

SUCCESS WITH SCIENCE SHOP AWARDS

Early in July 2004 Professor Richard Barnett, Pro Vice Chancellor, attended a special graduation ceremony at Magee held for Social Science graduates who had participated in community-based research through the University's Science Shop.

Professor Barnett commended highly the work they had completed as a valuable contribution to the University's commitment to outreach activity by providing an accessible and valuable research resource to the community and the voluntary sector throughout Northern Ireland.

This year's Science Shop prize has been awarded to another Faculty of Social Sciences student, Beverley Kerr, a Social Administration student, supervised by Dr Wendy Saunderson. This piece of research, which was completed in partnership with Amnesty International entitled *Black and Ethnic Minorities in Northern Ireland: A Review of Racism and Redress*, was voted the best University of Ulster project. Beverley will receive her £500 prize at QUB on 25 November 2004.



At the Science Shop presentation at Magee were (Back row) Edwina Harkin: Riona McConnell: Jacqueline Mooney (Front row) Ivan Topping and Angela Hegarty.

UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER CONVOCATION STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2004



Stephen McQuitty

Stephen McQuitty, a Law Student in the Faculty, was selected as the University of Ulster's Convocation Student of the Year 2004. He has been widely praised for his work in the field of human rights, as well as his outstanding academic achievement.

On his summer holidays last year, Stephen worked at the Louisiana Crisis Assistance Centre in New Orleans, which provides legal representation for Death Row prisoners in the United States. During his time there he investigated juror records as part of a ground-breaking survey which found racial bias in juror selection in capital trials. Known as the Blackstrikes survey, its findings have wide implications for the trial of poor African-American defendants in murder cases. Working with famous human rights lawyer Clive Stafford Smith, Stephen interviewed British national Krishna Maharajah, who has served 18 years on Death Row in Florida for a double murder he denies. Stephen's interview helped persuade the British Government to file a brief on the prisoner's behalf, a first for any prisoner facing the death penalty in the US.

Thanks to his involvement, the School of Law at the Jordanstown campus held a seminar on the death penalty and a symposium on international human rights and the treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay. Mr Stafford Smith was the guest speaker. Another proposal from Stephen is for law students at UU to set up a legal clinic where they, under legal supervision, could advise members of the public who cannot afford a lawyer.

VISITS AND RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AND ESTEEM

Professor Rosalind Pritchard (School of Education) was invited by the University of Tasmania, Australia (UTAS), to serve as a Visiting Professor during the summer of 2004. UTAS confers this title on individuals from outside the University who have 'a high academic standing demonstrated by a distinguished international reputation in their discipline, and hold a responsible leadership position within their profession.' Rosalind was based in Launceston, and also attended conferences in Hobart and Melbourne. During her time at UTAS, she promoted research within the Faculty of Education, and helped in the development of new courses.

Dr John Dallat (School of Education) has recently been invited by the Education Department of Maynooth University to join an Honorary International Consultative Panel established to provide support and advice on the implementation of an

externally funded project entitled '*Teaching and Learning for the Twenty-First Century*.' The project is designed to enhance innovation and creativity in a large number of second level schools in the Republic of Ireland.

Dr Erhun Kula (School of Economics and Politics) has been appointed as book review editor for the Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics.

Professor Bill Rolston (School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies) has just recently returned from a lecture tour in Australia. He presented a paper '*Truth and Transition: Dealing with the Past in Northern Ireland*' at the 13th Australian Irish Studies conference in Melbourne. He also lectured on a number of topics at the University of Melbourne, Department of History, Monash University, Melbourne, Criminology Department, University of Tasmania, Hobart, both the Department of Sociology and the Department of Government and Politics, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Irish Studies Programme and Sydney University, Institute of Criminology.

Ms Sandra Griffiths (School of Education), has been elected as President of the All-Ireland Society for Higher Education (AISHE). AISHE is a professional society whose goal is to bring together and support those people who are concerned to advance higher education in the island of Ireland. It promotes the professional recognition and

enhancement of teaching and learning in higher education through a range of activities including seminars, conferences, publications, and provision of online community forums and services. Plans are well advanced for a joint international conference with the UK's Staff and Educational Development Association to be held in Belfast in May 2005.

The State of the Art Report for '*The Families and Transitions in Europe*' (FATE) research project which **Andy Biggart** (School of Policy Studies) co-ordinates is one of only four reports that have recently been selected by the European Commission programme for full publication.

Andy was also a guest speaker at a major seminar held in Brussels organised by the European Observatory on the Social Situation Demography and the Family where he presented some of the FATE project findings. The agenda also featured presentations on the trends in the 10 new member states of the EU and discussions on future challenges for researchers and politicians.

Dr Joanne Hughes (School of Policy Studies) has been invited to give a paper on the theme of 'reconciliation' at the next meeting of the Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict Research Group (NEGRG). This is a research network based in the Department of Political Science at the University of Western Ontario, Canada.

PGC/PGD/MASTERS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA

The trauma course (the Post Graduate Cert/ Dip/ MSc in the Management of Psychological Trauma) is now in its third year of delivery in the School of Communication on the Jordanstown campus. Under the directorship of **Dr Selwyn Black**, and developed with Dr Marion Gibson, in partnership with Staffcare (South and East Belfast Health and Social Services Trust) the course has achieved a number of 'firsts'. The course is the first postgraduate level course in the UK and Ireland that provides specialised training for professionals who care for traumatised patients or clients. Two years' ago it formed a unique partnership with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation in delivering specialised crisis intervention modules within the programme, the first time this kind of training has been delivered in a university context in Europe.

INCORE: Shared Learning in Palestine

From October 10-15, Magee Provost and INCORE Associate Professor Tom Fraser was in Ramallah along with INCORE's Local International Learning Project (LILP) Co-ordinator Helen Lewis. They were part of a delegation from Northern Ireland and the Republic who participated in a five-day conference organized by the Palestinian Academic Society for International Affairs (PASSIA), entitled "Ireland and Palestine - Divided Countries United by History." INCORE is planning a series of future events to promote shared learning between Northern Ireland and Israel/Palestine in relation to peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Speaker(s) Contributors
21 and 22 October	CPD Law Seminars on Cutting out Complaints and Claims against solicitors (Belfast and Limavady)	Hugh McGrattan (Solicitor) Moirá Neeson (Law Society) Gary Thompson (Marsh)
27 October	Campus Meeting at Coleraine	Anne Moran
1 November	Lecture: The Interpretation of Statutes	His Honour Judge David Smyth, QC
2 November	Campus Meeting at Magee	Anne Moran
	Academic Enterprise Lunch time seminar	Pat Donnelly of Proteus
1 November	Talk about current issues in measuring communication	Angela Sinickas
Late November	Two seminars on Enforcement Procedures – Belfast and Omagh	Two members of the Enforcement of Judgements Office
10 December	Academic Enterprise Lunch time seminar	Seamus McAleavy and Frances McCandless of NICVA

STAFF RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

Professor Paddy Hillyard will be leaving the School of Policy Studies in January 2005 to take up a post at Queen's University, Belfast.

Dr Phillip Barnes will be leaving the School of Education in January 2005 to take up a senior lectureship post at King's College in London.

We wish both staff every success in their new posts and thank them for the very valuable contribution they have made to the Faculty.

Mrs Margaret Tees in the Faculty Office at Magee will be retiring at the end of October 2004. We wish Margaret a fulfilling and happy retirement.

WELCOME

A very special welcome to staff who have recently joined the Faculty.

Dr Lis Porter, the new research director at INCORE.

Ms Clodagh Kelly who has joined the PGCE staff to develop a community relations focus for initial teacher education
Deirdre Graffin who has also joined the PGCE primary staff team.

Colm Crean, who has been appointed to the post of Head of Faculty Administration
Karen Beattie, a research associate in the Centre for Young Men's Studies.

CHANGE OF POSTS

Best wishes to Emer Carlin as she begins her secondment to the TJI at Magee and to Helena Divine as she assumes an acting up role in Emer's absence.

EXAMINATION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Anne Campbell on the award of her PhD.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ruth McKeegan on the birth of her baby daughter Sarah and to Michele Gardiner on the birth of her baby son Ethan.

Best wishes to Philomena Grant as she begins her maternity leave.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Paul Carmichael on his recent promotion to Professor of Public Policy and to Professor Bob Osborne on his appointment as acting Director of the Social and Policy Research Institute (SPRI).

LAUNCH OF NEW DEGREES

- A new undergraduate degree in the School of Communication, a **BSc (Hons) in Public Relations** is underway and has successfully recruited 16 students.

- In January 2005 the School of Education will launch a new part-time programme in collaboration with 8 Institutes of Further and Higher Education. The course entitled **'Working with Children and Young People'** will provide the opportunity for progression to degree level at the University through a further two years of part-time online study.

- From September 2005 the very successful **Tutoring in Schools** scheme can be taken as an Education minor subject and have their work on this programme accredited.

- Colleagues in the School of Education have teamed up with colleagues in the School of Biological and Environmental Science to pioneer a new on-line Masters programme. Students will take two modules from each School and will complete their dissertation either with a Science or an Education focus. First enrolment for this course will take place in January 2005.

- Staff in the School of Education working on the Postgraduate Diploma in Further and

Higher Education are offering this programme now fully online.

- New Social Work Degree

The Vice Chancellor and President, Professor Gerry McKenna, along with the Pro Vice Chancellor for Teaching and Learning, Professor Richard Barnett, attended the launch of the new **Social Work degree** at the Waterfront Hall on 20 October 2004. The new degree will be offered by the University, and in partnership with Institutes of Further and Higher Education.

Ms Mary McColgan, Head of the School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies, confirmed that the new degree in social work will build upon existing partnership strengths with statutory and voluntary agencies. This new degree, which involves collaboration with the further education sector, voluntary and statutory bodies, and employers will promote the highest standards.

An **LLM degree** is being finalised for validation by staff in the Transitional Justice Institute and the School of Law. The course will be offered predominantly to international students from September 2005.

CONSOLIDATING PEACE AND CONFLICT WORK

On September 30 and October 1 last, INCORE staged a 2-day series of presentations and workshops for UU staff and students working in peace and conflict related areas. Held at Bushtown House Hotel outside Coleraine, the event featured an address by Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Gerry McKenna, who referred to the ongoing value of INCORE's work, and the importance of peace and conflict research and practice across the whole university.



Delegates pictured at the INCORE Away Days, Bushtown House Hotel, Coleraine.

Software Licencing

All staff please note:- Information Technology User Services (ITUS) will rebuild all laboratory servers during the inter-semester break. Only software for which the Chief Technician can produce a valid licence will be reinstalled. If you or your predecessors have purchased software, and it is currently available in any corporate laboratories, then you must let chief Technician have a copy of the licence before December 31st.

Health & safety

Please remember that if you bring portable appliances into the university they must be tested by the technical staff, before connecting to the University supply.



His Honour Judge David Smyth addressing a group of 250 first year Law students on *The Interpretation of Statutes*.



Attending reception before the Law Lecture entitled *'The Interpretation of Statutes'* (L-R) are Kathy Sinclair, Amanda Zacharopoulou and Carmel Roulston.

RESEARCH AWARDS

The **Transitional Justice Institute** (TJI) has been successful in its application for funding of four Post-Doctoral Academic Fellowships from the UK Research Councils (the scheme, which involves the ESRC and the AHRB is administered by the Engineering and Physical Science Research Council). The funding amounts to £500,000 over a five year period.

Dr Joanne Hughes (School of Policy Studies) has been awarded an ESRC grant of £190,185 with colleagues Professor Ed Cairns, School of Psychology, UU), Professor Miles Hewstone (Univ. of Oxford) and Professor Richard Jenkins (University of Sheffield). The research project *Social Identity and Tolerance in Mixed and Segregated Areas of Northern Ireland* will explore social identity, intergroup contact, social networks and social capital in the context of varying degrees of residential segregation between the Catholic and

Protestant communities of Northern Ireland. It is an interdisciplinary project which combines disciplines in social policy, anthropology and psychology.

ESF funding for the **Women's Opportunities** Unit 2004 / 2005 ("Pathways to Education and Employment for Women" has been secured once again under Building Sustainable Prosperity, measure 2.8 The Advancement of Women for the amount of £876817 (65%) with in kind funding from the University of Ulster (35%).

The purpose of the project is to provide opportunities for women returners to education develop their personal and professional capacity, to increase their employability, enhance their skills and knowledge, provide them with a springboard to further study and/or increase their potential to make a meaningful contribution to the world of work.

Dr Joanne Hughes, along with Miles Hewstone (University of Oxford) and Cathy Gormley-Heenan (School of Policy Studies) have had provisional approval for a small Nuffield grant of £8,000. The title of the grant is *The Relationship Between Cross-Community Contact and Attitudes to Ethnic Minorities in Northern Ireland*. This is a qualitative project and will involve a series of in-depth interviews in mixed and segregated communities of Belfast.

Dr Selwyn Black and **Dr Catrin Rhys**, School of Communication, have submitted a proposal to OFMDFM for £80,000 to undertake research entitled *An Assessment of the Effectiveness of Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR) with adults diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Northern Ireland*.



Professor Gillian Robinson addressing delegates at the *Conflict Research Society* conference. Seated are Professor Jim Bryant of Sheffield University and Tip O'Neill Chair in Peace Studies, Professor John Hume.

INCORE: Politicians Discuss Community Relations Report

Some of Northern Ireland's senior political figures gathered at Belfast's Waterfront Hall on September 9 to discuss the draft findings of a new INCORE report on politicians' views on community relations in the province. A panel consisting of SDLP leader Mark Durkan, Gregory Campbell of the DUP, Sinn Féin chairman Mitchel McLaughlin, Belfast-based UUP MLA Michael Copeland and Stephen Farry of the Alliance Party took turns to give their reaction to the report findings, and to outline their party views on community relations and community relations policy.