

## INTERNATIONAL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY CONFERENCE

This year the University hosted The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists' Conference entitled 'Realising the Vision'. Over 500 delegates from around the world attended. This is the first time that the prestigious conference has been held in Northern Ireland, where delegates discussed new and challenging ways of working within the changing health and social care system. The conference was a resounding success, due in no small measure to the efforts of **Rosalind Rogers**, chair of the conference organising committee and the entire organising Committee, assisted by staff from both the Faculties of Social Sciences and Life and Health Sciences.



*Professor Bill Clarke, Provost, Professor Anne Moran, Dean of the Faculty Social Sciences, Professor Richard Barnett, Vice Chancellor, Rosalind Gray Rogers, Deputy Chair RCSLT & Chair of Organising Committee, Head of School of Communication, Professor Sue Roulstone, Chair, RCSLT - University of the West of England, Bristol, Professor Pam Enderby, Professor of Community Rehabilitation, Dr Diane Hazlett, Chair of Scientific Committee for the conference and senior lecturer in the School of Communication.*

### RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

In winter Semester 2005/06, **Dr Max Koch** was a **Visiting Scholar** at the University of Lund (Department of Social Policy), where he completed a book entitled 'Roads to Post-Fordism. Labour Markets and Social Structures in Europe', which will be published by Ashgate in July 2006. Based on this and related recent publications, he has been invited to a panel discussion on 'Welfare, Capitalist State and Social Class' organised by the Westmarck Society and the National Associations Panel of the International Sociological Association at the XVI World Congress of Sociology in Durban, South Africa (23 – 29 July, 2006).

**Erhun Kula** has been invited to give two talks at the European Commission sponsored workshop in Milan about the Europe-wide distribution of structural funds for 2007-2013. The workshop is scheduled for 25-27 May 2006.

**Dr Gilligan** was invited by the European Society for the Study of Traumatic Stress to give a lecture entitled 'Trauma and the Northern Ireland peace process' in Belfast on 27-28 April 2006. He also attended the 11th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Harriman Institute, Columbia University,

New York, March 2006 where he presented a paper.

Congratulations to: **Professor Bob Osborne** on his recent prestigious Leverhulme Research Fellowship of £25,000 for a project entitled Implementing equality policies in Northern Ireland and Canada.

**Professor Vani Borooh** who has been elected to membership of the Royal Irish Academy. The Academy, founded in 1785, is an all-Ireland, independent academic body which promotes study and excellence in the sciences, humanities and social sciences. It has around 300 members and election to membership is a public recognition of academic excellence. Professor Borooh is recognised as one of Ireland's top economists.

**Dr Patricia Lundy** who has been awarded over £70,000 by the British Academy to research official 'truth recovery' processes in Northern Ireland. The aim of the research is to give relatives of victims, from all communities affected by the conflict in Northern Ireland, the opportunity to speak about their experiences and to

shed light on the ways in which official processes may, or may not, play a role in assisting peace building, and create a culture of accountability and openness.

**Timothy McAtackney**, a third year Law student who won second place in The Times Law Awards 2006 and was awarded £2,500. Entrants were asked to write an essay on the subject of Terrorism v human rights: where do you draw the line?"

### NEW PUBLICATIONS

Dr Porter has co-edited (with Baden Offord, Southern Cross University, Australia) *Activating Human Rights* (Peter Lang, ISBN 3039105094), based on papers presented at a conference held in Australia in 2003. Featuring a range of perspectives from reconciliation and refugees to environmental degradation and disability, *Activating Human Rights* will be available from the end of May. It will be formally launched in September in Sydney by Justice Michael Kirby, High Court of Australia.

## PROFESSORIAL LECTURE



*Pictured are Professor Bill Clarke, Professor Dave Whynes from University of Nottingham, Professor Ciaran O'Neill, Professor Anne Moran and Professor Richard Barnett Vice Chancellor*

Professor Ciaran O'Neill's professorial lecture was held on 2 February 2006 entitled **The Challenges for Health and Social Care of an Ageing Society**. Professor Dave Whynes, University of Nottingham, gave the vote of thanks.

## RESEARCH METHODS AWARD CEREMONY



*Pictured at the recent Award Ceremony for Social Workers gaining a variety of post qualifying awards are: Back row left to right: David Bickerstaff, Angela Wisener, Anne McGlade and Brian Taylor - tutors on the Research Methods Programme Front row left to right: Three of the successful candidates: Phyllis Stephenson, Garth Agnew and Christina Doyle.*

A Research Methods Award Ceremony, organised by Dr Brian Taylor, was held on Thursday 23 February 2006 in the Dunadry Hotel Antrim. The Introduction to Research Methods and Quality Assurance in Health and Social Services is an introductory course in research methods and quality which addresses the need of professional social work practitioners, managers and trainers to develop skills in research design, data collection, analysis and dissemination that will contribute to improving service quality. The course is provided by a partnership between the University of Ulster and the key employers of Social Workers in Northern Ireland. Candidates on the course undertake a project in their own work setting with the support of their tutor and agency practice assessor and the taught days at the University.

## THINK TANK SEMINARS

On 9 May the last of a series of think tank seminars, facilitated by **INCORE (Helen Lewis)** and Cresco Trust, was held with the aim of generating entrepreneurial thinking on invigorating the community and voluntary sector in Northern Ireland. During the last few years, a number of social enterprises have developed and many community and voluntary organisations have been prompted to embrace the issue of sustainability. The main speaker was Peter Quinn, who is a director of The Quinn Group, Peter Quinn Consultancy Services, and an active participant in the community and voluntary sector.

## INCORE International Summer School & Film Festival

The 2006 INCORE Summer School will run from Monday 12 June until Friday 16, and preparations are well underway. The three modules will be:

The Management of Peace Processes, facilitated by Paul Arthur and Cathy Gormley-Heenan

Evaluation and Impact Assessment of Peacebuilding Programmes, facilitated by Emery Brusset and Margie Buchanan-Smith

Reconciliation in Societies Coming out of Conflict, facilitated by Brandon Hamber and Wilhelm Verwoerd

To complement the Summer School, INCORE will be hosting its first film festival, showing four documentaries about conflicts across three continents. The festival is being financially supported by the British Council NI, to whom we are grateful. All films will be shown at 8pm at the Nerve Centre, 7-8 Magazine St, LDerry, and to facilitate discussion, there will be wine and nibbles on offer after each screening! Admission is only £1.50, and affords Summer School participants and the general public the opportunity to see remarkable and beautiful documentaries about conflict and the hard road to peace in four places; Ireland, the Basque lands, Sri Lanka and Palestine.

The films and their timings are:

8PM Mon 12 June *Mother Ireland* (1988 52 mins)

8PM Tue 13 June *Basque Ball* (La Pelota Vasco, 2003 108 mins)

8PM Wed 14 June *Lanka The Other Side of War & Peace* (2005 75 mins)

8PM Thurs 15 June *Visit Palestine* (2005 78 mins)

## TIP O'NEILL PEACE LECTURE SERIES



*Members of the Faculty of Social Sciences who attended Ambassador Mitchell Reiss' lecture on 21 May 2006 entitled **Between Facts and Fantasies: Sources of Anti-Americanism**.*

Ambassador Mitchell Reiss, US Special Envoy, Northern Ireland Peace Process, delivered a keynote address at the University of Ulster's Magee campus, which formed part of the Tip O'Neill Series of peace lectures. The Tip O'Neill Chair, funded by the Ireland Fund, commemorates the former Speaker of the US House of Representatives, who was well known for his support of the peace process in Northern Ireland.

## MAJOR CONFERENCE BY NICEC (NI Centre for European Co-operation)

NICEC, held a major international conference: 'What Shared Futures? - Local and European Challenges in Diversity and Conflict Management, on 23/24 March 2006. The Limavady conference brought together over 120 delegates from Northern Ireland, Basque Country, Cyprus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Russia and Poland to address the issues of building trust in state institutions, policy approaches to diversity and learning 21st century lessons in conflict. Keynote speakers included Monty G. Marshall (Director of Research for the Center for Global Policy at George Mason University in Washington).

## TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE (TJI)



Professor Christine Bell, Director TJI with Louise Arbour, UN High Commission for Human Rights

A paper prepared by **Professor Christine Bell** 'Negotiating justice? Human Rights in Peace Agreements', provided the framework for a high powered joint Swiss Norwegian expert seminar on the role of human rights in peace agreements in Bern. Among those present were King Harald V of Norway, Swiss President Moritz Leuenberger,

Louise Arbour United Nations High Commissioner, the Foreign Ministers of Norway and Switzerland, Ambassadors from 20 different countries, as well as leading academics and practitioners in the field of human rights and conflict resolution.

The report examined human rights provisions and monitoring mechanisms in conflicts around the world, as well considering the arguments both for and against the inclusion of human rights in a negotiated peace agreement. It concluded that human rights abuses are both a cause, as well as a result of conflict, and that the promotion of human rights during peace negotiations can often make a positive contribution to conflict resolution. A case study of the 1998 Good Friday/Belfast Agreement was included in the report. Peace agreements in Cambodia, El Salvador, Mozambique, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Guatemala, Sierra Leone

and Burundi were also discussed.

Among papers recently presented by **Professor Colm Campbell** are 'Violent Conflict and the Resilience of International Law: Some Lessons from Northern Ireland', at 'Counter-Terror and Human Rights: International Perspectives on National Insecurity', University of California, San Diego & Irvine, Feb. 2006.

'Violent Frames: Law, Rights-Violations and Social Movement Theory', at "Crossing the Boundaries: the place of human rights in contemporary scholarship", London School of Economics, March 2006.

'Derogation from Human Rights Treaties: Current Developments', at China - Ireland Human Rights Exchange meeting, Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway, April 2006.

### VISITORS TO THE TJI

<p><b>Tuesday 2 May to 2 June 2006</b> Gaby Ore Aguilar, Gender Justice Visiting Researcher to Magee campus</p>	<p><b>Monday 22/29 May 2006 – 31 July 2006</b> Leslie Gold, Intern from New York University Magee campus for from 22 May to 23 June 2006 Jordanstown campus from 26 June to 31 July 2006</p>
<p><b>Monday 26 June to July 2006 (tbc)</b> Dr Iavor Rangelov, LSE Visiting Researcher to Jordanstown campus</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 27 June to 6 July 2006</b> Professor David Abraham, University of Miami Visiting Fellow at Jordanstown campus</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 25 July to 3 August 2006</b> Professor Eckart Klein, Potsdam Human Rights Centre Visiting Fellow at Jordanstown campus</p>	

### FORTHCOMING TJI SEMINAR SERIES

<p><b>Monday 29 May, 12.00pm</b> GABY ORE AGUILAR, GENDER JUSTICE PROJECT "Gender Justice and the Right to Reparation: Redressing discrimination and conflict-related Human Rights Violations" ME013B, Magee campus</p>	<p><b>Thursday 1 June, 12.30pm</b> DR VENKAT IYER, LECTURER, SCHOOL OF LAW &amp; ASSOCIATE RESEARCHER, TJI "Transition-Related Developments in Fiji: An Update Dalriada House, Jordanstown campus</p>
<p><b>Monday 5 June, 4.00pm</b> DR. JOSHUA CASTELLINO, IRISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (NUI GALWAY) Book Launch "Minority Rights in Asia: A Comparative Legal Analysis" ME013B, Magee campus</p>	<p><b>Thursday, 8 June, 12.30pm</b> MS KHANYISELA MOYO PhD Student, TJI 'Zimbabwe: The Rule of law and Judicial Independence Paradox' Seminar Room, Dalriada House, Jordanstown</p>
<p><b>Friday 9 June, 10.00am to 1.00pm (approx)</b> LLM EVENT FOR TJI STAFF AND STUDENTS "A Force more Powerful" Strategy Game (Followed by Wine and Cheese at 1pm) Dalriada House, Jordanstown campus</p>	<p><b>Monday 12 June, 12.30pm</b> DR EDWIN ABUYA, LECTURER, TJI "Strengthening International Asylum: The Torture Convention as a Complimentary Tool ME013B, Magee campus</p>

## Senior Fulbright Specialist

Professor Bill Timpson, was a visiting Senior Fulbright Specialist at the UNESCO Centre (April-May 2006). He is a Professor in the School of Education, Colorado State University (A.B. American History from Harvard University, 1968; PhD. Educational Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (1978). Along with numerous articles, chapters and grants, he has written or co-authored ten books including *Teaching and Learning Peace* (2002). He is currently working on a new book, tentatively titled, *From Battleground to Common Ground: Veterans and Peace Activists Share Stories for a Deeper Democracy*. In his work, he draws on extensive experiences abroad including recent travels to Guatemala, Northern Ireland, Eastern Europe, South Africa, Nepal and India. During his six week stay at the UNESCO Centre, Professor Timpson gave various lectures and seminars, and also undertook research on democratic citizenship and sustainable peacebuilding in Northern Ireland.

## ARK APPOINTMENT

Professor Gillian Robinson, the Director of INCORE and ARK, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the British Council NI. The British Council is the UK's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations. The role of the Northern Ireland Advisory Committee is to provide advice on issues relating to Northern Ireland to the Director of the British Council NI.

In mid-May, Professor Robinson was invited by the Catalan Ministry of Institutional Relations and Participation to advise on their new programme to develop a public policy of peace creation which includes the proposal to establish the International Catalan Institute for Peace.

## Social Policy Research Institute (SPRI) Seminar: Research Into Devolution In Northern Ireland

Presenting the findings of the research into devolution in Northern Ireland at a meeting hosted by the Social and Policy Research Institute at the University of Ulster, Professor Charlie Jeffrey, Professor of Politics from the University of Edinburgh, said:

"Devolution is popular among people from both communities in Northern Ireland. Exactly 50% of those questioned said an Assembly should have most influence over the way the province is run. And more than 50% plump for either a devolved parliament or assembly as their preferred constitutional option".

The findings follow an extensive investigation into Devolution in the UK – *The Impact on Politics, Economy and Society* by the Economic and Social Research Council.

Professor Jeffrey said the research blamed the current political logjam which has seen the NI Assembly suspended since October 2002 on a "failure of leadership by Northern Ireland politicians", although he said their task was not made easier by the structures set up by the Good Friday Agreement which did not encourage those leaders to co-operate.

## Social Work Institute

Social work students at the University of Ulster got a valuable insight to the difficulties and pressures faced by young carers when children and young people from Barnardo's performed a series of drama sketches at the Magee Campus at the end of March 2006. Aged from just nine to sixteen years, they portrayed how being a young carer can detrimentally affect physical, emotional, social and educational development. UU lecturer **Joe Duffy** said "It is important for social work students to get a proper understanding of the difficulties faced on a daily basis by young carers looking after parents or siblings". The performances gave the students a better understanding of the needs of young carers and how caring can impact on their childhood. It also got home the message that social workers have an important responsibility to help these children have a better childhood."

Following their performances at Magee, the children and young people were presented with University of Ulster Certificates of Achievement, in recognition of the contribution they made to the professional development of social work students.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Angela Hegarty** on her recent appointment to Head of the School of Law.

**Rachel Naylor** who got married at Easter in Ghana.

**Sharon Harkin**, Faculty Office, who had another baby boy, Ethan.

**Marie Mallon** on the birth of her son James.

**Hazel Bailie** who passed her ECDL

## WELCOME

**Ross O'Hagan** and **Julie Adair**, new members of staff in the Faculty Offices at Magee and Jordanstown.

## A New Course, A Postgraduate Diploma/ MSc In Specialist in Cognitive Therapy is to be launched in September 2006.

The programme which is offered at the Magee campus is designed to provide advanced education in the principles and practice of cognitive therapy. This is a specialist postgraduate programme aimed mainly at Health and Social Care professionals working with mental health problems. The programme which has been developed by **Michael Duffy** (School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies), in partnership with the Trauma Centre in Omagh, includes teaching and research inputs from internationally acclaimed clinicians and researchers in the field and covers both the latest emerging CT models of treatment.