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A newsletter for alumni and friends

Win a pack of native New Zealand insect playing cards

A novel way of learning – and an innovative gift – has come about through the efforts of three people associated with the School of Biological Sciences.

Leilani Walker, a doctoral candidate, was working with Emma Scheltema, a graduate, on a book project for the Entymological Society of New Zealand when she had a great idea: to produce a set of playing cards featuring New Zealand insects.

We have five packs of the sold out cards to give away.

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Law alumna wins Young NZer of the Year

Lawyer, refugee advocate and alumna Rez Gardi has been named University of Auckland Young New Zealander of the Year.

Rez, who was born in a refugee camp in Pakistan was the first in her family to finish secondary school and to attend university, and she is passionate about supporting young refugees and addressing the underrepresentation of refugee students in tertiary education.

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Alumni for Alumni

NEW YORK STORIES

With Ben Young, CEO, Nudge



Calling all alumni in New York

Alumni volunteer Erica Chan is helping to get alumni in New York connected. Join Erica at the first event in the "Alumni for Alumni" series where we'll hear from Kiwi entrepreneur and Business graduate, Ben Young, and find out how he built a successful digital start-up in one of the world's most fast-paced and competitive cities.

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Win a double pass to The Encounter

Created by award-winning British theatre company, Complicite, and staged as part of the Auckland Arts Festival, *The Encounter*, is the true story of a National Geographic photographer who, in 1969, got lost in the Brazilian Amazon. The remote people he encountered changed his life.

With the entire audience wearing headphones, *The Encounter* creates an intimate and

shifting world of sound, taking everyone on a mesmerising voyage.

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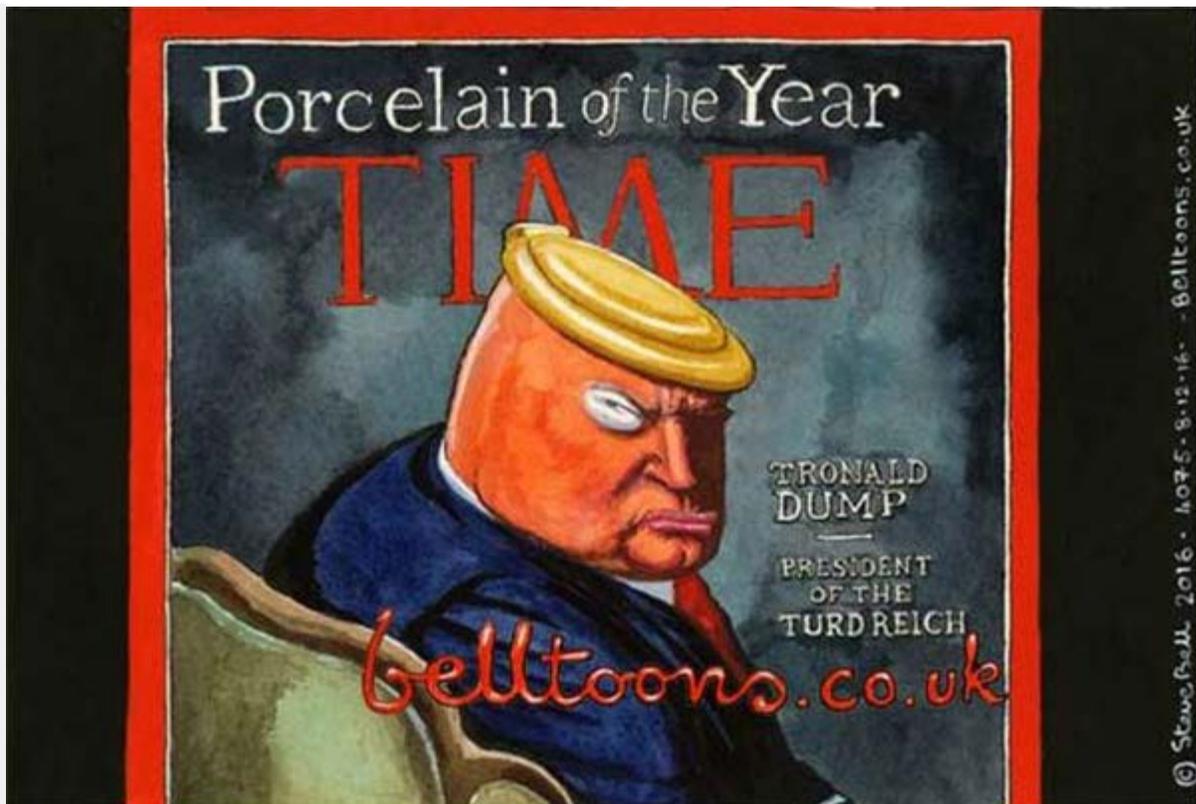


Can we transform lives with creativity?

In recent surveys, CEOs of major global companies selected creativity as the most important leadership quality for success in the 21st century.

And so too for New Zealand. If we want to create a modern economy, preserve our natural environment, deal with the challenges of an ageing population and have a culturally rich society, we must learn to be more creative.

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Hood Fellow: Steve Bell

Renowned political cartoonist Steve Bell will be visiting the University of Auckland as a Hood Fellow from 6 to 17 March. While at Auckland, Steve will join fellow cartoonists Sharon Murdoch and Chris Slane in a panel discussion on March 14, and give a free public lecture *Abusing power: The cartoonist in a post-truth world* on March 16. There will also be two exhibitions of Steve Bell's cartoons.

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Want to help an international student?

Are you an alum with 20 years' experience in the workforce post-graduation? Would you like to reconnect with the University of Auckland in a meaningful way and meet some interesting students and other alumni along the way? NZ Workplace Insights, a programme for postgraduate international students that helps them gain a deeper understanding of the NZ work environment, needs alumni volunteers!

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Ka Whakanuitia Ngā Tau 21 o te Huarahi Māori

The University of Auckland has a long and proud history of qualifications and preparation programmes that support 'Te Ao Māori' – particularly at the Epsom Campus where the whareniui Tūtahi Tonu and wharekai Te Piringa are central to life on campus.

Alumni from the *Atakura Programme*, which preceded the *Reorua Programme* of the 1980s at the former Auckland College of Education, along with past and present students of the Huarahi Māori programme (1997-2017), are invited to 'Come home to Tūtahi Tonu' for a two day celebration to commemorate 21 years of the Huarahi Māori Programme. These celebrations to reconnect with whānau, colleagues and staff will take place on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 June this year. Please contact Helen Pengelly, h.pengelly@auckland.ac.nz if you would like the programme and are interested in attending.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- 9 Mar [Bright Lights](#)
- 10 Mar [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#)
- 20 Mar [Melbourne alumni and friends reception](#)

- 22 Mar [Sydney Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 23 Mar [Brisbane Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 30 Mar [Tauranga Lunch](#)
- 15 Jul [Ireland Study Tour 2017](#)



Congratulations to our alumni volunteer

Congratulations to Neil Birrell (BSc) who won a brand new iPhone 7 when he volunteered to participate in the Business School's media flow research project.

Professor of Connectivity Darl Kolb highlighted the importance of alumni volunteers in research work. "Like many social science research projects, our Media Flow study needs participants to make our work pay off."

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Ihaka lectures 2017: Expressing yourself with R

Honorary Associate Professor Hadley Wickham launches the 2017 Ihaka Lecture Series with a presentation that discusses R "as a language, a medium of communication between you and the computer, and you and other programmers."



Those who can't attend this free lecture on 8 March will be able to watch a live stream of the event.

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Find out how the brain works

We're privileged to have internationally-recognised and highly-acclaimed molecular neuroscientist Professor Martyn Goulding on campus to give a public lecture on the brain and nervous system.



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Young Alumna on the world stage

Dr Priv Bradoo, our 2012 Young Alumna of the Year Award winner, recently joined an onstage panel discussion at the World Economic Forum in Davos, alongside the CEOs of IKEA and Ebay. The keynote session was titled 'Industry's Next Frontier' and addressed how technology can be harnessed to pioneer new models of production and consumption.

WATCH VIDEO

LLM applications open

There's still time to apply to study for a Master of Laws (LLM) in 2017. The Auckland Law School welcomes interest from current practitioners or recent graduates who are keen to upskill or specialise.

Our LLM programme is flexible, to fit in with busy lives and careers. The LLM by research offers the opportunity to conduct in-depth research in an area of personal interest to enhance your future employment opportunities either professionally or academically. The LLM by coursework offers an opportunity to study areas in greater depth and complexity than within an undergraduate law degree. For more information visit law.auckland.a.ac.nz/llm or email our Postgraduate Adviser Angela Vaai on postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz

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