Next Week In Focus

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All welcome. Queries to m.heathcote@auckland.ac.nz

Classics and Ancient History seminar
Associate Professor Anne Mackay: Figures of comparison. A study of the potential for animal and bird ‘similes’ in Attic black-figure vase-painting. 4-5pm, Room 370, Human Sciences Building.
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Reception following in the Reading Room, 3 Wynyard Street.

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Admission is free.
Queries to concerts@auckland.ac.nz

Tuesday 8 April
Centre for Longitudinal Research seminar
Professor James Harris: The developmental perspective: Maturation of the brain, the facilitating environment, and mastery of age specific developmental tasks. 12noon-1pm, Function Room 730-220, Building 730, Tamaki Innovation Campus.
James Harris is a developmental neuropsychiatrist with expertise especially in attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, intellectual disability and autism. He was on the DSM-5 committee that wrote the new definitions for these three conditions and the other neurodevelopmental disorders. The newest of these is social (pragmatic) communication disorder. He was the chief author of the new definition of intellectual disability that, for the first time, incorporates a definition of intelligence in the definition. He was US liaison to WHO with the ICDA-11 committee to harmonise the naming in the two classifications. Jim has two books with Oxford University Press titled Intellectual Disability. One is for parents and non-medical professionals.
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Budgeting Workshop
5-6pm, iSPACE, Level 4, Kate Edgar Information Commons.
Get moneywise. Free sessions delivered by SavY student facilitators. Hints and tips on how to manage on a tight budget. Free workshops with pizza after the sessions.
Visit www.auckland.ac.nz/budget

SPARK V2B #3: Understanding the business model
Shona Grundy. 6pm, Room 403.403, Engineering Building.
Shona Grundy is the CEO of Trigger Happy, a company which develops cutting-edge software for content creators on ipads, and the driving force behind the growth and implementation of their business plan.
Shona is an example of how determination and entrepreneurship can really enable you to turn doing what you love into a successful career path. Shona spent six years in the UK music industry, gaining an in-depth understanding of strategy, talent management, catalogue creation and IP development.
Grundy has specialised in animation television production and is an award winning international selling childrens book author. Shona Grundy has turned a genuine interest in entertainment into a hugely successful company and her career really demonstrates the limitless opportunities that an entrepreneurial spirit can open up. Shona will be sharing her entrepreneurship experiences and insights on:
1. Understanding the financial drivers
2. Where and how is revenue generated
3. Resourcing the opportunity
Please RSVP to www.spark.auckland.ac.nz/v2b-rsvp

Choreographic Research Aotearoa: Dance, live art and conflict
6.30-8pm, Studio 820-212, Kenneth Myers Centre, 74 Shortland Street.
A curated conversation around themes of uprisings, public protest, occupation, freedom and choice by Drs Mark Harvey and Rosemary Martin (Dance Studies) with Dr Charlotte Šunde as provocateur (Research Development Manager, Transforming Cities).
1) Mark Harvey. Splat on the mat. Political Climate Wrestle was a performance
by Harvey as part of the 55th Venice Biennale in 2013. In this work Harvey activated public dialogue around climate change and politics by inviting participants to argue and wrestle with him. Harvey will discuss this experience in the context of writings by Miwon Kwon on sites, Claire Bishop on public art and engagement and Mohamed Nasheed, the ex-democratically elected president of the Maldives.

Dr Mark Harvey is a performance artist with a choreographic background. His performances and writing have been extensively presented around the world including at the Venice Biennale, Trendheim Kunstmuseum (Norway) and have been published in Performance Research Journal and The Live Art Almanac.

2) Rose Martin: Women, dance and revolution.

Martin will discuss her current research project following three female contemporary dance practitioners from the southern Mediterranean region; Noora Baker (Ramallah) Dalia El Abd (Cairo) and Dalia Naous (Beirut). The study examines how the women have been affected by and responded to recent post-colonial cultural changes in the region following the ‘Arab Spring’ uprisings. Martin examines the notion of dance as a political utterance, with the dancers’ narratives illuminating the cracks that run between politics, power and performance.

Dr Rose Martin is a former dancer with the Royal New Zealand Ballet. Her writing is published in Journal of Dance Education; Research in Dance Education; Journal of Contemporary Ethnography and Qualitative Inquiry. Rose co-authored Talking dance: Contemporary histories from the Southern Mediterranean (2013) with Nicholas Rowe and Ralph Buck, and Women, dance and revolution (forthcoming). Her research interests are dance pedagogy; dance in post-colonial contexts; dance and politics and cross-cultural dance education.

Dr Charlotte Šunde is Research Development Manager of Transforming Cities: Innovations for Sustainable Futures – the University of Auckland’s interdisciplinary urban research initiative. Since 2011, Charlotte has collaborated on the interdisciplinary fluid city arts-sciences-education research project, bringing key research understandings to the role of water in the city to public audiences and school groups through dance performance and mobile architecture installations. Prior to taking up her role at the University of Auckland in 2009, Charlotte worked at the Centre for Economics and Ethics for the Environment and Development (C3ED) at the University of Versailles near Paris, working and travelling extensively throughout Europe.

Hosted by Dance Studies. Free Queries to s.foster-sproull@auckland.ac.nz

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Wednesday 9 April
Department of Statistics seminar

David Huysjer, University of Auckland: May the gravitational force be with us: Using gravitational lensing to find missing galaxies.

10-11am, Room 310, Level 3, Science Building 303, 38 Princes Street.

According to theory of hierarchical galaxy formation, mergers play an important role in the formation and evolution of galaxies. Theory predicts a vast amount of small satellites, existing mostly of dark matter, exist around massive galaxies. However, so far only a few have been observed. The discovery of approximately 30 satellite galaxies around our closest neighbouring galaxy (Andromeda) gives us reason to believe that they exist, but direct observation would not allow us to find satellites that are totally dark.

Observing these dark galaxies is challenging, because they can only be detected indirectly (eg through gravitational lensing).

Gravitational lensing uses the fact that the gravitational field of a galaxy deflects light on its path toward us, creating highly distorted images. From these distorted images, a matter distribution can be deduced.

In order to do this, a model with a large number of parameters must be fitted to the image, which involves a vast amount of computation, or some simplifying assumptions.

Because of the complexity of the problem, it’s impossible to evaluate the model for all possible parameter values, therefore we will apply MCMC methods to find the posterior distribution. We will use a combination of different methods:

Slice Sampling, Nested Sampling and the Reversible Jump MCMC, each of which brings its own virtues to help us solve this problem.

Queries to office@stat.auckland.ac.nz

Sociology seminar

Dr Kellie McNeill: Let them eat coke: Challenging the discourses of food insecurity.

12noon-1pm, HSB 901.

This seminar explores a range of discourses that have influenced how food insecurity is problematised, therefore influencing the means by which it is addressed. Particular attention will be given to representations informed by neoliberalism, the charity sector and the state apparatus (including public health). The fallacies situated within each of these will be exposed using narratives provided by those who are the subjects of these discourses – people for whom food insecurity is a pervasive aspect of everyday life. Such accounts demonstrate that food insecurity has profound social impacts that are not well accounted for in the discourses on offer, each of which serve to stigmatise and obscure the experience in the public and political domains.

Dr Kellie McNeill is a lecturer in Sociology at the University of Auckland. Her doctoral work, completed in 2011, contemplated policy, community and personal responses to food poverty in Aotearoa. Her current research in this area focuses on linkages between food and the development of social capital among some of central Auckland’s most marginalised community members. In addition to the politics of food, she is also interested in the study of livelihoods, urban development, and rural and environmental sociology.

PharmaTell seminars

1) Dedeepya Uppalapati: Conducting polymer/liquid crystal hybrids towards tuneable bioactive delivery.

12noon-1pm, Room 505-364, Building 505, 85 Park Road, Grafton.

Stimuli responsive controlled drug delivery offers promising benefits in pharmacy where the drug release can be tuned externally based on patient needs. In this study, conducting polymers are grown within liquid crystals creating exciting materials which will be applied to triggered drug release.

Dedeepya came to New Zealand in 2012 after completing her Bachelor of Pharmacy and MS (pharm) in National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research. She started her PhD in May 2013 with the School of Pharmacy.


Liposomes were first discovered over 50 years ago and has since received considerable attention due to their potential to target solid tumours and reduce toxicity by exploiting the Enhanced Permeability and Retention effect. Low extracellular pH, ‘leaky’ vasculature and reduced oxygen perfusion (hypoxia) are main features of solid tumours. The overall aim of this PhD project is to exploit these characteristics to achieve tumour-specific delivery of a DNA-cytotoxin. SN 25860, a novel hypoxia-activated prodrug (HAP), is designed to selectively release cytotoxins in hypoxic regions, will be used as the model drug. In this presentation, some preliminary results will be presented, including the influence of formulation variables on drug loading and stability.

Mimi graduated with a BPharm (Hons. from the University of Auckland, School of Pharmacy in 2010. Upon registration as a Pharmacist, Mimi has worked in community, rural and clinical pharmacy in the Auckland and Waikato regions. She join Dr Zimei Wu’s research team in 2013 and began her doctoral research in targeted drug delivery.

Queries to enquiries@auckland.ac.nz

Libraries and Learning Services workshops

E-books: Searching and using online books.

12noon-1.30pm, Room IC 231, Level 2, Kate

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Edger Information Commons, City Campus.
This workshop introduces effective ways to find, download and manage electronic books relevant to your area of research. The main focus is on EBSCO eBook Collection, Ebrary, and major subject specific e-book collections. Book at http://library.auckland.ac.nz/booking/
Queries to
learningskillworkshops@auckland.ac.nz or ext 89744.

History seminar
Professor Constant Mews, Monash University:
The ambiguities of Christian Hebraism in the
twelfth-century schools. 2-3.30pm, Room 43, 7
Wynyard Street.
This paper explores the movement by certain
Christian scholars in both France and England
to incorporate Hebrew learning in their
exposition of Christian thought, as well as the
ambiguous attitude towards the Jewish
community that they represent. It considers
various texts, but in particular the Contra
Solomitas of Maurice of Kirkham, a treatise
that promotes knowledge of Hebrew grammar
as a way of correcting misunderstanding about
the identity of Maria Salome. Did twelfth-
century scholasticism have the capacity to
moderate more extreme anti-Jewish attitudes,
or did it share in a wider movement of
Christian desire to assert hegemony over the
Jewish communities of England and northern
France? Particular attention will be given to
various strands of thought present in scholars
shaped by teaching at the school of St Victor
in Paris.
Queries to km.phillips@auckland.ac.nz

Seelye Visiting Fellow public lecture
Professor Catherine DeAngelis, Johns Hopkins
University: So you want to be an author?
Behind the scenes procedures of major medical
journals. 5.30-6.30pm, Lecture Theatre 505-
007.
A special lecture which will be of interest to
many across faculty, looking at what goes on
behind the scenes in the production and editing
processes of major medical journals. This is a
topic that Professor DeAngelis has considerable
expertise in being Editor-in-Chief Emerita of the
Journal of the American Medical Association
(JAMA) after becoming the first woman and
expertise in being Editor-in-Chief Emerita of the
University:

Dean’s Distinguished Speaker series
Professor Neil Gunningham: Industrial safety:
How can we prevent work-related disasters?
6-8pm, Decima Glenn Room, Level 3, Owen G
Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road.
The Pike River disaster in Greyouth in 2010
called 29 miners. Could it happen again?
Rather than repeating the findings of the Royal
Commission sufficient? What more could
be done? Is another disaster still possible?
Professor Gunningham uses the regulation of
coal mine safety in New South Wales and
Queensland – widely regarded as models of
best practice regulation – to illustrate that
even good legislation may be vulnerable to
implementation failure. Drawing on extensive
interviews with mining industry stakeholders in
these jurisdictions, and research conducted in
New Zealand on the role of the Department of
Labour and its mines inspectors in the period
leading up to the Pike River disaster, Professor
Gunningham examines the multiple challenges
of managing industrial safety.
Professor Gunningham is a lawyer and
interdisciplinary social scientist who specialises
in safety, health and environmental regulation.
He is Professor and Director of the National
Research Centre for Occupational Health and
Safety Regulation at the Australian National
University. His books include Managing Mining
Hazards: Regulation, Safety and Trust (with D
Sinclair, Federation Press 2012);) Mine Safety:
Law, Regulation, Policy (Federation Press,
2007) Shades of Green: Business, Regulation
and Environment (Stanford UP 2003) and
Regulating Workplace Safety (Oxford UP 1999).
He has also been a consultant to a variety of
groups, including the OECD and the United
Nations Environment Programme.
Queries m.barra@auckland.ac.nz
Please RSVP to https://secure.business
Light refreshments will be served at 6pm.

Thursday 10 April
Developing Capability Breakfast series
7.30-9am, Decima Glenn Room, Level 3, Owen G
Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road.
The University of Auckland Business School’s
Graduate School of Management has created a
forum for human resource professionals to
meet, share and debate key issues facing the
profession.
The forum addresses the critical challenges
facing New Zealand’s businesses and the
implications for management skills.
RSVP your attendance before Monday 7
April by completing the online registration
form https://secure.business.auckland.ac.nz/
GSMBreakfast2014
Queries to lw.woolley@auckland.ac.nz

Communiciqué
Ngarimu Blair: From Maungakiekie Pa
to Kupe Street 12-1pm, Design Lecture
Theatre, Conference Centre, 22 Symonds
Street, Building 423. Hosted by the School of
Architecture and Planning.
Maungakiekie Pa was once the largest fortified
village in New Zealand. By 1951 Ngati Whatua
were effectively homeless, with 33 families
living as state tenants at Orakei. Ngati Whatua
Orakei has ambitious plans to assist its people
into home ownership overcoming significant
socio-economic, planning and financing barriers
to create a modern pa in one of Auckland’s
most affluent suburbs at Orakei.
Ngarimu is a geographer with 15 years’
experience in advancing a range of iwi issues in
Auckland City. Ngarimu established the largest
ecological restoration project on the Auckland
isthmus at Bastion Point and has instigated
a number of city art and urban design projects
that have highlighted the Māori history of
the City. He is a Treaty settlement negotiator
for Ngati Whatua and spokesperson on
many matters. He is heavily involved in Ngati
Whatua’s innovative tribal housing projects.
He is a trustee on the Ngati Whatua Orakei
Trust, a Director on Waterfront Auckland, Ngati
Whatua Orakei Whai Rawa Ltd and Nga Tira
Ltd.
Queries to events-archplan@auckland.ac.nz
Visit www.creative.auckland.ac.nz/communique

Development Studies seminar
Dr Heather Horst, RMIT University: Mobile
phones and the mediation of borders. 1-2pm,
HSB 901.
Mobile phones have come to play an
increasingly important role in the social and
economic activities of the poor throughout
the world. The mobile phone’s capacity for
storing and sharing information, credit and
other forms of value provides many poor and
low income individuals with the opportunity
to create, shape and transform their social
and economic mobility and to participate in
a broader palette of state, commercial and
financial organizations. Drawing upon recent
work among Haitian migrants living at the
Haitian-Dominican Border, this talk will focus
upon the intersection of mobile access, money
and socioeconomic practices in light of the
power dynamics – the dependence of Haitian
workers on geographic mobility, irregular
income, illegality and anti-Haitianism (anti-
Haitianism) - and that shapes cross-border
movement in the region. The focus upon the
border of the Dominican Republic and Haiti
seeks to make ‘ethnographically visible’ the
continuing salience and subversion of the state
bureaucracy, mobile phone companies and
related infrastructure that increasingly mediate
different forms of mobility and the potential of
migrants’ use of mobile phones to mitigate the
limits their poverty and marginality.
Dr Heather Horst is a Vice-Chancellor’s
Senior Research Fellow, Associate Professor
and Director of the Digital Ethnography
Research Centre in the School of Media and
Communication at RMIT University, Australia.

Public lecture
Dr Emma Smith, Hertford College, Oxford
University: ‘Vouchsafe with your pen the
amendment of these few faults’: errors and
correction in the Shakespeare First Folio.
3pm, Pat Hanan Room, 501, Arts 2.
Errors must have been much in the mind of
William Joggard’s printshop as the First
Folio went slowly through the press: at the

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same time as the Shakespeare volume, the business was producing Augustine Vincent’s folio Discovery of Errors, in which Jaggard was given space to defend himself against the charges of carelessness. My paper uses this context to reexamine the errors and corrections in the Folio, and uses examples from early annotations to understand where readers exercised their own corrective agency.

Dr Emma Smith is the author of The Cambridge Introduction to Shakespeare, of a series of Guides to Criticism of Shakespeare’s plays, and of 30 Great Myths About Shakespeare as well as of numerous scholarly articles on topics such as “Hamlet and Consumer Culture” and “Was Shylock Jewish?” She is currently Lecturer in Renaissance Literature at Oxford University and is a regular podcaster on Shakespeare. Refreshments to follow in Room 523, Arts 1.

History seminar

Catherine Abou-Nemeh, Victoria University of Wellington: Controversies about comets: Isaac Newton, Nicolas Hartsoeker, and early modern world-making. 4-5pm, Room 43, 7 Wynyard St.

Controversies about comets reveal the philosophical and mathematical challenges leveled at the older system of Descartes and the new philosophy of Isaac Newton. Using Dutch lens maker Nicolas Hartsoeker as a lens, I will show what early 18th-century disputes about comets illustrate about the reception of Newton’s theory of gravity in Europe, specifically, and the New Philosophy, more generally. Hartsoeker’s arguments against Newton’s system and his followers bring to light a strong ethos of system-building and reveal a landscape of various competing answers to questions in natural philosophy. All welcome.

Morag Atchison: Vocal recital

7pm, Music Theatre, School of Music, School of Music staff Morag Atchison, Uwe Grodd, Dean Sky-Lucas, James Tibbles and guest Alison Dunlop present a recital of songs from the baroque and modern eras. The concert will include works by Handel from Neun Deutsche Arien and the New Zealand premiere of John Greer’s A Sarah Binks Songbook. Cost $15-$20. Book at www.ticket.co.nz Queries concerts@auckland.ac.nz

Friday 11 April

Management and International Business seminar

Professor Andre Spicer, City University, London: A stupidity-based theory of organisations. 1-2pm, Case Room 2, Level 0, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road.

In this seminar, Professor Spicer will discuss ideas from an article co-written with Professor Mats Alvesson (Lund University), recently published in the Journal of Management Studies. This paper questions the one-sided thesis that contemporary organisations rely on the mobilisation of cognitive capacities. We suggest that severe restrictions on these capacities in the form of what we call functional stupidity are an equally important if under-recognised part of organisational life. Functional stupidity refers to an absence of reflexivity, a refusal to use intellectual capacities in other than myopic ways, and avoidance of justifications. We argue that functional stupidity is prevalent in contexts dominated by economy in persuasion which emphasises image and symbolic manipulation. This gives rise to forms of stupidity management that repress or marginalise doubt and block communicative action. In turn, this structures individuals’ internal conversations in ways that emphasise positive and coherent narratives and marginalise more negative or ambiguous ones. This can have productive outcomes such as providing a degree of certainty for individuals and organisations. But it can have corrosive consequences such as creating a sense of dissonance among individuals and the organisation as a whole. The positive consequences can give rise to self-reinforcing stupidity. The negative consequences can spark dialogue, which may undermine functional stupidity.

Andre Spicer is Professor of Organisational Behaviour at Cass Business School in London. Originally from New Zealand, he has degrees from the University of Otago and the University of Melbourne. He has held visiting professorships at universities throughout the world. His research focuses on power and politics in organisations. He has published extensively in journals like Organisation Science, Organisation Studies, Journal of Management Studies and Human Relations. He is author of five books including the forthcoming A stupidity-based theory of organisations. Professor Spicer is a Fellow of IChemE and has spent 28 years in technology and line management in organisations.

Accounting and Finance seminar

Dr Chandrasekhar Krishnamurti, University of Southern Queensland: Accelerated equity offers: The role of internal and external certification mechanisms. 2-3.30pm, Room 319, Level 3, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road.

This study examines the role of internal and external certification mechanisms in the issuance choice of SEOs between accelerated offers and fully marketed offers. Our empirical work supports the view that a firm’s internal corporate governance structure and audit fee are associated with the issuance choice between accelerated and fully marketed offers. Furthermore, we find that after controlling for the self-selection problem, firms paying higher audit fee incur lower flotation costs as measured by gross spreads. Finally, we find a significant positive association between audit fee and the net proceeds raised in SEOs.

Dr Chandrasekhar Krishnamurti is currently the Professor, Head of Finance Discipline at the University of Southern Queensland. He also serves on the board of the Asian Finance Association. His research interests include corporate governance, market microstructure and corporate finance. Chandra has won eight awards for his research work. Queries to byong.lee@auckland.ac.nz

Philosophy seminar

Hartley Slater, University of Western Australia: Propositional identities and implications. 3-5pm, Pat Hanan Room 501, Arts 2.

Many would follow Prior and still use non-nominal quantification, writing ‘Peter believes something’ as ‘(Ex)(Peter believes x)’. One problem with this lies in the related expression for propositional identity, since writing ‘the proposition that p is identical with the proposition that q’ as ‘p=q’ pretty much limits the ‘=’ to strict equivalence, and there are well known problems with this. But also involved are problems with propositional implication. Prior even went to far as to equate ‘The proposition that p implies the proposition that q’ with ‘if p then q’. Indeed the equation has been very widely endorsed throughout the 20th century. Prior said the implication was just a ‘fluffed up’ way of writing the conditional. In this paper I show the error in Prior’s ‘fluffing up’, and explore the large re-write of 20th century logic that is required to accommodate this fact.

Head of Tamaki Innovation Campus seminar

Mark Taylor, Professor, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, Director, NZ Product Accelerator: Development of a network to accelerate high value manufacturing in NZ. 3.5-3.30pm, Lecture Theatre 731.201, Tamaki Innovation Campus. Professor Mark Taylor will present on the development of a network to accelerate high value manufacturing in New Zealand, and the part the NZ Product Accelerator is playing in this development. Professor Taylor is a Fellow of IChemE and has spent 28 years in technology and line management in metals, and high value manufacturing, working at the interface.
between research and application. He joined the University of Auckland as Director of Light Metals Research Centre in 2003 and has published over 100 papers, along with patents for new technologies. In 2012 he received the TMS Application to Practice Award for his applied research in industry, and in 2013 he received the Vice Chancellor’s UoA Commercialisation Award, and the Ria Tinto Award for Applied Research at the Chemeca Conference.

Professor Taylor now serves as Director of the NZ Product Accelerator - a programme designed to pull research and technology from institutions into high value manufacturing firms in New Zealand, and to create a network of companies, experts and research institutions with an NZ Inc ethos to accelerate product development. This seminar will be followed by a networking event from 4-5.30pm in Room 220, Building 730. Visit www.tamaki.auckland.ac.nz

Saturday 12 April
Made in Auckland: Surf lesson
Learn how to surf in this full-day session. Includes transport, surfboard and wetsuit hire, and a BBQ lunch. Part of the Made in Auckland adventure sports programme.
Cost is $90 for University of Auckland students.
Queries to eventservices@auckland.ac.nz
Visit www.auckland.ac.nz/madeinauckland

Composing Now Conference
9am-5pm, Music Theatre, 6 Symonds Street. Runs until 13 April.
The Composers Association New Zealand (CANZ) Composers Conference will include a stimulating range of papers and presentations from some of New Zealand’s leading composers and new music practitioners.
To register please contact Leonie Holmes, l.holmes@auckland.ac.nz or visit www.canz.net.nz
Proudly presented by the School of Music and CANZ.

Composing Now: The concert
8-9.30pm, Music Theatre, 6 Symonds Street.
The Karlheinz Company presents a stimulating programme covering a wide variety of contemporary music for solo and ensemble performances by talented students, staff and guest musicians.
Cost: $10-$15. Tickets from www.iticket.co.nz
Queries to concerts@auckland.ac.nz