Prizes
2016
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CONGRATULATIONS
FROM THE DEAN

As Dean of Australia’s National Law School, the Prize Ceremony is one of my favourite events on the annual calendar.

It is an opportunity to recognise our top students who have taken advantage of everything that the ANU College of Law has to offer. In rewarding them, we hope to emphasise the value this College places on the dedication, passion and perseverance that they have applied to the last academic year. Many students come to law school with a fire in their bellies – a desire to make a difference. These awards should serve as a validation of that ambition and a reminder that knowledge will set them on that path.

This ceremony is also an opportunity to give our diverse cohort a glimpse of what lies ahead. The prizes awarded each year are generously donated by ANU College of Law alumni and our friends in the legal community, who also wish to acknowledge our students’ achievements and follow their success. Take note of their names as you read through this booklet. These firms, associations and organisations employ our students and graduates and they too have a vested interest in ensuring the fire – the desire to make a difference – continues to burn.

Congratulations!

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

MUSICAL WELCOME

CANBERRA BRASS INC.

WELCOME

PROFESSOR STEPHEN BOTTOMLEY
DEAN OF LAW AND ROBERT GARRAN PROFESSOR OF LAW

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

DEAN, DONORS, STUDENTS AND STAFF

REMARKS

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AMELIA SIMPSON

REFRESHMENTS

COMMON ROOM, UNIVERSITY HOUSE

Amelia Simpson (BA (Hons) ’95, LLB (Hons) ‘97)

Associate Professor Amelia Simpson is one of Australia’s leading scholars of discrimination and equality principles in constitutional law. Her published research on interstate free trade doctrine has been cited and quoted by pluralities in Australia’s High Court and Federal Court. She is also currently the Sub-Dean (LLB and JD).

Amelia joined the ANU College of Law in 2000 after serving as Associate to Justice McHugh of the High Court of Australia. She was previously an ANU Law student where she received the University Medal in Law and Political Science and the ACT Bar Association Prize for Evidence.
Loren Ovens undertook the Indigenous Community Legal Clinic at the Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) in Canberra. Eager to gain experience in a legal office and to see first-hand how the criminal justice system affects Indigenous Australians, she found the experience very moving.

“I enjoyed my time doing the course tremendously, and was deeply affected by the stories and the strength shown by the clients we assisted, the camaraderie and generosity of the solicitors and field officers, the engaging weekly discussions with the other students and guest lecturers and of course, the insightfulness and wit of Dr Tony Foley,” she said.

“When I reflect on my four years so far at ANU, my time at ALS stands out as one of the highlights.”

This year Loren is working part time in the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department while undertaking her fifth year of Law and International Relations.

“I feel very fortunate that my love for this course was reflected in my final marks,” she said. “For me, a rich academic experience includes practical experience, where you are able to see the clients who benefit from your work and get a better sense of what you’d like to do after graduation. Courses like this provide space for different types of learning to occur.”
2016 PRIZE RECIPIENTS

ACT Baha’i Community Prize for International Law

LAURA JENNINGS

ACT Director of Public Prosecutions Prize for Criminal Law

BILLIE HOOK

ACT Human Rights Commission Prize for International Law of Human Rights

DANIEL MCKAY

ACT Women Lawyers Association Prize for Law Studies

NAOMI WOOTTON

Allens Prize for Competition Law

NAOMI WOOTTON

Ann Downer Memorial Prize for Law

LAURAN CLIFTON

Anthony McAvoy SC Prize for Indigenous Community Legal Clinic

LOREN OVENS
The success of this year’s Blackburn Medallists, Ellie Greenwood and Andreas Sherborne, is testament to their dedication to their chosen topics.

The focus of Andreas’s honours thesis was private international law however, it wasn’t always clear that Andreas would excel in law. In high school he was more interested in science and even took the ANU Extension course in Chemistry with an eye to going into neurosciences.

But he also loved languages and diplomacy, and realising that led him to law. When he took Conflict of Laws in his fourth year his focus really honed in on private international law.

“If anyone ever looks at my transcript they’ll see a complete change that year,” he said.

“It shows that hard work and interest can really combine to produce something amazing.”

Ellie took the bold step of holding ANU to account in her thesis on the failure of Australian universities to respond adequately to sexual assault occurring in their communities.

“I was attracted to do Honours because of the opportunity it presented to do in-depth research (by undergrad standards) on an issue that I am passionate about,” she said.

“The opportunity to work with Wayne Morgan, whose work and teaching I greatly admire, was also a big selling point.”
Ashurst Australia Prize for Corporations Law (Shared)

EMMA JAGOT
TASHA MCNEE

Australia and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law Prize

ANTHONY XU

Australian Capital Territory Bar Association Prize for Evidence

NAOMI WOOTTON

Bailey Prize for Human Rights (Shared)

LANORA FEENEY
REBECCA HERBERT

Baker McKenzie Prize for Intellectual Property

ARISHA ARIF

B C Meagher Prize for Commonwealth Constitutional Law (Shared)

HANNAH DAWSON
EMILY DENG
DANIEL GORRY
ASHER PRESNEILL
An international student from Singapore, Nicole Leong has begun her second year at ANU Law this year.

“I was attracted by ANU’s academic flexibility in allowing students to pursue their varying interests,” she said. “ANU was a natural choice given its reputation for law and strategic studies, where I can learn about security law and international dispute resolution.”

“At the same time, non-law electives allow me to explore interesting Security Studies courses offered by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, like crisis management and internal security.”

Studying in Australia and particularly at the ANU College of Law has helped Nicole grow as both a student and more generally.

“Meeting with students of diverse backgrounds and learning from teachers who are passionate in their field has been an enriching experience,” she said.

“Being an international student, one becomes more independent and responsible for their own learning.”

Being awarded the Dean’s International Student Prize has been a reinforcing experience for her.

“This recognition is a motivation for me to remain diligent in my studies while also enjoying the process,” she said.
Blackburn Medal for Research in Law (Shared)

ELLIE GREENWOOD
ANDREAS SHERBORNE

Clayton Utz Prize for Administrative Law

RIAN TERRELL

Clayton Utz Prize for Migration Law

SAMUEL TAN

Clayton Utz Prize for Torts

HANNAH MITCHELL

Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department and Australian Government Solicitor Prize

NAOMI WOOTTON

Daphne Olive Memorial Prize for Legal Theory

FREYA WILLIS

Dean’s International Student Prize

NICOLE LEONG

Prizes 2016
Naomi Wootton has always been a driven student, receiving two academic scholarships – the ANU Region Scholarship and the Ethel Tory Scholarship – and the University Medal in 2016.

Now she has been awarded six more prizes: ACT Women Lawyers Association Prize for Law Studies; ACT Bar Association Prize for Evidence; Allens Prize for Competition Law; Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department and Australian Government Solicitor Prize; George Knowles Memorial Prize; and the prestigious Supreme Court Judges’ Prize.

“I am deeply convicted by the idea that those privileged with access to education have a duty to respect this privilege by working to the best of their ability in their chosen field,” Naomi said.

Naomi said if she could go back and give advice to herself as a first-year law student it would be to seek out the avenues that bring happiness and satisfaction.

“Worry less about resumé building and more about doing things that are interesting,” she said.

“Doing things that make you happy will inevitably make you a more interesting, well rounded person and that might help you get a job more easily than ticking all of the boxes you think you have to tick.”

Naomi now works as a tipstaff for the Honourable TF Bathurst, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
Dean’s Juris Doctor Prize

ROSS MACKEY

Dean’s Prize for Outstanding Achievement in the Masters Program in Law

NICOLA CAMPION

DLA Piper Prize for Selected Topics in Australian-American Comparative Law (Shared)

JODIE BATEUP
RUOHAN ZHAO

Elizabeth Allen Prize for Foundations of Australian Law

NICOLE LEONG

Farrar Gesini Dunn Prize for Family Law

BENJAMIN MORGAN

Fragomen Prize for the Master of Laws in Migration Law

RACHEL MORRISON-DAYAN

George Knowles Memorial Prize

NAOMI WOOTTON
MVPresence embodies one of the business models which will be the future of legal practice. MVP is “NewLaw” and compared to traditional legal service providers offers a better, more flexible approach for both clients and legal professionals.

One of MVP’s key features is that it allows staff to have a more balanced life while still providing an excellent client service. Staff choose the assignments they want, when they want and with the clients they want. Staff are offered exposure to new skills, new networks and new experiences. They are free to take time away from work when they want, whether it’s for study, family commitments or travel.

MVP also offers compelling benefits to clients. Clients only pay for legal staff when they are needed, and they can pick the skills and experience they need for a particular job. Unlike many traditional law firms, MVP’s fees don’t come loaded with expensive overheads. The result for clients is flexibility and value. They get the staff they need, with the skills they need, when they need them and at a price that is exceptional value-for-money.

The ANU and MVP already have strong ties. Many of our staff and our government in-house clients are ANU graduates. MVP is proud to sponsor the prize for the student with the highest result in Government Contracts.
King & Wood Mallesons Prize for Chinese Law and Society

ISAAC MOK

King & Wood Mallesons Prize for Law Studies (Shared)

SOPHIE BOGARD
WILLIAM RANDBLES

Law Society of the ACT Prize for Contracts

LUCY MCKINDLAY

Legal Aid ACT Prize for Clinical Youth Law Program

KATHERINE FRETWELL

Legal Aid ACT Prize for Community Law Clinical Program

LAURAN DAVIS

LexisNexis Book Prize for Succession

THOMAS RANDALL

Liz and Bill Allen Prize for Practical Legal Training (Shared)

ALANNA NEWTON
MARTIN RUSTAM
From cybercrime to patent disputes, Information Technology Law and Legislative Drafting Technology are both highly specific subjects while being relevant to a broad range of legal areas.

“I love the fact that this area of law represents the apotheosis of our current times,” said Surend.

“Information Technology is changing the world, fast. And the more we can bring the law along with that change the better off everyone will be.”

ANU Law’s strong relationship with Oracle has been key to maintaining the high quality of the courses. Oracle generously allows staff time to teach and tutor in these courses in the ANU College of Law and while it benefits the law school from a philanthropic standpoint, it is also exposes graduate talent for Oracle.

“Oracle were great about allowing us to do this, as academic co-operation has been a strong benefit to the company in the US,” Surend said.
Maree Ayers Prize for Criminal Justice

ERICA WEATHERLY

Meyer Vandenberg Prize for Property (Shared)

VIDTHYANY ANANTHAPAVAN
WILLIAM RANLDLES

MV Presence Prize for Government Contracts

KARINA HIGGINSON

Mick Dodson Prize for Indigenous Australians and the Law

GEORGINA MELROSE

MinterEllison Prize for Litigation and Dispute Management

HARITA SRIDHAR

Oracle Prize for Information Technology Law

JACQUELINE WILLIAMS

Oracle Prize for Legislative Drafting and Technology

EMILY BARLOW
The prestigious Supreme Court Judges’ Prize is awarded to the LLBHons or JDHons student who achieves the best results in their final honours examination.

The 2016 recipient, Naomi Wootton, joins the distinguished company of some of the ANU College of Law’s most notable and internationally-regarded alumni. Past winners are national and international leaders in the legal profession across a diversity of fields from litigation and commercial law to human rights and social justice.

The Supreme Court Judges’ Prize was first awarded in 1967 to Bruce Donald AM, who went on to study at Harvard University under a Harkness Fellowship. He has practised law for over 45 years in commercial, public, media and environmental law, rising to Partner with two leading commercial law firms and co-authoring *Trade Practices Law* with the Hon JD Heydon.

The list of distinguished recipients has since grown to include Federal Court of Australia Judge, Justice John Griffiths (1974); internationally-renowned tort and legal reasoning expert Professor Jane Stapleton (1980); Dr Anne-Marie Devereux (1991) who coordinated Australia’s first Universal Periodic Review appearance before the Human Rights Council; Canberra barrister and President of the ACT Women Lawyers Association Prue Bindon (2001) and ANU College of Law lecturer Pauline Bomball (2010) whom Naomi considered one of her mentors at the law school.
PCA People/DFP Recruitment Prize for Lawyers, Justice and Ethics (Shared)

KATE JAMES
HUGO KNEEBONE

Peggy and Stephen Tsang Prize for Takeovers and Securities Industry Law

ADRIAN LEE

Radhabai Kishinchard Prize for Law, Governance and Development (Shared)

MATTHEW BANKINS
CAITLIN HARTVIGSEN-POWER

Sparke Helmore Prize for Equity and Trusts (Shared)

SOPHIE BOGARD
SONJA HALBICH

Supreme Court Judges’ Prize

NAOMI WOOTTON

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Prize for Refugee Law (Shared)

ADRIENNE ELMITT
HARITA SRIDHAR
2016 DEAN’S MERIT LIST

Dean’s Certificate for Advanced International Law

HARRISON BRYANT

Dean’s Certificate for Climate Law

THOMAS UNDERWOOD

Dean’s Certificate for Conflict of Laws

SASCHA KOUVELIS

Dean’s Certificate for Consumer Protection and Product Liability Law

SHANWEN (JUNE) MA

Dean’s Certificate for Current Issues in Constitutional Law (Shared)

ABBHEY SECKERSON

LUCY NICHOLS

Dean’s Certificate for Environmental Law Clinical Program

BEN NILES

Dean’s Certificate for Health Law Bioethics & Human Rights

ELLIN KIM

Dean’s Certificate for Income Tax

ARLETTE REGAN

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Dean's Certificate for International Dispute Resolution (Shared)

GENA O'BRIEN
MICHAEL O'DOYLE

Dean's Certificate for International Law & Arbitration Moot Competition in Japan

KIERAN PENDER

Dean's Certificate for International Law of the Sea

JESSICA REYNOLDS

Dean's Certificate for International Organisations (Geneva) (Shared)

JACK KAYE
ALEX CATALAN FLORES

Dean's Certificate for International Trade Law

TASHA MCNEE

Dean's Certificate for Introduction to Roman Law

LACHLAN YEEND

Dean's Certificate for Jessup Moot (Shared)

JAMES BARRETT
MATILDA GILLIS
TARA PERAMATUKORN
DAN TREVANION
WILLIAM RANDBLES
Dean’s Certificate for Law & Politics of European Integration

NICHOLAS HORTON

Dean's Certificate for Law and Armed Conflict

TRISTIAN DELROY

Dean’s Certificate for Law and Humanities

JOSEPH DEAN

Dean’s Certificate for Law and Sexualities

DAVID CRIBB

Dean’s Certificate for Law Internship

TASHA MCNEE

Dean’s Certificate for Survey of US Law (Alabama)

PRASHANT KELSHIKER

Dean's Certificate for Tort Liability of Government & Public Authorities

ADRIENNE ELMITT
The 2016 ANU College of Law Jessup team was the first from ANU to win the Australian round of the Jessup Moot in 35 years.

Through the competition, teams of law students compete against one another in simulated proceedings heard by the International Court of Justice. Teams prepare oral and written pleadings – arguing both the case of the applicant and defendant countries – and appear before a bench of volunteer judges, many of whom hold senior positions in law and legal practice.

The success followed three months of extensive preparation for the students, James Barrett, Dan Trevanion, Matilda Gillis, Tara Peramatukorn and William Randles. Their training commenced the day after exams finished in 2015, pausing only for Christmas, until the competition in early February 2016.

They worked closely with ANU Law coaches Kate Ogg and Dr Imogen Saunders.

“It’s the most difficult subject that a law student would do in their degree and the best preparation for legal practice and building advocacy skills,” Kate said.

“The Jessup Moot Competition reflects the highest standard of mooting and its winners are well placed for a career in international law.”
2016 Scholarship Recipients

Freilich Indigenous Student Scholarship in Law

DARCY JACKMAN
Darcy is a current Juris Doctor student interested in Indigenous development and the law, and how these areas interact to protect the rights of Indigenous people internationally. She hopes to work for the United Nations and is currently a mentor in the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME).

Indigenous Student’s Practical Legal Training Scholarship

ISOBELLA RAFTY
Isobella is a proud Koori woman of the Biripi people. The Scholarship allowed her to complete her practical legal education at ANU.
“Having such amazing mentors, I feel a strong sense of duty to help others. This award is such a fantastic opportunity for Indigenous law graduates and I am an entirely grateful recipient.”

Littleton Groom Memorial Award

TRISTIAN DELROY
“The scholarship enabled me to move from Queensland to study at ANU. It gave me the chance to take brilliant law courses and pursue other opportunities at ANU Law, like being a student editor for the Federal Law Review, working as a Research Assistant and undertaking a Summer Research Scholarship.”

Permanent Court of Arbitration Scholarship

SARAH CASTLES
The Scholarship gave Sarah the opportunity to spend 12 months working at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. ANU Law is the only law school in Australia – and one of just four in the world – to offer this opportunity. It has allowed Sarah to spend a year immersing herself in the practical and legal aspects of international arbitration.
GEORGIE JUSZCZYK

“This Scholarship means so much more than just a dollar amount. It’s an honour and encouragement of immense proportions to receive it in the name of such an inspirational woman, and I hope I can demonstrate the same integrity, professionalism, compassion and strength of character that she did.”

SONALI FERNANDO

Rebecca spent 12 weeks working in Washington DC with alumnus Matt Harvey in the World Bank’s Special Litigation Unit. It gave her the opportunity to explore her deep interest in alleviating poverty and addressing collusive conduct.

REBECCA LUCAS

Prashant undertook his internship with alumnus and barrister Phillip Coppel QC, whilst Sonali spent her internship at Latham & Watkins LLP under the guidance of alumnus Tom Evans.

Harry Aitken

The Yuill Scholarship provided Harry with the support to undertake a nine-month traineeship program at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. He had the opportunity to work with Judge James Crawford – an Australian who is regarded globally as one of the leading practitioners of international law.
TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

RYAN GOSS
AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE
Australian Public Law; Civil and Political Rights; International Human Rights Law

MARK NOLAN
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUPERVISION

MINH BUI
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TUTORING
Equity and Trusts

SIMON FRAUENFELDER
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TUTORING
Contracts
MIGRATION LAW PROGRAM

AWARD FOR PROGRAM OR SERVICE THAT ENHANCES LEARNING

CHRIS WHITE
CHRISTINE GILES
LINDA KIRK
TOM FORAN
TUSHAR DAS

MATTHEW ZAGOR

CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENT LEARNING

Refugee Law; International Law; Australian Public Law

MARGIE ROWE

CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENT LEARNING

Clinical Youth Law Program
As a leading Australian law firm, Clayton Utz is proud to partner with ANU College of Law – Australia’s national law school – to recognise and support talented students.

Each year we award three prizes that recognise outstanding performance in Administrative Law, Migration Law and Torts. As a large employer and service provider in the Australian legal sector, we believe in investing in developing confident, innovative and responsible lawyers.

Our 30-year partnership with ANU College of Law has enabled us to attract talented and passionate graduates from the school with diverse experiences and interests. Over 10% of partners from Clayton Utz have graduated from ANU Law, including the managing partner of our Canberra office, Caroline Bush. The winner of the Clayton Utz Prize for Administrative Law in 1993, Caroline has followed her own unique career path at the firm and is now widely acknowledged as one Australia’s best lawyers in Government and Public Law.

We wish the winners of these three prizes, and all other 2016 prize recipients the very best. We look forward to watching you stay true to your own passion and direction, and make your mark in your chosen profession.
Rewarding the hard work of our top students would not be possible without the generous support of our donors and for this we extend our sincere gratitude.

We appreciate that the firms, associations, agencies and alumni who support us, both financially and in-kind, throughout the year do so because of the strong relationship that the ANU College of Law has with the large and varied community of legal professionals in Canberra and beyond. We are confident that their investment pays dividends each year when they are presented with a new generation of law graduates to reward for their academic excellence and boundless dedication. The relationships between the donors and recipients often extends beyond the awards night as many of our best graduates begin their careers within this legal community.

We have a range of sponsorship opportunities at ANU College of Law including prizes, events, scholarships and research.

If you would like more information on how to support us please contact marketing.law@anu.edu.au
AT A GLANCE

In 2016, the ANU College of Law has retained its position as one of Australia’s leading law schools, continuing to achieve excellence in legal education, research and community engagement.

Students The ANU College of Law is the second largest College in terms of student enrolments at ANU, with 5,352 students studying undergraduate, postgraduate and higher degree research programs.

Law remains among the most in-demand disciplines at ANU, with over 90 per cent of undergraduate students studying the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) as part of an ANU Flexible Double Degree.

Law students now comprise nearly one quarter of ANU students.

Staff The ANU College of Law is home to over 160 permanent academic and professional staff, bringing together a diverse array of knowledge, expertise and insight.
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In Australia and abroad, our alumni continue to make substantial contributions in and outside of law.