

ANU COLLEGE OF LAW APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR MARGARET THORNTON

We are delighted to announce that **Professor Margaret Thornton**, who is currently Richard McGarvie Professor of Socio-Legal Studies at La Trobe University, will take up an appointment as Professor in the ANU College of Law. The appointment will be for five years from July 2006.

Margaret is one of Australia's leading legal scholars, especially in the areas of discrimination law, feminist jurisprudence, legal education, and the legal profession. She has the unique distinction amongst Australian legal scholars of having been awarded an Australian Professorial Fellowship (APF) last year. Margaret has transferred this, and her associated ARC Discovery Grant, to the ANU. It is on the subject of 'EEO in a culture of uncertainty', and will be the main focus of her work over the next five years.

Margaret is a graduate of Sydney University (BA Hons), UNSW (LLB and University Medal), and Yale (LLM and Fulbright Scholar). She taught first at Macquarie University and was then Foundation Head of the Law Program at La Trobe. She has held a plethora of government, professional and academic positions, including being a member of the ARC, and has been a distinguished visitor at Georgetown, Osgoode Hall, Ottawa, Oxford, Columbia, London, UBC, and the ANU's Research School of Social Sciences. Her books include *The Liberal Promise: Anti-Discrimination Legislation in Australia* (1990), and *Dissonance and Distrust: Women in the Legal Profession* (1996).

In addition to working on her major research project, Margaret will also supervise PhD students, advise on research projects and research matters within the College, mentor colleagues, and teach in her areas of specialised interest. We welcome her most warmly to the ANU.