

ANU College of Law

Prizes and Scholarships Ceremony 2024



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Congratulations from the Dean

The achievements of our prize and scholarship recipients are an inspiring reminder of the exceptional community to which we belong.

To our awardees, I give my congratulations. Your successes are well deserved and a reflection of your dedication and hard work. These awards are a genuine sign of recognition and encouragement from the ANU College of Law and some of the most influential members of the legal profession.

To the families of our awardees, we share your pride. We are fortunate to count these students as members of our College community and we value the time they spend with us. Upon the completion of their studies, we hope they will continue to stay in touch and play an active role in our alumni community.

Our prizes and scholarships are generously donated by members of a wider community: ANU alumni and colleagues from the legal profession and beyond. I thank you for supporting these remarkable students and join everyone in celebrating their achievements.

Professor Anthony Connolly
Dean of ANU College of Law

Order of Proceedings

Welcome

Professor Anthony Connolly
Dean, ANU College of Law

Presentation of Awards

Associate Professor Wayne Morgan
Associate Dean (Education), ANU College of Law

Nicole King
College Student and Education Support Senior Manager, ANU College of Law

Recipient remarks

Benjamin Yates
2023 recipient, Anthony McAvoy SC Prize for Legal Education for True Justice
2023 recipient, Chris and Kerry Marks Travel Grant

Academic remarks

Professor Will Bateman
Associate Dean (Research), ANU College of Law

Refreshments

Moot Court Foyer

2023 Prize Recipients

Recipients of a Law Prize in recognition of outstanding performance, academic achievement, leadership and contribution to University life.

ACT Director of Public Prosecutions Prize for Criminal Law

E Wen Wong

Lily Paloma Warrener Ward

ACT Human Rights Commission Prize for International Law of Human Rights

Natalie Jennifer Owen

Aileen Moreton-Robinson Indigenous Student Prize

Garth Matthew Morrison

Ann Downer Memorial Prize in Law

Bitu Shahidzadeh Mahani

E Wen Wong

Sophie Meixin Chiew

Anthony McAvoy SC Prize for Legal Education for True Justice

Benjamin Yates

Australian Capital Territory Bar Association Prize for Evidence

Jamie Cheeseman

Bailey Prize for Human Rights

Catherine Louise Coe
Sarah Cherny
Taban Alnafta

Baker McKenzie Prize for Intellectual Property

Daniel Du
Joaquin S. Zentner Cross

Clayton Utz Prize for Administrative Law

Dimitrios Anthony Bezos
Joseph Hadassin

Clayton Utz Prize for Commercial Law

Kit James Williamson

Clayton Utz Prize for Torts

Grace Cassandra Rodsjo
Marcus John Gorman Sevier

Daphne Olive Memorial Prize for Legal Theory

Aimee Griffiths
Tessa Margaret Minns

David Healey Solicitors Prize for Litigation and Dispute Management

David Henry Palmerlee
Hugo Klimt
Jessica Taylor

Jack Richardson Prize

Penelope Hallam
Varshini Viswanath

Jason Li Lawyers prize for Legal Research and Writing in Law

Daniel Marns
Sylvie Eleanor Stannage

King & Wood Mallesons Prize for Law and Society in South East Asia

Matthew Anthony Snibson

King & Wood Mallesons Prize for Lawyers, Justice and Ethics

James Jackson

Kirsten Sjolander Memorial Prize for Advanced International Human Rights Law

Abby Higgins
Joy Pufan Jia
Tracey Yi Jing Xue

Maree Ayers Prize for International Criminal Law

Ava Cadée

Joy Pufan Jia

Tess Ramsay Kluckow

Meyer Vandenberg Prize for Property Law

Yanna Gralton

Mick Dodson Prize for Indigenous Peoples and the Law

Anna Stone-Stacy

Minter Ellison Prize for Foundations of Australian Law

Francesca Boardman

Myint Zan Prize for Law Studies

Anna Lisa Gypsy Rose Polacheck

Emma Dawn Patterson

Norton Rose Fulbright Prize for Cyber Law

Shashwat Tripathi

Sir George Knowles Memorial Prize

Grace Cassandra Rodsjo

Vik Sundar and Clear Law Prize for Succession Law

Louis Saunders

Dean's International Student Prize

Hao Zhai

Dean's Juris Doctor Prize

Tristan Gar Loong Yip

Dean's Prize for Outstanding Achievement in a Masters Program in Law

Shailja Rawal

Shontelle Patricia Grimberg

Thuy Tien Nguyen

Blackburn Medal for Research in Law

Emma Rose Walling



Blackburn Research in Law Medallist: Emma Rose Walling



Meet Emma Rose Walling (BA/LLB (Hons) '23), a recent graduate of the ANU College of Law and 2023 recipient of the Blackburn Medal for Research in Law.

Emma Walling's thesis is an intersectional-feminist critique of the Victorian law of infanticide, arguing that the law "fails to reflect and respond to the circumstances in which infanticide occurs" and that "[f]ervent defence of a law which has historically associated childbirth and hysteria, is far more reflective of society's hysterical fear, than it is of the circumstances in which such tragedies occur".

While Emma initially thought her thesis would defend the law of infanticide, she quickly discovered that much of the good which the law thinks it is doing is imagined. Emma was closely guided by her thesis supervisor, Sarouche Razi, who taught her to explore the "deep questions which people should ask as learners and researchers".

Her paper ultimately argued that the law of infanticide's ongoing existence is reflective of an underpinning desire to "tie neat bows on difficult questions".

The inspiration for Emma's thesis was borne from a years-long fascination with public responses to women that kill their children. This interest was spawned in her last few years of high school, when she was both studying Euripides' Medea, and closely following the Guode case in the media. The opportunity to pursue a thesis as part of her studies at the ANU College of Law provided Emma with an avenue to answer "nagging questions" about the social, psychological, and legal aspects of infanticide.

This thesis, which won Emma the Blackburn Medal for Research in Law, is the culmination of a deep-seated interest stretching back to her high school days, as well as her passion for law and the criminal justice system.

The Blackburn Medal “is a testament to the many people who guided and supported me,” Emma says, acknowledging the crucial role Sarouche, other ANU academics and the ANU College of Law Library team played in her research and writing.

Special thanks are also given to her family and friends, who “put up with endless hours” of volleying ideas, and even lent their minds to reading her later drafts.

While winning the Blackburn Medal may just be the cherry on top of her time at the ANU College of Law, Emma also cites her participation in courses which simultaneously encouraged and shaped her interest in criminal law and the community legal sector as some of her most memorable experiences at ANU. The Prison Legal Literacy Clinic and the Sentencing in Australia course, for instance, come highly recommended by Emma.

Aside from this, Emma suggests that students at the ANU College of Law should “embrace all of the wonderful opportunities that the College has to offer, [including] the extra-curricular talks which it facilitates”.

For Emma, these opportunities also included the many treasured, collegial hours spent with friends “in the law library, and lunching on the lawns”.

Another piece of sage advice for those of us still working on our degrees tells us to “be proactive in contacting tutors and lecturers for help or advice with coursework, as well as academic and professional advice”.

While Emma’s time at the ANU College of Law has come to an end, she is now working as a Judge’s Associate to his Honour Justice Andrew Tinney, who sits in the Criminal Division of the Victorian Supreme Court. As an Associate, Emma assists his Honour on trials for serious criminal matters and witnesses the criminal justice system in action.

After this, Emma has lots of hopes for her future in law, which may include working as a solicitor in Northern or Central Australia, completing a master’s degree, working in academia and research, and possibly going to the Bar.

Scholarships and Travel Grants

Recipients of an award selected for their academic excellence, and enrolment into a Law program or an internship, fellowship or placement with one of our partners.

ANU College of Law Access Scholarship

Delilah Scott

Stella Milton Jackson

ANU College of Law International Excellence Scholarship

K Vicknesh Lakshmanan

Lanxuan Li

Miaoer Zhang

ANU College of Law International Merit Scholarship

Jing Wang

Yongyue Chen

Yujie Cao

Ziyi Liu

ANU College of Law International Partners Scholarship

Huy Hoang Luu

R-Keera Panpanat

Yaxi Wu

Zai Ur Rehman

Shailja Rawal

**ANU Law Careers and Employability Travel
Grant**

Alana Grace Hodzic	Jessica Lovatt
Archibald Henry James Horneman-Wren	Jiyun Baek
Audrey Bea Mims	Jye Cole Hopkins
Bria Evangeline Larkspur	Latoya-Sharnae Jones
Charlotte Amber Pilcher	Lily Spencer-Tighe
Charlotte Elizabeth Stoney	Lucy James
Chloe Heiniger	Maggie Mary Knight
Claire Allan	Maisy Lam-Po-Tang
Conor Ammett	Matilda Lugg
Dan Zou	Max Farinazzo
Darcy Alexander Morgan	Nina Grace Shakesby Gannon
Fionn Finn Parker	Oscar Hyles
Harrison Adrian Fell	Phoenix O'Neill
Helena Brunker	Sarah Thomson
Heyma Nahar	Stephanie Chaseling
Hugh Ritchie	Tess Sheedy
Jade Chun Shi Tan	Yue Hao
James Layman	.

Chris and Kerry Marks Travel Grant

Alexandra Louise Wilbur	Marlow Meares
Benjamin Yates	Matthew Thomas Chard
Garth Matthew Morrison	Maximus Alexander Sandler
Hannah Rosalie Price	Rebecca Leanne Carney
Jade Chun Shi Tan	Rosa Marama Scheer
Jamie Cheeseman	Saskia Marie Teale
Kate Michelle Boulter	Sophie Spry
Leila Skoss	Yanna Galton

Frohlich Travel Grant to support the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) Fellowship

Isabella Keith

Frohlich World Bank Travel Grant

Jae Brieffies

George Witynski Scholarship

Luke Woodhead

Leslie Zines Constitutional Law Travel Grant

Emma Campbell

Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law

Lola Hutchinson

Kuba Meikle

Travel Grant for a Legal Internship in London (IBA)

Kriti Mahajan



Remembering Professor Phillipa Weeks



Phillipa Weeks (BA (Hons) '74, LLB (Hons) '79, LLM '87), a much loved and respected former ANU Law student and Professor.

Phillipa attended school in country NSW, before she was awarded a scholarship to study at the ANU. This began a successful academic career at ANU Law where she earned much respect through her inspiring teaching and research into Labour Law and held the positions of Professor, Associate Dean and Head of School at the ANU Law School.

In 2006, Professor Phillipa Weeks died at the age of only 53, after a year-long battle with cancer. Former colleagues and students of Phillipa remember her with profound respect and deep affection.

The weeks family, former colleagues and friends established the Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law in her honour.



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