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NZPSA conference hosted by Politics & IR

The New Zealand Political Studies Association Annual Conference was hosted by Politics and International Relations from December 1-3, 2014.

The conference theme was "Conflict and Discord in a Time of Crisis" and involved 230 researchers in over 30 countries. It was co-



organized by Dr Tom Gregory and Dr Julie MacArthur and featured the exciting work being done in the discipline on issues of international conflict, policymaking, political systems, gender, media and political economy.

The keynote speaker was Professor David Schlosberg from the University of Sydney, who delivered a talk entitled "Environmental Politics in a Time of Crisis: Climate Change and Insecurity". The focus on themes of conflict and discord encourages participants to think about changes to the decision-making process and the allocation of power in a society during times of crisis.

The conference also featured a number of timely and innovative events including: a public screening of *Project Z*, the latest film from Professor James Der Derian from the University of Sydney, a special panel on New Zealand's recent United Nations seat, a New Zealand Asia Institute panel organized by Dr Stephen Noakes on Chinese Innovations in Governance, a two-part panel on the work of Francis Castles organized by Jennifer as well as a special plenary on teaching feminism in the class room with University of Auckland academics Associate Professor Jennifer Curtin, Associate Professor Kathy Smits, Dr Anita Lacey and Dr Valentina Cardo.

Several sessions at the conference focused on the 2014 New Zealand election. In the New Zealand election



NZ Election Event

Politics and International Relations held an election watch on Saturday 20 September for staff and senior students. The group watched the results as they came in, discussing the implications for New Zealand. It was a great night, and a good chance for staff and students to interact informally and discuss politics outside the classroom.

Gender, Power and the Body Politic

In late July 2014, Politics and International Relations hosted two international visitors, Professor Linda Trimble (University of Alberta, Canada) and Dr Shatema Threadcraft (Rutgers University, USA), who participated in a half-day Symposium titled Revisiting Gender, Power and the Body Politic. Alongside other scholars from the School of Social Sciences (Valentina Cardo, Jane Christie, Jennifer Curtin, Anita Lacey and Kathy Smits), the symposium covered a range of topics, from intimate justice to media representations of female leaders and attracted an audience of over 40.

Student Volunteers

A huge thank you to our fantastic politics student volunteers for the NZPSA conference: Rachael Crosby, Tom James, Martha Carillo, Lisa Kemp, Ting Guo, Walter Lee, Ruoyu (Pauline) Cao, James Azuma, Sam Smith, Kevin Huh, Samira Ghoreishi and Isabella Coventry.

plenary practitioners from Labour, National and the Green Party shared their behind-the-scenes perspective of the election. This was followed by a roundtable discussion chaired by Associate Professor Jennifer Lees-Marshment offering an academic perspective on the election and a practitioner panel on the role of Vote Compass in the election. Vote Compass was run in conjunction with TVNZ, the Electoral Commission, and Victoria and Auckland Universities, and representatives from all of these organizations will speak.

A wide range of postgraduate work from the University of Auckland was presented at the conference, including work on ideology and climate policy, post-war art/propaganda debates, gerrymandering in the United States elections, economic development in microstates, claims of 'mandates' in New Zealand politics, how income and perceptions of relative deprivation influence voter turnout, and imprisonment in New Zealand under advanced liberal rule.



Alongside academic presentations, teaching and career development was discussed. Associate Professor Jennifer Curtin presented a talk on the potential for internships in Auckland for Politics and International Relations and Policy graduates, and why politics and history matter to policy. Dr Annette Keogh of Student Learning discussed the importance and nature of writing skills in the workplace of politics, noting the gap between this and traditional academic writing, and made suggestions for how to address this to ensure University of Auckland graduates are fully prepared. Associate Professor Laura J. Shepherd from the University of New South Wales ran a session for postgraduates on branding and increasing the impact of their research. Our own postgraduates also organized a very successful pre-conference workshop for postgraduate attendees. For more information on the NZPSA 2014 conference program can be [viewed online here](#). (Source: [Arts Faculty Website](#))

New Internship course

In semester two this year, Politics and International Relations, in conjunction with the Master of Public Policy Programme ran a pilot internship credit-bearing course for high achieving postgraduate students. Ten students were selected, and were hosted by eight organisations and offices, some public sector, others non-profit as well as several MPs. The course involved the students participating in a number of in-class seminars and completing at least eight Fridays with the organisation, working on everyday tasks as well as a research project designed in conjunction with their host supervisor. The course culminated with a lunch, where students and host supervisors came together to celebrate what was a very successful pilot. Indeed two of our interns were invited to present their research at a public lecture hosted in conjunction with the Peace Foundation. (Source: [Arts Faculty Website](#))



2014 Speaker Series

1. Deborah Stevenson (Sydney)
Uniting Nations, Curating Urban Cultures: urban Cultural Policy beyond the State
2. David MacDonald (Guelph)
Red Power: Situating Indigenous Conceptions of Power and Governance in IR
3. Martin Wilkinson
Ethics and the Allocation of Organs
4. Steve Hoadley
Resolving Disputes in the East and South China Seas
5. Ashok Sharma
An Insight into the Indian Parliamentary Election 2014
6. Jonathan Lee
Afghanistan: Historical Perspectives on the Current Conflict
7. Angela Kane (United Nations)
Disarmament –Prospects Possibilities And Potential Pitfalls
8. Ann Brower (Lincoln)
Who Owns the High Country? Land Tenure Reform in New Zealand
9. Steve Winter
Theorizing the Political Apology
10. Marianne Franklin (Goldsmiths, University of London)
Human Rights Advocacy for the Internet: Before and After Snowden
11. Ashok Sharma
India 'MODI'fied: What does it mean for India and the world?
12. Shatema Threadcraft (Rutgers); Anita Lacey (Auckland); Linda Trimble (Alberta); Jane Cristie and Jennifer Curtin.
Revisiting Gender, Power and the Body Politic (Symposium organized by Jennifer Curtin)
13. Peter Davis
School seminar
'Valuing' the Social Sciences: An Agenda for Hard Times
14. Chris Wilson
A New President, a New Era in Indonesia?
15. Andrew Sharp seminar
On Traditions of the Constitution in New Zealand
16. Gerald Chan
Global Financial Governance: China and the EU in a Brave New World?
17. Claire Charters
The Legitimacy of Indigenous Peoples' Norms under International Law
18. Anita Lacey
Rapid Employment Programs and the Newly Responsibilized Worker
19. Chris Pierson (Nottingham)
Just Property: A History in the Latin West
20. Priya Kurian (Waikato)
Transnational Feminist Networks and Online Struggles Against Gender-based Violence

2014 Robert Chapman Lecture: Utopianism in the Twenty-First Century



Speaker: Professor Lucy Sargisson, University of Nottingham, UK

Lucy Sargisson is Professor of Utopian Studies at the University of Nottingham, UK. She is the author of four books and numerous articles on the topic of political utopianism. Her books include *Fools Gold? Utopianism in the Twenty First Century* (2012), *Contemporary Feminist Utopianism* (1996) and, co-authored with Lyman Tower Sargent, *Living in Utopia: New Zealand's Intentional Communities* (2004). Lucy is a pioneer and

advocate for the study of utopianism in the human sciences. Her work crosses the disciplines of political, sociological and literary studies.

2014 Bruce Jesson Lecture: Paradise squandered; New Zealand's environmental asset stripping

Speaker: Mike Joy, Senior Lecturer, Ecology and Environmental Science Massey University, Palmerston North

Presented by Politics and International Relations and the Bruce Jesson Foundation. Organized by Dr Anita Lacey.

Mike Joy MSc(Hons), PhD in Ecology is a Senior Lecturer in Ecology and Environmental Science at the Ecology Group-Institute of Agriculture and Environment, Massey University, Palmerston North. He has received a number of awards, including the Ecology in Action award from the New Zealand Ecological Society; an Old Blue award from the Royal Forest and Bird protection Society; Environmental New Zealander of the Year from North and South magazine and the Manawatu Evening Standard Person of the Year.

Julia Gillard Conversation with Jennifer Curtin



In a sold out event this November, Associate Professor Jennifer Curtin hosted a public conversation with Julie Gillard, the 27th Prime Minister of Australia, and the Australian Labor Party leader from 2010 to 2013. She is the first woman to hold either position. The event was part of the Auckland Writers Festival. You can [watch a video of the discussion online](#).

Faculty Promotions



Raymond Miller promoted to Professor



Kathy Smits promoted to Associate Professor



Anita Lacey promoted to Senior Lecturer (Above the Bar)

Faculty Activities and Other Awards

Dr Geoff Kemp

- Visiting lecturer at the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham. This was part of an exchange that brought Professor Chris Pierson to the University of Auckland to lecture in Politics and IR in Semester 2.
- 'Researcher in Residence' fellowship at the Sir George Grey Special Collections at Auckland Central Library for 2014-15.
- Awarded the Muriel McCarthy Research Fellowship at Marsh's Library in Dublin and will spend two months there in late 2015.

Professor Gerald Chan

- Visiting Professor, University of Hong Kong, January-April 2014.
- Visiting Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong, July 2014.

Dr Sung-Young Kim

- Visiting Researcher, Waseda University, Japan, November-December 2014.
- Visiting Researcher, Seoul National University, Korea, December 2014-January 2015.

Associate Professor Kathy Smits

- Faculty of Arts Teaching Excellence Award

Associate Professor Jennifer Lees-Marshment

- CLear Teaching Fellow (for 2015).
- Academic advisor on VoteCompass project in 2014 election

Politics & Law students awarded prestigious Oxford Awards

Finn Lowery is one of three outstanding young New Zealanders who have been awarded a prestigious Rhodes scholarship to undertake postgraduate study at the University of Oxford. In his chosen path he will be joining several generations of Politics and International Relations students from the University of Auckland. Finn attended Auckland's Rangitoto College and is currently studying towards his Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Politics and International Relations at the University of Auckland. At Oxford he will study for his Masters of Public Policy in criminal justice and state security and their connection with social justice, which is his key area of interest. Around 83 Rhodes scholarships are awarded globally each year.



In doing this Finn will follow in the footsteps of 2012 Rhodes Scholar Max Harris. Max graduated from the University of Auckland with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and History and a Bachelor of Laws, and recently completed his Masters of Public Policy at Oxford. As part of his studies Max interned with the UNDP Executive Office, the office attached to that of another Political Studies graduate – Helen Clark. Max Harris was elected as an Examination Fellow (also known as a Prize Fellow) at All Souls College, Oxford

(Source: [Arts Faculty Website](#))

Faculty publications

New Books

Geoff Kemp (ed.)

Censorship Moments
London:
Bloomsbury
Academic,
2014.

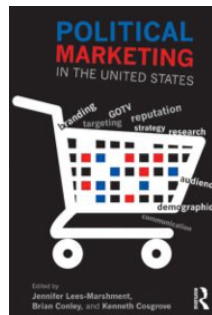


The book covers 2,500 years of thinking about censorship, from Cato the Censor to feminist criticism of pornography. The contributors include leading and emerging scholars from the US, UK, Germany, Italy, Ireland and New Zealand. Contributors include Melissa Lane from Princeton and

Bryan Garsten and Bruce Gordon from Yale. Geoff wrote a chapter on Milton's Areopagitica, while Kathy Smits, head of Politics and International Relations, wrote on Catharine MacKinnon's Only Words.

Jennifer Lees-Marshment (ed. with B. Conley and K. Cosgrove)

Political Marketing in the US. New York: Routledge, 2014.

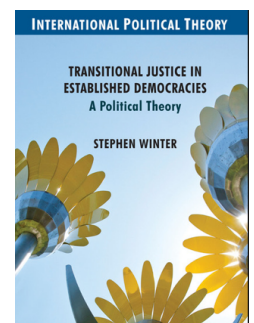


The book brings together experts from around the world to explore cutting edge trends in political

marketing in the United States. Despite the US being the leader in the practice of political marketing, scholarship has lagged behind and this is the first book focused on American political marketing.

Stephen Winter

Transitional Justice in Established Democracies: A Political Theory. London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.



Book chapter and article publications

Gerald Chan

Wong, P. N., Assie-Lumumba, N., Chan, G., Keethaponcalan, S. I., Kieh, G., & Mignolo, W. "Small Powers in World Politics: Asian and African Perspectives Introduction," *AFRICAN AND ASIAN STUDIES*, 13 (1-2), 2014, 8-12.

Chan, G. "Capturing China's International Identity: Social Evolution and Its Missing Links." *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, 7 (2), 2014, 261-281.

Chan, G. "China and Small States in Food Security Governance," *African and Asian Studies*, 13 (1-2), 2014, 59-79.

Chan, G. "China's Economic Power and the Global Financial Structure," *Harvard Asia Quarterly*, 16 (1), 2014, 13-18.

Stephen Hoadley

Hoadley, Stephen. "New Zealand Civil-Military Relations in Afghanistan: Aims, Assessments and Lessons" in *Reconstructing Afghanistan: Civil-Military*

Experiences in Comparative Perspective, Edited by William Maley and Susanne Schmeidl, Routledge, 2014.

Sung-Young Kim

Kim, Sung-Young and E. Thurbon. "Ambitious Pursuit of Green Growth". The article draws from our on-going collaboration on our book project on Green Growth in East Asia.

Anita Lacey

Lacey, A. and S. Ilcan 2014 'Tourism for development and the new global aid regime' *Global Social Policy*. 2014,1-21.

Underhill-Sem, Y., E. Cox, A. Lacey, M. Szamier (2014) 'Changing Market Culture in the Pacific: assembling a conceptual framework from diverse knowledge and experience' *Asia Pacific Viewpoint*. 55(3): 306-318.

Lacey, A., A. Schwittay, Y. Underhill-Sem, C. Williams, Eds. (2014) Special Journal Issue: *Asia Pacific Viewpoint* 55(3).

Lacey, A., A. Schwittay, Y. Underhill-Sem, C. Williams (2014) 'Development and Research, Policy and Praxis.' Editorial in Special

Journal Issue: *Asia Pacific Viewpoint* 55(3): 259-62.

Julie MacArthur

MacArthur, J. L. 'Sustainability and the Social Economy in Canada: From Resource Reliance to Resilience?' in T. Fitzpatrick (Ed.), *International Handbook on Social Policy and the Environment*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Steve Noakes

Noakes, Steve. "Intellectuals and Authoritarian Resilience: The Role of Political Science in China," in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 129, No. 2, June 2014, pp. 239-260.

Noakes, Steve. "Kill Fewer, Kill Carefully: State Pragmatism, Political Legitimacy, and the Death Penalty in China," in *Problems of Post-Communism*, Vol. 61, No. 3, May/June 2014, pp. 18-30.

Noakes, Steve. "Civil Society and Social Welfare After the Third Plenum," in Peter Harris, Ed., *China at the Crossroads: What the Third Plenum Means for China, New Zealand, and the World*, Wellington: Victoria University of Wellington Press, 2014, pp. 72-76.

Chris Wilson

Wilson, Chris. "Illiberal Democracy and Violent Conflict in Contemporary Indonesia" *Democratization*, Dec 2014.

Stephen Winter

Winter, Stephen. "Towards a Unified Theory of Transitional Justice," *The International Journal of Transitional Justice* 7 (2), 2013, 224-244.

Winter, Stephen. 'Theorising the Political Apology' *Journal of Political Philosophy* (Early view 2015)

Winter, Stephen. 'Cultural Politics Pathology: The Charter of Quebec Values Politics, Groups and Identities 4 (2): 681-688.

Staff media

Maria Armoudian

Began hosting The Scholars' Circle began from the University of Auckland. The weekly program, which features research from scholars from around the world in a roundtable discussions, airs in roughly 20 cities (mostly in the USA).

Tom Gregory

"Body counts disguise the true horror of what wars do to bodies" published on *The Conversation*

Stephen Hoadley

Approximately 25 interviews or commentaries for TV3, World TV, Radio Live, Radio Australia International, Wall Street Journal, Sunday Star Times, and India Newslink, mostly on Middle East-related topics.

Public talks on Middle East, China, and US for University of the Third Age (U3A) and Professional and Business Associations (ProBus) groups, and the Northern Club.

Sung-Young Kim

Co-authored with Dr Elizabeth Thurbon "The Conversation" on "Green Growth: Rebooted in South Korea, booted out in Australia" (<http://theconversation.com/green-growth-rebooted-in-south-korea-booted-out-in-australia-22243>).

Jennifer Lees-Marshment

Academic advisor and media appearances for TVNZ's Vote Compass in the 2014 election. Member of the Academic Advisory Panel for TVNZ's Vote Compass in the 2014 New Zealand election, an online tool that engaged over 330,000 New Zealanders Vote Compass is a voter engagement tool which has been used in other country's elections including the 2013 Australian elections in conjunction with the ABC; and the 2011 Canadian federal elections in conjunction with CBC. It is designed to get voters more interested in policy during elections by giving voters the chance to go online, answer questions about their views on a range of issues, and then see where they stand in relation to the political parties in the election.

Vote compass was launched in NZ by ONE News on 17 August. It had 332,754 respondents by the night of Friday 19 September, the highest Vote Compass have ever seen per capita.

Chris Wilson

With Ashok Sharma, *Corruption, religion and leadership: India and Indonesia at the polls*, *The Conversation*.

Indonesia's vote for Jokowi also a vote for democracy, *New Zealand Asia Foundation*.

Everyman v Oligarchs for president, *New Zealand Herald*, 3 April 2014.

In Press/forthcoming for 2015

Tom Gregory

Gregory, T. 'Drones, Targeted Killing and the Limitations of International Law', *International Political Sociology* (in press)

Gregory, T. (co-edited with Linda Åhäll) *Emotions, Politics and War*. London: Routledge.

Sung-Young Kim

Kim, Sung-Young and Thurbon, Elizabeth "Developmental Environmentalism: Explaining South Korea", *Politics and Society*, 2015.

Anita Lacey

Ican, S. and A. Lacey 'International Development Aid, Poverty Reduction and the Millennium Development Goals' *Globalizations*. In Press, 2014.

Lacey, A. 'Activism and social movements' in J. Hayward (ed.) *New Zealand Politics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) (6th edition). In Press, 2014.

Lacey, A. Review: *Gendered Commodity Chains : Seeing Women's Work and Households in Global Production* by Wilma A. Dunaway (ed.) *Gender, Place and Culture*. In press, 2014.

Jennifer Lees-Marshment

The Ministry of Public Input. New York: Palgrave MacMillan (book forthcoming January 2015).

Julie MacArthur

MacArthur, J.L. "Challenging public engagement: participation, deliberation and power in energy policy design and implementation" *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*.

MacArthur, J.L., "Economic Democracy and Environmental Governance," *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*.

J MacArthur, J.L. 'Tilting at windmills: The political economy of windpower development in Canada,' in Walter Leal (ed), *Handbook of Renewable Energy*, Springer.

Wilson, Chris

"Imposing Internal Order on States" book chapter in 'Encounters with World Politics: An Introduction to International Affairs' (forthcoming). United Kingdom: Ashgate.

Student Publications

Zbigniew Dumieniowski

Dumieniowski, Zbigniew. "Microstates as Modern Protected States: Towards a New Definition of Micro-Statehood". Centre for Small State Studies, Iceland, 2014.

Nicholas Ross Smith

Smith, Nicholas Ross. "The underpinning realpolitik of the EU's policies towards Ukraine: An analysis of interests and norms in the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement", European Foreign Affairs Review,

Smith, Nicholas Ross. "The EU's difficulty in translating interests into effective foreign policy action: A look at the Ukraine crisis," Baltic Journal of European Studies,

Student Media

Hossein Aghapouri

"Iraq: A New Reality", Diplomatist, August 2014 <http://diplomatist.com/dipom08y2014/article006.html>

Interview with NZ TV Three's Three60 Show on the on-going situation in the Middle East, 12 October 2014

Interview with NZ TV Three's Three60 Show on the US airstrike in Syria, 28 September 2014.

Interview with Radio New Zealand National on the Current situation the Middle East, 13 August 2014.

"Historical Reading of the Kurds in the East Kurdistan," presented lecture at 'The Kurdish Question in Mashriq' seminar, organized by Aljazeera Centre for Strategic Studies, Qatar, January 2013.

Agkillah Maniam

Maniam, A. Ignorance is not bliss, Malaysian Insider, October 2014.

Maniam, A. Environmental awareness is key, New Straits Times Online, 11 October 2014.

Maniam, A. Academic Freedom Won't Hurt, Malaysian Insider, September 2014

Maniam, A. Are We not Mature Enough? Malaysian Insider, 19 August 2014.

Nicholas Ross Smith

Appeared on numerous news and current affairs television programs to offer my opinion about the crisis in Ukraine.

Student Conference presentations

Tingting Miao attended the 10th Cross-Strait Conference on Public Administration (CSCPA), held in Nankai University, China, on 17-18 May, 2014 and presented one paper titled 'The Democratic value of Inter-governmental Cooperation in China's Institutional Context'. He also attended the NZPSA annual conference 2014 and presented a paper titled 'Local Official's Bureaucratic Thinking in Chinese Inter-Governmental Interaction'.

New Colleagues



Dr. Maria Armoudian - 2014

Politics and International Relations gained a new academic staff member in 2014, Dr. Maria Armoudian. Dr. Armoudian joins the University from the United States, having previously studied and taught at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where she was a research fellow for two years (including one year as the Center for International Studies Fellow). She has also taught at California State University in Los Angeles. Dr. Armoudian's research is closely related to her teaching, and she has already

published some of her findings in her first book, *Kill the Messenger: The Media's Role in the Fate of the World*. The book presents 11 case studies that deal with war, genocide, peace-making, human rights protection, democratization and climate change. Dr. Armoudian is currently working on a new book about war correspondents, under contract to Routledge. The book's working title is *Reporting from the Danger Zone: Frontline Journalists, their Jobs and an Increasingly Perilous Future*.

Dr Thomas Gregory - 2013



Prior to joining the University of Auckland, Tom was a lecturer in Social and Political Change at Oxford Brookes, where he taught modules on Conflict and Post-War Reconstruction and Political Theory. He completed his PhD at the University of Manchester in 2012, where he was supervised by Maja Zehfuss and Cristina Masters. His doctoral thesis, which was entitled "Rescuing the Women of Afghanistan: Gender, Agency and the Politics of Intelligibility", explored the resistance of Afghan women to both Taliban rule and the US intervention, showing how it disrupted and disturbed the prevailing image of the Afghan women as helpless victims of Taliban oppression. Tom's research interests are in the areas of contemporary conflict, critical security studies and the ethics of war. In particular, he is interested in how contemporary forms of humanitarianism produce and maintain an exclusionary conception of the human, constituting certain populations as abject victims in need of protection whilst leaving them vulnerable to the most extreme forms of violence.

Dr Julie MacArthur - 2013



Dr Julie MacArthur holds a PhD from Simon Fraser University where she was awarded the Deans Convocation Medal for exceptional achievement during her doctoral career. Prior to this postgraduate training, Julie worked in South Korea, Australia, Canada and England in a number of government, research and teaching roles. She is currently working with UBC press on a book entitled "Empowering Electricity? Co-operatives, Private Power, and Sustainable Renewable Electricity in Canada". She has just been awarded a University of Auckland Strategic Research grant for a two year project investigating the development of community energy policies in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Julie teaches courses in public policy and environmental politics as well policy analysis at the postgraduate level.

Dr Stephen Noakes - 2013



Originally from Brantford, Ontario, Canada, Dr Noakes earned his PhD from Queen's University in 2011. Prior to joining The University of Auckland, he was a SSHRC postdoctoral fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, and a Visiting Research Scholar at Fudan University's School of International Relations and Public Affairs in Shanghai, China. Dr Noakes is currently working on book manuscript that examines the patterns and pathways of transnational advocacy campaigns across a range of issues in China. He is also completing a pair of article-length projects, one explaining recent reforms to China's death penalty laws, the other on Chinese government approaches to ongoing patterns of domestic social disturbance. He teaches courses in Chinese and Comparative politics.

Professional Staff

2014 saw a great number of changes amongst our professional staff, with a number of new staff in Politics and International Relations and also long-serving staff members leaving.

Administrative restructuring resulted in two new School of Social Sciences professional staff members working with our DA: Group Services Co-ordinator Adam White and Group Services Administrator Viola Laban.



Adam grew up in South London and studied History at UCL. He has spent 14 years in New Zealand, working with Media Film and TV prior to his new joint role as School of Social Sciences and Politics and IR coordinator.



Viola joined the University in 2010 and was the Centre Coordinator for Pacific Studies and prior to joining the school of Social Sciences.

Prior to Adam and Viola joining us in late 2014, Dipika Bailur, Celestyna Galicki and Shelley Smith were instrumental in facilitating a successful year for the DA. Staff gathered early in the year to farewell Jane Kim and Glenda Stenhouse. Jane had been a member of staff of Politics and International Relations for approximately five years and her colleagues enjoyed her dry wit and her extraordinary talent with houseplants, among other things, including, of course, her professionalism and dedication to DA life. Glenda had been a staff member for more than six years and was also much loved for her care and consideration, her ability to bring beauty to even the dullest of office environments and her warmth towards staff, tutors and students. Glenda passed away in April in 2014 and her loss continues to be felt by her colleagues.

PhD Student Successes

Corey Wallace, Edward Elder, Walter Lee and Mingtao Shi submitted their PhDs for examination.

Davood Bayatmoghadam, Patrick Flamm, Agkillah Maniam, Mark Boyd, HM Latiff KM Haneefa, Tingting Miao, Brent Commerer, Suzanne Loughlin and Pia McKay presented their PhD research to the DA.

Graduations

4 PhD Completions in one year!



At the May 2014 graduation, four students supervised by Associate Professor Jennifer Curtin were awarded PhDs in Politics and International Relations. This is believed to be the largest number to graduate in one ceremony in the 50 year history of the subject at the University. Drs Nazli Aziz, Emma Blomkamp, Tim Fadgen and Lina Gonzalez did the Discipline proud, and all have taken up interesting positions, two in New Zealand and two abroad, in universities and in the social enterprise sector. Lina Gonzalez went on to receive a best PhD thesis award from the Faculty of Arts.

Unsurprisingly, Jennifer was extremely proud of her students' achievements. "There is a point in the supervision process when you see them cross a threshold – they find their voice, and they come to recognise the extent of their knowledge and expertise independently of you. It's wonderful to see, and I am privileged to have worked with such a diverse and smart group of young scholars". (Source: [Arts Faculty Website](#))

2014 Graduands

Nayana Islam	MPP	Master of Public Policy
George Makapatama	MPP	Master of Public Policy
Joanne Tobin	MPP	Master of Public Policy
Annelise Bunce	MPP	Master of Public Policy
Denise Henigan	MPP	Master of Public Policy
Rees Skiff	MA	Master of Arts
Karen Kee	MA	Master of Arts & Postgraduate Diploma in Arts
Luka Dujmovic	MA	Master of Arts
Nicholas Laery	MA	Master of Arts
Johan Ordish	MA	Master of Arts
Richard Hudson	MA	Master of Arts
Samuel Anderson	MA	Master of Arts & Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Maria Tanyag	MA	Master of Arts
Caroline Huang	MA	Master of Arts
Esther Young	MA	Master of Arts
Natasha Taneka	MA	Master of Arts
Jonathan Williams	MA	Master of Arts
Azim Shea	MA	Master of Arts
Jane Neilson	MA	Master of Arts & Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Justin Phillips	MA	Master of Arts
Nazli Aziz	PHD	Doctor of Philosophy
Timothy Fadgen	PHD	Doctor of Philosophy
Lina Gonzalez Lagares	PHD	Doctor of Philosophy
Emma Blomkamp	PHD	Doctor of Philosophy
Xiang Gao	PHD	Doctor of Philosophy

Research Student activities

- MA conference day where students presented their theses to each other and the disciplinary area.
- More than 15 MA and PhD students in the department presented their research at the 2014 NZPSA conference to an international audience.
- Political Management Research student peer presentation day for grads to present their research progress so far Wednesday 19 March
- attendance at NZ 2014 election events including campaign launches and to TVNZ to watch leader debates live in the studio



Politics student in University Challenge Quizshow



Politics student Isabella Coventry (2nd from right) won a place on the University Challenge team featured on television this year. The general knowledge contest among New Zealand universities (that last screened 25 years ago), screened on Prime from 22 November. In the show, rival universities across New Zealand will match wits to see who has superior general knowledge and the ultimate mental dexterity. (Source: [Arts Faculty Website](#))

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Dr. Julie MacArthur

