

School of Policy Studies Awards



Congratulations to: Professor Paul Carmichael, who has been invited by the Council of the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences, to become an Academician. The Academy was established to promote excellence in and service to the community. It provides an interdisciplinary focus for interchange of ideas among social scientists and aims to influence government thinking and policy as well as promoting public understanding of the positive value of social sciences to society.

Dr Cathy Gormley-Heenan, on being awarded the new entrant prize in this year's Bernard Crick Awards for outstanding teaching. There is just one award made each year in this category. Cathy will receive her prize at the Political Studies Association Annual Conference dinner in Bath in April 2007.

Creating Sustainable Childcare the Social Enterprise Way

Responding to the ongoing challenges facing the childcare sector both in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, the University of Ulster's Knowledge Club, in partnership with Social Economy Solutions, organised a seminar, entitled Sustainable Childcare on March 6 in the Rural College and Derrynoid Centre in Draperstown. Key speakers included **Mary McColgan** (pictured) Head of the School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies. The seminar examined how the ongoing challenge for social economy childcare providers is to address the gaps in provision for rural communities while continuing to enhance and sustain the existing community childcare infrastructure.



Dr Jeremie Gilbert of the TJI Launches his Book



L to R Professor Colm Campbell, Professor Christine Bell, Dr Jeremie Gilbert, Professor Joshua Castellino

Dr Jeremie Gilbert, Lecturer at the TJI, launched his book in December 2006 at the Magee campus. "From Victims to Actors: Indigenous Peoples' Land Rights under International Law", published in 2006 by Transnational Publishers. Professor Christine Bell and Professor Joshua Castellino made presentations at the launch.

About the Book

While a profound relationship with lands and territories characterises indigenous groups, indigenous peoples have been and are repeatedly deprived of their lands. Through its meticulous and wide-ranging examination of the interaction between international law and indigenous peoples' land rights, this book proposes an original theory as regards the legal status of indigenous peoples under international law. The book explores how indigenous peoples have been the victims of the rules governing title to territory since the inception of international law, and how under the current human rights regime, indigenous peoples have now gained the status of actors of international law.

Publication success

Law in Times of Crisis, by **Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin** of the Transitional Justice Institute, and **Oren Gross**, a Visiting Professor at the Institute, has won the United State's most prestigious academic international law award - the American Society for International Law's 'Certificate of Merit' for 2007.

Launch of Partnership for Human Rights Education

The **Transitional Justice Institute** at the University of Ulster and the Northern Ireland **Human Rights Commission** are pleased to announce details of a new partnership to support human rights education in Northern Ireland. Both institutions are keen to further develop research and learning opportunities for students in Northern Ireland and as part of a programme of collaborative activities, a number of new initiatives have been launched. These include -

- The sponsorship by the Human Rights Commission of an annual prize of £500 for the best dissertation submitted by students as part of the University of Ulster's LLM programme in Human Rights Law.
- The provision of two internships each academic year, for students at the University of Ulster to contribute to the work of the Commission.

School of Education

The Postgraduate Diploma FHE course team received an excellent report from ETI on the quality of their early professional development programme for lecturers in FHE. The course director **Mrs Celia O'Hagan**, together with course tutors **Professor Gerry McAleavy**, **Dr Tracy Irwin**, **Mrs Sandra Griffiths** and **Mrs Elaine Courtney**, welcomed the positive feedback.

For the induction phase, following a three year pilot initiative, the programme has gone through several changes not least by offering a new partnership provision with colleges in Northern Ireland and the shared learning resource platform facilitated by the UU WebCT elearning environment. DEL have funded a project officer to support this work, **Mrs Violet Wilson** and it is anticipated that the programme will be implemented in 2008, subject to funding.

School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies



Michael Duffy, Professor Paul Salkovskis,
Dr Kate Gillespie

On Thursday 8 February 2007, a Cognitive Therapy Workshop was held on the Magee campus of the University of Ulster organised by **Michael Duffy** (School of Sociology & Applied Social Studies). Topics covered were Anxiety Disorders and Health Anxiety and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. Over 70 delegates from all over the Ireland attended the workshop. The Speaker was Professor Paul Salkovskis, Professor of Clinical Psychology and Applied Science at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College, London since October 2000 and Clinical Director at the Centre for Anxiety Disorders and Trauma, South London and Maudsley NHS Trust from the same date.

A subsequent similar conference was held on the Jordanstown Campus in March 2007 which was attended by over 80 delegates.

- The hosting of an annual lecture on the role and function of the Commission for students on the LLM programme.
- Access to the Commission's library and its education/training programmes for students at the University.

The first recipient of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Dissertation Prize is Ms Wendy Isaack, who graduated from the LLM programme with distinction in December. Her dissertation entitled "Deferred and disremembered? Sexual Violence against women in 'post-conflict' South Africa" was highly commended by the External Examiner's Board of the University. Ms Isaack has returned to work in South Africa as the Legal Manager with the women's group - People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA).

UU Academic in Virtual Middle East Conference

Dr Roger Austin, a Senior Lecturer in the UU's School of Education, was the main speaker at a recent international on-line conference organised by an Israeli teacher training College in Tel Aviv (January, 2007). Using both collaborative software and video conferencing, Dr Austin shared a virtual platform with Matan Vilnai, former Minister and Member of the Lobby for Jewish-Arab Coexistence and Chairman of the Ministerial Committee on the Affairs of Arab Citizens. The conference was part of the Third Inter-College Conference on Technology and Multi-Culturism, which brings together Israeli and Arab teacher educators.

Research Seminars

The Linguistics group in the **School of Communication** has introduced a series of research seminars on language and linguistics offered by members within the school across all sub-groups, speech and language therapists and invited speakers from universities across the UK and Europe. To date four speakers have taken part. Seminars for semester 2 are available on the School of Communication's website and are jointly sponsored by the School and the Humanities Research Institute. The Linguistics unit is organising a conference On Linguistic Interfaces (ONLI) which will take place in June 2007 at the University of Ulster. The conference will feature an impressive selection of invited talks by world renowned academics from UK, European, American and Canadian Universities. The web site for the conference can be accessed at the following link:
<http://www.socsci.ulster.ac.uk/comms/onli/index.html>

Forthcoming TJI lecture

PROFESSOR TOM HADDEN, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST
'Educating Minorities: A Framework for Indigenous, National and Immigrant Communities'

Dr Shane Darcy of the TJI Launches his Book

Dr Shane Darcy's book, 'Collective Responsibility and Accountability under International Law', was launched in March 2007 at the Transitional Justice Institute at the Magee campus. The book explores the controversial issue of collective responsibility and is the culmination of several years of work by the author. It considers the extent to which individuals may be made liable for the acts of others under international humanitarian law and international criminal law. 'Collective Responsibility and Accountability under International Law' is published by Transnational Publishers as part of the prestigious Procedural Aspects of International Law Monograph Series. The book was officially launched by William A. Schabas O.C., Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway.

INCORE

'Ending Hate in our Communities' Training for Trainers programme 7– 29 March 2007 Lusty Beg Island

INCORE, as part of its Diversity In Action project is organising a 'Training for Trainers' residential. Northern Ireland, as in other parts of the UK, has been experiencing increased immigration of people from Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere. Most native born people have welcomed the new arrivals. However, others have responded with bias, harassment and violence. Immigrants are not the only group to experience bias, harassment and hate crimes. Members of the Traveller, Jewish, gay and lesbian community have also been targeted with hate.

In order to help these groups build capacity and develop the skills required to deal with bias and harassment, INCORE is hosting a 2-day residential to prepare two-person teams to conduct hate crime prevention workshops in their own communities. Participants will consist of community practitioners and district council community relations officers. Steve Wessler from the Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence (CPHV), an NGO based in the US, will facilitate the training.

In February **INCORE** co-ordinated a visit to Jerusalem as part of the ongoing initiative to highlight the role of community groups in peace building. **Professor Gillian Robinson** and **Helen Lewis** were accompanied by Liam Maskey from Intercomm and two community leaders from North Belfast. In addition to meeting with partner organizations involved in the Belfast-Jerusalem Civil Society Partnership the visit also included meetings with academics at Bethlehem University, Al Quds University and the Hebrew University.



Professor Robinson meets academics at Al Quds University, School of Law.

ARK 2006-2007 Seminar Series.

NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens, BELFAST 12:00pm-1:00pm
followed by lunch 1:00pm-2:00pm Seminars are Free of Charge

Wed 14 March 2007: Nicholas Whyte, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Governance, Queen's University.
Tactical voting and ticket-splitting: how rigidly defined are 'nationalist' and 'unionist' voters in Northern Ireland?

Wed 2 May 2007: Dr Emma Larkin, Queen's University.
'Understanding children's pathways through care'

Professor Gillian Robinson (INCORE) and **Dr. Cathy Gormley-Heenan** (School of Policy Studies and INCORE Associate) have been awarded a UKIERI (UK-India Education and Research Initiative) travel grant to support a visit to India to meet with researchers at the Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, University of Madras in Chennai. While in India they will also visit WISCOMP (Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace) in New Delhi. The visit will result in joint research proposals and will facilitate the strengthening of networks between the University of Ulster and institutions in India.

Research Awards Congratulations to **Alan McCully**, School of Education, on gaining a £1,760 publications grant from the Nuffield Foundation to produce a booklet which summarises recent research into the teaching of history in Northern Ireland. This will be available in March 2007 to aid in-service work to prepare teachers for the introduction of the revised history curriculum.

ARK (the Northern Ireland Social and Political Archive), a collaboration between the **University and QUB**, has been awarded £3 million from The **Economic and Social Research Council** (ESRC). The **£3 million** award is the largest ever grant award for funding work in the social sciences to the universities in Northern Ireland. Established in 2000, ARK makes social science information on Northern Ireland available to the widest possible audience including researchers, policymakers, journalists, community and voluntary groups, schoolchildren and their teachers. Well-known resources provided by ARK include CAIN (Conflict Archive on the Internet) a comprehensive Elections website which is currently running a popular poll contest and SOL or Surveys Online which holds information on other important surveys in NI.

INCORE has been awarded £78,735 from the **Camelot Foundation Award** for the 'Unity Project'

Minority Ethnic communities and their participation in the electoral process.

INCORE, as part of its Diversity In Action project organised a series of Think Tank events, the first of which took place on Tuesday 27 February 2007, at the One World Centre, Derry/Londonderry. The event focused on minority ethnic communities and their participation in the electoral process. Participants heard from **Dr Paul Hainsworth**, Faculty of Social Sciences and Patricia Murphy, Electoral Office. The event provided the opportunity for participants to discuss issues such as the level of minority ethnic involvement in the NI democratic process; why the minority ethnic sector should vote; how we can increase the levels of participation.

WebCT Vista Support.... Time is running out!

We currently have a placement student, Deirdre Casey (dm.casey@ulster.ac.uk) working in the Faculty. Deirdre has already helped quite a number of staff to prepare and upload material to WebCt. Her contract finishes in June so if you need help with setting up a WebCt presence, uploading material or enhancements of existing material, then act fast and contact Deirdre now. If you currently have no experience of WebCt then Deirdre is also willing to give advice and support.

CETL Information Session and Learning Design Workshops,

Wednesday 4 April 2007 at 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm, Loughview Suite, Jordanstown

The CETL project for Utilising Institutional E-Learning Services, in conjunction with the Faculty's E-Learning and ICT Sub-Committee, are hosting an Information Session on the work of the CETL and Tools and Services, available to enhance the Student's Learning experience. Workshops will focus on Designing for Learning or Capturing and Disseminating Practice. **A buffet lunch will be provided.**

Music Students

The **PGCE Music Education** students gave their Annual 'Evening of Music' in the Octagon, Coleraine campus, on Tuesday 6th February 2007. This concert is an integral part of the PGCE programme as it encourages the students to maintain their performance level and skill while taking a very educational and classroom practice based course. As music is a practical subject the concert is also a celebration of the different styles, genres of music and classroom music-making which student teachers are expected to use in their lessons. In the concert they not only performed as individuals but also as members of small ensembles and performed as a class in choral singing and using classroom instruments for composition and arrangements.

This year the concert was recorded and produced as a DVD by Nigel Creighton of the Faculty of Engineering at Coleraine. Nigel made a splendid job of editing the DVD in a most creative way and the quality of the sound, which was recorded independently of the visuals, was excellent.

Nigel gave each student a copy of the DVD as a memento and the PGCE class of 2007 are most appreciative of his skill and kindness. If anyone would like to borrow the DVD please contact, **Barry Burgess** (ext 24056; br.burgess@ulster.ac.uk).



SPRI Annual Lecture 2007

Professor The Lord Norton of Louth "*The Future of the British Constitution*" Monday 26 March 2007 6.00pm Loughview Suite, Jordanstown.



Pictured is Susan Hodgett School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies

The Canadian Studies Research Programme at UU held a joint conference on Wednesday 21 February 2007 with the Centre for Canadian Studies at QUB and attracted some high profile speakers. Keynote speaker was Canadian Essayist and Philosopher, John Ralston Saul.

Promotional Events

Sincere thank you to all subjects who have organised promotional or **conversion events** to maximise recruitment to the Faculty. They have been a resounding success due in no small measure to the collaborative efforts of all staff - academic, administrative, technical and clerical. A very special word of thanks to the University support staff who participated. I have no doubt that our efforts will pay off. Feedback from prospective students and their parents has been excellent. Very well done and a big thank you.

University of Ulster develops Partnership with local Primary School

Supported by East Londonderry MP Gregory Campbell, the Principal and Governors of **Millburn Primary School**, Coleraine, recently met with interested parties to bid formally for National Lottery funding with the intention of establishing a Community School in Millburn. This would emulate models of inclusive practice internationally that promote and develop a culture of interagency collaboration to improve pupil participation, motivation and achievement.

Early links have been established with the University of Ulster, including the Institute of Postgraduate Medicine, through its Assistant Director, **Dr Scott Brown**, who is also a practising General Practitioner in the north-eastern area, **Mrs Anne Brown** and **Dr Lesley Abbott**, both of the UNESCO Centre, School of Education. It is hoped that partnerships can also be fostered with other relevant University departments.



Pictured are (back row, left to right): Nigel Freeburn (NEELB), Alex Hutton (Social Worker), Jim Curry (Director of Leisure Services, Coleraine Borough Council), Rosemary Nicholl (North-eastern Education and Library Board), Sharon Lamont (Head of Key Stage 1, Millburn PS), Stephen Murdock (Chairman of the Board of Governors, Millburn PS), Joe Dwyer (Senior Educational Psychologist), John Platt, Principal (Millburn PS); (front row, left to right) Councillor Adrian McQuillan, Geraldine Fleming (Assistant Principal Social Worker), Alison Hume (Senior Nurse Manager), Gregory Campbell MP, Dr Lesley Abbott (UNESCO Centre, School of Education), Mrs Anne Brown (UNESCO Centre, School of Education). By courtesy of The Coleraine Times

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Raffaella Folli** on her recent marriage.

SPRI - Dr Roger Austin and **Professor Gerry McAleavy** who have both been admitted to full membership of the Social and Policy Research Institute.

Dr Una O Connor has been admitted as a Transitional Member.

Welcome

Ms Colleen McDaid, Faculty Office, at Magee (Post funded by FE Sector to work on Collaborative provision and FE Sector Admissions).

Mr Nigel Glenny, Lecturer in Education, based on the Coleraine campus.

Professor Joshua Castellino, Transitional Justice Institute, based on the Magee campus.