Welcome to the latest edition of the Faculty of Arts & Education’s Bulletin, where too much research and graduate studies news is barely enough.

Don't forget, if you have some news to share please contact Lisa or Leanne at FOAE-RGS@csu.edu.au

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- **HDR NEWS**

A reminder that the first **HDR Candidate Welcome and Induction** session is happening on **Thursday 1 March, 2018**. Please visit the [Professional Development Calendar](http://www.csu.edu.au/research/forms-facts/hdr-guide/probation-and-key-milestones) to register for this session. These sessions are highly recommended for new candidates commencing in 2018 and provide essential information about getting started.

Attending an induction session is also part of the probationary conditions for candidature – see probation and key milestones [http://www.csu.edu.au/research/forms-facts/hdr-guide/probation-and-key-milestones](http://www.csu.edu.au/research/forms-facts/hdr-guide/probation-and-key-milestones)

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HDR Supervisor Training

If you haven’t already completed your supervisor training you can find these sessions and register on the Professional Development calendar here. The first session in the series is held on 14 Feb, 2018. Here is the link to register for this session.

Higher Education Conference 2018

Universities Australia are hosting the Higher Education Conference 2018 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra from February 28 – March 2. Titled 'Future Fundamentals', it will explore the fundamental roles of universities in teaching, learning and research as they reinvent themselves for a new political, economic and technological era.

You can find out more about the conference or register on their website.

Vitae membership

CSU is now an organisational member of Vitae, the global leader in the professional development of researchers. Vitae works with institutions striving for excellence in development and career support for research staff and students.

The Vitae website [http://www.vitae.ac.uk] has a wealth of resources and advice tailored specifically to you as a researcher, whether your ambition is to stay within or move outside academia. All our staff and students get full access to the Vitae website as part of our subscription. Resources include:

- Advice for completing a doctorate
- [Career destinations and career stories of doctoral graduates](http://www.vitae.ac.uk)
- Example CVs
• Professional development tools and the Researcher Development Framework (RDF)
• PDP ROC: Online course on professional development
• Researcher booklets
• Managing a research career
• Equality and diversity in research careers

And much more!

Register using your institutional email address for full access to the website. Tick “I would like to receive Vitae updates and information” to receive news relevant to researchers.

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➢ RESEARCH NEWS

➢ ARC applicants

These past few weeks have been busy for a number of individuals and teams around the Faculty as they worked on their ARC Discovery applications which were due at the Research Office earlier this week.

All the best to each of you, and also thank you to the central Research Office team for their support of our Faculty members.

There will still be some work to do on these applications, but to all applicants, we wish you all the best in the upcoming round.

➢ Faculty Happening

Congratulations A/Professor Dominic O’Sullivan, School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Late last month The Conversation published what was Dominic’s 50th published opinion piece Conscience vote on euthanasia bill exposes democratic weakness of New Zealand’s voting system.

To read Dominic's latest article, go to The Conversation. To see Dominic's impressive list of opinion pieces, check out the list on PURE/CRO and while you’re there, make sure your own profile is up to date.

Audrey Wang, School of Teacher Education, has also had a piece published in The Conversation, More children are starting school depressed and anxious – without help, it will only get worse. This was part of The Conversation’s back to school series and can be found here.
Suzie Gibson, also from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences has had a piece published in Overland on inequality and violence.

When you publish these types of media pieces, they can and should be included in your PURE/CRO profile and all contribute to the impact your work can have.

Congratulations to HDR candidate Val Tillett and her supervisor A/Prof Sandie Wong, School of Teacher Education on the publication An investigative case study into early childhood educators’ understanding about ‘belonging’, which has just been published on Taylor & Francis Online. This article was based on Val’s Masters’ thesis and also presented at ECEERA 2016.

This conference seeks to engage this pressing social issue. By engaging with the sacred texts and traditions of the great religions of the world, it is hoped that strategies may emerge that demonstrate that religion is not the problem, but indeed has much to contribute to the solution of the current state of affairs.

The conference will feature two keynote speakers: Professor Zeki Saritoprak (John Carroll University) and Professor Daniel Smith-Christopher (Loyola Marymount University). Both are highly credentialed with regards to inter-faith dialogue and commitments to peace.

The three-day conference will also feature panel sessions, workshops, and papers from other contributors from papers submitted.
Further information please contact the conference conveners: Dr Anthony Rees (arees@csu.edu.au) and/or Assoc Prof Mehmet Ozalp (mozalp@csu.edu.au)

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- ACT Government’s Key Capability Area funding program 2017-18

ACT Government’s Key Capability Area funding program 2017-18 is now open. Applications close on Friday 9 March 2018. A total of $750,000 is available for projects that make a major contribution to the development of the ACT’s key opportunities from priority sectors including cyber security, renewable energy, space and spatial information, plant and agricultural sciences, healthy and active living and further education partnerships. Funding proposals that are matched by a cash co-contribution of $1 for every $1 funded are preferred. Funding proposals that outline a co-contribution mix of cash and in-kind will also be accepted but may be less competitive when assessed against $1 for $1 cash co-contributions.


The contact officer is Sean Kelly, Manager, Innovation Policy and Diversification Strategy, (02) 6205 8602 and sean.kelly@act.gov.au. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Sean to discuss their project proposals before submitting a funding application.

Some areas identified in the Key Capability Areas are very close to CSU’s strengths, so if you are seeking funding, it’s worth a look!

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- Research Grant into impacts of 'big data' on consumers

The Consumer Policy Research Centre (CPRC) is inviting Australian interdisciplinary research teams to apply for a $100,000 grant to investigate data collection and consumer profiling practices in Australia.

The Centre is offering this grant because we believe that Australia is currently lagging behind other countries in building a deeper understanding of the impacts of 'big data' collection and consumer profiling. Even as global consulting groups and international experts are highlighting the need to carefully consider how we manage consumer data, active discussion around the implications for Australia has been limited.

Sophisticated marketing strategies, advanced profiling techniques and powerful machine learning technologies are profoundly changing consumer markets. These advancements are moving much faster than policy and regulation. While some aspects of data collection and consumer profiling can improve user experience and assist in the delivery of more relevant content, other indications are that the trend towards personalisation can increase inequality and exclusion.
We think the Australian policy community urgently needs to discuss what sort of consumer markets we want moving forward. To do this, we are seeking the support of some of Australia’s best and brightest academics with this research grant. We hope that by working together, we can prompt the national conversation that we need to have.

Preference will be given to applications that:

- Bring together an interdisciplinary team of experts across the fields which may include: e-commerce, choice architecture / behavioural science, microeconomics, consumer policy & law or data ethics & privacy
- Produce new qualitative and quantitative datasets within the identified research field
- Avoid duplication of existing research, and
- Maximise impact with practical policy and practice implications.


Please contact Lauren Solomon, Chief Executive Officer of the Consumer Policy Research Center directly.
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17 & 18 September

TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB,
TWEED HEADS - NSW

AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
UNCOVERING REGIONAL POSSIBILITIES!

The Australian Regional Development Conference focuses on the advancement of economic and social outcomes for Regional Australia - Economic, Planning, Infrastructure, Environment and Community Development. This is the perfect opportunity to gather leaders for regional development to connect and address critical issues, challenges, research and initiatives.

Register your interest at the ARDC website here.

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New Professional Development Calendar

A range of new research professional development (PD) programs have been uploaded to the calendar. There are 19 online sessions scheduled for February alone.

Sessions include CRO and linking your ORCiD profile, overcoming procrastination, developing a literature review and finding research funding opportunities.

It is highly recommended that researchers consider the My Research Career – Module 1 – Introduction, research landscape, priority and time management on 13 February 2018.

More information can be found at Research Professional Development.

Faculty of Arts and Education Research and Graduate Studies Committee

The next meeting of the Faculty of Arts & Education Research and Graduate Studies Committee will be held on Wednesday 28 March, with the agenda closing on 14 March. School Research Chairs should send the minutes of their school’s research committee to Leanne Phillips by 14 March. Agenda and papers will be distributed by 21 March.

Reminder – Centralised Ethics Committee for 2018

The Faculty Human Ethics Committees (FHEC) structure was retired at the end of 2017, and from February 2018 all applications will be reviewed by the CSU HREC. To meet the load the HREC will have two panels that fully meet the requirements of the NHMRC, including adequate administrative support. These panels will effectively be two connected HRECs within CSU. Each panel will meet monthly, but meeting dates will be offset so that one HREC meeting occurs fortnightly.

Ongoing management of existing ethics applications that have been approved by Faculty committees will be transitioned to the HREC in January 2018. Reporting requirements will remain the same, and reports should be submitted to ethics@csu.edu.au

Information on the application process can be found on the University Human Research Ethics Committee. The University HREC 2018 meeting dates can be found here.
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Have a great weekend!

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