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At its meeting in Buenos Aires in April 2011, the Governing Board of the International Association of Law Schools (IALS) elected ANU College of Law Dean Professor Michael Coper as one of two Vice Presidents of the Association. Dean Coper has been a member of the IALS Governing Board since 2007, and hosted the IALS 2009 Annual Conference at the ANU College of Law in Canberra. That conference was attended by over 100 delegates from 66 law schools in 31 different countries (see IALS Conference).

The mission of the IALS is to promote the role of law schools in advancing the discipline of law and enhancing legal education worldwide. It seeks to foster mutual understanding, by respecting and learning from each other’s differences, yet also to find common ground and to promote good practice in curriculum and pedagogy — all in the interests, ultimately, of a more just and peaceful world. As befits its place in the world as a small but progressive country, Australia’s membership of the IALS (tirelessly promoted by Dean Coper) is the highest of any country relative to the number of law schools in that country (50%), and, in absolute terms (16 law schools), second only to the United States. The IALS currently has around 140 member law schools from around 40 different countries.

Consistent with his international focus, Dean Coper has also been reappointed as a member of the Commonwealth’s International Legal Services Advisory Council (ILSAC).

ILSAC, founded by former Chief Justice of NSW Sir Laurence Street in 1990, comprises senior partners of Australia’s leading commercial law firms, representatives of relevant government departments, and leaders in Australian legal education. Its mission is to promote the export of Australian legal services and the quality of Australian legal education, including the recognition overseas of Australian law degrees. It is currently working with key Australian universities, including ANU, to promote internationalisation of the law curriculum, under a grant from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC).

The ANU College of Law congratulates Dean Coper on these two appointments, and on his leadership in promoting the ANU College of Law’s international engagement.
Chinese Delegation Visit

A delegation from the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) visited the ANU College of Law on 19 May. Dean Professor Michael Coper and Professor Fiona Wheeler greeted the group at the College before proceeding to the Vice Chancellor’s Office for a meeting with the Vice Chancellor Professor Ian Young and Mr Darren Brown, Director, International Strategy and Alliances Office, ANU.

The CUPL delegation included Professor Huang Jin, President of CUPL; Professor Gao Xiang, Dean, College of Comparative Law; Professor Chang Baoguo, Dean, School of Political Science and Public Administration; Ms Xu Lan, Director, Office of International Cooperation and Exchange, and Mr Yang Xuewei, Deputy Director, General Affairs Office.

The Chinese University of Political Science and Law represented by the CUPL College of Comparative Law and The Australian National University represented by the ANU College of Law entered into a memorandum of understanding to facilitate the establishment of exchange programs and to collaborate in areas of mutual interest and benefit.

Through the MOU, each institution will seek to identify exchange opportunities; establish teaching, research and administration programs; facilitate visits and promote academic programs, research institutes and educational resources.

The CUPL delegation returned to the ANU College of Law for morning tea where they met College staff, including Associate Professor Don Anton and Dr JP Fonteyne, (Co-Directors, Exchanges and International Programs); Miriam Gani (Sub-Dean LLB/JD); Dr Ann Kent; Associate Professor Gary Tamsitt, Director of the ANU Legal Workshop; Professor Kent Anderson, Director, ANU School of Culture, History and Language; and Dr Mark Nolan, Director, Higher Degree Research.
The ANU College of Law Announces the Establishment of the Yuill Scholarship

Establishment of the Yuill Scholarship

The ANU College of Law is delighted to announce the establishment of the Yuill Scholarship to support the International Court of Justice (ICJ) Traineeship Program.

The Scholarship is named after the late Justice Gordon Yuill of the Family Court of Australia and has been made possible by the generosity of the Yuill family and the ANU Endowment for Excellence.

The Yuill Scholarship will support a current student or recent graduate of the ANU College of Law to undertake the highly prestigious traineeship at the ICJ, the principal United Nations court for resolving disputes between states, at The Hague.

The Scholarship will contribute towards expenses while the trainee works as an associate to an ICJ judge.

The College would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Yuill family for making it possible, through the Yuill Scholarship, for future generations of ANU students and graduates to participate in this outstanding international program.

Inaugural Yuill Scholarship Recipient – Ellie Fogarty

Ellie Fogarty is the inaugural recipient of the Yuill Scholarship. A love of English and debating at high school and a ‘strong social justice streak’ led Ellie to study law at ANU, where she completed a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice. She is currently studying for her ANU Master of Laws.

For the past two-and-a-half years Ellie has worked in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Canberra. She provides policy advice to Government and senior officials on matters of national security and international policy, in particular, defence policy and the provision of civil-military assistance to States experiencing or recovering from conflict and disaster. Ellie has recently been working with the Lowy Institute for International Policy preparing a paper on preserving Australia’s interests in Antarctica.

Ellie believes that the ICJ traineeship will be a wonderful opportunity to develop her legal skills and gain a better understanding of court processes, while also working in the area of law of greatest interest to her.

‘My heart lies in international law and human rights law. In the future I would really love to work with an organisation which provides development assistance or legal advice on matters relating to development, human rights and human security. Some options I would like to explore include working within Government with agencies such as the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) or the Office of International Law in the Attorney-General’s Department, or working with a non-government organisation such as Oxfam or the Women’s Institute for Gender Justice.

‘I think that the ICJ traineeship will be invaluable in providing me with an understanding of how international law matters are resolved in practice, and will give me a unique insight into how international institutions function at the highest level. I hope that working with, and learning from the experiences of, eminent international legal practitioners and graduates from other prestigious universities will also provide me with some great guidance on where I might go to from here, and will also help me build networks with people who share my interests.

‘I am extremely grateful to Justice Yuill’s family, and the ANU Endowment for Excellence, for their generosity in providing the funding for the Yuill Scholarship, which supports the University’s involvement in the ICJ Traineeship Program. I am honoured to be the beneficiary of the Scholarship in its inaugural year. This financial support has been an enormous help in allowing me to take part in what I think will be a fantastic and unique development opportunity,’ Ellie said.

The ANU Endowment for Excellence helps hundreds of students experience ANU and is the philanthropic channel for the University.
Megan Davis is a Queenslander who was born and grew up in Warra-Cobble Cobble country. ‘During my entire PhD study, Queensland won the State of Origin, so I am hoping that doesn't change just because I have graduated,’ she said.

Even as a child, Megan was very interested in foreign affairs and the UN and especially the double dissolution and the Constitution. She believes Law & Order had a lot to do with it.

Her PhD supervisor was Professor Hilary Charlesworth. ‘I studied my LLM at ANU Law simply because of her. I had heard about her on the grapevine in Queensland, especially a book she wrote with Christine Chinkin on Gender and International Law. And when I moved to Canberra as an ATSIC Legal Cadet, I met other students who had studied with her. I took every subject she offered from Gender and International Law to The Emerging Right to Democratic Governance. I met a lot of lifelong friends during my LLM who were equally admiring and influenced by Hilary, including Sue Harris-Rimmer and Allison Henry. We all took Hilary's courses together. She was hugely influential on me as a student. I was so nervous the day I asked her to supervise me!’ she said.

‘She taught me to be a critical thinker but she also taught me how to present an argument in a respectful and considered way. And I would not have produced my PhD if it wasn't for her excellent guidance and supervision. She really is the best supervisor and one of her other PhD students said to me: Wait till you have your final draft thesis, you will see why having a supervisor like Hilary Charlesworth is worth its weight in gold. She has an exceptional ear for ensuring a PhD performs like a Mahler symphony; she has an eagle eye (or ear) for where the weaknesses are.’

In her PhD, Megan focused on Aboriginal women and a critique of the right to self-determination. When asked what she enjoyed most about her studies, she said, ‘I loved it all. The best times of my life and PhD were the lengthy stays I had at ANU at Liversidge Apartments just locked in the room in my pyjamas writing on the laptop. I had occasional two or three month slots during my five years (occasionally sponsored by Mick Dodson at NCIS and Jon Altman at CAEPR). The little Liversidge studios would be a frightful mess. But every afternoon I would walk around the amazing Lake listening to Townes van Zandt and think about what I had written for the day. They were thrilling days.’

‘And the collegiality at ANU; I don't think you could do your PhD at a better University – there are so many incredible scholars in Law that you could talk to, especially at RegNet where I was, which has so many world class scholars and is the most amazing and friendly place, where everyone was so generous with their time. It is a place where scholarship and thinking is taken seriously – that seems self-evident given it is a university – but if one works as an academic in a university then, one knows that is not always the case. RegNet is in a class of its own for the level of support (especially Paulina Piira). And of course, the biggest highlight was establishing a life long friendship with Hilary Charlesworth – she is one cool cat.’
Since completing her degrees, Megan has changed her way of thinking. She said, ‘As a lawyer we are trained to understand that there are two sides to every argument and every position. I guess, my thinking is more ‘critical’. I adopt a critical lens with most of the information, whether scholarly or NGO or government, that I receive in the course of my work in Australian Indigenous affairs. At one point as an early career researcher I was certainly captured by a certain agenda in Indigenous affairs but removed myself from that environment and moved to a mainstream law school where I could have my thinking challenged. That was a key moment in my intellectual development.’

‘I think that “challenging” was what was so refreshing (but scary!) about RegNet; the sacred cows of self-determination, and many other things I never considered in a critical way were (rightly) questioned and challenged. I also think now I am not a very political person – I come from a staunch working class Labor home but I find myself less and less convinced by either side of politics. I would consider myself quite a-political.’

So far, career highlights for Megan include finishing and submitting her PhD, which she regards as ‘probably the best’ especially as it is the first in her family; and receiving a promotion to Associate Professor of Law and Professor of Law was ‘definitely a highlight’. Another memorable occasion was being elected to the UN in a competitive election by the Economic and Social Council. ‘I had to lobby for the votes of 54 UN member states – which was a lot of fun and I was extremely proud of, working with Sally Weston from the UN Mission in New York was also a highlight. Indeed when I won the election in New York, Gareth Evans popped into my celebrations at the UN Mission, so it was really cool to receive my PhD from him as ANU Chancellor when I graduated.’

‘My UN work, whether drafting the UNDRIP or serving as an expert on the PFII or in my annual human rights teaching with UNITAR, I take very, very seriously and I always prioritise.

‘Being selected as a member of the Expert Panel on Recognition of Indigenous Australians by the federal government was a career highlight – it is a recognition of the work I have done in this area as a scholar. I am loving visiting amazing communities like Cherbourg and Longreach to discuss constitutional reform.

‘I am also passionate about my work on the court as a Commissioner of the NSW Land and Environment Court; it is really exhilarating work.’

In the immediate future, Megan has a legal text on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (with NSW Barrister Dr Sarah Pritchard) coming out this year. She is also completing research, so Megan said her immediate goal is ‘to put my head down and publish’.

In terms of future ambitions, she said ‘I was accepted into the DFAT Graduate program in 2001 and I knocked it back (some would say stupidly given its competitiveness!) because I wanted to concentrate on getting a PhD and becoming an academic – although I have an expert role at the UN and have published extensively for 10 years on international legal issues pertaining to human rights and Indigenous issues, it would be nice to work at some point with DFAT.’

‘I am passionate about my UN work, especially combating violence against Indigenous women, and I hope to continue that.

‘And, it would be nice to come home to ANU again one day. Not as a student but as a Professor.’
Catching up with alumni

Dean Professor Ian Holloway


ANU College of Law alumnus Ian Holloway left the University of Western Ontario (UWO) on 1 July where he was the longest serving Dean (2000–11) to begin a five-year term as Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary.

Before becoming UWO Dean, Professor Holloway was an Associate Dean at the ANU (1999–2000). During this period, he was awarded the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Interview

Why did you decide to study law?
To be candid, I didn’t really decide to study law for particularly good reasons. In North America, Law is a second-entry degree. My first degree was in Biology, which I didn’t like enough to want to continue at. So I searched around for something to do. I applied to do the MBA and the LLB and I was accepted into both. Law was three years, while the MBA was two. I liked the student lifestyle, so I chose Law because it was longer. Not a very far-sighted decision-making process, but it couldn’t have worked out better for me. And as luck would have it, science proved to be a wonderful preparation for legal studies. What it gave me was a combination of analytical skills and study discipline that served me extremely well once I began law school.

How did a law degree equip you for the real world?
It didn’t, really, at least not in a direct sense. Of course, I learned a great deal in law school, but even then it seemed to me to be detached from “the real world” to an unhealthy degree. I’m not one of those who thinks that Law should be a trade school, but I do believe that we owe it to our students to present what we’re teaching them in context.

Who influenced you the most as a law student and how?
As I say, I came to Law from Science. Unlike many of my classmates, I had never studied much history or political science. So I found the first year of law school to be quite terrifying. But I had some lecturers who were willing to look beyond the frightened exterior, and to help bring me out of my shell. They all know who there are, for I’ve told them so. I’ll forever be in their debt.

What do you remember about your PhD studies and time as an Associate Dean at ANU?
I loved everything about my time at the ANU. Everything! For one thing, I met my wife there. We were both living in University House – she was doing her PhD in Sociology, and I in Law. Mousumee is her name, and she comes from India. So in 1998, we were married in a traditional ceremony in Calcutta. We now have two beautiful children. So all of that came from the ANU!

As for the law school, I can’t imagine a better place for a young person to begin an academic career. The senior members of staff were all extremely welcoming, and there was a critical mass of us young folk. This made for a very exciting atmosphere, where anything was possible – or, rather, where they’d let you try anything. It really was tremendously exhilarating. Cosmopolitan, too. In my time, there were about thirty of us on academic staff, and we hailed from no fewer than ten different countries. And I loved the students to bits. I’m still in touch with some of them, in fact, even though it was eleven years ago that I left.

I should say, too, that I was blessed to have had the doctoral supervisor that I did. John McMillan was everything that one could ask for in a supervisor. I learned a great deal about public law scholarship under his guidance.

As for being Associate Dean, I have to say that working with Michael Coper was a particular joy. I found him to be everything that one could want in a dean – and I continue to use him as a role model in my own deanship. Along with working with Michael, I found working with the staff to be enriching on almost a daily basis. Gosh, they were a professional group!
After spending the past eleven years as Dean at UWO what will you miss most?
I’m a sentimental person by nature, so I’m going to miss a great deal about Western. But to sum them up, I guess that I’d say that I’m going to miss the relationships that I’ve developed over the years – with faculty and staff, with alumni, and with our students. We’ve accomplished a lot since 2000, and we’ve done it all as a team.

What are you looking forward to most about the University of Calgary?
Calgary is Canada’s can-do city. It’s vibrant and outward-looking, and its position as the headquarters of Canada’s energy and natural resources industry gives it an enviable place in today’s world. And the University occupies a special place in the economic and social life of the city. I think that the deanship in Calgary’s law school is the most exciting job that there is in Canadian academia today. I’m very lucky to have the chance to take it on.

I see that you are a Canadian football fan. Did you ever get to see an Australian football game?
Of course, I used to love going to see the Raiders play. But thanks to the influence of David Hambly, with whom I became good friends, I also became a big Aussie Rules fan. In fact, I actually became a member of the Essendon Football Club. James Hird, who at that time was the captain, was from Canberra. Plus, the Bombers had both a great history and a sharp-looking guernsey. So they were the team for me. And thanks to technology, I can still follow them.

I should add that I became something of a cricket devotee in Australia. In University House, I lived with someone who was a qualified cricket referee. He served as my tutor for the game. And being married to an Indian, cricket continues to loom large in my life.

Will you cope with the cooler conditions of Calgary?
(Except everyone complains about the cold winters in Canberra but you must have found them balmy!)
You know, I’ve never been as miserably cold in my life as I was in Canberra during the winter. It seemed as if all the buildings were designed for a north Queensland climate. Central heating was largely unknown. And I remember that at the weekend, they’d turn off the heat in the Law building. Every half an hour or so, I used to have to run my hands under hot water so that I could continue typing. People in Canada don’t believe me when I tell them they actually have real winters in Australia – complete with skiing and everything.

More information
http://www.ucalgary.ca/president/messages/20110309

Catching up with alumni
**Vice Chancellor’s Award**

**Asmi Wood**

ANU College of Law lecturer, Asmi Wood has been selected as a recipient of a Vice Chancellor’s 2010 Award for Teaching Excellence. This is the highest of the University’s suite of teaching awards.

Dean Michael Coper said that ‘the award is a deserved recognition of Asmi’s many skills and attributes in this area, his work and empathy with students, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, and the seamless integration into his teaching of his personal qualities, his values, and his deep commitment to a better world’.

Asmi Wood has been a member of staff since 2002. His field of research is terrorism. He has contributed papers and submissions to various governmental agencies on the computer industry, Indigenous issues and issues affecting refugees and asylum seekers.

His interests include international law and terrorism, and Indigenous legal issues.

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**Epilepsy Publication Launch**

In conjunction with the launch of World Purple Day on 9 March 2011 at the Legislative Assembly, ANU College of Law student, Caitlin Baillie launched a paper written during her summer internship program with Epilepsy ACT. During her internship she prepared a guide on the law, which was addressed to lay readers and entitled ‘Epilepsy and the Workplace: A Guide for Workers and Employers’.

Her professional supervisor was Cesira Costello, who is associated with Epilepsy ACT.

Epilepsy ACT published the paper on their website and also made it available to Epilepsy Australia and the international body. The paper is available [here](#).

**Congratulations to College Alumnus**

ANU College of Law alumnus, Tim Bugg has been appointed as the non-US lawyer to the Council of the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association.

He is the first non-Western European lawyer and first Australian to be appointed to the position.

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**Congratulations to:**

- The ANU College of Law team which has been selected for Jessup Moot 2012: Stuart Bryson, Caroline Compton, David Mao, Stephen Priest and Shiang Ye

- Hafiz Aziz-ur-Rehman who has recently completed a PhD at the ANU College of Law with the help of his Australia Award

- The members of the ANU Copenhagen Competition Team for 2011: Bindu Adiraju, Aman Gaur, Nick Topfer and Anna Verney

- ANU College of Law students who were successful in gaining winter internships in 2011 through the Aurora Native Title Internship Program including: Ashoor Khan (AIATSIS internship); Nicholas Bowen (ALS); Nirmalan Amirthanesan (NTSCORP); John Birrell (IPDRU); David Rowe (RA); Michael Brown (ILC) and Sam Dalgarno (FVPLS).
ANZSIL Conference

The Promise and Limits of International Law

The 19th Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law (ANZSIL) was held at University House, ANU on 23–25 June.

The conference, themed *The Promise and Limits of International Law*, considered the limits and limitations of international law and their relation to the promises – institutional, symbolic and practical – that international law makes in a variety of political and doctrinal contexts.

Professor Andrew Byrnes, ANZSIL President, and Professor Kim Rubenstein, Director, Centre for International & Public Law, ANU College of Law, opened the conference. The keynote address was given by Professor Beth Simmons, Clarence Dillon Professor of International Relations, Harvard University.

Over the course of the conference speakers delivered presentations on the following topics:
- Regulating violence
- International environmental law
- International humanitarian law
- International trade law, environment, rights and development
- Human rights
- Private international law/harmonisation
- Rights, security and state building
- International economic law
- Theory, crime, jurisdiction
- Environmental law and sustainable development

For details of the speakers and their presentations please see the ANZSIL Conference Program.
(L–R) Professor Kim Rubenstein, Professor Beth Simmons and Professor Andrew Byrnes, President ANZSIL

Professor Don Rothwell
ANU

Pradip Royhan,
Macquarie University

Mr Yuji Iwasawa,
University of Tokyo

(L–R) Kelisiana Thynne (International Committee Red Cross), Grant Niemann (Flinders University), Monique Corimer (University of Melbourne) and Ben Keith (Crown Law Office, Wellington)
The Hon Louise Arbour, President and CEO of the International Crisis Group gave the Annual Kirby Lecture at the John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU on 23 June.

The lecture was titled, *The Laws of War: Under Siege or Gaining Ground?* (Video)

Louise Arbour has served as President and CEO of the International Crisis Group since July 2009. Previously she acted as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2004 to 2008.

In 1996, she was appointed by the Security Council of the United Nations as Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda. She was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1999.

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In 2008, Ms Arbour was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and Companion of the Order of Canada. In June 2009, she became Grande Officière de l’Ordre national du Québec. In 2010, she received the Colombian Order of National Merit, Grand Cross class and was named Commander of the French Legion of Honour.
Emeritus Professor Jack Richardson

Professor Jack Richardson, a good friend and distinguished colleague from the ANU College of Law, died on 13 June 2011 aged 90.

Professor Richardson was Dean of the then ANU Faculty of Law (established 1960) throughout most of the 1960s, and as current Dean Professor Michael Coper has noted, would have been Foundation Dean but for a short period of service by Professor Harold Ford before Professor Ford went to the University of Melbourne.

In the 1950s, Professor Richardson had been Secretary to (and author of the report of) the Joint Parliamentary Committee that reviewed the Australian Constitution, and in 1977 he was appointed as the first Commonwealth Ombudsman. He served in this position until 1985, and was later Ombudsman for Western Samoa.

Professor Richardson introduced air and space law to ANU, and to Australia, following a period of study at McGill University’s Institute of Air and Space Law. He was also a renowned expert in trade practices law and Australian federalism.

In his retirement he bred horses at his property at Cobbity. ‘I believe that the long list of celebrity guests who visited Jack’s property at Cobbity included former Beatle Paul McCartney,’ Dean Coper said.

Professor Richardson regularly kept in touch with the College at morning teas and in recent years was working on another book on the Constitution. Another of the ANU College of Law’s Emeritus Professors, Leslie Zines, has written a formal obituary that appeared in The Canberra Times.

Dean Coper said, ‘We will remember Jack as a pioneer of the College, building it from almost nothing to a secure and respected institution by the end of the 1960s. In particular, the Federal Law Review was established during this time.

‘The whole of the ANU College of Law community sends its sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to Jack’s family, including his wife Grace and his son and two daughters. We shall miss that irrepressible twinkle in his eye, his lively ongoing interest in matters of government, and the link he constituted with the earliest days of the ANU College of Law.’

David Sydney Farquhar
(4 April 1952–11 March 2011)

Please see The Lawyers Lawyer to read David’s obituary by:

- David Lisson, Executive Director, Solicitor for the Northern Territory;
- Terry Lisson, Director Promotion Appeals & Grievance Reviews Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment, NT
The Law Reform and Social Justice Program (LRSJ)

Student profile: Jessica Lee

Up until my penultimate year, my experiences at the ANU were centred on the non-law components of my degree: French and political science. Studying French led to a semester’s exchange in Lyon, studying politics led me into involvement with the Student Representative Council and editing the student newspaper. However, up until this stage I had remained relatively disengaged from my law degree, possibly because I had no desire to join my fellow students in the scramble for clerkships and paralegal positions. What had appealed to me about studying law was the opportunity to obtain a skills set that theoretically would be of use to the parts of society most in need of assistance. How I would go about doing that didn’t seem to come up at all in class.

By chance that I was in the law school one Thursday afternoon, procrastinating over some take home exam or other, when a friend of mine convinced me to go to an LRSJ meeting. In one hour, five students presented on five different projects that they had been working on – from attending a maximum-security prison in order to educate inmates about the legal system, to helping at the immigration centre by teaching conversational English. And as quickly as that I realised that there was an entire side of studying law that I had been ignoring.

The LRSJ program presents students with an alternative to the traditional paths one envisages when they think of the legal profession. It creates opportunities and fosters initiative in students who may otherwise have felt disconnected from traditional paths into the professional world.

My involvement with the ACT Human Rights Act project has not only equipped me with invaluable IT prowess, but it has also given me the opportunity to build relationships with those on the other side of the lectern. Our team’s case summaries are proofread by ANU lecturers and academics at the top of their respective fields and published on a resource widely used by the Human Rights-engaged community. Our team has had to overcome a number of logistical obstacles and familiarise ourselves with legislation and cases that take us well beyond knowledge required for class. We’ve learnt technical skills, developed our writing styles and are getting to know a groundbreaking piece of Australian legislation.

Becoming involved with the LRSJ community also afforded a fantastic opportunity to work with the pre-trial bench of the Extraordinary Chambers of the Cambodian Courts. Under the guidance of Simon Rice, Judge Rowan Downing and the ANU Law Internship program, I was able to obtain course credit for a research paper that was submitted to the ECCC. Before beginning the paper, I had little to no confidence that any research I might be able to provide would come near anyone entrusted with power in such an important trial process. This project instilled in me some confidence in my own written work, and this is the beauty of the LRSJ program: it creates an environment where students are given a great deal of time and guidance from members of the faculty. They are given freedom to run with their ideas, develop important skills and have confidence in the fact that they have an enormous amount to offer the wider community.
I’m an Asian Studies/Law student from Melbourne. I decided to study law largely because my Mum is a lawyer. She studied as a mature age student whilst I was in primary school.

Studying at ANU has given me some fantastic opportunities, and being part of the ANU College of Law has been fantastic. My lecturers have been engaging and knowledgeable. Being in the nation’s capital, I have been able to meet and learn from internationally renowned academics, politicians and judges.

Beyond this, I have pursued my interest in social justice with the Law Reform and Social Justice Program. Specifically, I have been the student coordinator of the Detainee Support Program run through the ‘first human rights compliant’ prison in Australia, the Alexander Machonochie Centre.

The DSP is the first program of its kind in Australia, and began in semester two of 2010. Students went into the prison and delivered a ‘legal literacy’ program. We explored the Human Rights Act, the Corrections Management Act, correlating policies and regulations, and broader legal structures and principles.

It was a hugely rewarding experience. The program bridged the theoretical gap of studying the law with its application in reality. My studies grounded me in this environment, and showed me how powerful the knowledge I had was.

Many students are interested in social justice and law reform work. The programs offered by the ANU College of Law give students a unique opportunity to undertake such work and experiences whilst learning the technicalities of the law.
Past Events

MAY

3 May
Labour Law Seminar
Good Faith Bargaining: Recent Australian developments viewed through a Canadian prism (Audio)
Associate Professor Anthony Forsyth, Monash University & Associate Professor Sara Slinn, Osgoode Hall Law School, Canada

6 May
CIPL Friday Lunchtime Seminar
The Battle Over Interpretive Power: States and tribunals in the investment treaty system (Audio)
Ms Anthea Roberts, Lecturer in Law, London School of Economics

12 May
LRSJ Program series
In Conversation With... Rob Stary, Julian Assange’s Australian Lawyer

20 May
CIPL Friday Lunchtime Seminar Series
Judicial Review in Australia: the Administrative Review Council’s Inquiry (Audio)
Mr Roger Wilkins AO, Secretary, Attorney-General’s Department

24 May
CIPL Roundtable Discussion
Human Rights Protections - What does Australia Need? (Audio)
Ms Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

28 May
ANU College of Law - One Day Symposium
Towards Rio+ 20: Contemporary issues in international environmental law

JUNE

9 June
ANU College of Law Seminar
Experiential Learning and Professionalism (Audio)
Professor Paul Maharg, Northumbria Law School, Northumbria University

15 June
CIPL Public Lecture
Bringing Nazi Criminals to Justice (Audio)
Efraim Zuroff, Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre Office

28 June
The Australian Centre for Military Law & Justice and CIPL Public Seminar
Law Enforcement Issues in Maritime Security (Audio)
Assistant Professor Chie Kojima, World Maritime University, Sweden & Commander Ian Campbell, Royal Australian Navy

JULY

12 July
Labour Law Seminar
Second Year Blues? The Fair Work Legislation in 2010-11
Professor Andrew Stewart, University of Adelaide and Piper Alderman
## Staff in the Media

### JUNE

**Ven. Alex Bruce**  
*Three wise men visit 666 Afternoons to discuss the ritual slaughter of animals*  
*666 ABC, Canberra*  
1 June 2011

**Arjuna Dibley**  
*Executive Officer of ACT Law Reform Advisory Council, ANU CoL speaks about Indonesian laws already provide for humane slaughter*  
*The Age*  
3 June 2011

**Marianne Dickie**  
*Malaysia Solution or political safety net?*  
*The Drum, ABC*  
8 June 2011

**Brad Jessup**  
*So much for a fair go: Kyoto protocol lets Australia offload climate responsibility*  
*The Conversation*  
10 June 2011

**Ruth Townsend and Dominique Dalla-Pozza**  
*National security, private rights: should doctors identify would-be terrorists?*  
*The Conversation*  
16 June 2011

### JULY

**Kate Gauthier**  
*Asylum seeker chatter has become a debate about a debate*  
*The Age*  
14 July 2011

### AUGUST

**Thomas Faunce**  
*Trees have the answer to everything*  
*The Sydney Morning Herald*  
4 August 2011

**Anna Verney**  
*Missed opportunity to debate school chaplain ‘religious test’*  
*The Canberra Times*  
15 August 2011

**Kate Gauthier**  
*Call goes out for asylum policy based on ‘better angels of our nature’*  
*Michael Gordon, The Sydney Morning Herald*  
22 August 2011

**Matthew Rimmer**  
*Tech titans at war over patents*  
*Jennifer Dudley-Nicholson, Herald Sun*  
24 August 2011

**Marianne Dickie**  
*Visa costs force choice on migrants*  
*Stephanie Anderson, The Canberra Times*  
25 August 2011

**Kevin Boreham**  
*Libya and the ‘Responsibility to Protect’ doctrine*  
*On Line Opinion*  
26 August 2011

**Gregor Urbas**  
*Familial DNA testing and phenotype DNA testing*  
*Damien Carrick, The Law Report*  
30 August 2011
Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

7 October
CIPL Friday Lunch-time Seminar
An Australian’s Experience in Vienna: drafting the UNODC model law on smuggling of migrants
Ms Fiona David, ANU College of Law
1–2 pm, Phillipa Weeks Staff Library, ANU College of Law (Bldg 5) Fellows Road, ANU

21 October
CIPL Friday Lunch-time Seminar
Pursuing Constitutional Dialogue within Socialist Vietnam: The 2010 Debate
Huong Nguyen Maurer School of Law, Indiana University
1–2 pm, Phillipa Weeks Staff Library, ANU College of Law (Bldg 5) Fellows Road, ANU

NOVEMBER

10 November
CIPL Public Lecture
The UN Security Council, NATO, the European Union, the ICC and Libya
Professor Władysław Czapliński Institute of Legal Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

27 Nov–9 December
Canberra Langfest
For more information
Graduate Studies in Law Information Evening

Date: 27 September 2011  
Time: 4:30–6:30pm  
Place: Phillipa Weeks Staff Library

You are invited to attend a Graduate Studies in Law Information Evening. Find out more about graduate study options, including the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP), Masters programs and research degrees and meet staff from the College.

Programs include:
- Juris Doctor (JD)  
- Graduate Certificate in Australian Migration Law & Practice  
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice  
- Masters, Diploma and Graduate Certificate Programs  
- Research degrees, including PhD, SJD, MPhil

Coursework specialist areas include:
- Environmental Law  
- Government & Commercial Law  
- Law, Governance and Development  
- International Law  
- Legal Practice  
- Migration Law

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