



Strong science in aquarium attractions

Megan Bathgate (7) and Olivia Sefo (7) of Dunedin soak in the stories told by New Zealand Marine Studies Centre and Aquarium Programme Director Sally Carson and Royal Society Teaching Fellow Darren Smith as they're shown a new \$10,000 Remotely Operated Vehicle camera as part of the Centre's summer holiday programme. See page 7 for the full story.

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Academic promotions

Fourteen leading academics at the University will be promoted to full professorships at the beginning of next month.

Announcing the promotions, Vice-Chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne congratulated the academics and said that their appointments as professor are well-earned and reflect proven records of excellence.

“The University’s processes for conferring professorships are rigorous and involve input

from international experts. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding and sustained contributions in areas that include leadership in teaching, research and service to the University and community.”

A further 33 Otago staff are being promoted to the rank of Associate Professor, Clinical Associate Professor and Research Associate Professor.

Otago’s new professors are: John Broughton (Oral Diagnostic & Surgical Sciences and Preventive & Social Medicine); Vicky Cameron (Research Professor – Medicine, Christchurch); Marie Crowe (Psychological Medicine and Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies, Christchurch); Andrew Day (Paediatrics, Christchurch); Catherine Day (Biochemistry); Bernadette Drummond (Oral Sciences); Robin Gauld (Preventive & Social Medicine); Juergen Gnoth (Marketing); Ken Hodge (Physical Education); Brian Hyland (Physiology); Ian McLennan (Anatomy); Ted Ruffman (Psychology); Struan Scott (Law) and Jean-Claude Theis (Surgical Sciences).

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Research Associate Professors: Simon Hales (Public Health, Wellington); Tony Reeder (Preventive and Social Medicine); Katrina Sharples (Preventive and Social Medicine); Nicola Taylor (Centre for Research on Children & Families).

iTunes U – pick of the month

Winter Lecture Series 2011: Experience trackers – how science uses mobile technology to understand us

This exciting lecture by Dr Tamlin Conner discusses how mobile technology is opening up new methods of gathering research data and can improve data quality.

For example, mobile devices can be used to monitor various forms of physiological data in real time during the course of the day, instead of relying on a single data point taken at a lab or doctor’s office.

Heart rate and blood pressure can be used as determiners of stress, however tests seen in a doctor’s office and the patient’s memory of what is experienced during a day or week. The stress I felt during the final minutes of the Rugby World Cup, for example, probably wasn’t evident in my heart rate and blood pressure tests later that week, but my stress levels for the week would probably have been higher than average – and greater than I recalled.



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WHAT'S NEW

New Development and Alumni Director

The University's next Director of Development and Alumni Relations Philip Kearney will take up his new role in February.

Currently General Manager, Education, at the New Zealand Charities Commission in Wellington, Mr Kearney succeeds Associate Professor David Gerrard, who will return to the Division of Health Sciences after three years in the position.

Mr Kearney has a strong management and marketing background across a variety of industries including several roles in the education sector. He has a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing from Otago and an MBA from Massey University.

As Director, Mr Kearney will head efforts to build on the University's highly successful "Leading Thinkers" advancement campaign, and will oversee the management of relationships with Otago's 85,000 alumni around the world.

University Vice-Chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne says Mr Kearney was selected following an extensive international search.

"His deep understanding of the charitable sector and demonstrated ability to forge strong relationships across a wide variety of organisations will place him well for this role, which is pivotal to our future development and the relations with the communities we serve."

Mr Kearney says, "The University is a very successful and well-regarded organisation and I look forward to building on the excellent work already done in development and alumni relations."



New Director of Development and Alumni Relations Philip Kearney.

Stars ignite chemistry conference

More than 200 chemistry researchers from New Zealand and around the world will gather at the University for a major symposium this weekend.

The International Symposium on Macrocyclic and Supramolecular Chemistry (ISMSC) conference covers a wide range of chemistry disciplines, ranging from organic, inorganic and physical to theoretical. The topics covered are often multi-disciplinary, lying at the interfaces of traditional areas.

Conference co-chairs, Professors Sally Brooker and Keith Gordon of the Department of Chemistry, say that this meeting will bring together an "incredible number of international stars in the discipline".

Keynote lectures will be given by more than 30 leading researchers from 13 countries and the conference will be the highest-profile gathering of chemical scientists ever held in New Zealand. The meeting will also see many Otago alumni return to Dunedin.

The impressive lineup includes Professor Sir Fraser Stoddart of Northwestern University, who is one of the pioneers in the field of tiny molecular (nano-sized) machines. Sir Fraser will give a public lecture in the St David Street main lecture theatre on Wednesday 1 February at 6.30pm titled *Mingling Art with Science*.

eBooks on demand

Patron-driven ebook purchasing is now an established service at Otago's libraries with selected titles recorded in the catalogue, but bought only when a University staff member or student wants to use it.

Managed by Collection Development Librarian Paula Hasler, the patron-driven programme was trialled in 2011. Otago was the first university library in New Zealand to offer this service.

Ms Hasler says, "Patron-driven ebook purchasing has the advantage that if no one wants to use the item on offer then we don't have to pay for it. Sometimes it's a good way of making an additional copy available for something in high demand for a short period. Or, for a high cost item for which we have a very limited need we can loan the item for a modest cost without having to purchase it."

All non-owned titles are available for a browse period to enable the user to evaluate the material, and to request further access if required.

Ms Hasler stresses that this move complements the purchase of print books and ebook collections and is not a replacement.

The Gentleman's Magazine

You have a chance to see a 'repository of all things worth mentioning' in the exhibition *The Gentleman's Magazine: the 18th Century Answer to Google* showing in the de Beer Gallery until 16 March 2012.

The Gentleman's Magazine was the first 'magazine' in the modern sense. Special Collections is fortunate to have an entire run of copies from 1731 to 1866.

It was the most important periodical in 18th century England, reflecting in its pages the diversity of Georgian life, politics and culture. It covered current affairs, political opinion, lead articles from other journals and miscellaneous information such as quack cures and social gossip. Writers such as Dr Johnson, John Hawkesworth, Richard Savage and Anna Seward were just a few of the thousands who contributed to it.

De Beer Gallery, first floor Central Library, free, 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Correction

In the Otago Bulletin of 16 December 2011 the cover photo caption listed one of the team members of the Centre for Chemical and Physical Oceanography as Dr Sylvia Jones, when it was in fact Dr Sylvia Sander. Our apologies for any confusion caused.

POSTGRADUATE NEWS

Pacific Islands Studies PhD a first

“Aunty, do you think if I played netball I would get that skinny?”

Otago’s first doctorate in Pacific Island Studies was sparked years ago by this innocent question from Michelle Schaaf’s niece at a netball game. It had profound consequences on Dr Schaaf’s life, leading her to research Pacific gender, role and body preconceptions in New Zealand netball.

Of Samoan and Tongan heritage, Schaaf was appointed a lecturer at Te Tumu in 2002. Her research interests lay in the area of body image and idolatry, but her niece’s question lead her to consider Pacific women’s perspectives in relation to the popular sport, and barriers that might prevent them participating.

Schaaf interviewed 18 people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, all of whom participated in netball as a player, coach or umpire from international to grass-roots level. These included two trans-gender individuals who indicated that trans-gender people face unique challenges in relation to the sport.

“Many Pacific trans-gender people migrate here to New Zealand where [being trans-

gender] is more acceptable,” says Dr Schaaf. “They pushed for men’s netball, but now they’ve been marginalised in the sport that was once liberating for them because the rules now state players have to look and dress as male.”

Schaaf also discovered how traditional Pacific mores sometimes make it difficult for Pacific women to participate in sport, particularly at elite levels.

“Some players’ mothers give them a hard time,” says Schaaf, “saying they should be at home being a good wife and mother instead of taking time out for sport. (But) it is important for women to participate in sport, to look after themselves physically and mentally so they can be better at fulfilling their family roles.”

Dr Schaaf uncovered an equally rich variety of findings in the area of feminine body image.

“The ideal female body-shape from a Pacific perspective is in blatant contrast to the Western ideal. [My thesis] provides insights regarding their disposition toward their own bodies and the ways others treated their bodies on and off the netball court.”



Photo: ODT

The recipient of Otago’s first PhD in Pacific Island Studies, Michelle Schaaf, is also a lecturer within Te Tumu, School of Māori, Pacific & Indigenous Studies.

Dr Schaaf’s thesis, *Pacific participation in Aotearoa/Niu Sila netball: body image, family, church, culture, education and physical education*, was supervised by Te Tumu’s Associate Professor Brendan Hokowhitu and Professor Michael Reilly.

Five Phys Ed PhDs make graduation record

Last month five doctoral graduands from the School of Physical Education created a new record for the most Phys Ed doctoral graduates to be capped in one ceremony. Making the event even more special was that three of the five were supervised or co-supervised by Associate Professor Mike Boyes.

The five graduands – Rebekah Scott, Chris Harvey, John Maxted, Nalani Wilson-Hokowhitu and Allen Hill – all had positive things to say about their PhD experience at the School.

Dr Hill, for example, says, “Returning to university as a 36-year-old to work on a PhD was a real privilege.”

Now a lecturer in Outdoor & Sustainable Education at the University of Tasmania,

Dr Hill’s PhD focused on sustainable approaches to outdoor education. “The School was superb – I was well supported and felt included – and my supervisors were outstanding.”

Dr Maxted was a Senior Teaching Fellow in Outdoor Education at the University of Otago from 1996 to 2006. He then accepted a position as Senior Lecturer in Recreation and Sport at the Eastern Institute of Technology in Hawkes Bay. Appropriately, he describes his PhD, *Boys Go Bush: Solos at Tihoi Venture School*, as “quite an adventure” in another glowing tribute to the School’s and Dr Boyes’ support.

“I worked alongside my supervisor Dr Mike Boyes whilst on staff; an experience that was professionally very rewarding

and empowering. Mike kept me on track for nine years of study part-time.”

Associate Professor Boyes, MNZM, winner of the OUSA Supervisor of the Year award in 2005, says, “There is pleasure and pain as students complete their doctorates; pleasure in their achievements and pain in that I lose the companionship of these close friends as they accept work all over the world.”

The achievements of the five new graduates brings the total number of Physical Education 2011 PhDs to six, following the graduation earlier in December of Dr Anne-Marie Jackson, who has been appointed to a full-time position at the School as Lecturer in Māori Physical Education and Health.

WHAT'S NEW

Hands-On no bore



Photo: Sharron Bennett

Geology's Dr Virginia Toy shows Hands-On Science student Fiona Smith how to drill hand auger boreholes to test liquefaction potential in the backyard of St Kilda resident, Geology's Dr Andrew Gorman. They are watched by (seated from left) Sam Paterson, Awhina Clark-Tahana (obscured), Injy Johnstone, Nicola Whelan-Henderson and Georgia Mae Pringle.

The field exercise demonstrates the annual Hands-On Science programme's objective of providing a friendly and interactive environment for secondary students to experience the activities of scientists. Its long-term benefit is underlined by the fact that Dr Toy herself took part in Hands-On Science as a teenager.

This year Hands-On Science saw 235 year 12 and 13 students receive the devoted attentions of professors, teaching fellows and postgraduate students from across 18 departments and disciplines last week.

Science's Divisional Marketing Communications Co-ordinator Rose Newburn says this, the 23rd consecutive Hands-On Science, is typical in that "everything and nothing" has changed.

"It is different each year because the students are different. Each year is similarly fantastic."

Life/study coaching offer widens



Personal Performance and Development Coach Brian Johnston.

Head of the Botany Department Professor Katharine Dickinson has introduced an initiative whereby all postgraduate students enrolling in the Department will be offered an introductory life/study coaching session with the University's Personal Performance and Development Coach Brian Johnston.

Mr Johnston says the idea is to instil effective life and study habits from the beginning of the postgraduate's academic career.

"It's taking a prevention is better than cure approach," he says. "I often see students when they're 'off track' or in crisis, but these sessions can help set them off on the right track from the word go."

Professor Dickinson says she is also encouraging her own postgraduate students to work with Mr Johnston on an ongoing basis to help them create structure and self-discipline in the often "lonely" three year plus journey to PhD thesis completion.

Mr Johnston has been the University's Personal Performance and Development Coach since May 2010. This month he begins a one year secondment from student health services to Graduate Research Services. He will be offering individual coaching sessions primarily with postgraduate thesis students but also with undergraduates.

Throughout 2012 he also plans to run workshops for students and staff at the Dunedin, Christchurch and Wellington campuses.

For information contact Brian Johnston on Ph: 479 8461, Email: brian.johnston@otago.ac.nz

Alaskan awards for dental therapists

Eight Alaskans who received Diplomas of Dental Therapy from Otago between 2004 and 2006 were awarded National Impact Awards by the National Indian Health Board of the US in Anchorage, Alaska last year.

The award was given for their pioneering work to bring the profession of dental therapy to the US and more specifically for improving access to dental care for the people living in their rural Alaska communities.

The group came to Dunedin to study as part of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's (ANTHC) Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT) programme. The DHAT programme was created in 2000 to build a pool of dental therapists in response to rural Alaska's extraordinary unmet need for oral health services. It was the first programme of its kind in the United States.

Alaskan DHAT Training Director Dr Mary Williard was a Visiting Fellow in the Otago Faculty of Dentistry from 18 November to 12 December last year.

Dr Williard says, "The therapist's education at Otago provided them with the skills necessary to return to their communities and address significant dental disease, as much as five times the US national average of dental decay in children aged 0-5 for some communities they service."

Dr Williard says that in the time since those first diploma graduates began serving their Alaska Native and native American patients in rural Alaskan communities, there appears to be a reduction in the rate of extractions and an increase in the number of children with no cavities in those communities.

SUMMER SCHOOL

This year's Summer School offers opportunities to gaze at the stars, to study cinematic vampires, to dance in rural India and more. The diversity of papers impresses its new Director more as each day of her first Summer School (9 Jan-17 Feb) passes.

Professionalism impresses new director

Dr Elaine Webster feels she's hit the ground running as Summer School and Continuing Education Director thanks to a five week overlap with the previous Director Dr Claire Matthewson, but she's keen to fill the gaps in her knowledge.

"I feel I haven't engaged properly with the Summer School papers and their academic staff yet, so I will attend a few classes to get a feel for how the Summer School runs for the students and the staff. I want to see how the courses work in the spaces they're given so I can be better informed about timetabling effects. I'll do the job better if I have a good understanding of every aspect.

"The Summer School runs like a well-oiled machine. It's lovely to see it all happening."

Dr Webster says she's glad the academic staff are not "backward in coming forward" if anything untoward happens. She is planning to survey participating staff and departments after this year's Summer School is over, to get direct feedback from staff.

"I'm really impressed by the professionalism of all the people who support the Summer School and Continuing Education, such as Admissions and Enrolment, course advisers, and timetabling.

"Plus there's all the staff at the Library, Student Services and the Student Learning Centre who are available to support the students and make sure they have a good experience here. I think they are just fabulous for the service they offer."

One of the things that interests Dr Webster about the Summer School is the diversity of papers.



Summer School and Continuing Education Director Elaine Webster at her new office. In the background sit her colleagues Administrative Assistant Distance Learning Karen Logan and Administrative Assistant Summer School and Continuing Education Robin Frame.

"On a personal level there are at least four or five papers I'd like to do myself. I wouldn't expect one person to be attracted to such a range. There are physics and forensics papers that attract me, when I'm more of an arts person. I think it's really fantastic."

Dance immersion in southern India



From left: Physical Education lecturer Ali East with Summer School Dance Ethnography course students Karina Ayward; Ella Robinson, Rachel Enright, Christine Ogilvy, Leah Carrell, Jasmine Trafford, Rachel Harlen, the day before flying to Kerala, India.

Seven students travelled to Kerala, India this month to spend 20 days exploring the practice of dance as an artistic, social and religious activity in the community as part of the Dance Ethnography paper offered during this year's Otago Summer School.

Physical Education lecturer Ali East, who coordinated the trip, says the students see elaborate rural dance rituals such as the Theyyam ceremony and attend master classes in other traditional dance forms.

"The trip provides the students with a transcultural and what I call a 'trans-locational' education. They analyse the role of dance within a community via guided fieldwork, observer/participant research and informal interviews. They get experience of collecting data in the field and making effective field notes. Then they come back here to spend three weeks writing it all up.

"It's very much a group experience, but these students learn a lot about themselves in this huge and different place."

A dancer is prepared for his part in a Theyyam ceremony to placate the nature gods and bring good health to the family. The 12-24 hour ceremony contains all the elements of ritual theatre; music, dance, costumes and character transformations (from human to god) and, occasionally, animal sacrifice.



MARINE STUDIES CENTRE

A peek beneath the surface

Just as most of the University closes down for the festive season, its 'harbourside entrance', the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre and Aquarium at Portobello, has its busiest time of the year. Over 30,000 people from around NZ and the world visit the facility each year.

Programme Director Sally Carson says, "Many of these visitors never visit the main campus, so this is their experience of the University of Otago.

"Visitors love the fact that the Aquarium is part of a scientific laboratory and they are very interested in current research. Some of our guides are graduate students who are keen to tell tales of their latest experiment or field trip.

"Many people don't know what a scientist does, so all of our programmes are designed to give visitors some hands-on experience. Although many have been excited to peek beneath the surface with an

ROV (remotely operated vehicle) camera, others have been amazed to discover the diversity of life living on the adjacent rocky shore."

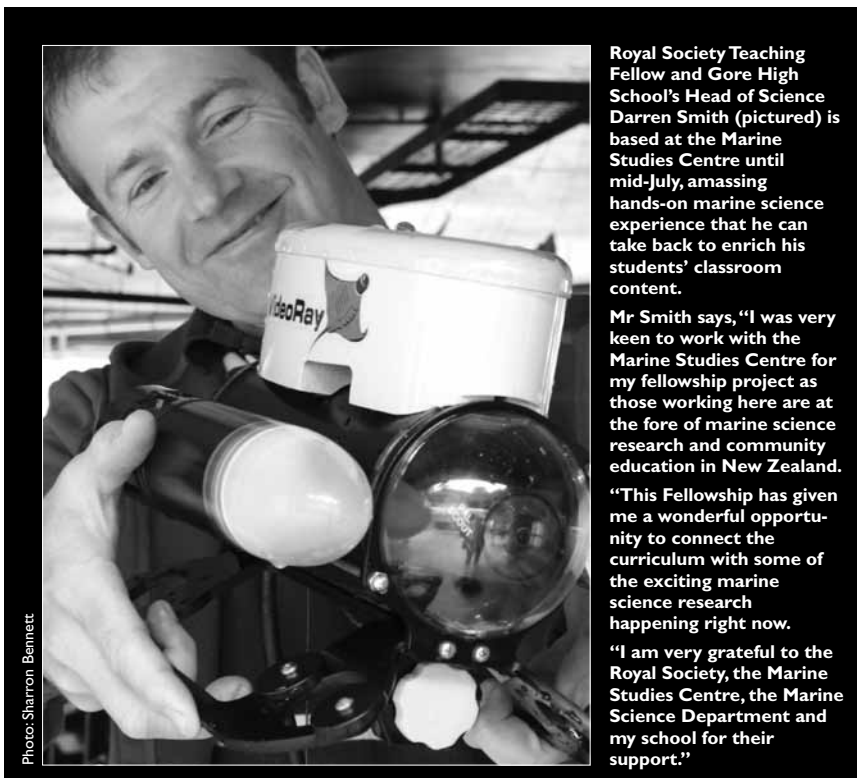
Ms Carson says the 'yellow submarine', which simulates a dive down 1200m to the bottom of the Otago Canyon sea trench, also involves the public in the excitement of scientific discovery.

The Treasures of the Sea programme for these summer holidays had young visitors on a treasure hunt around the facility finding clues and prizes, sifting sand to discover the models of marine life it held and watching footage of the Centre's eloquent marine scientists and aquarium staff describing what objects or experiences are their own personal treasures of the sea.

"We aim to spark an interest and concern with the local marine environment so the public and students will care more for its welfare. We hope they see they can do their little bit to help," Ms Carson says.



New Zealand Marine Studies Centre and Aquarium Programme Director Sally Carson (third from left) reveals the secrets of Portobello's rocky shore to a fascinated group of young visitors. From left Thomas Stephen (11) of Perth, Olivia Sefo (7), Megan Bathgate (7), Caitlin Bathgate (9) and Bella Sefo (9) all of Dunedin, came to experience the Centre's summer holiday programme.



Royal Society Teaching Fellow and Gore High School's Head of Science Darren Smith (pictured) is based at the Marine Studies Centre until mid-July, amassing hands-on marine science experience that he can take back to enrich his students' classroom content.

Mr Smith says, "I was very keen to work with the Marine Studies Centre for my fellowship project as those working here are at the fore of marine science research and community education in New Zealand.

"This Fellowship has given me a wonderful opportunity to connect the curriculum with some of the exciting marine science research happening right now.

"I am very grateful to the Royal Society, the Marine Studies Centre, the Marine Science Department and my school for their support."

ROV a multipurpose aquatic eye

The \$10,000 Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Royal Society Teaching Fellow Darren Smith is holding was purchased for research and education programmes at the Centre thanks to a New Zealand Lottery Environment and Heritage grant.

The mini-ROV will be used by scientists and visiting groups of secondary school students to survey marine communities in Otago Harbour, to monitor the health of animals in the Aquarium's outside pools, and to allow visitors an 'aquatic-eye' view of the animals in the pools (this summer young sharks, a sizeable conger eel and rays were on the visual menu).

NZ Marine Studies Centre and Aquarium Programme Director Sally Carson says using the ROV in the visitor programme is one of the many ways of enabling the public to become more familiar with the everyday work and tools of marine scientists.

RESEARCH

Disclosing mental illness in the workplace

Every day thousands of New Zealanders suffering from some form of mental illness ranging from depression to schizophrenia go out to work, but don't tell their employers or workmates about their illness.

However, as new research from the University of Otago, Wellington and the Mental Health Foundation shows, hiding one's mental illness is a very difficult daily burden for many employees, because of fear of discrimination from employers and work colleagues.

"We carried out structured interviews with people with mental health issues as part of a broader study of employment and mental illness," says lead researcher Dr Debbie Peterson.

"The results are revealing, as on a day to day level many of these people suffer significant extra stress on the job because they're scared of the consequences of revealing their mental health issues."

This dilemma exists despite the fact that it is illegal under the Human Rights Act for employers to discriminate against people on the grounds of psychiatric disability, or to ask questions about this, if an employee is capable of doing the job and not a danger to themselves or others. Peterson says further dilemmas come up when employees have to complete health-related questions on job application forms. Most denied having health problems, even though providing false information could lead to dismissal.

The study found that all these factors often had long term effects; reducing confidence in the job market, not disclosing their condition when applying for jobs, or restricting their work to roles where mental illness is accepted.

Dr Peterson says the study highlights the need for more readily available advice on these issues.



Hiding mental illness from employers and colleagues creates extra tension for workers fearing discrimination.

"...hiding one's mental illness is a very difficult daily burden for many employees..."

Sea lions policy endangering species



Photo: Tessa Mills, Marine Studies Centre

Sea lion arriving on Allans Beach.

A University of Otago expert on rare New Zealand Sea Lions says there is an urgent need for an independent review of the Government's proposed management of sea lions.

Senior Lecturer in Zoology Dr Bruce Robertson says the Government's proposed radical policy change which he is certain will endanger the species comes despite two of its own departments producing conflicting advice on the issue.

Dr Robertson says, "On the one hand, we have the Department of Conservation using a conservation management tool and saying

fishing effort will lead to the functional extinction of the sea lion population within 24 years. While on the other hand, MAF's current fisheries model, designed to determine the number of sea lions that can be sustainably harvested each year, suggests that fishing effort is having "minimal" impact on sea lions," he says.

He adds that it is very concerning that two government departments are poles apart in their conclusions on the management of a Nationally Critical New Zealand species.

Dr Robertson says recent advice to the Government that by-catch of NZ sea lions from squid fishing is no longer a risk to the species runs counter to a just-published Department of Conservation (DOC) study on the role of disease outbreaks and fishing related deaths in the 50 per cent decline of the New Zealand sea lion population.

"The DOC study directly contradicts MAF's assertion that by-catch of NZ sea lions in the squid fishery is no longer an issue contributing to the extinction risk of the species," Dr Robertson says.

The research by DOC scientist Dr Louise Chilvers uses the modeling tool, Population Viability Analysis, which is used by conservation managers to resolve extinction risk and weigh management scenarios in threatened species recovery.

The study, just published online in the international science journal *Polar Biology*, concludes "sustained fisheries bycatch at current estimated levels... could result in a population decline and possible functional extinction".

Smoking in ‘role model’ groups studied

A new study published by researchers from University of Otago, Wellington has found that smoking rates have declined rapidly amongst many occupational groups over the last 25 years.

However, among some key ‘role model’ occupations smoking rates remain high. The researchers suggest that targeted support to help them give up smoking should be considered.

The research from the ASPIRE 2025 research collaboration was supported by the Marsden Fund and the Health Research Council and has been published in the journal *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*. It describes smoking prevalence by occupational groups, which may be role models in society, using data from the 1981 and 2006 censuses.

The five ‘role model’ occupational categories cover a range of 32 different jobs: teachers, uniformed services, health professionals, entertainers and sports people, and other public figures and professions.

“The aim was to look within five occupational categories which act as role models for children and others, compare smoking rates with the average for all occupations in NZ, and rates of decline across the occupational groups,” says lead researcher and director of ASPIRE 2025, Professor Richard Edwards.

Smoking rates in 2006 ranged from over 45% for kohanga reo teachers to under 4% for doctors. For most of the ‘role model’ occupations, including many health professionals and over 60,000 primary and secondary teachers, the researchers found that around 10% or less now smoke – far below the national average of 22% in 2006 for all employed people.

Others such as prison officers (28%), nurse aides (27%), the armed forces (25%), social workers (23%), hospital orderlies



Wellington’s Professor Richard Edwards is the lead researcher and director of ASPIRE 2025, a collaboration between the University of Otago, Massey University and partners Whakauae Research and Tala Pasifika aimed at achieving a tobacco free New Zealand.

and ambulance officers (24%), professional sportspeople (21%), teacher aides (21%), and actors, dancers and singers (20%) had smoking rates close to or above the national average.

“There’s been a major decline in smoking in many health jobs, as well as for most teachers, lecturers, ministers of religion and lawyers, where prevalence has reduced to less than 10%, compared to a national average of 21.7%. So it can be done,” Professor Edwards says.

He noted that whilst overall the picture is very positive some of the results are concerning, and further research would be useful to determine the reasons for the persistence of smoking in certain occupations, particularly in relation to Māori.

No NZ progress on child maltreatment

New Zealand is named in a major international study involving the University of Otago as one of six states and countries which have no clear evidence of a decrease in child maltreatment over the past two decades.

Led by Professor Ruth Gilbert, University College London Institute of Child Health (ICH), the study, just published in the *Lancet*, concludes that despite numerous government policy initiatives designed to achieve a reduction in child maltreatment, no change was apparent.

The study used three types of child maltreatment indicators; violent deaths in children, hospitalised injuries related to

maltreatment and involvement with child protection agencies.

The indicators were gathered from health and child protection agencies, and compared trends in children under 11 across six states and countries, England, Sweden, New Zealand, Western Australia, Manitoba (Canada) and the USA.

The study found large variations between the countries and states in the frequency of involvement with child protection agencies, but little difference between the rates of maltreatment-related injury or violent death.

Contributing author and University of Otago Department of Preventive and

Social Medicine Research Fellow, Dr Pauline Gulliver, says it is concerning that there has been no apparent change in child maltreatment rates in New Zealand.

“There is a strong argument for population based data to inform policy development and monitor trends in New Zealand, such as what could be produced by linking health and social services records” Dr Gulliver says.

Professor Ruth Gilbert, professor of clinical epidemiology, ICH said: “Our results suggest the need to focus on preventing factors that contribute to child maltreatment, in order to substantially reduce rates of child maltreatment in the future.”

PEOPLE

From rocker to Department Head



Incoming Head of the Department of Music and Theatre Studies Dr Graeme Downes.

Verlaines front-man Dr Graeme Downes is the next Head of the Department of Music and Theatre Studies.

The “Dunedin-sound” songwriter, singer and guitarist has been with the Department since 2000, when he led establishment of the then new contemporary rock degree.

While he is best known for his career in rock music, his training was in Western classical music, his PhD was on the music of Mahler, and he teaches across genres – from Brahms to Bacharach.

“I bring a fair amount of experience in terms of the length of time I have been here and the role I’ve played in building

the Department from where it was then to where it is now,” Dr Downes says. “I have a broad appreciation of the needs of the various disciplines taught here. As we are a Department of Music and Theatre Studies I will need to make myself more familiar with my Theatre colleagues and their activities, but I look forward to that.”

Dr Downes says under his leadership he hopes the Department continues to prosper and achieve an international profile and reputation, with collaborations beyond New Zealand.

Dr Downes replaces Professor Henry Johnson as Head of Department.

UN Sung HEROES

Marketing’s dependable core

Step out of the lift on the sixth floor of the Commerce building and you’ll see the *Bulletin’s* latest *Unsung Hero*, Doreen Gillam, her reception window providing a welcoming link for Marketing’s staff and students.

For more than 10 years Mrs Gillam has managed front office reception for the department of Marketing in the School of Business in her role as Receptionist Departmental Secretary.

Marketing’s Associate Professor David Ballantyne says, “Never grumpy, always ready with a wry smile, Doreen is the invisible connecting rod that holds everything together.

“Students seek out her advice, year after year. She has a better recall of names and students, past and present, than the teaching staff. Academic staff in the department find her willing to help with questionnaire surveys, reimbursement of claims, and the sorting of exam scripts. Doreen was ‘multi-tasking’ before there was a word for it.”

Mrs Gillam says, “The staff are great. I don’t know if ‘looking after

them’ is the right term for what I do – I think they look after me.”

But it’s the students she sees each day that set the job apart for Mrs Gillam.

“I love the students, I just love them. I think they are absolutely fantastic. They’re so much fun; someone to go past your window, someone to talk to. They almost treat me like a mother or, dare I say it, a grandmother.

“It’s always been like that for me, I wouldn’t change it for the world. The students, from first year to postgraduate, are what motivate me in my job. Most of them are just really nice, lovely people. I get postcards from some of them when they go.

“Some occasionally come to me and tell me their personal situation. Sometimes they just need someone to listen. I like that they feel they can do that.”



Marketing Receptionist Departmental Secretary Doreen Gillam.

New DVC aims for growth

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) Richard Blaikie took up his position on 1 December knowing that Otago is a university envied for the quality and scale of its research and knowing that reputation can be built on still further.

His new job has brought Professor Blaikie back to his academic roots, having graduated from Otago in 1988 with a first class honours degree in Physics. He went on as a Rutherford Memorial Scholar to the University of Cambridge, returning to New Zealand in 1993 to take up a position at the University of Canterbury. He is Director of the MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology.

When questioned about his attraction to the Research and Enterprise position his reply is a simple one.

“Otago’s research programmes are the envy of New Zealand and the world. The quality of research is second to none, done on a scale that makes a real impact, by people who are very committed.

“The idea that a university is a place where people are disconnected from community, reality and the world is far from the truth.”

Professor Blaikie says he is looking forward to interacting with the individuals involved in the university’s various research activities.

“I want staff to invite me along to any meetings or functions involving research and enterprise development – I will come if I can.

“I want to see the University build on the quality and scale of what we have. The goals are to maintain the things that are in place, bearing in mind the funding constraints of the world we live in, and to seek opportunities to grow new activities. We do need to make some changes, but much of this will happen by evolution, not revolutionary changes to current practice.”

Another attraction of the DVC position was its flexibility in enabling him to continue his own research into the development of low cost nano-scale imaging using near-field light, and other sub-wavelength optical phenomena. His interests also include semiconductor device structures, and the application of nanofabrication techniques to new electronic, optical, chemical and biological devices.

Professor Blaikie knows a great deal of untargeted research has to take place before any concrete outcomes can occur.

“People need the freedom to operate within their area of expertise. But I know people here are still prepared to put that research into the context of our place in New Zealand and our place in the world.”

A key focus for Professor Blaikie in 2012 is the Government’s formal tertiary institution research performance assessment regarding the Performance Based Research Fund (PBRF).

“The next PBRF round is taking place this year, so staff should expect to hear more from me about it. I encourage everyone who needs to submit their evidence portfolios to put their activities for the last six years in the best possible light. We need to put our best foot forward”.



Photo: Graham Warman

Watch for Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) Professor Richard Blaikie in the hills. An enthusiastic road cyclist and self-confessed weekend warrior, Professor Blaikie has competed in Le Race in Christchurch seven times – most recently riding in the lead bunch of recreational competitors. “I just want to do better than I did last time. You’ve got to set yourself goals, don’t you?”

“The idea that a university is a place where people are disconnected from community, reality and the world is far from the truth.”

Awards and Achievements

Otago this month celebrated success at the 2012 John Molson International MBA Case Competition in Montreal. The Otago MBA team, comprising Hamza Almakky, Jonny Mirkin, MBA Faculty member Dr David Band (coach), Christopher Wahl and Richard Turton, came second in a field of 36 teams from 12 countries. The win adds to an impressive record of achievement at the competition; Otago MBA teams won in 1991, 1993 and 1994.

Deputy Head of the School of Surveying Brian Coutts, has been awarded the New Zealand Institute of Surveyor’s highest individual award, the Fulton Bequest A.1. The award is given to Institute members for outstanding service to the Institute or surveying profession and recognises Mr Coutts’ significant contribution during his 34 year membership.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Pigeons no bird-brains

Otago Psychology research revealing pigeons are on par with primates in their numerical abilities recently drew wide international attention.

Postdoctoral researcher Dr **Damian Scarf** was lead author of an article in *Science* showing that pigeons can put images in order based on the number of objects pictured in each.

Dr Scarf said that up until now, only humans and primates were thought to share the ability to use abstract numerical rules in this way.

The researchers initially trained the pigeons by presenting them with 35 sets of three images, each with one, two, or three objects of different sizes, colours and shapes.

Next, the researchers sought to test if the pigeons could take what they had learnt from ordering the three images and apply it to images with higher numbers of objects than they had seen before. The pigeons were presented with pairs of images with between one and nine objects and tested on their ability to respond to them in ascending order.

As well as performing above chance in these tests, the pigeons also demonstrated a 'distance effect' comparable to that found in landmark US research in 1998 involving rhesus monkeys performing similar tasks.

23 Dec – 14 Jan *New York Times, Washington Post, LA Times, Sydney Morning Herald, UK Daily Mail, ABC News, NPR, ODT, 3 News, RNZ Morning Report, Newstalk ZB, RadioLIVE.*

Childhood memories

Otago research revealing that events experienced by children as young as two can be recalled six years later gained attention last month.

Most adults cannot recall events that took place before they were three or four years old—a phenomenon called childhood amnesia. While some can remember what happened at an earlier age, the veracity of their memories is often questioned.

To determine at what age our earliest memories occur, Department of Psychology researchers looked at around 50 Dunedin children and their parents. The research involved having the children play a unique "magic shrinking machine" game when they were two- to four-year-olds. Six years later, the researchers interviewed the children and their parents to determine how well they remembered playing it.

Study lead author Dr **Fiona Jack** said that only about a fifth of the children recalled the event, including two children who were under three years old when they played the game.

"Although we couldn't predict children's long-term recall on the basis of their general memory and language skills, we found some evidence that talking about the event soon after it occurred may have helped preserve it in the memories of those who remembered it," Dr Jack said.

The study appeared in the US journal *Child Development*.

23 Dec *Wall Street Journal, Dom Post, NZ Herald, ODT, RNZ News, RadioLIVE.*

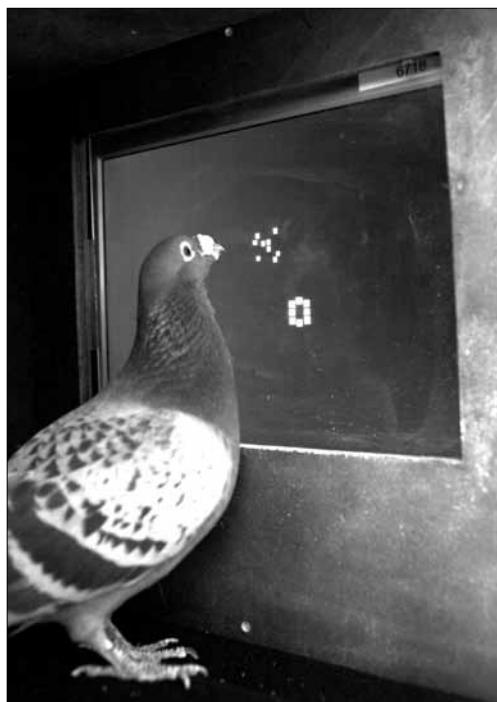


Photo: William Van der Vliet

No bird-brains: Otago research shows pigeons' number sense is on par with rhesus monkeys

Nutrition policy scrutinised

Wellington campus research suggesting that national nutrition policy formulated by Labour and National-led Governments favours the food industry over public health made the news this month.

Dr **Gabrielle Jenkin** and Department of Public Health colleagues analysed the 313 submissions to the 2006 Health Select Committee Inquiry into Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes and compared the positions taken by submitters from the food industry and public health groups.

These positions were then compared with the 2007 Labour Government's response to the committee's recommendations and the resulting national nutrition policy.

The research focused on 19 recommendations in four areas of nutrition policy: the national obesity strategy; regulation of the food industry; regulation of marketing and advertising; and school environments. It found that the Labour Government supported the food industry position in 13 of the 19 recommendations, against five where they supported the public health position.

The Government sided with industry in rejecting key committee recommendations for front-of-pack labelling and restrictions on TV advertising of unhealthy food. Only in the area of school environments did the Labour Government agree with the public health position by requiring schools to sell and promote only healthy foods.

This school nutrition policy was subsequently overturned by the National-led Government.

Dr Jenkin said that the continuing trend of policy favouring the food industry is dangerous as New Zealand is now the third most obese country in the developed world according to the OECD.

The study was published in the international journal *Public Health Nutrition*.

10- 14 Jan *RNZ News, Newstalk ZB News, Mike Hosking Breakfast, Drive, Easy Mix News, Bay of Plenty Times.*

Notices for all Campuses

Bulletin Template

The *Otago Bulletin* website has an electronic template.

If you wish to enter a seminar in the Diary of Events, place a notice in the General Notices, enter courses in Professional Development or insert an advert in Classified adverts then please go to:

www.otago.ac.nz/news/bulletin

Then go to your category and enter the details required on the template.

Preview it, so you know what it looks like and send it.

If you have any concerns about the template or any difficulties please contact the Editor, Ph: 479 4378, Email: bulletin.editor@otago.ac.nz

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

For information on upcoming research funding rounds please visit the Research and Enterprise Office website: www.otago.ac.nz/research/otago004140.html – information updated weekly.

If you would like the Research Opportunities emailed out to you weekly, you can join the ResearchInfo List. You can subscribe to the list by going to <http://lists.otago.ac.nz/listinfo/researchinfo> and enter your email address, your name, and then click on 'Subscribe'. If you have any problems subscribing please contact the Research Office.

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*RELEASE OF REVIEW REPORTS

The following Review Reports have now been authorised for release: Department of Tourism; Master of International Studies Programme. For further information, please contact Reviews and Projects Co-ordinator Megan Wilson, Ph: 03 479 6528, Email: m.wilson@otago.ac.nz

REVIEW OF THE DIRECTORS OFFICE, ACADEMIC SERVICES

14 to 16 Mar
Convenor: Professor Robert Knight

The Review Panel has been asked to review, evaluate and report to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) on the quality and adequacy of the Directors Office, Academic Services. A copy of the full Terms of Reference, list of Panel members or further information may be obtained from the Review Secretary, Inge Andrew, Research & Enterprise, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054, Ph: 479 8905, Email: inge.andrew@otago.ac.nz or the Quality Advancement Unit web site: www.otago.ac.nz/quality/reviews/index.html

Written submissions

Interested parties are invited to make submissions relevant to the Terms of Reference to the Review Panel. All submissions will

be confidential to the Review Panel. Such submissions should be sent to the Review Secretary, at the postal or email address above (PDF preferred) by 24 Feb. Emails and envelopes should be marked "Confidential: Submission for the Directors Office, Academic Services".

Oral submissions

Interested parties are invited to make oral submissions relevant to the Terms of Reference to the Review Panel. Please contact the Review Secretary Inge Andrew, no later than 24 Feb. For further information, please contact Executive Assistant Inge Andrew, Ph: 479 8905, Email: inge.andrew@otago.ac.nz

REVIEW OF STUDHOLME COLLEGE

2 to 4 Apr
Convenor: Professor Margaret Baird

A Panel has been convened to review Studholme College. The Review Panel has been asked to review, evaluate and report to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) on the quality and adequacy of Studholme College.

A copy of the full Terms of Reference, list of Panel members or further information may be obtained from the Review Secretary, Quality Advancement Unit, PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054 or Email: chris.hamilton@otago.ac.nz or Ph: 03 479 8861; or via the Quality Advancement Unit web site: www.otago.ac.nz/quality/reviews/index.html

Written submissions

Interested parties are invited to make submissions relevant to the Terms of Reference to the Review Panel. All submissions will be confidential to the Review Panel.

Such submissions should be sent to Chriss Hamilton at the postal or email address above by Fri 16 Mar. Envelopes should be marked "Confidential: Submission for Review of Studholme College".

Oral submissions

Interested parties are invited to make oral submissions relevant to the Terms of Reference to the Review Panel. Please contact Chriss Hamilton no later than Fri 16 Mar.

REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING

16 to 18 Apr
Convenor: Emeritus Professor Gerry Carrington

A Panel has been convened to review the Department of Marketing. The Review Panel has been asked to review, evaluate and report to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) on the quality and adequacy of the Department of Marketing. A copy of the full Terms of Reference, list of Panel members or further information may be obtained from the Review Secretary, Chriss Hamilton, Quality Advancement Unit, P O Box 56, Dunedin 9054 or via Email: chris.hamilton@otago.ac.nz or Ph: 03 479 8861 or via the Quality Advancement Unit web site: www.otago.ac.nz/quality/reviews/index.html

Written submissions

Interested parties are invited to make submissions relevant to the Terms of Reference to the Review Panel. All submissions will

be confidential to the Review Panel. Such submissions should be sent to Chriss Hamilton at the postal or email address above by Fri 30 Mar. Envelopes should be marked "Confidential: Submission for Review of the Department of Marketing.

Oral submissions

Interested parties are invited to make oral submissions relevant to the Terms of Reference to the Review Panel. Please contact Chriss Hamilton no later than Fri 30 Mar.

For further information, please contact Review Secretary Chriss Hamilton, Ph: 479 8861, or Email: chriss.hamilton@otago.ac.nz

***REVIEW OF THE DEPT OF PATHOLOGY, DSM**

12 to 14 March

Convenor: Shelley Griffiths, Faculty of Law Including the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Programme. The Review Panel has been asked to review, evaluate and report to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) on the quality and adequacy of the Department of Pathology.

A copy of the full Terms of Reference and list of panel members may be obtained from www.otago.ac.nz/quality/ or from the Review Secretary (see below).

Written submissions

Interested parties are invited to make submissions relevant to the Terms of Reference to the Review Panel. All submissions will remain confidential to the Review Panel. Such submissions should be sent to the Review Secretary at the email address below or by post to the Quality Advancement Unit, University of Otago by Mon 20 Feb. Envelopes should be marked "Confidential: Submission for the Review of the Dept of Pathology".

Oral submissions

If you would like to make an oral submission to the Review Panel, please contact the Review Secretary no later than Mon 20 Feb. For further information, please contact Annabel Rutherford (Review Secretary), Phone: 479 8432, Email: annabel.rutherford@otago.ac.nz

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS 2012 - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

University of Otago Prestigious Awards 2012 - Call for Nominations

Each year the University makes prestigious awards to individuals who have achieved excellence in research. These awards are:

- **University of Otago Early Career Awards for Distinction in Research;**
- **The Rowheath Trust Award and Carl Smith Medal** that aims to promote research at the University of Otago and to give recognition to the outstanding research performance of Early Career Staff; and
- **The University of Otago Distinguished Research Medal** award that recognises outstanding research performance at a high international level.

In 2012, there will be a new award, the **University of Otago Research Group Award** that will recognise outstanding research performance at a high international level by a research group led from the University of Otago.

The call for nominations is being made now for all the awards. Application details are available at: www.otago.ac.nz/research/forms/4_UniversityofOtagoFormsandGuidelines – under 'Awards 2012'.

All applications and referees reports should reach the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) by Fri 10 Feb.

PAYROLL SERVICES – CUT-OFF INFORMATION FOR WAITANGI DAY 2012, RĀRANGI UTU RATONGA – MOTU TOHUTORO

Payroll Services draws to your attention that due to the office being closed on Mon 6 Feb for the observance of Waitangi Day, the deadline for fortnightly salaries has been amended as follows:

Fortnightly Pay: Close off time will be noon, Wed 1 Feb, for fortnight ending 5 Feb.

Payday will be as normal, Wed 8 Feb.

Assistance and Advice: If you have any queries regarding the Payroll cut-off time over this period, please contact Jenni Whibley, Ph: 479 4156, or Email: jenni.whibley@otago.ac.nz

2012 PARKING FEES

As stated in the University of Otago Parking Policy, parking fees are reviewed on an annual basis. Property Services has recommended, and the Vice Chancellor has agreed that car parking fees for University spaces should increase by 5% for 2012.

As of 1 Feb the below car parking fees will apply:

- Covered, \$20.15 per week (including GST), \$1053.56 per year.
- Uncovered, \$15.05 per week (including GST), \$786.90 per year.

For further information about parking at the University please Email: parking@otago.ac.nz

2012 ROTARY PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD

The Rotary Club of Dunedin North, in recognition of the contribution that the University makes to the local community, has generously offered to make one Pride of Workmanship Award to a staff member employed by the University of Otago on the Dunedin campus.

This annual award gives the University an opportunity to give public recognition to staff who are doing an outstanding job, and to further develop our relationship with our local community. Academic staff are not excluded, but the award would seem more appropriate for general staff, especially those who would not normally receive public recognition.

Nominations close on Fri 2 Mar.

Further details and nomination form can be located on the Human Resources website at: www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/hr/development/awards-rotary-pride.php

MATARIKI NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES' (MNU) TRAVEL AWARDS

Applications are invited for the University of Otago's Matariki Network of Universities' (MNU) Travel Awards.

The purpose of these awards is to enable academic staff at the University of Otago to meet with colleagues from MNU member universities to develop and/or enhance collaboration. That collaboration can be research or teaching/curriculum related. The Travel Awards are to be used in addition to regular conference or RSL funding, with the additional funding enabling a visit to an MNU partner that would otherwise not have been funded through either conference or RSL monies. A proposal, indicative budget and timeframe should accompany the application. Further details are available at www.otago.ac.nz/international/otago.

Applications will be considered at the May meeting of the Internationalisation Committee. A maximum of \$2000 is available for each award.

Applications should be endorsed by your Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and submitted to Lynda McIver, Office of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International) by 30 Apr.

For further information, please contact PA & Office Administrator Lynda McIver, Ph: 479 8345, Email: lynda.mciver@otago.ac.nz

INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE CURRICULUM INITIATIVE GRANTS

Applications are invited for Internationalisation of the Curriculum Initiative Grants.

If you are a full or part-time member of staff for whom teaching or the co-ordination of academic courses is a substantial part of your job, and are interested in research that will lead to significant developments in the curriculum or your teaching practice (including content, delivery method and/or assessment practice), you may be eligible for the above grants.

Specifically, these grants are intended to enable University of Otago staff to collaborate with colleagues from an overseas partner institution on projects that demonstrate the potential to contribute to the University's mission and strategic imperatives, particularly those related to achieving excellence in research-informed teaching and contributing to international progress.

Priority will be given to applications that involve collaboration with staff from institutions overseas with which Otago has a current partnership agreement. Please submit applications to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International) by 28 May.

For further information, please contact PA and Office Administrator Lynda McIver, Ph: 479 8345, Email: lynda.mciver@otago.ac.nz

***REGALIA LOAN SCHEME FOR STAFF**

The University has a loan scheme to enable staff to purchase academic regalia.

The purpose of the scheme is to encourage and enable staff to participate in University ceremonial occasions.

The scheme is available to all academic staff who have a confirmed or confirmable appointment and any other staff (either academic or general) approved by their Divisional Head.

Details of the scheme are as follows:

- An interest-free loan of up to \$NZ5,000 will be provided to staff for a maximum of two

years to assist with the purchase of academic regalia.

- Loans must be repaid in equal monthly instalments by way of direct deduction from salary.
- Full repayment will be required should a staff member leave the employment of the University and authority must be given to the University to deduct any loan balance owing from the final salary payment or any other monies owed to the staff member by the University prior to departure.

Enquiries should be addressed to the undersigned: John Patrick, Chief Operating Officer, Ph: 479 8537, Email: john.patrick@otago.ac.nz

*NEW-LOOK POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

HEDC is offering a revised Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education in 2012 that allows HEDU/X501 and 502 to be taken together over a full academic year. It is designed to provide a practical postgraduate qualification for all University of Otago teachers and may be of particular interest to those part-way through confirmation track.

The programme will be taught in workshops, tutorials, on-line and in the classroom, but it particularly emphasises learning-in-practice while participants teach. Importantly, participants can choose a flexible learning path through the programme.

HEDU/X501 introduces core concepts of teaching and learning in higher education and encourages critical reflection. Project supervision (in HEDU/X502) will be provided on a one-to-one basis.

Both papers are offered in distance mode and may also be endorsed in clinical teaching, if this is the main site of practice.

Most Otago teachers who study papers for the Postgraduate Certificate will be eligible for a 100% Study Assistance Grant, fully funded by their department (see www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/policies/studyassistance/ for details).

For further information, please contact Postgraduate Coordinator Associate Professor Tony Harland, Ph: 479 8136, Email: tony.harland@otago.ac.nz

Dunedin

DIARY OF EVENTS

Friday 27 January

NZ Bioethics Conference 'No Country for Old Men (and Women): Increasing Pressures on the Health Care System'

Health care needs and resources – are they fair and can we afford them? Venue: Salmond College.

Monday 30 January

Jane Austen between the Covers – 5.30pm

The University of Otago Centre for the Book, with the support of the Department of English, welcomes Professor Janine Barchas, Department of English, University of Texas at Austin. Free. Open to the public. Venue: Archway 1.

The Inaugural Sir John Eccles Lecture – Understanding the kisspeptin neuron in the control of reproduction – 5.30pm

Professor Robert A. Steiner, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA. Venue: Barnett Lecture Theatre, first floor, Dunedin Public Hospital.

Tuesday 31 January

RNA Metallobiochemistry: Ribozymes and Drugs – 12noon

Biochemistry Department Seminar. Speaker: Professor Victoria DeRose, Department of Chemistry, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, USA. Venue: Seminar Room 228.

Wednesday 1 February

New insights on the control of metabolic homeostasis from an investigation of melanocortin biology – 2pm

Department of Physiology Seminar. Speaker: Associate Professor Andrew Butler of The Scripps Research Institute, Florida, USA. Venue: Barnett Lecture Theatre, first floor, Dunedin Public Hospital.

Regulation of Cerebral Blood Flow: Molecular Basis of the Autoregulatory Myogenic Response of Cerebral Arterioles – 4pm

Department of Physiology Seminar. Speaker: Professor William Cole, University of Calgary, Canada. Venue: Barnett Lecture Theatre, first floor, Dunedin Public Hospital.

Mingling Art with Science – 6.30pm

Plenary Public Lecture. Speaker: Professor Sir Fraser Stoddart from Northwestern University, Chicago, USA. Venue: St David St Lecture Theatre, corner Cumberland and St David Streets.

Thursday 2 February

Exocytosis in astrocytes: Emphasis on single vesicle/molecule measurements – 12noon

Department of Physiology Seminar. Speaker: Associate Professor Vladimir Parpura, University of Alabama, USA. Venue: Barnett Lecture Theatre, first floor, Dunedin Public Hospital.

Dynamic Regulation of Cardiac Relaxation in Health and Disease – 3pm

Department of Physiology Seminar. Barnett Lecture Theatre, first floor, Dunedin Public Hospital.

Numerical competence in pigeons, social evaluation in preverbal infants, and planning for the future in children – 11am

Department of Psychology lecture. Speaker Dr Damian Scarf. Venue: Commerce 2.25

Thursday 9 February

Is Adversarialism Dead? New Foundations for Legal Process and Lawyers' Ethics – 9am

The Legal Issues Centre at the University of Otago Faculty of Law is proud to be hosting the Australian and New Zealand Legal Ethics Colloquium. Venue: Faculty of Law, Richardson Building University of Otago

Friday 16 March

The Gentleman's Magazine: the 18th Century Answer to Google – 8.30am to 5pm weekdays

An exhibition of some of the University's entire run of the *Gentleman's Magazine* from 1731 to 1866. Free. Open to the public. Runs to 16 March 2012. Venue: de Beer Gallery, Special Collections.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HIGHER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (HEDC)

2011 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR ACADEMIC STAFF

Upcoming Workshops

Please register through the web if you wish to attend the Professional Development Programme or to check upcoming HEDC events. To register please go to:

<http://hedc.otago.ac.nz/workshops/listWorkshops.dol>

An Introduction to University Teaching

Professor Kerry Shephard and colleagues from HEDC

Wed 1 to Fri 3 Feb, HEDC Seminar Room, 65 Union Place West

This two and a half day event is designed to support recently appointed academic teaching staff, and will be of particular interest to those who are new to university teaching or those requiring a refresher on teaching in higher education. Some funding is available for staff from the Christchurch, Wellington, Invercargill and Auckland campuses to attend.

Reinvigorating your teaching this semester

Facilitator: Dr Clinton Golding and Ayelet Cohen, HEDC

Wed 8 to Fri 10 Feb, HEDC Seminar Room, 65 Union Place West

This three session workshop will use Design Thinking as a framework to support the design and implementation of new teaching initiatives. Design Thinking is a structured process, starting from identifying the challenges, through to finding creative and practical ways of solving them and getting your initiative under way.

Coaching skills for staff with an advisory, mentoring or supervisory student support role

Facilitator: Brian Johnston, University of Otago Personal Performance & Development Coach

Christchurch Campus: Wed 8 Feb, 10am to 12.30pm, Seminar Room 1, 4 Oxford Terrace

Wellington Campus: Thu 9 Feb, 10am to 12.30pm, Room D08, University of Otago, Wellington

The workshop aims to equip participants with basic active listening and coaching skills to support them in their supportive role with students.

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can change today!

Facilitator: Brian Johnston, University of Otago Personal Performance & Development Coach

Christchurch Campus: Wed 8 Feb, 2pm to 4pm, Seminar Room 1, 4 Oxford Terrace

Wellington Campus: Thu 9 Feb, 2pm to 4pm, Room C07, University of Otago, Wellington

This workshop will help you identify and define specific goals and explore all your personal and professional options.

Introduction to the Treaty of Waitangi

Facilitator: Mark Brunton, Facilitator Research Māori

Wellington Campus: Thu 23 Feb, 10am to 12pm, Small Lecture Theatre, Level D, University of Otago, Wellington

Christchurch Campus: Fri 24 Feb, 10am to 12pm, Seminar Room, 35 Cambridge Terrace

This seminar focuses on gaining a better understanding and acceptance of the Treaty of Waitangi. It examines key factors which underpin the Treaty.

Policy for Research Consultation with Māori

Facilitator: Mark Brunton, Facilitator Research Māori

Wellington Campus: 23 Feb, 1pm to 3pm, Small Lecture Theatre, Level D, University of Otago, Wellington

Christchurch Campus: 24 Feb, 1pm to 3pm, Seminar Room, 35 Cambridge Terrace

This seminar will explain the University policy for research consultation with Māori with particular reference to the principles, purposes and scope.

Negotiating for Authorship

Facilitator: Dr Suzanne Morris, University of Queensland

Thu 8 Mar, 10am to 12.30pm, HEDC Seminar Room, 65 Union Place West

This workshop aims to empower participants with methods to rationally discuss and negotiate authorship concerns with collaborators. The workshop addresses the main authorship issues cited in the literature and provides strategies for avoiding such problems in the future.

2012 TUTOR AND DEMONSTRATOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Semester One

Please register through the web if you are interested in attending a workshop by going to the HEDC registration page: <http://hedc.otago.ac.nz/hedc/asd/Professional-Development-Programme/Tutor-training/workshop.html>

Supporting your Tutors and Demonstrators: A Workshop for Coordinators

Mr Rob Wass (HEDC and Zoology)

Tue 7 Feb, 9.30am to 11.30am, HEDC Seminar Room, 65 Union Place West

This workshop will provide you with an opportunity to learn new ideas and share current practice related to your role as coordinator of tutors and/or demonstrators in your Department or Residential College.

Introduction to Tutoring and Demonstrating at the University of Otago

Mr Rob Wass (HEDC and Zoology)

Mon 20 Feb, Tue 21 Feb, Wed 22 Feb or Wed 14 Mar, 9.30am to 12.30pm

This introductory workshop has been designed to provide support for anyone who is about to

take up a tutor/demonstrator position within the University and/or Residential Colleges. Please register for ONLY ONE of the above sessions.

Introduction to Tutoring at Residential Colleges

Mr Rob Wass (HEDC & Zoology)

Sun 11 Mar OR Sun 18 Mar, 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Unicol Seminar Room

This introductory workshop has been designed to provide support for anyone who is about to take up a tutor position within the Colleges of Residence. The workshop will introduce participants to the roles and responsibilities of college tutors.

Please register for ONLY ONE of the above sessions.

Teaching Individuals: A Workshop for Tutors and Demonstrators

Mr Rob Wass (HEDC and Zoology)

Tue 20 Mar, 12.30pm to 2pm, HEDC Seminar Room, 65 Union Place West

This workshop presents a series of straightforward teaching and learning techniques for working on a one-to-one basis with students.

Facilitating Small Groups: A Workshop for Tutors and Demonstrators

Mr Rob Wass (HEDC and Zoology)

Thu 22 Mar, 12.30pm to 2pm, HEDC Seminar Room, 65 Union Place West

This workshop will address a variety of topics and approaches to facilitating group work and helping students to understand how to work in groups.

Assessment and Marking: A Workshop for Tutors and Demonstrators

Mr Rob Wass (HEDC and Zoology)

Tue 27 Mar, 12.30pm to 2pm, HEDC Seminar Room, 65 Union Place West

In this workshop, the functions of assessment in teaching and learning will be addressed, and practical strategies for understanding and applying criterion-based assessment and providing meaningful feedback to students will be included.

Tutoring/Demonstrating this Semester: A Lunchtime Discussion on Experiences so Far

Mr Rob Wass (HEDC and Zoology)

Thu 19 Apr, 12noon to 1pm, HEDC Seminar Room, 65 Union Place West

This lunchtime discussion session is an opportunity for tutors and demonstrators to share experiences, swap ideas, get and give advice and learn more about their role.

HUMAN RESOURCES TRAINING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

A full list of courses and application forms can be found on the web at: www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/hr/development/training.php or email hrtraining@otago.ac.nz. For enrolment enquiries please contact the Professional Development Administrator on Ph: 479 4101, Human Resources Division.

General Staff Orientation Programme

Fri 17 Feb and Fri 23 Mar, 9am to 12noon

Human Resources provide a regular orientation programme for members of the general staff. Attendance is compulsory for all staff who have a contract of 12 months or more, but staff who have shorter contracts are also welcome to attend provided they have the support of their department.

www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/hr/development/coursesPages/orientation.php

Job Evaluation Information Session

Mon 13 Feb, 12noon to 1pm

Job Evaluation directly affects all general staff in levels one to eight and it is hoped that this session will enlighten staff of the current process and give an understanding of the criteria considered when evaluating a job. As a result of the session, participants should gain a better understanding of what the process is about and its importance to the University. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and to discuss issues of interest.

www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/hr/development/coursesPages/job_evaluation.php

Supervisory Skills: working with casual and fixed-term staff

Tue 28 Feb, 9am to 12noon, \$35

Working with casual and fixed-term staff can bring its own unique set of challenges. This course aims to familiarise participants with some of the University of Otago's basic policies and procedures relating to employing staff on these shorter contracts. It will also introduce attendees to some basic supervisory techniques and skills to help make the most of the relationship.

www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/hr/development/coursesPages/super_fixed.php

Communicating: getting a grip on your style

Tue 6 Mar, 9am to 12noon, \$35

Participants will become familiar with their preferred communication style as well as build a framework for thinking about what other styles they may encounter in day-to-day life. This course uses questionnaires and activities that give participants insight into their natural communication style. This is considered from a number of angles including preferred method, level of detail and primary focus. Participants will also discuss listening and questioning skills as well as the impact of body language and tone on day-to-day interactions.

www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/hr/development/coursesPages/comm_style.php

Customer Service: excellence on the frontline

Wed 7 Mar, 9am to 12noon, \$35

To give participants an opportunity to define who their customers really are and what good customer service means within their work area. We all know when we have received bad customer service and how it made us feel. This workshop looks at how to identify who your customers are and find out what they expect. Participants are encouraged to actively identify solutions to improve their customer service within their workplace.

Topics include: identifying your customers and their expectations, prioritising and being assertive, finding solutions to barriers, dealing with complaints and using positive language.

www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/hr/development/coursesPages/customer_service.php

HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMME

A full list of courses and application forms can be found on the web at: www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/hr/development/training-healthandsafety.php or email hrtraining@otago.ac.nz. For enrolment enquiries please contact Katherine van der Vliet (Human Resources Division), Ph: 479 4101.

Workplace First Aid

Wed 8 Feb, 8.30am to 5pm and Thu 9 Feb, 8.30am to 12.30pm, \$95

The Workplace First Aid course is a comprehensive 12-hour course and is the minimum requirement for those appointed as the Departmental First Aider.

www.otago.ac.nz/healthandsafety/training/workplace_firstaid.html

Refresher First Aid

Fri 10 Feb, 9am to 3.30pm, \$60

This course is for holders of Standard/Workplace First Aid certificates. As treatments and techniques are constantly updated, it is recommended that a Refresher course be undertaken every two years.

www.otago.ac.nz/healthandsafety/training/refresher_firstaid.html

Fire Warden Training

Fri 10 Feb, 9am to 10.30am and Wed 21 Mar, 2pm to 3.30pm, \$35

Fire Wardens and Deputy Fire Wardens must be appointed on every floor within every University building. All staff appointed as Fire Wardens or Deputy Fire Wardens should attend this course. This course will also provide valuable skills to those that may find themselves in a fire situation.

www.otago.ac.nz/healthandsafety/training/firewardens.html

Departmental Health and Safety Officer (DHSO) Training

Modules 1, 2, 3 and 9 - Tue 13 Mar, 9am to 12noon

Modules 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 - Wed 14 Mar, 1.30pm to 3pm

This training is designed to provide the skills and knowledge required for DHSOs to fulfil their duties.

www.otago.ac.nz/healthandsafety/training/DHSO.html

FINANCIAL SERVICES TRAINING

The full Financial Services Division's (FSD) 2011 training programme is on the FSD webpage www.otago.ac.nz/financialservices/training/index.html. For training module enquiries or registration contact: fsd.training@otago.ac.nz. Upcoming sessions include:

FN 1.1 Finance One Administrators' Overview

Wed 1 Feb, 2pm to 5pm, or Wed 15 Feb, 2pm to 5pm

Course Objective: to provide sufficient training to enable staff to gain Administrator access for Finance One.

In this hands-on course, attendees will be provided with an overview of the University's financial structure viewed through the Chart of Accounts, navigate the Finance One workplaces and general functionality, and shown how to process Creditor invoices, how to create debtors' invoices, and how to complete journals using Finance One.

Note: Staff need to complete the Application for Finance One User form (available on the FSD webpage: www.otago.ac.nz/financialservices/FSDForms/index.html) and attend FN 1.1 training prior to gaining 'Administrator' access to Finance One.

Finance One Enquiry and Reporting Overview

Wed 8 Feb, 2pm to 5pm

An introduction to Enquiry and Reporting for staff with 'Enquiry Only' access. This is a hands-on course where staff will learn how to navigate their way around Finance One, perform enquiries and run reports in Finance One. This training will be performed on the Training environment using training logins.

Note: Staff need to complete the Application for Finance One User form (available on the FSD webpage: www.otago.ac.nz/financialservices/FSDForms/index.html) and attend FN 1.2 training prior to gaining 'Enquiry Only' access to Finance One.

Contact finance1.helpdesk@otago.ac.nz for further information about Finance One access.

Finance One Enquiry and Reporting For Researchers

Wed 22 Feb, 2pm to 5pm

This course has been designed with Researchers in mind. This is a hands-on course where Researchers will learn how to log on and navigate around Finance One; enquire on their Research Accounts and perform a range of ledger enquiries; and run Research Reports. This training will be performed on the Training environment using training logon access.

Finance One Purchasing & Fixed Assets

Tue 14 Feb, 9am to 12noon

An introduction to Finance One Purchasing & Fixed Assets. This hands-on session can be attended in full or part depending on the attendees' needs. Purchasing begins at 9am, Assets begins at approx 11am.

Purchasing – Attendees will navigate their way around the Purchasing workplace on Finance One, and learn how to create, approve, amend and receipt purchase orders in Finance One Purchasing.

Fixed Assets – Attendees will learn how to create and query Fixed Assets within Finance One.

Note: Staff need to complete the Application for Finance One User form (available

on the FSD webpage: www.otago.ac.nz/financialservices/FSDForms/index.html) and attend FN 1.4 training prior to gaining 'Purchasing' and/or 'Fixed Assets' access to Finance One.

IT TRAINING

Office 2011 - Overview

Mon 30 Jan, 2pm to 3pm, no charge, Macintosh

Explore the new interface, and learn about the most useful features of Office 2011.

Macintosh - Mail

Tue 31 Jan, 1pm to 3pm, no charge, Macintosh

Learn to use Mac Mail to manage emails. Send and receive messages; manage folders; add signatures; change message formats and include attachments.

Excel PC - Introduction

Wed 1 Feb, 9am to 11am, no charge, Windows

Add data, navigate through spreadsheets, insert and delete cells, and save data.

Word PC - Inserting Text and Graphics

Wed 1 Feb, 1pm to 3pm, no charge, Windows

Work with Word's spelling, thesaurus, and grammar features; find and replace text; create SmartArt diagrams; insert and modify pictures and charts; draw and modify shapes.

PowerPoint PC - Creating a Presentation

Thu 2 Feb, 9am to 11am, no charge, Windows

Work with outlines and layouts, text, graphics and design themes. Explore printing and slideshow delivery options.

CMS - University Website Editing

Thu 2 Feb, 1pm to 3pm, no charge

This course teaches CMS editors to use the content management system to make changes to University of Otago web pages. Platform: This class is taught on the Web, so works in the same way on most web browser programs.

Inkscape - Overview

Thu 2 Feb, 1pm to 3pm, \$90, Windows

Use this free, open source drawing program (Mac, PC, and Linux) to produce figures and posters, and edit pages from PDFs.

Blackboard - Anti-Plagiarism

Fri 3 Feb, 9am to 11am, no charge, Web

The University has made the SafeAssign system available for checking student work for indications of plagiarism. This course provides an overview of SafeAssign.

This system is available via Blackboard, but you do not have to use Blackboard to use SafeAssign.

Word PC - Tabs, Tables and Lists

Fri 3 Feb, 9am to 11am, no charge, Windows

Align text with built-in or custom tab stops; insert and modify tables; create bulleted and numbered lists, and document outlines.

Access PC - Introduction

Tue 7 Feb, 9am to 11am, no charge, Windows
Learn database terminology; plan and create a database; define fields and data types.

Garageband - Preparing Podcasts

Tue 7 Feb, 1pm to 3pm, no charge, Macintosh
Use this Mac program to improve audio files for distribution: cut unwanted pauses, decrease background noise, and save the file in various formats.

InDesign - Overview

Wed 8 Feb, 9am to 12noon, \$125, Macintosh
Set up a publication, import and manipulate text and graphics, format text and print documents.

Outlook PC - Contacts and Tasks

Wed 8 Feb, 2pm to 3pm, no charge, Windows
Create contacts; create and share contact groups; set up, sort and manage tasks.

Word Mac - Inserting Text and Graphics

Thu 9 Feb, 9am to 11am, no charge, Macintosh
Work with Word's spelling, thesaurus, and grammar features; find and replace text; create SmartArt diagrams; insert and modify pictures and charts; draw and modify shapes.

FileMaker - Report Preparation

Thu 9 Feb, 1pm to 3pm, \$90, Macintosh
Create and print reports as lists, summary reports, letters, labels, certificates, or emails.

Excel Mac - Introduction

Fri 10 Feb, 9am to 11am, no charge, Macintosh
Add data, navigate through spreadsheets, insert and delete cells, and save data.

Otago Connect - Demo

Mon 13 Feb, 1pm to 2pm, no charge
This 45-minute demonstration covers setting up a meeting room for a web conference. Bookings are not necessary, but we recommend that anyone planning later training attend the demo first. Platform: This class is taught on Adobe Connect uses Flash via a Web browser, so works in the same way on most computers that support Flash.

Outlook Mac - Calendars, Meetings, and Tasks

Mon 13 Feb, 1pm to 3pm, no charge, Macintosh
Create and colour-code appointments and events, and set recurrence intervals. View availability when creating meetings. Share calendars. Create contacts. Set up tasks.

Bookings

For bookings, please complete the online booking form which is available by clicking on the "Make Booking" button beside the course date on the web - www.otago.ac.nz/ITS/training - click on the courses by date link on the left - click on the month link - click the course link and then the Make Booking button.

For more information and other training dates, see www.otago.ac.nz/ITS/training/trainingdb/subject.php

GENERAL NOTICES

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OFFERED

Visiting Professor from the US available in January and February for Group Facilitation or individual coaching on communication skills.

If your department or group is in need of team-building, or you and/or your peers or colleagues wish to increase your ability to engage and inspire an audience of one or 100, consider my services.

Bobbi Block specialises in Leadership Presence, Collaboration Skills, Building Relationships, Presentation Skills, and Creative Thinking. My work is experiential, based in creative training methodologies including some exercises inspired by theatre and improvisation. See bobbiblock.com for more information. Contact Bobbi Block at bobbisblock@gmail.com

"2012 QUEERS IN TERTIARY EDUCATION HUI"

Towards An Inclusive Culture - Mon 13 Feb, 9am to 4.30pm, Music Auditorium, Faculty of Education, Epsom campus Auckland.

In support of a vision for a more inclusive culture where sexual orientation, gender identity and expression are acknowledged and respected, a hui is planned. There will be time for networking, research presentations plus a panel discussion. Attendees will be given the opportunity to collaborate and discuss ways in which they and their interest groups can support and advance the aims presented.

The event, a Faculty of Education Rainbow Staff initiative, is aimed at raising the visibility and profile of queer staff and students in tertiary education in Aotearoa.

The registration fee of \$60 includes participation in all sessions, plus lunch, and morning and afternoon teas. For information contact Lorraine Martin, Email: rainbow-group@auckland.ac.nz or www.education.auckland.ac.nz/rainbow-hui

CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Is your child between 20 and 24 months? If so, you may be eligible to participate in our study looking at how interactions between parents and children help children's social development. The study involves you and your child coming to the University on two occasions four weeks apart (each session takes 40 minutes). You will take away a specially designed bed-time book to read to your child in between visits. To compensate for your time and travel you will be given \$20 cash per visit (\$40 total). For further information, please contact Study Coordinator Kathryn McLennan, Ph: 470 3497, Email: childstudy2011@gmail.com

PREGNANCY STUDY

Are you in the first trimester or early stages of the second trimester of pregnancy? Would you like to have some of your postural changes monitored during your pregnancy?

If yes, you might be eligible to participate in our study which is looking at strength and mobility in early stages of pregnancy and how it will influence your lower back.

All you have to do is to participate in a two hour assessment section and answer some questions by phone once a month. As a reward a one hour back massage will be given! Please contact Daniela Aldabe if you are interested in participating by calling 0226418227 or Email: daldabe@gmail.com

This project has been reviewed and approved by the University of Otago Ethics Committee: 11/134.

"DON'T PUT OFF 'TIL TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN CHANGE TODAY!"

The University's Personal Performance and Development Coach Brian Johnston now offers leadership and personal performance coaching in a private practice capacity to university staff and others seeking to set themselves exciting new goals and challenges for 2012.

Brian runs this service each Friday from the Centre for Innovation.

Contact Brian by Email: brian.johnston@otago.ac.nz, or www.brianjohnston.co.nz

SPECIAL SUMMER RATES AT SCHOOL OF PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINICS

Great King Street, Unipol Gym, Open until 7pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Now includes Massage Therapy.

- Full and comprehensive physiotherapy services
- Choose to see a qualified staff member, or a supervised student
- Referrals not required.

Summer rates:

- ACC surcharge: initial, \$10; follow-up, \$5
- Private: initial, \$40; follow-up, \$30.

For further information or to make an appointment: Ph: 479 5757, Email: physiotherapy.clinic@otago.ac.nz, www.physio.otago.ac.nz/clinics

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE

Looking for accommodation for a visiting colleague or family or friends? Wanting a venue for a planning day, conference or off site meeting?

If any of these are you, please contact us here at The Executive Residence, we would love to help.

Contact Executive Residence Manager Deane Agnew, Ph: 479 9151 or Email: exeres@otago.ac.nz

*REMEMBER WHEN?

Do you have a child between six and 11 years old? If so, you may be eligible to participate in our study of parents and children talking about their children's memories. We are enrolling families of all types in the study (solo parent, two-parent, blended families).

The study involves one visit to a University child study centre at your convenience. All families will receive \$20 and a gift for the child for participating.

For more information or for an appointment, please contact: Federica Artioli, Department of Psychology, Ph: 479 5952, Email: artioli@psy.otago.ac.nz

This project has been reviewed and approved by the University of Otago Ethics Committee: 11/259.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY STAFF FAMILIES ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

We run a varied social programme each semester for university staff members, their partners and families. We particularly welcome newcomers and visitors to the University. For more information contact Lesley Gillespie (Ph: 467 5174, Email: lesley.gillespie@yahoo.co.nz) or Jennifer Angelo (Ph: 021 243 5813, Email: jangelo@jangelo.com), or please just come along to any of the events listed below.

Christmas break

From 12 Jan until the start of the programme join us for a cup of coffee/tea at The Link, Information Services Building, Cnr Albany and Cumberland Streets from 10.30 Thursdays. The entrance to The Link is opposite the pedestrian crossing from the Otago Museum, and we normally gather at the far end where the armchairs are! Newcomers are most welcome. Phone Lesley Gillespie (467 5174), or another committee member, if you would like directions or a lift.

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB (INC) MERCURE LEISURE LODGE, DUKE STREET

The University Club provides for its members speakers of good quality, a luncheon and friendly companionship on a weekly basis.

Luncheon Speakers - Feb and Mar
12.10 pm for 12.30 pm

Fri 10 Feb

Liz Franz, Associate Professor, Dept of Psychology, University of Otago
The Nature of Independent Dexterity: Oh, How We Need Our Hands

Fri 17 Feb

Bill Olsen, NZ Red Cross IT and Technology Team
A Kiwi in Tunisia

Fri 24 Feb

John Patrick, Chief Operating Officer, University of Otago
University of Otago - Options for Future Development

Fri 2 Mar

Paul Orders, CEO, Dunedin City Council
CEO Perspectives

Fri 9 Mar

Mike Hamblyn, Bookseller, Writer, Former Librarian
The Book Lover's Alphabet – Memoirs of a Dunedin Bookseller

Fri 16 Mar

John Christie, CEO, Otago Chamber of Commerce
The State of the Economy

Fri 23 Mar

Margaret Baird
Professor, Departments of Microbiology and Immunology University of Otago
Caesar's Cell: making decisions for the immune system

Fri 30 Mar
AGM

To come as a guest – Please contact the Secretary Alan Jackson, 55 Evans Street, Opoho, DUNEDIN 9010, Ph: 473 6947, or Email: alanjackson@xtra.co.nz

SITUATIONS VACANT

ACADEMIC VACANCIES

Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor in Psychological Medicine/Specialist Psychiatrist (Confirmation Path)

Department of Psychological Medicine
Dunedin School of Medicine
and Mental Health Services
Southern District Health Board
Reference Number: 1003260

Closing Date: There is no formal closing date and applications will be considered individually on receipt.

Senior Lecturer (Gastroenterology) and Consultant Gastroenterologist (Confirmation Path)

Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences
Dunedin School of Medicine
and Southern District Health Board
Reference Number: 1100319

Closing Date: There is no formal closing date and applications will be considered individually on receipt.

Senior Lecturer in Orthodontics (Confirmation Path)

Department of Oral Sciences
Faculty of Dentistry
Reference Number: 1100529

Closing Date: There is no formal closing date and applications will be considered individually on receipt.

Chemical Pathologist

Department of Pathology and Southern Community Laboratories
Reference Number: 1100547

Closing Date: There is no formal closing date and applications will be considered individually on receipt.

Assistant Research Fellow

(Fixed-term)
Department of Information Science
Reference Number: 1100650
Closing Date: Tue 31 Jan 2012

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Secondary Teacher Education with strengths in English (Confirmation Path)

College of Education
Reference Number: 1100670
Closing Date: Tue 6 Feb 2012

Lecturer in Higher Education

(Confirmation Path)
Higher Education Development Centre
Reference Number: 1100730
Closing Date: Mon 20 Feb 2012

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Dentistry/Biomaterials Science

(Confirmation Path)
Department of Oral Rehabilitation and Sir John Walsh Research Institute
Faculty of Dentistry
Reference Number: 1100738

Closing Date: There is no formal closing date and applications will be considered individually on receipt

Teaching Fellow in Epidemiology and Public Health

Department of Preventive and Social Medicine
Dunedin School of Medicine
Reference Number: 1200115
Closing Date: Mon 30 Jan 2012

GENERAL VACANCIES

Administrator

Educational Assessment Research Unit
College of Education
Reference Number: 1100660
Closing Date: Sun 29 Jan 2012

Receptionist

(Fixed-term, 0.8 FTE)
Dean's Office
School of Business
Reference Number: 1100648
Closing Date: Wed 1 Feb 2012

Research Technician

Department of Anatomy
Otago School of Medical Sciences
Reference Number: 1200104
Closing Date: Tue 31 Jan 2012

Research Assistant

Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Otago School of Medical Sciences
Reference Number: 1200121
Closing Date: Sun 12 Feb 2012

Operations Manager

Operations and Facilities
Property Services
Reference Number: 1200124
Closing Date: Tue 7 Feb 2012

Manager - Design Office

Strategy and Planning
Property Services
Reference Number: 1200125
Closing Date: Tue 7 Feb 2012

Strategic Space Planner

Strategy and Planning
Property Services
Reference Number: 1200126
Closing Date: Tue 7 Feb 2012

Team Leader – Health Sciences Library

University Library
Reference Number: 1200133
Closing Date: Wed 8 Feb 2012

Team Leader – Hocken Collections

University Library
Reference Number: 1200134
Closing Date: Wed 8 Feb 2012

Registrar – Pictorial Collections, Hocken Collections

University Library
Reference Number: 1200135
Closing Date: Mon 13 Feb 2012

Senior Customer Service Representative

Customer Services
Information Technology Services (ITS)
Reference Number: 1200140
Closing Date: Mon 6 Feb 2012

Lunch Chef

Studholme College
Reference Number: 1200142
Closing Date: Fri 10 Feb 2012

Chef – Hayward College

University Union
Reference Number: 1200143
Closing Date: Fri 3 Feb 2012

Front of House Supervisor – Hayward College

University Union
Reference Number: 1200144
Closing Date: Fri 3 Feb 2012

Kitchen Assistant – Hayward College

University Union
Reference Number: 1200145
Closing Date: Fri 3 Feb 2012

Kitchen Assistant – University College

University Union
Reference Number: 1200146
Closing Date: Fri 3 Feb 2012

Administrative Assistant

(Part-time)
Department of Food Science
Reference Number: 1200151
Closing Date: Thu 2 Feb 2012

CAMPUS TEMPS

If you are interested in flexible working or reduced hours, Campus Temps are required for a variety of positions including administration and more specialised roles. To view and apply for any of our current roles go to www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/careers/ and search 'Campus Temps'.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

To see a full job description and to apply online go to: www.otago.ac.nz/jobs

Equal opportunity in employment is University policy.

E tautoko ana Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo i te kaupapa whakaōrite whiwhinga mahi.

CLASSIFIED**TO LET**

One br, \$180 p/w, part furn, avail: Jan to Dec 2012, area: North East Valley. A self-contained flat in NEV, one br, part furn. Very handy to University, shopping centre and gardens. Suitable for a quiet single person or couple. No pets. Contact Naili Lin, Ph: 03 473 8922, Email: naililin@otago.ac.nz

One br, \$180 p/w, OSP, fully furn, avail: now, area: Belleknowes. Large family home. Food extra. Bus stop on street. Walk 25 minutes to University. Suit mature student, visiting lecturer, PhD student. Contact Deborah Nicholson, Ph: 027 378 5733, Email: deborah.nicholson@otago.ac.nz

One br, \$220 p/w, fully furn, avail: 30 Jan, area: Opoho. Ensuite, Queen-sized bed with linen provided, lounge with heat pump, TV, wireless broad band, fridge and microwave. Separate entrance. Short-term, ideal for visiting academics and postgraduate students. Contact Sinead Kearney, Ph: 021 161 4909, Email: sinead.kearney@otago.ac.nz

One br, \$210 p/w, OSP, part furn, avail: 31 Jan, area: Wakari. One bedroom brick house. Separate kitchen, bathroom and living room. Plenty of storage space. Warm house. It's insulated, has wool carpets, heatpump and heater in bathroom. Recently renovated. Contact us to arrange viewing. Contact

Katherine Kennedy, Ph: 021 125 2908, Email: kenka947@otago.ac.nz

One br, \$225 single or 255 couple p/w, OSP, fully furn, avail: now, area: North Dunedin. Modern, spacious, sunny, double-glazed, insulated, beautiful studio rooms with ensuite and TV in four br townhouse. Fully equipped kitchen, lounge: TV, DVD, Freeview. Power/phone incl. Optional internet. Serviced weekly. Garden/BBQ. Fifteen minutes' walk to University/City. Contact Beverley, Ph: 021 159 8275 or 467 9431 a/h, Email: beverley.lawrence@otago.ac.nz

One br, \$230 p/w, OSP, fully furn, avail: 27 Jan, area: Central City. 'Arty' self contained apartment in a character building; owners live upstairs so will suit a quiet couple or single. Rent includes power, broadband and some laundry service. Short or long term. No bond or rent in advance. Contact Pamela Brown, Ph: 027 245 9801, Email: pamela.brown@otago.ac.nz

One br, \$neg, furn negotiable, avail: now. Sunny two br villa, two sitting-rooms, very warm. To share with fellow postgraduate who will be away for part of the year. Suitable for one quiet mature person. Car essential. No pets. Contact Katrina: Ph 472 7151 Email: varka587@student.otago.ac.nz

One br, \$120 p/w, furnished, avail: now, area: Maori Hill. One tidy comfortable room in a house to rent in (near city, quiet, safe). Fifteen minute walk to city and University. Suitable for single/couple. Share with a couple, contact Nancy, Email: sunaihua518@gmail.com

One br, \$100 p/w +exp, furnished or unfurnished, avail: now, area: Port Chalmers. Double bedroom available in sunny, spacious and established three-bedroom villa. Share with one other mature, artistic female and friendly dog. Stunning views, peaceful, all day sun creates a warm house. Great lifestyle! Ten minute drive to University. Close to bus route, supermarket, café, walks and beaches. Contact Karin, Ph: 027 392 8528, or Email: adhoc.nz@gmail.com

Two br, \$180 p/w for minimum six month lease or \$200 p/w casual short-term renting, fully furn, avail: now, area: Harrington Point. Sunny, harbour-side furnished cottage. Quiet but for the lap of the waves and call of the seabirds. Just 45 minutes from the city. Ten minutes to Portobello, five minutes to Taiaroa Head. Ideal for Marine Science student based at Portobello or someone seeking a quiet retreat. Long term lease preferred. Contact Steve, Ph: 479 9204 or Sharyn, Ph: 03 478 0275.

Two br, \$220 p/w, partly furnished, avail: 13 Feb, area: North East Valley. Renovated cottage, fully insulated, quality drapes. New bathroom, whiteware, large kitchen includes restored coal range, lounge wood burner, 6KW heat pump, tool shed, veggie garden. No off-street parking. Near stream and bushwalks. Suit small family or postgraduate students. Lease to Dec or longer. Contact Dr Ellen Forch, Ph: 021 504 233, Email: ellen.forch@aut.ac.nz

Two br, \$200 p/w, OSP, part furn, avail: 25 Feb, later date is negotiable, area: Normanby. Lovely sunny insulated house in a quiet semi-rural setting, yet only 10 minutes' drive to University or town. Good bus connection. Garage, raised veggie bed, heatpump, whiteware, sofabed, TV/Freeview, some kitchenware and furniture,

microwave. Suits a postgrad/professional couple. Contact Martin Lehmköster, Ph: 473 0235 or 021 030 6738, Email: lehma600@student.otago.ac.nz

Two br, \$260 p/w, OSP, part furn, avail: 3 Mar, area: North East Valley. Warm and cosy sunny flat with heat pump and HRV system. Within easy walking distance to University. Direct regular buses to University. Small lawn and garden. Available date could be negotiable. Carport. Contact Marj Blair, Ph: 021 217 7400, Email: marj.blair@otago.ac.nz

Two br, \$350 p/w, OSP, fully furn, avail: 3 Jan, area: Maori Hill. Sunny brick character house, harbour views, decking. All white-ware, six-plate gas stove, pots/pans, etc., oak table/chairs, TV, leather lounge suite, shower/bath, King, Queen-sized beds. Art. Fifteen minutes' walk to University or Hospital. No gardening or lawns. Contact Zoe Mercedes, Ph: 482 1000, Email: merzo350@student.otago.ac.nz

Two br, \$350 p/w, fully furn, avail: mid Jan, area: Central City. Delightful cottage with modern interior and harbour views. Ten minutes' walk to University/Hospital. Sunny, sheltered courtyard and small garden. All mod cons including heat pump and dishwasher. No pets or smokers. Ideal for academics/mature couple. Contact Karen Peebles, Ph: 027 634 5589, Email: karen.peebles@otago.ac.nz

Two br, \$350 p/w, OSP, fully furn, avail: now, one or two people only, area: Maori Hill. Sunny brick luxurious character house, harbour view, decking. All white-ware included, six plate gas stove, large oak table, chairs, TV, video, leather lounge suite, shower/bath. King and Queen sized beds. Fifteen minutes' walk University/Hospital. Contact Zoe Mercedes, Ph: 482 1000, Email: merzo350@student.otago.ac.nz

Three br, \$poa p/w, OSP, fully furn, avail: 6 Apr to 2 Aug, area: Maori Hill. Elegant house in Maori Hill. Within easy walking distance of town and University. Sunny, sheltered site on quiet street. Has two heat pumps, modern kitchen and bathroom and private garden. Contact David Bilkey, Ph: 479 7644, Email: dbilkey@psy.otago.ac.nz

Three br, \$270 p/w, OSP, unfurn, avail: 6 Mar, area: West Harbour. Double conservatory, large deck, very sunny with great section, fully insulated, heat pump and wood burner on wetback, great community with excellent school, eight minute drive to University or cycle along the waterfront. Contact Marie and Mike, Ph: 03 472 7436 or 021 229 8745, Email: bonnie.scarth@otago.ac.nz

Three br, \$345 p/w, OSP, fully furn, avail: now, area: North East Valley. Really warm and cosy house with all day sun and views. Indoor-outdoor flow to courtyard and small garden. Lawns maintained. TV, fridge, microwave, heat pump, washing machine, dryer, dishwasher. Ideal for academics or post graduate students. Contact Martina, Ph: 027 232 2855, Email: andrew.kelly@stonebow.otago.ac.nz

Three br, \$290 p/w, OSP, part furn, avail: 9 Jan, area: North East Valley. Tidy, spacious older-type bungalow on good-sized flat section in excellent street. Two heat pumps, w/w, coal range, near park and very close to bus stop. Walking distance to University. Suits senior students, starting professionals. Contact Mark Lokman, Ph: 479 5846, Email: mark.lokman@otago.ac.nz

Three br, \$320 p/w, OSP, part furn, avail: now, area: Maori Hill. Two-storey, three-bedroom brick house, with fourth bedroom/study. Private and quiet with heat pump and night store heater, mostly furnished, harbour and city views, two bathrooms, garage, close to University and John McGlashan. No pets. Contact Qin, Ph: 4745988, Email: qin.sun@otago.ac.nz

Three br, \$350 p/w, OSP, unfurn, avail: 23 Jan, area: Central City. Tidy three bedroom apartment/town house. Small garden out back and in a very central location! Large north facing windows with heat pump. Perfect for doctoral/post doc with small family. Contact Daniel Gnoth, Ph: 021 1509 167, Email: daniel.gnoth@otago.ac.nz

Three br, \$380 p/w, OSP, fully furn, avail: Jan, area: North East Valley/Opoho. Safe, sunny, warm, handy to schools, University, supermarket and regular bus routes. New woodburner. Telephone, broadband, power connected. No smokers/pets. Parking for three cars. Contact Michelle, Email: michelle.mccann@otago.ac.nz

Three br, \$450 p/w, fully furn, avail: 1 Jan, area: Central City. Recently renovated furnished villa apartment with central heating throughout from Apr to Sept. Sunny with great city and harbour views, plenty of parking and a bus-stop outside. Cafes and Taste Nature just a few blocks away. Contact Natalie Poland, Ph: 021 217 7882, Email: natalie.poland@otago.ac.nz

Four br, \$380 p/w, OSP, part furn, avail: 6 Feb, area: Central City. Attractive home, quiet setting surrounded by bush and parkland. Walk to University, hospital and schools. Sunny deck, all whiteware, two heatpumps. two bathrooms. Fully furnished if required. Contact Marilyn Barclay, Ph: 03 477 3154 or 027 721 8555, Email: marilyn.barclay@otago.ac.nz

Four br, \$480 p/w, OSP, fully furn, avail: 7 Jan, area: Maori Hill. Pretty, secluded garden. Located in a quiet, sunny cul-de-sac in the town green belt within comfortable walking distance of the University. Great for a professional family. Sports field and walking tracks on doorstep. Contact Luke Lovegrove, Ph: 021 279 5526, Email: luke.lovegrove@otago.ac.nz

Five br, \$140 starting for smaller rooms p/w, fully furn, avail: now, area: Belleknowes. Rooms in attractive villa with great views of harbour. Cleaning, wireless and power included. Two bathrooms, large lounge and kitchen. All facilities. Contact James 021 029 55893. Contact Chris, Ph: 479 5727, Email: walch439@student.otago.ac.nz

WANTED TO RENT

Three br, \$negotiable p/w, OSP, part furn, avail: Jan or Feb, area: Dunedin. Two University lecturers with five-year-old seek long term rental: one year or preferably more. Our ideal: very warm, modern appliances and design, sunny/light, three to four br, deck, OSP, storage. We are very responsible, careful, tidy. Flexible re furnishings. References/deposit ready! Contact Gautam Ghosh, Ph: 479 8744 (but email preferred), Email: gautam.ghosh@otago.ac.nz

House needed. De Carle Fellows for 2012, Professors Andrew Strathern and Pamela

Steward (Anthropology) need a house from April through to the end of June. Location: preferable close to University. Enquiries to pamjan@pitt.edu .

FLATMATE WANTED

One br, \$75-\$100 p/w, part furn, avail: 17 Jan, area: Calton Hill. Sunny with nice views in Calton Hill. One bedroom available, a small single room (\$75) or large sleepout (\$100). Bedroom furniture and bed available if required. Flat with two females (mid 30s). Non-smoking, no pets. Contact Claire Smith, Ph: 487 7452 or 021 244 0944, Email: claire.smith@otago.ac.nz

Modern studio rooms at 333 York Place. Rent covers power, Internet and phone. We offer double or queen size bed, wardrobe, chest of drawers, TV, desk, chairs etc. Short walk to Octagon and University. Five minutes to golf club, tennis court and swimming pool. Double br, \$170 p/w, fully furn, avail: 1 Jan, area: Central City. Contact Li, Ph: 021 235 2081, Email: lich8150@student.otago.ac.nz

Share our lovely friendly home; insulated, two heat-pumps in renovated 1800's villa. University couple with 12-year-old boy and postgrad flatmate. Cat - possible dog. Wireless internet included. Thirty minute walk to University. Double br, \$150 p/w, OSP, unfurn, avail: 25 Jan, area: Central City. Contact Shane Montague-Gallagher, Ph: 479 5643 or 474 1969, Email: shane.montague-gallagher@otago.ac.nz

HOUSE FOR SALE

Three br, \$359,000, OSP, suburb: Waverley. 1980s two storey house with tandem garage. Windows placed to catch all the sun. Large open-plan living space. Warm. Two bathrooms. Close to bus stop. Sea and bush views. Quiet area. Playground across the road. Contact Shane, Ph: 027 560 9819, Email: shane.soal@anatomy.otago.ac.nz

SECTION FOR SALE

On Findlayson Road above Taieri Mouth, 936 sq mtrs. North facing, down bush clad driveway. All day sun, birdsong. Delightful spot to unwind and relax. Legal description: section 6/7 Blk IV Hull Town. Contact Nick Webb, Ph: 03 455 6657, Email: nick.webb@otago.ac.nz

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Available. Area: Long Beach Dunedin, avail: 25 Jan. Three br, \$100-180 per night per night, OSP. Only 25 minutes from Dunedin, sleeps up to six people. Child friendly yard, heated by log burner with fire wood supplied. Very close to beach. Contact Long Beach crib, Ph: 0272288715, Email: sonya.cameron@otago.ac.nz

Available. Area: Otematata, Waitaki Valley, avail: on enquiry (fully booked until 31 Jan and some days in Feb). Three br, \$110 per night, OSP. Three bedrooms plus sleepout (and portacot). Sleeps 10. Five minutes' drive from Benmore Dam and lakes. Discounts for seven nights or more. Contact Brita Fields, Ph: 03 479 8794 or 021 105 1065, Email: brita.fields@otago.ac.nz

Available. Area: Clyde, Central Otago, avail: all year except winter months (June-July). Two br, \$85/night per night, OSP. Clyde, Two br crib, sleeps four, fully furnished with log burner

and child friendly section. Good location and close to start of rail trail. Two hours drive from Dunedin. No pets. Contact Greg Cook, Ph: 021 244 7257, Email: gregory.cook@otago.ac.nz

HOUSESITTING

House sit wanted. Any br, avail: now, area: any area considered. Responsible professional woman requires house sitting position(s) for 2012. References available, pets pampered. Contact Marg Newall, Ph: 021 298 8043, Email: margaret.newall@otago.ac.nz

House sit wanted. Any br, avail: until end of first semester, area: any. Responsible postgraduate couple looking for a house sit. We are clean, tidy and respectful and are happy to look after the garden or pets. Contact Stacey, Ph: 027 334 9352, Email: stacey.ward@anatomy.otago.ac.nz

House sit wanted. Any br, avail: 5 Feb, area: will consider any suburb, though within cycling distance of campus is desirable. I am a 55 year old Senior Research Fellow, Anatomy Dept. Needing house-sitting situation (Feb - 5 Apr). Very conscientious, a tidy person, does a lot of housework. Love animals; caring for pets most welcome. Contact Nancy Beavan, Ph: 027 277 8211, Email: nancy.beavan@anatomy.otago.ac.nz

House sit wanted. Any br, avail: end January, area: Central City. Mature PhD student available for housesit. Prefer to be central but any location that is walking distance to town considered. Character and tenancy refs available. Clean and tidy, non-smoker, reliable. Happy to care for pets. Contact Kelly Honey, Ph: 021 112 9817, Email: kelly.honey@otago.ac.nz

House-sit or board from February until May/June (dates flexible) by mature, freelance historian. Would prefer ease of access to university/good public transport route. Contact Louise Ph: 09 550-2274 or room4shaw@gmail.com.

FOR SALE

Moving overseas and selling lots of things: Dining table set w/ six chairs, sets of drawers, clothes rack, wooden chest, shelves, heaters, dehumidifier, cutlery, sets of glasses, plates, fish tank with accessories and more. \$On request-ring or email to find out. Contact Martin and Kim, Ph: Home: 473 0235 , Email: kim.daufratshofer@otago.ac.nz

Architectural drafting board, AO size. \$250, ONO. Contact Raelene, Ph: 479 8208, Email: raelene.white@otago.ac.nz

Study Desk; white, four drawer, in excellent condition. \$80. Contact Janeice Young, Ph: 454 3494, Email: janeice.young@otago.ac.nz

Water tank, holds 180 litres, only five years old for sale. Long skinny type - 46cm diameter, 175 cm long. \$230, ONO. Contact Helen Ingrams, Ph: 479 4370, Email: helen.ingrams@otago.ac.nz

Three-seater plus two-seater sofa. Hardly used. Deep aubergine soft textured upholstery. Very comfortable. Would suit home, rental or bach. Viewings welcome. \$600, ONO. Contact Christina Yeates, Ph: 03 479 8166, Email: christina.yeates@otago.ac.nz

WANTED TO BUY

Glass house or tunnel house wanted; any condition or size considered, price by negotiation. Contact dave.dyer@otago.ac.nz or 479 5055. Contact Dave Dyer, Ph: 03 479 5055, Email: dave.dyer@otago.ac.nz

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1990, Nissan, Terrano, current wof, current registration, 104230 km, Manual, NZ Imported, two owners, clean and tidy, \$5500, ONO. Contact Raelene, Ph: 479 8208, Email: raelene.white@otago.ac.nz

2000, Toyota, Duet, current wof, current registration, 66,853 km, With the addition of a dog, our family has outgrown this great wee car. Very economical (560 kms on 35 litres). The fanbelt has just been replaced. Serviced every 5,000 kms since we bought it, \$7000, ONO. Contact Shane, Ph: 479 7360, Email: shane.soal@anatomy.otago.ac.nz

2003, Toyota Avensis, GX Wagon, current wof, current registration, 152,000 km, NZ New, ABS brakes, airbags, remote/central locking, climate control, cruise control, electric mirrors, electric and tinted windows, power steering, traction control, 2.0L tiptronic, towbar, two near new tyres, CD radio, reliable and great to drive, \$10,500, ONO. Contact Corrina, Ph: 027 207 6027, Email: corrina.robertson@otago.ac.nz

MISCELLANEOUS

OSP, \$25 p/w, avail: now, area: Central City. Lockable single garage on Royal Terrace (London St end) 5-10 minute walk to the hospital or University Campus. Park and walk to work or use for storage. Contact Natalie Poland, Ph: 021 217 7882 or 479 5600, Email: natalie.poland@otago.ac.nz

Life Coaching and Professional Supervision: set up your support structures now for 2012. Coaching is a creative, dynamic process that focuses on designing solutions to maximise personal and professional success. Confidential sessions with a trained Coach experienced in personal, executive, career and conflict management coaching. Contact Te Ara Pathways Life Coaching, Ph: 027 455 4575, Email: claire.porima@otago.ac.nz

Gardening services performed by a hardworking, qualified and experienced gardener. Weeding, hedge trimming, pruning and lawn mowing. Contact Mike Stuart, Ph: 021 260 0657. Contact Gabriella Stuart, Ph: 479 4542, Email: gabriella.stuart@otago.ac.nz

Five kittens, six weeks old, house trained, need good homes. Three tabbies, one grey and one black. Very friendly nature. Contact John Ingrams, Ph: 021477027, Email: john.ingrams@otago.ac.nz

Dirt - free to a good home. We are landscaping and need to get rid of some excess soil. Not in great condition for planting but would be good for fill, etc. Contact Fiona Jack, Ph: 479 5460, Email: fiona@psy.otago.ac.nz

Free to a good home. Two Netherland Dwarf rabbits. One brown and white, one white. Four months old. Both female. Very gentle disposition, would make great pets for children. Contact Katie, Ph: 0212266912, Email: katie.owens@otago.ac.nz

Wanted. Storage facility: e.g. garage or space in garage. Or large shed. Opoho area. Contact Kirsty Barltrop, Ph: 03 473 7616 027 534 9714, Email: kirsty.barltrop@otago.ac.nz

Italian Classes at all levels with a fun, communicative approach by Antonella, a native speaker with long experience in teaching both at university and community levels, PhD in linguistics. Also available for individual lessons and translations. Contact J R Hayashishita, Ph: 473 0832, Email: j-r.hayashishita@otago.ac.nz

Need baby sitter, household keeper or have any jobs to offer for 2012? I am a University of Otago graduate and have a NZ work visa! Please let me know if you have any suggestions. Contact Kate, Ph: 02102558640, Email: Katharina.Voelker@otago.ac.nz

Want to learn German? Need help preparing for German exams? Native German speaker offers private tuition. All sessions are well prepared and tailored towards your personal goals. Groups welcome. For initial meeting, please contact . Contact Kate, Ph: 021 0255 8640, Email: Katharina.Voelker@otago.ac.nz

Do you live in Otago and are caring for a child whose parent has spent some time in prison in the last two years? If so, we would like you and your child/ren (aged five years+) to take part in a study about how that affects your lives. For more information, please contact Dr Julie Lawrence or Nicola Liebergreen, Dept of Women's and Children's Health on 03 479 4526 or text CHIP to 021 127 6278, Email: nicola.liebergreen@otago.ac.nz

Help needed transporting a double bed from Naseby to Andersons Bay. Please contact if you are in Naseby with a ute at Waitangi weekend and could assist. Will contribute to fuel cost. Contact Sally, Ph: 021 188 7567, Email: sally.shaw@otago.ac.nz

Architectural draughting service: Designs and detailed drawings for new homes, alterations and building consents. Licensed Building Practitioner (Design) experienced in all aspects of residential design. No-obligation free initial consultation to discuss your specific building needs. Contact Jeremy, Ph: 027 481 6428 or 478 0848, Email: lucy.atkinson@otago.ac.nz

Free Exercise Programme for Breast Cancer Survivors. Restore mobility, flexibility and confidence through gentle exercise. Free YWCA Encore programme, eight weeks long, 9 Feb to 29 Mar. Thu evenings 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Chatsford Lifestyle Village, Mosgiel. This programme is funded by the YWCA and The New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. To enrol contact Tonelle Horner on 03 476 1779, 027 407 0067, encore.dunedin@ywca.org.nz or view www.akywca.org.nz for details.

Clothing alteration and curtain/soft furnishing making services offered. Quality workmanship at reasonable prices. I also make patchwork cot quilts, which are a fantastic baby gift. Please inquire for examples of my work. Contact Anya Rose, Ph: 021 061 5709 / 473 7070 (home), Email: anya.roos@otago.ac.nz

Stamp albums wanted - empty/blank. Eight and five year old boys starting to collect. They were inspired after going to a stamp fair! For further information, please contact Chris Hay (Ass. Lab. Tech.), Ph: 479 8433, Email: chris.hay@otago.ac.nz

Postgraduate

DOCTORAL LOUNGE

Located on the first floor of the University Union building, the Doctoral Lounge is available for use by all Doctoral candidates. Facilities in the Lounge include free tea and coffee, a daily newspaper, a PC with internet access and Endnote, and comfortable furniture for relaxing or studying. Access to the Lounge is via your student ID card and can be arranged by contacting Susan Craig, Email: susan.craig@otago.ac.nz

PLEASE NOTE: during the renovations to the University Union building, access to the Lounge is via the external staircase by the Critic and along the balcony.

POSTGRADUATES ON WEDNESDAYS

New day and new location

Starting on Feb 1 and each Wed from 4pm to 7pm thereafter, Graduate Research Services hosts "Postgraduates on Wednesdays" at the University Staff Club, a social get-together where you can take a break from your studies and meet up with other students for a wind down during the working week. We look forward to seeing you there – all postgraduate students welcome.

RUSH HOUR – POSTGRAD RADIO SHOW

Radio 1 is now broadcasting a radio show specifically for postgraduate students. Listen in every Wed, 10am to 12noon for information, entertainment and interesting interviews on 91FM or live streamed on <http://r1.co.nz/stream.php>

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Postgraduate Christian Fellowship Group meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons for prayer, Bible study and discussion. Email: jena@tscf.org.nz to confirm the time and place or for information regarding the summer schedule.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for Postgraduate Students closing soon:

1 Feb	C Alma Baker Post-Graduate Scholarship
10 Feb	MFAT Trade and Investment Research Scholarship
10 Feb	Zonta Science Award
11 Feb	George Mason Charitable Trust Scholarship
28 Feb	Brenda Shore Award for Women.
29 Feb	Angus Ross Travel Scholarship in History
1 Mar	Gordon Watson Scholarship
1 Mar	Kiwi Music Scholarship
1 Mar	New Zealand Law Foundation Ethel Benjamin Scholarship (for women)
1 Mar	L B Wood Scholarship
1 Mar	Shirtcliffe Fellowship
2 Mar	Antarctica New Zealand Research Scholarship Programme.

For more information please contact the Scholarships Office Email: scholarships@otago.ac.nz

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Career distraction #8

In the age of global employment the idea of working virtually is a reality for many. Virtual or networked teams may be an option worth consideration. Consider in your area of expertise how this may work.

Working independently with periodical face-to-face meetings will be a skill that you have practised during your candidature. Have you been successful in forming professional relationships, coordinating activities and driving your project forward? Would you like to continue to work in this way? How flexible would you like your working hours to be? What have been your personal distractions and have you learnt to manage them?

As always, happy to chat about your career planning or suggest someone who may be of help. Contact me on Email: yvonne.gaut@otago.ac.nz.

PERSONAL PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COACHING

Brian Johnston offers Personal Performance and Development Coaching to all University of Otago students. Costing just \$15, his goal oriented one-to-one sessions can help students set themselves realistic, achievable goals. Mr Johnston has helped many postgraduate students struggling with procrastination, poor time management and a healthy life/study/work balance. Based at the Centre for Innovation, he can be contacted by Email: brian.johnston@otago.ac.nz or Ph: 479 8461 or 0800 479 821 or visit <https://webcontrib.otago.ac.nz/study/phd/otago029658.html>

PHD OPPORTUNITY – Scholarship in the Department of English

A Marsden funded project on the Medieval traditions of the Modernist aesthetic has funding for a PhD scholarship on Samuel Beckett and Scholasticism, for three years, commencing on 1 Mar 2012.

The PhD will examine Beckett's broad interests in medieval scholasticism, their manifestation in his early writings, and their underwriting of a complex Modernist aesthetic in the later works.

The ideal candidate would have an awareness of pre-Socratic, Medieval and post-Cartesian philosophy, with a broad understanding of Modernist traditions and Beckett's writings; in practice, a proper respect for Beckett, an inquiring mind, and a genuine interest in the interface between Medieval and Modernist traditions would be a sound foundation on which to build the requisite awareness.

The successful candidate will receive a three year PhD scholarship and tuition fees, with some extra funding available for research and travel. The project will be based in the Department of English, the candidate working with Professor Chris Ackerley. Please direct enquiries to Email: chris.ackerley@otago.ac.nz

PHD OPPORTUNITY – Two PhD Scholarships in Social Science

A Marsden funded project examining tensions around ethics review and Māori consultation has funding for two PhD scholarships, commencing on 1 Mar, 2012.

The first PhD will examine how recent social science PhD graduates (in the UK, Australia and New Zealand) experienced the ethics review approval process and assess the review's relevance/helpfulness to their research project. The mixed methods study will involve content analysis, in-depth interviews and a questionnaire.

The second PhD will examine the critical question of how consultation with Māori, benchmarked in the HRC Te Ara Tika guidelines, manifests itself in both Māori-centered research and research involving the general population of New Zealand. In this regard, a question in need of examination is how consistent New Zealand ECs are around their expectations and understanding of what is appropriate Māori consultation?

The successful candidates will receive a three year PhD scholarship and tuition fees, and be based in the Department of Sociology, Gender and Social Work working with Associate Professor Martin Tolich.

Please direct enquiries to Associate Professor Martin Tolich, Email: martin.tolich@otago.ac.nz

DIVISION OF SCIENCES NOTICES

BIOENGINEERING: NEW MAJOR IN THE MASTER OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Bioengineering involves the application of engineering principles to address challenges in the fields of biology and medicine. It covers research areas such as biomaterials, biomedical devices, pharmaceutical engineering, nanotechnology, biomedical imaging, biomechanics and computational modelling.

Bioengineering is now offered as a Major in the Master of Applied Science programme. This one-year thesis-only degree will enable students with a background in physical, engineering and mathematical sciences to apply their knowledge and skills to problems in biology and medicine.

To be eligible for enrolment students must have completed a four-year degree in Science, Applied Science or Engineering. Students will complete their thesis under the supervision of an academic staff member in the division of Health Sciences or Sciences.

For more information Email: bioengineering@otago.ac.nz.

NEW POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENTREPRENEURIAL TECHNOLOGY

The new Postgraduate Certificate in Technology and Entrepreneurship (PGCertTE) provides a practically focused introduction to technology businesses, innovation and commercialisation. It will foster the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to be a successful entrepreneur in the technology industry.

This certificate provides an introduction to technology-based businesses, the processes involved in commercialising science and technology, innovation management and the ways in which knowledge can be applied to drive innovation. It complements undergraduate courses in Science, Applied Science and Commerce and will also be beneficial for PhD graduates from Sciences or Health Sciences. The PGCertTE can be

completed full-time over six months or part-time over up to two years.

This qualification is suited to postgraduate students from science and business backgrounds, who have an interest in the commercialisation of science and technology, and to employees in technology businesses, for whom the course would provide a formal qualification in an area of relevance to their employer. The certificate fills a gap in the entrepreneurship degrees.

For more information please visit: www.otago.ac.nz/entrepreneurship/study.html

STATS 501 Statistical Modelling for Research (Semester 1)

The aim of this paper is to provide postgraduate students with many of the important statistical tools that they require in their research. Students will gain experience in using modern statistical software (R and WinBugs). Topics covered will include probability, model fitting, model selection, Bayesian statistics, hierarchical modelling and computer-intensive methods.

Prerequisite: STAT 110/115 or equivalent.

To find out more, contact Lenette Grant (Department of Mathematics and Statistics), Email: lgrant@maths.otago.ac.nz

PhD OPPORTUNITY - PhD Position in Drug Discovery: Molecular Microbiology Laboratory, Department of Oral Sciences

A PhD position is available to join a project "Multifunctional triazoles: A triple whammy designed to defeat drug resistance". This is a Marsden Fund supported three-year project involving a research team based in Dunedin, with collaborators at Victoria University in Wellington, and in Belgium, USA and Germany.

Applicants will be Honours or Masters graduates with molecular biological and/or biochemical skills, an aptitude for structure/function studies of a yeast transcriptional regulator, an aspiration to be involved in drug discovery, and those who would qualify for a University of Otago Doctoral Scholarship are particularly encouraged to apply.

If you have further enquiries please contact Dr Brian C. Monk, Email: brian.monk@otago.ac.nz

PhD OPPORTUNITIES IN BODE³: epidemiology, health economics, modelling, prioritisation and more

The Burden of Disease Epidemiology, Equity and Cost Effectiveness (BODE³) programme (funded by the Health Research Council (2010-15) and supported by the Ministry of Health) aims to determine the cost effectiveness of preventive (e.g. cardiovascular disease) and cancer control (prevention to palliation) interventions. BODE³ also has a major emphasis on capacity building, including encouraging and supervising postgraduate students.

New Zealand is currently weak in epidemiological and economic decision modelling, as it pertains to prioritisation. It is our aim to try and help build this critical capacity, including through postgraduate training by thesis.

We welcome approaches from people with a strong undergraduate (or equivalent) background in quantitative aspects of economics, decision modelling, statistics, epidemiology or health services research.

Four PhD positions, with a University of Otago PhD scholarship (www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/#availablenow), are available in BODE³. To be eligible for a PhD scholarship in BODE³, you must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 7.5 or greater.

Please go to: www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/gpacalculator.html to calculate your GPA average.

If you are interested and have the requisite grades, please contact Professor Tony Blakely. Ph: 021 918 608 or Email: tony.blakely@otago.ac.nz

PhD OPPORTUNITY - Student in Social Marketing or Public Health sought

A Marsden funded project, commencing on 1 March 2012, will test tobacco companies'

claims that smokers make 'informed' decisions to smoke by exploring the circumstances of smoking onset among young adults, the group with the highest smoking prevalence. The study will involve three phases: in-depth interviews to explore risk understanding, optimism bias and regret; a quantitative phase developing measures to estimate risk awareness, knowledge, understanding, and regret; a conceptual phase creating and testing interventions that address factors impeding 'informed choice'. The PhD student will be involved in all phases of the research.

The successful candidate will receive a three year PhD scholarship and tuition fees, and may be based at either the University of Otago's Wellington or Dunedin campuses; she or he will work with Professors Janet Hoek and Richard Edwards and other members of the ASPIRE2025 collaboration. Māori and Pacific applicants are encouraged.

Please direct enquiries to Professor Janet Hoek, Email: janet.hoek@otago.ac.nz

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