree.

Steve was admitted to legal practice in 2007 and, after a period in a private law firm, now works in employment and industrial relations law at the Victorian Department of Human Services. He is a current candidate for the Law Institute of Victoria Council following a period of active involvement, North Melbourne Legal Service Board member, Director of [www.onefreebike.com](#), founding organiser of the Canteen Colombo Creek Classic supporting young Australians with Cancer and a former Senior Vice-President of Australian Young Labor.

Outside of work Steve enjoys reading, swimming, travel, trying to play the drums and thinking of ingenious ways to pay off his mortgage over a quiet ale.

## ANU Law student wins NSW

### Young Lawyers' McCallum Medal

ANU law student, Pauline Thai won the McCallum Medal in the annual McCallum Medal Presentation Competition organised by the NSW Young Lawyers' Employment and Industrial Law Committee in Sydney. Her written paper was titled 'The Implied Duty of Mutual Trust and Confidence: A common Law Alternative to Unfair Dismissal Legislation?' and was presented at the finals.

Ron McCallum (after whom the medal is named) said the judges were unanimous in their decision, and that Pauline was an outstanding competitor. The judges were The Hon Justice Kavanagh and The Hon Justice Marks from the Industrial Relations Commission of NSW; and Joe Catanzariti, partner at Clayton Utz.

The competition is aimed at increasing the awareness and interest of law students and young lawyers in the areas of industrial and employment law and to also provide students and young lawyers with the opportunity to refine their presentation skills. The Competition is open to all law and PLT students, as well as all young lawyers throughout Australia and five finalists are selected to participate in the finals of the competition.

To see photos of the presentation follow this link: [Thomson Reuters](#)



# Scholarships

## Elinor Jean awarded Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship



Elinor Jean

ANU College of Law PhD student, Elinor Jean has been awarded a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for Doctoral Study. The scholarships are awarded to the top ranked domestic PhD student in each of the ANU's seven colleges.

Elinor is researching water law, in particular the development of a radical critique of water policy and regulation in Australia. At present she is focusing on the town-country divide and its implications for water law in Australia. After the completion of her PhD, Elinor is hoping to work

overseas, gathering experience of water issues in countries such as India, South Africa and the US, as well as continuing research into water law in Australia.

For more information about the ANU Vice Chancellor's Scholarships please see the following article: [Dollars for scholars](#)

## ANU College of Law Alumnus wins Rhodes Scholarship

Laura Hilly was awarded an Australia-at-Large Rhodes Scholarship.

Former Rhodes Scholars from the ANU College of Law include:

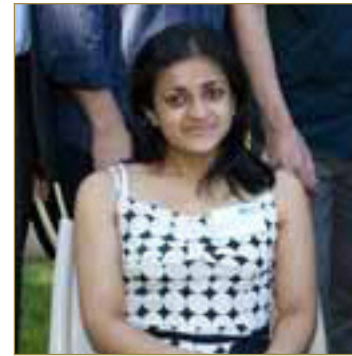
Michael Stanier (1992),  
Jeremy Kirk (1994),  
Anna Oldmeadow (2005), and  
Jennifer Robinson (2006)

For more information see:

<http://law.anu.edu.au/news/LauraHilly08.pdf>



Laura Hilly



Aparna Rao

## Aparna Rao receives Menzies Scholarship

Aparna Rao, first class Honours law graduate and ANU University Medal holder, has been awarded the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Law. Aparna will undertake the degrees of BCL and MPhil at Oxford University commencing October 2009. Aparna was one of two candidates selected from 40 applicants for the prestigious award.

For more information about the Menzies Scholarship see:

<http://www.menziesfoundation.org.au/>

## Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law recipient announced for 2009

Congratulations to the the 2009 Phillipa Weeks in Law Scholarship recipient, Lachlan Smith\* from Heywood, Victoria,

The ANU College of Law created the scholarship in memory of the late Professor Phillipa Weeks. Phillipa was a significant contributor to the Canberra legal community and a member of the academic staff of ANU from 1979 until her untimely passing in 2006.

This scholarship supports students from regional and rural Australia who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. The award is intended to be held by the successful applicant for the duration of their law program. We have decided to endow this fund, so as to award the scholarship in perpetuity. Our goal is \$500,000 and we raised over \$145,000 in the first six months. An endowment of this size will allow us to award a scholarship every year.

For more information on giving towards this scholarship, please visit The ANU College of Law [Phillipa Week's Scholarship webpage](#).

Also for details about workplace giving see the: [Workplace Giving website](#).

*\*An article about Lachlan Smith will appear in the next edition of the newsletter.*

## New Graduate courses on offer in 2009



For students interested in exploring the theory and practice of environmental litigation in Australia, there will be a new course in Autumn 2009, [Environmental Litigation](#) (LAWS8187).

There will be a new course in first semester for those interested in examining the current international legal frameworks governing climate law, [International Climate Law](#) (LAWS8180). The course will be offered in first semester.

In first semester there will also be a new course that is the first ever to be devoted to a key area of environmental law titled, [Site Contamination Law](#) (LAWS8186).

### External appointees

### Successful appointees from the 2008 ANU College of Law appointment round announced



Moeen Cheema

Acting Law Dean, Professor Stephen Bottomley has announced seven appointments as a result of the ANU College of Law's annual appointment round for 2008. In congratulating the appointees, he also extended them a warm welcome to the ANU College of Law. As in past years, the competition for appointments this year was especially strong. Professor Bottomley noted with regret, that there were other very fine candidates for whom the College could not find a place in this year's round.

The three external appointees, Moeen Cheema, Dominique Dalla Pozza and Cameron Roles, will commence teaching at the ANU College of Law in 2009.

In the Legal Workshop there were three successful internal appointees: Glenda Bloomfield, Lyn Du Moulin and Tony Foley.

Also within the same round, Andrew Macintosh has been appointed for an extended term as Associate Director of the Centre for Climate Law and Policy.



Dominique Dalla Pozza



Cameron Roles

## Vale Professor Harry Whitmore

Emeritus Professor Harold Whitmore AM was Dean of the Law School at the Australian National University (1970-1972).

Professor Whitmore's obituary was in the *Canberra Times*, 13 November, 2008.



### Legal Workshop appointees



Lyn Du Moulin



Tony Foley



Glenda Bloomfield

### CCLP appointee



Andrew Macintosh

## ANU College of Law staff receive Vice Chancellor's Awards for Excellence



*From the left: Richard Vuckovic, Alan Lew, Andrew Vella, Adam Geddes, Phil Drury, Fiona Bush and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Chubb*

The annual ceremony for the Vice Chancellor's Awards for Excellence was held at University House on 13 November 2008. The Vice-Chancellor's Award for Innovation and Excellence in Service Quality was awarded to the ANU College of Law IT & C Unit. Congratulations to Phil Drury, Alan Lew, Ricky Vuckovic, Andrew Vella, Fiona Bush and Adam Geddes.

Congratulations were also extended to Professor Don Rothwell and Professor Kent Anderson for their extensive work in the community. In recognition of their efforts, Professor Ian Chubb awarded them with the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Community Outreach.



*Professor Don Rothwell and Professor Chubb*



*Professor Kent Anderson and Professor Chubb*

Professor Robin Creyke and Professor John McMillan each received a medal in recognition of their continuous service to the University over 25 years.



*Professor Robyn Creyke and Professor Chubb*



*Professor John McMillan and Professor Chubb*

# Upcoming events



**19 March 2009**

**The Annual Kirby Lecture on International Law**

**Topic:** Swimming to Cambodia: Justice and ritual in human rights after conflict

**Speaker:** Professor Hilary Charlesworth

**Venue:** Law Theatre, ANU College of Law

Drinks at 6pm, lecture at 6.30pm

This lecture is free and open to the public.

**RSVP:** [rsvp@law.anu.edu.au](mailto:rsvp@law.anu.edu.au)

**For information:**

<http://law.anu.edu.au/Cipl/Lectures&Seminars/2009/Charlesworth.pdf>

**Enquiries:** (02) 6125 1096



**25-27 May 2009**

**International Association of Law Schools Conference 2009 and General Assembly**

Hosted by ANU College of Law

**Theme:** The role of law schools and law school leadership in a changing world

For more information:

[http://law.anu.edu.au/News/General\\_Assembly\\_Conf09.pdf](http://law.anu.edu.au/News/General_Assembly_Conf09.pdf)



**11-12 June 2009**

**ANU College of Law Annual Postgraduate Research Conference**

**Topic:** Law and Change: Exploring the role of legal research in law reform and social justice.

Submissions for abstracts due 9 April 2009

For more information please contact: [dinah.rigg@anu.edu.au](mailto:dinah.rigg@anu.edu.au)



**13-15 August 2009** (proposed dates)

Planned workshop by ACEL and the ANU College of Law Centre for International and Public Law

**Topic:** Environmental Discourses in International and Public Law

The workshop will be a part of CIPL's ongoing discussions about connections between law and policy and between international and public law.

View the: [Call for Abstracts for papers.](#)

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