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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good Values

Macbeth, in a moment of doubt prior to the murder of Duncan, questions his purpose:

If it were done when 'tis done, then
'twere well

It were done quickly. If the assassination
Could trammel up the consequence,
and catch

With surcease success; that but this blow
Might be the be-all and the end-all here –
But here upon this bank and shoal
of time –

We'd jump the life to come....

We see here Macbeth selling his soul to buy power in order to be the creator of history. How much are we prepared to sacrifice on the altar of power and ambition?

We have seen recently in our parliament and also closer to home the results of poor decisions coming out of bad values. I am constantly grateful to our forefathers for the rock on which our College was established with solid Christian values. In 1911 the

committee stated: "knowing as we do the high value which our Church has always set upon education and scholarship, consecrated to the service of God, and the need of well qualified ministers in this age of educational progress the committee is thankful to the Divine hand of preparing some measures which it is confidently believed will have as far reaching an effect upon the future of the Church, the University and the whole community, as any that could be adopted in our generation."

These values shine through from time to time in the lives of some of our students who are already making a difference for good in the world, as can be seen from some of the stories recounted in this edition of Fiat Lux. Far from the Macbeth Faustian pact is the selfless service to make a difference in the world that arises out of good values.

Stewart Gill
Principal, Emmanuel College



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EMMANUEL, HOME TO UQ MEDALISTS

Emmanuel has a great history of academic achievement among its students and alumni and we are proud to announce that four Emmanuel students, both current and former, have been awarded University of Queensland medals for 2011 – Michael Bradshaw in Music, Kirsty Taylor in Psychology, Charlotte Chambers in French Studies and Steffanie Pernase in Civil Engineering. The award of a University Medal recognises the achievement of outstanding academic results throughout a student's program of study. Congratulations to all.

We'd like to hear from other UQ medalists – the year you received your medal and for which discipline. If you receive our electronic newsletter Emmanuel College e-news flashes, you will have seen our request for people to contact us if they have received a UQ Medal. For those of you who have, thank you for getting back to us; for those who haven't been asked yet or haven't had a chance to get back to us, we'd love to hear from you. Phone Margy Chatburn on (07) 3871 9342 or email m.chatburn@emmanuel.uq.edu.au.



EMMANUEL MUSIC SCHOLAR PRODUCES FIRST CLASS PERFORMANCE

Emmanuel College Music Scholar Michael Bradshaw began playing piano at the tender age of seven while living with his family in Japan. Although both parents worked in literary academia, they played instruments and filled the house with music, creating an environment where both Michael and his sister, Holly, developed a deep love for music.

Throughout his school years, Michael's love for music was matched by his love for science, and he completed two years of university mathematics before deciding to focus on music. In 2011 he gained his Bachelor of Music with 1st class honours in Performance and Musicology from the University of Queensland's School of Music. He was also awarded a University medal.

The combination of performance and musicology is not commonly undertaken as a major, although Michael believes it suited him.

"I sometimes find it helpful to think of my love of music as stemming from three sources," he said. "The first is the physical and aural joy of playing an instrument. The second is the desire to understand how a piece of music is put together. And the third is the process of trying to get into the mindset of the composer and people of the time the piece was composed; to try and work out what they found beautiful and meaningful, and what made them tick.

"For me, the musicology component allowed me to develop the second and third areas of interest, and at the moment UQ is unique in Australia for offering a performance/musicology specialisation."

For his honours thesis, which looked at the music of Beethoven, Michael was awarded the inaugural Donald Tugby Musicology Prize for the music thesis gaining the highest overall mark in 2011. The prize is for \$1,000 and Dr Tugby, who taught anthropology at The University of Queensland from 1958 to 1986, has generously established a trust fund to support it in perpetuity. Dr Tugby was a member of the University Choir and an advisor on world music to the School of Music.

Since beginning his degree in 2008, Michael has enjoyed ongoing support from Emmanuel College. As an Emmanuel resident he has been awarded generous scholarships and unrestricted use of College facilities, including a Yamaha grand.

Emmanuel Principal Stewart Gill said he believed the College had a role to play in fostering young academics and researchers.

"The College has supported Michael in various ways since he began his degree, and in 2010 Michael officially became Emmanuel's Music Scholar," Stewart said. "He regularly performs for guests at Emmanuel events such as the Sir Harry Gibbs Law Dinner and the annual medical dinner, plays the organ at Emmanuel's chapel services and stages his own concerts at the College. He gives back."

"We are pleased Michael has returned to Emmanuel in 2012 and we are supporting him again with a full scholarship and the unrestricted use of our Yamaha grand piano."

Michael says this support is invaluable for his studies.

"I am incredibly grateful to Emmanuel for all they do. I would not be where I am now without this support," he said. "Apart from the use of their excellent grand piano, and giving me performance opportunities, they have provided occasions for me to present my research to colleagues from diverse areas such as science, literature, and philosophy. It is a wonderful learning environment."

The University's School of Music has also been a pillar of support with expert tutelage and guidance from piano teachers Max Olding and Anna Grinberg, and thesis supervisor Simon Perry. This year Michael has begun a Master of Philosophy with the School of Music with a view to venturing down the academic path in the future. Further study in England or the US is a strong possibility.

When he does venture further afield, Emmanuel College and the School of Music will be sad to see Michael go but will always celebrate his success.

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Pictured: Michael Bradshaw



CONVOCATION 2012 – WE WELCOME SKROO TURNER TO THE HONORARY FELLOW FOLD

Our convocation service in February this year saw the installation of Graham “Skroo” Turner (1967-1971) as an Emmanuel Honorary Fellow. Skroo, as he is commonly known, spoke at the Convocation dinner afterwards and talked about the importance of good leadership, solid values, belief in one’s own ability and...wait for it...setting aside adequate study time!

Skroo was raised on an apple orchard near the Queensland town of Stanthorpe and educated at Toowoomba Grammar School. He was resident at Emmanuel College while completing his Veterinary Science degree. After graduating from university, he worked in western Victoria before moving to London in 1972.

In London, Skroo and friend Geoff Lomas (another Emmanuel alumnus), both of whom were working as vets, took their first steps into the travel industry in 1973 when they invested the equivalent of \$A1300 in an ageing bus and started operating budget double-decker bus trips around Europe, North Africa and Asia (Top Deck Travel). In the early 1980s, Skroo returned to Australia and opened the first Flight Centre store. Flight Centre has prospered and in August 2010 its market capitalisation was \$1.9 billion. The company operates approximately two thousand agencies and businesses in eleven countries, with 8000 staff.

In January 2011, Flight Centre Limited (FLT) pledged more than \$2million to Queensland’s flood relief efforts and launched its largest ever fundraising initiative.

Welcome aboard, Skroo.



From left: David Crombie, Stewart Gill, Graham Turner and David Graham.

SIR HARRY GIBBS LAW DINNER ATTRACTS A STELLAR CROWD

Friday 18 May saw the annual Sir Harry Gibbs Law Dinner bring together judges, barristers, solicitors, university folk, friends of Emmanuel and a healthy dose of current Emmanuel students to enjoy a sumptuous meal and hear guest speaker the Honourable Justice Susan Kiefel AC speak on “Reasons for judgement: objects and observations”.

The Honourable Justice Susan Kiefel left school at 15 and commenced employment as a legal secretary. She is now a Justice of the High Court of Australia, appointed in September 2007. At the time of her appointment she was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island. She served as a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland from 1993–1994 before joining the Federal Court. She was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1975 and was the first woman in Queensland to be appointed Queen’s Counsel, in 1987.

Justice Kiefel served as a part-time Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission from 2003 to 2007. She has a Masters of Laws degree from Cambridge University.

Justice Kiefel was appointed a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2011 for eminent service to the law and to the judiciary, law reform and legal education.

The Sir Harry Gibbs Law Dinner gives Emmanuel students and others an important opportunity to network with some fine legal minds and those having achieved great heights in the legal profession. This year the dinner was held as part of the University of Queensland’s Global Leadership Series of events with the University Chancellor Mr John Story attending, along with the Dean of UQ’s Law School, Professor Gerard Carney, and other Law School members.

From left: Stewart Gill, Anthony Kung (Sir Harry Gibbs Law Scholarship recipient), Susan Kiefel and Gerard Carney



“THE HARDER YOU WORK, THE LUCKIER YOU GET...”

This old adage was referred to by our very own Alan Millhouse (1971-1974) when accepting his Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* from the University of Queensland at the end of 2011.

Addressing an audience of graduates in law, economics and commerce, UQ staff and senate members, Alan said he believed there was no substitute for hard work and for striving to excel in your job. “No matter how much potential you think you have,” he said, “a little humility will always serve you well.”

Described in his citation as “arguably Australia’s leading expert on the legal issues presented by major public and private infrastructure projects,” Alan Millhouse is a senior finance, commercial and infrastructure lawyer and was a partner of national law firm Allens Arthur Robinson for 30 years until he retired in mid-2009. His expertise is valued and he has an ongoing role as a consultant to the firm. He is also an active member of

a number of associations and committees.

Alan’s advice to graduates was to find a role you love doing and to be persistent in procuring the job you want and achieving your goals.

“Being both creative and persistent is even better,” he said.

Alan shared some other lessons he had learned in life with his audience:

- Resilience will be necessary for you as you confront failure. Some failure in life is inevitable. It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case you fail by default.
- Courage will be required of you on many fronts. I exhort you to have the courage to trust your own moral compass and to stand up for your innate understanding of what is the right thing to do (even if yours is the lone voice doing so).

- Service is better than selfishness and is invariably more rewarding. To help yourself you must help others.

- Keep laughing and keep good friends, and finally

- Seek happiness. I would suggest to you that personal happiness lies in knowing that life is not necessarily a check list of acquisition or achievement.

Emmanuel salutes you, Alan Millhouse. Thanks for your words.



EMMANUEL ALUMNA AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE

Associate Professor Lisa Nissen (1990-1993, Bachelor of Pharmacy) is part of a team of health academics awarded a Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning at the 2011 Annual UQ Teaching and Learning Awards.

The HealthFusion Team Challenge Project Team was recognised for “sustained excellence in developing and coordinating an innovative capstone experience that promotes interprofessional practice among students studying in the health sciences”.

According to Lisa, the Health Care team challenge is an innovative, exciting and competitive live event aimed at providing health students an opportunity to work together as a team to create a management plan for a patient with complex medical needs. The cases are based on real patients from the community and the success of the challenge comes from the collaborations between working interdisciplinary teams in the community who help create the authentic clinical experience and also work as mentors for the teams.

Lisa says the challenge allows students to learn more about themselves and each other.

“The challenge started out as a UQ event and has now become a national and international event, attracting interest from Japan, Singapore, Canada, UK, USA and South America to name a few,” she said. “We have recently gone ‘electronic’ due to the popularity

of the event, with the heats for the local UQ event being submitted as YouTube clips.”

“It is amazing to see the engagement of the students with each other and the challenge itself, it’s been a very rewarding activity to be involved in!”

We are always pleased to hear about our alumni doing great things in the community, so don’t hesitate to contact Margy Chatburn on (07) 3871 9342 or email m.chatburn@emmanuel.uq.edu.au if you want to tell us something of interest.

Lisa Nissen (second from right) with the team.



POSTGRADUATE PROFILES

We are building a strong postgraduate community at Emmanuel and have a number of talented students who are studying at UQ and giving back to the Emmanuel community – tutoring and mentoring younger students and contributing to the College’s sporting and cultural life.

Emmanuel College is a multicultural community supporting people who want to make a difference in the world – our postgraduate students have done, are doing and will do so. Here are some of their stories.

Jana Pinto, helping to rebuild lives

Jana Pinto was born and raised in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She left home at the age of 19, with a book of poetry she wrote to inspire her journey, and a bit of courage to face the world on her own. For the past 12 years, Jana has had the opportunity to live in four different continents and build a career in mental health. Her first stop was Massachusetts, United States, where she completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology at Endicott College, a small private school 40 miles north of Boston.

Endicott’s ongoing internship program was Jana’s top reason for choosing the school and Jana was placed in a full time position at an HIV clinic where she led therapy groups and completed her senior dissertation – an experiment that measured the impact of psychological intervention on the immune system of HIV positive patients.

After graduation, Jana worked for three years as a research assistant at Massachusetts General Hospital Psychiatry/Harvard Medical School with psychiatric genetic research for anxiety disorders. The opportunity to work with children and families severely impaired by psychiatric conditions triggered in her a desire to specialise in clinical intervention. Jana decided to pursue a Masters Degree in Counselling at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and while there, organised several events to raise awareness of war and genocide. She also became involved in emergency relief trips such as rebuilding homes in New Orleans and these experiences kindled a great desire to build a career in mental health services for victims of war, conflict and disaster.

Jana completed a professional certificate training program in trauma treatment at The Trauma Centre at Justice Resource Institute in Brookline, Massachusetts. When she heard that Israel had developed one of the best emergency psychological trauma programs in the world, due to terrorism and ongoing war threats, Jana decided to study abroad at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and complete professional certifications in clinical treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) at the Israel Center for Treatment of Psychotrauma. The opportunity to work with holocaust survivors and descendants, and with children from Sderot (a small town 1 kilometer from the Gaza strip constantly bombarded by Palestinian terrorists), confirmed Jana’s desire to dedicate her life to the service of war affected populations. This experience also inspired her to visit refugee camps in Africa.

What was supposed to be a one-time, month-long visit to a war refugee camp in West Africa, turned into a life-changing commitment. In 2008, Jana arrived at a Liberian refugee camp in Ghana with little knowledge of the Liberian war and what the people had gone through. However, she could immediately identify severe symptoms of post-traumatic stress in a proportion she had never seen the size of before – among over 30,000 refugees. Her question was answered: these symptoms were no different than

those she had observed in Israel. The only difference was perhaps the most disturbing, there was no help for them there.

After feeling overwhelmed by hearing refugee torture stories and learning about the war in the first days, Jana decided to organise trauma workshops in the camp, with elements of psycho-education and cognitive techniques to help relieve trauma symptoms. Hundreds of refugees came each time, including many former rebels and child soldiers. These workshops attracted attention from UNHCR, the United Nations base at the camp. Jana was approached by UN officials and asked to consider starting a non-profit organisation to provide trauma services, in order to assist their work to repatriate the refugees. Without hesitation she took on the challenge, and in two weeks had official documentation to run the program.

Jana selected a few refugees who received and responded well to her trauma treatment, and trained them to carry on the workshops while she went back to the USA.

In 2009, Jana returned to Africa for five months, and chose four refugees working on her team to relocate with her to Liberia. They were reunited with their families for the first time since the war, received housing, additional mental health treatment, and a modest salary to work for, what they named, “Second Chance Africa”. Their gratitude for receiving a second chance in life, they explain, is their motivation to pay it forward to help those in their country rebuild their lives. For the first two and a half years, the project was led only by Jana and the four Liberians on staff.

Jana needed to choose between her studies and her dream in Africa. Considering that school would always be there, she chose to withdraw from her studies in order to invest all she had on her Liberian workers. As of 2012, Second Chance has grown to become an officially registered organisation in the USA with a distinguished board of directors, partnerships, and today it maintains 5 projects on the ground, providing mental health services to 500 survivors of war and conflict each year.

Once the project in Africa was stable, it was time to return to



school. Jana decided to relocate to Australia in order to gain a fresh cultural perspective, and chose The University of Queensland because of its strong reputation in research. She is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Neuroscience, with a lab placement at the Queensland Brain Institute, where she is working with fear acquisition and extinction research. Jana hopes to gain a better understanding of the underlying mechanisms of the traumatised brain, and also apply for a PhD in neuropsychology in order to run an innovative pilot treatment experiment in Africa. While in the United States scientists are discovering the healing powers of yoga for patients with PTSD, Jana wants to investigate, on a neurobiological level, the impact of local African dances and drumming on healing war trauma. Her hope is that her research can contribute to the development of a culturally sensitive trauma intervention model for Africans – a first of its kind which she would love to dedicate her life to by bringing it to hundreds of refugee camps across the continent.

Perhaps there is a place where the mind of a scientist and the heart of a humanitarian meets, and Jana may just have found it.

To learn more about Jana’s work in Africa, please visit: secondchanceafrica.org

Ubong Ubong Ntuk, his life and times

Ubong Ubong Ntuk has a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from the University of Port Harcourt in Nigeria and a Masters in Gas Engineering and Management from the University of Salford, Manchester in the United Kingdom. He is currently studying at the University of Queensland and Emmanuel College, pursuing a PhD in Chemical Engineering. Ubong is specialising in mineral processing and particularly in crystallisation and solubility chemistry.

Ubong was born in a small village of ‘Itak Ikot Akpandem’ of Akwa Ibom State in the southern part of Nigeria in 1983, the fourth of six children. His repeated first and middle name ‘Ubong Ubong’ comes from inheriting his father’s name due to their close resemblance. ‘Ubong’ means ‘royalty’ and the name was given to his father because he was born at the time of the coronation of his own father as a ‘warrant chief’ by the British colonial government.

At age two Ubong became mute and was thought to have speech problems associated with the tongue, so was recommended for surgery. However, an alert paediatrician detected that he was confused by a mix of languages used in his environment which comprised English, Ibibio (his local language) and the many other Nigerian languages. One language was recommended for a test period and this solved the problem.

Being born into a Christian family, he was baptised in the Methodist Church of Nigeria and started serving the Church in the children’s choir where he later became choir leader. Developing a deep love of music and playing piano, he went on to start a youth choir group called ‘The Wesleyan Family Choir’ which added a contemporary touch to the traditional music style of his local congregation.

Due to his parents being posted frequently as civil servants, Ubong started his early education changing schools, but always made it to the top three in any class. When he finally settled in the ‘Kings and Queens’ Primary School he maintained the top position consecutively from the time he joined the school until he graduated.

He also excelled at secondary school, especially in the sciences. He was awarded the ‘Founder’s day award for best student in Chemistry’ and maintained the top three position throughout his secondary education, graduating as the ‘Overall best student in 1999’ in the West African Senior School Certificate Examination.

This earned him several national and international awards but despite being offered several scholarships to top universities in Europe, Ubong did not accept any of them – he had finished high school as a minor (age 16) and his parents did not want to part with him at such a young age. As a result, he took on a Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

Ubong’s dream of a European education finally came to pass when he was successful in gaining a Petroleum Trust Fund Overseas Scholarship, where only 77 students from over 500,000 are selected for sponsorship for Masters level studies in the United Kingdom.

Ubong took on a Masters in Gas Engineering and Management at the University of Salford, Manchester in the UK and again graduated as best student overall in the Gas Engineering/Petroleum Engineering class of 2010. After graduation Ubong returned to Nigeria and served as a lecturer in the School of Chemical/Petroleum Engineering in the University of Uyo. There he designed the curriculum for a new Gas Engineering Department, scheduled to come on-stream in 2013, which will be the first of its kind in Nigeria.

Ubong has a strong interest in economics and politics. He was a class prefect in primary school, a student representative in secondary school and later a departmental chairman in University. He has had a stint in main-stream Nigerian politics where he was elected a ward delegate in the ruling ‘People’s Democratic Party’ which formed the government of 2007. However, he left Nigeria for the United Kingdom for further studies at the onset of the regime’s term. While in England, he championed the cause of *Nigerians in Diaspora* (Manchester Chapter) and pushed for transparency and major reforms in the Nigerian government. He is currently a senior official of the African Student Association in Queensland, the student representative of *Nigerian Students in the University of Queensland*, and an executive member of *Nigerian Youths in Queensland*.

Ubong has ambitions to become an industrialist, focusing on import substitution to maximise the huge resource base of Nigeria for the benefit of present and future generations. Having gained a lot of knowledge from studying and learnt a lot from travelling the world, he hopes to advance from pushing for reforms in government to implementing them. Hence his dream is to become the Governor of his home state after a successful career in chemical engineering.

Ubong has an ear for music and plays some piano and bass guitar. He also plays soccer and tennis and enjoys dancing as a means of recreation. He has written many poems, quotes and songs, many of which reflect his life’s philosophy – we must all work together and make the effort to offer solutions, no matter how small, in helping to solve the world’s problems.



TERRACE TIMES

Dr David Spalding (1947-1955) has written some tales of times past when Emmanuel was situated on Wickham Terrace and he has been generous enough to share them with us:

Mervyn Henderson (MA and Rowing Blue, Cambridge) was an excellent choice as the first Principal of Emmanuel. He treated us as adults which most of us were. Alcohol was tolerated because there was no evidence of excess.

During a bridge game in my room there was a knock on the door which elicited a rude response. The door opened and there was Prune – “Good evening Mr Spalding, good evening Mr Vice (the Vice Principal was a Rhodes Scholar, Hugh Dunn), could you keep the noise down please? Mrs Henderson is trying to sleep.” My room was immediately beneath his flat. Beer was clearly evident in bottles and glasses but none of us heard any more of the incident.

Some years later, when alcohol was found in three rooms, Prune’s successor expelled the occupants. He must have been well satisfied with his day’s work until next morning when he looked across the street. There, on the verandah of the City View Hotel, hung several sheets with the printed words “THE NEW EMMANUEL COLLEGE”. The publican, Don Rudolphi, had provided lodgings for his patrons for the few remaining days of the university year.



THE COLLEGE FRONTAGE, 1934

Any student who was named in the social pages of The Courier-Mail, The Sunday Mail, or the now defunct Brisbane Telegraph or Truth, could expect an unheralded nocturnal visit from several self-appointed censors. Depending on his resistance, the socialite would be ushered or carried a few hundred yards along Wickham Terrace to a bus stop opposite the Brisbane Grammar School. Near the bus stop was a relic of the past in the form of a horse trough with its own water tap. The socialite would be immersed in the horse trough just as the last bus from the city was disgorging theatre goers to collect their parked cars.

Can you mentor one of our students?

Emmanuel runs a mentoring and work experience program which aims to link alumni and students in mutually beneficial relationships. If you think you may be able to help one of the students listed below, please call Margy Chatburn on (07) 3871 9342 or email m.chatburn@emmanuel.uq.edu.au and Margy will put you in touch. Your help will be invaluable and we’d love to hear from you.

Jye Sawtell-Rickson – Engineering/Science

My name is Jye and I’m a 3rd year Bachelor of Engineering/Science student with majors in Civil Engineering and Physics. I have a goal for a future job where I am able to apply the skills I have developed at university to create answers to novel engineering design problems. My job will not just be a place for me to do work but will allow me to be a part of community and foster my continual development. I see engineering as a noble profession and I am prepared to embody that definition through a commitment to my work and a strong aspiration to achieve. It has been drilled into my head that students are the way to the future but at the same time I believe that education and the passing down of expertise is the only way that this future will become any brighter. For that purpose, I desire a mentor to share with me their experiences and help me get involved in my profession of Civil



(particularly Structural) Engineering. If you think that you have the time or could make the time to help me achieve my future goals then please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Isobella Rafty – Laws/Business Management

My name is Isobella Rafty and I am a third year Laws/Business Management student at the University of Queensland. I am searching for an opportunity to challenge myself and develop a varied skill set, whether that be in the legal profession or otherwise. I aim to contribute to an organisation that not only allows for career advancement, but more importantly that encourages the same level of high performance and commitment I expect from myself. I enjoy working and communicating with others; my people skills are one of my greater strengths. My enthusiasm and genuine desire to learn and succeed is what will make me a true asset to your company.



Adam Downie – Engineering (Civil)

I am a fourth year Civil Engineering student at the University of Queensland. I am enthusiastic, hardworking and I enjoy a challenge. I am looking to work one day a week at an engineering firm to supplement my studies and to hopefully gain some vacation work over the summer. Ideally, I would like work in a construction or structural area as these fields interest me greatly.



Calling alumni mentors – if you have the capacity and the inclination to help an Emmanuel student studying in your area of expertise, regardless of whether it’s listed above, please let Margy Chatburn know on (07) 3871 9342 or by email m.chatburn@emmanuel.uq.edu.au

From left: Jye Sawtell-Rickson, Isobella Rafty & Adam Downie.

FACING THE CHALLENGE OF EDUCATION IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY – ACADEMIC AWARDS DINNER 2012

By Dean of Academic Studies, Dr Lesa Scholl

In March we celebrated again in ever increasing numbers the academic prowess of Emmanuel students. In this past year the centrality of scholarship to the life of the college has been rewarded with four of our graduating students receiving University Medals for their achievements: Charlotte Chambers, Michael Bradshaw, Steffanie Pernase and Kirsty Taylor. Throughout their time at the college, each of these students has been the recipient of scholarships and prizes that recognised their talents. At Emmanuel, we pride ourselves and our benefactors on our ability to support such outstanding students as they strive to achieve the best results possible. While three of these students have graduated, we are still privileged to have Michael’s musical gifts as a part of the college, with Michael staying on while completing his Master of Music Performance degree. At this year’s Academic Awards Dinner, Michael also received the fourth-year prize and a college scholarship, and was named a Foundation Scholar.

At the Awards Dinner, we were privileged to have as our guest speaker Professor Mick McManus, UQ’s Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic). Professor McManus addressed one of the central challenges facing the academy in the twenty-first century: the explosion of access to technology and information (with the accompanying expectations of immediacy and flexibility) in tension with maintaining the quality of teaching. In the increasingly diverse and large classroom, which might not even be a physical space anymore, both lecturers and students are faced with the difficulties of acquiring critical skills and not being lost in the cyber sea of this brave new world.

Finding an individual identity that is interdependent with a community becomes more attainable in the college environment. Our students have shown their ability to take hold of this challenge and achieve success. We are particularly proud of our current Students’ Club President, Louisa Cameron, who was awarded the Diana Cavaye Scholarship as well as a second-year prize and a college scholarship. Louisa exemplifies the College’s mission for academic excellence, generosity in the community and leadership.

This year’s Students’ Club prize went to Jye Sawtell-Rickson, whose academic excellence and willingness to be involved in leading and inspiring the college community have been integral to encouraging students to take up this mission for themselves. Jye was also named

a Foundation Scholar, as was Jesse Braid and Jesse also received the Foundation Medal. Lea Marie Burek received the Harrison Economics Prize, while Emma Szczotko received the inaugural Mark McKay Memorial Scholarship for Law.

The growth in the postgraduate community at Emmanuel was evident with Yang Yang Xiao receiving the Postgraduate Prize, and Anthony Kung, a first-year PhD student in Law and Engineering, receiving the Sir Harry Gibbs Law Scholarship.

As always, the evening’s atmosphere was one of celebration and enthusiasm, accompanied by engaging conversation. Well done to the students for again making us proud of their affiliation with our College.



From left: Dr Doug Cavaye and Louisa Cameron.



From left: Emma Szczotko receives the Mark McKay Memorial Scholarship from former Students’ Club President, Nelson Martoo.

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Above: Professor Jose Torero.

DATE CLAIMERS

don't miss these events

We're very fortunate to have Rupert Myer AM as guest speaker at the second lecture in our "Philanthropy in Education" series, being held at the College on Wednesday 5 September from 5.45pm – 7.30pm. Emmanuel will host the lecture in the College's Riverview Room followed by Q&A, and winding up with drinks and canapés.

We have a Law Dinner and a Medical Dinner, so now it's time for engineering to take the spotlight – don't miss the inaugural Engineering dinner on Friday 14 September at the College. Guest speaker will be Professor Jose Torero (pictured at left), Fire Safety Engineer, previously of the University of Edinburgh and new Dean of UQ's School of Civil Engineering. Thoroughly enjoyable, don't miss it.

Details of these events are on our website www.emmanuel.uq.edu.au in our "Upcoming Events" section.

POSTGRADUATE PROFILES

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A chat with Anthony Kung, Sir Harry Gibbs Law Scholarship recipient

We sat down and had a chat with this year's Sir Harry Gibbs Law Scholarship recipient, Anthony Kung, about his academic life and hopes for the future, and his views on Emmanuel...

1. What do you do now?

I'm a PhD student at the International WaterCentre. I'm researching cross-cultural conflicts over natural resources: where a local or indigenous community is challenging government or industry over land and water use. An example might be James Price Point, in Western Australia. There's a bit of everything: big petroleum, divided Indigenous communities, state and federal government intervention. It's messy, but not atypically – there's plenty of mess like this around the world.

2. How did you come by this topic?

I studied Law and Environmental Engineering at the University of Melbourne. In 2008, Dr Graham Moore from the Melbourne School of Engineering took students to a water and sanitation project in Ilahita, Papua New Guinea. I keep going back because, honestly, we haven't made a satisfactory difference yet. Why not? I don't know. Maybe nobody knows. So I ask: can we improve cross-cultural collaboration? My PhD only looks at a small part of this question, but that's the overarching direction.

3. Is your research set in a particular place?

Not really. In 2010, I visited MACCONET, a Maasai NGO in Kenya. The similarities with PNG were striking, so I'm looking to articulate the similarities in conflicts. Indigenous Australia seems more intense. Last year, I spent a month in Darwin with the Environmental Defenders Office, a brilliant community legal centre. I thought that, in Australia, the power imbalances seem sharper, the dollar signs bigger, and the history more bitter. It's a tough problem, and it's our problem, so Indigenous Australia will be a big part of my research.

4. Any plans after the PhD?

I want to research the rest of that overarching question, but there's also law reform to tackle. I was a consultant with Coffey Environments, and then an environmental law research assistant to the wonderful Professor Lee Godden at the Melbourne Law School. Along with my time at the EDO, I've seen environmental law from a few angles – maybe I can contribute there.

5. Why Emmanuel College?

When I met Dr Jane Thomson (former Vice-Principal), her first question was: "What's your PhD about?" I knew then that Emmanuel really valued academia,

making it stand out from the other colleges I visited. Since then, I've been honoured and thankful to receive the Sir Harry Gibbs Law Scholarship (I couldn't have undertaken a PhD without it), and the College has provided unparalleled academic opportunities like the Law Dinner. Emmanuel's intellectualism is its best attribute.

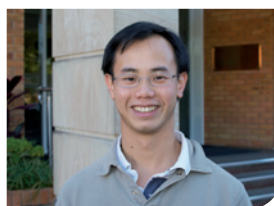
6. How have you found living here?

It's great to have community, coming from interstate. I've debated for the College, I've played hockey, I've watched *Game of Thrones* with my neighbours. Teaching tutorials is very rewarding too. Living with my tutees makes them a joy to teach, because we engage as people learning together, not as teacher and student, which can be stiff and inhibitive.

7. What do you do in your spare time?

I am obsessed with Pictionary. Emmanuel College Pictionary Tournament – let's make it happen.

Above: Anthony Kung.



SUPREME COURT'S RARE BOOKS ROOM FINDS A NEW HOME AT EMMANUEL

Emmanuel received an offer too good to refuse in February when the Queensland Supreme Court's chief librarian, Aladin Rahemtula, on behalf of the library committee, approached us about taking on board the library's Rare Books Room which will be decommissioned when the Supreme Court relocates in August 2012.

The Rare Books Room, designed by Leigh Shutter and built by Chapman Builders, has been home to the Queensland Supreme Court Library's collection of rare books and documents (around 950 volumes) since being opened by eminent Emmanuel alumnus Sir Harry Gibbs in 2000.

We are fortunate to have Chapman Builders on hand once again to reconstruct the room at Emmanuel, in a space befitting its stature. It's an exciting project and we are sure the finished product will be a stunning addition to Emmanuel's built environment and a testament to Sir Harry's fine reputation.



Inaugural Lecture at Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society



On 11 May a new Centre was opened at Emmanuel College with the inaugural lecture by Professor Peter Harrison FAHA. The Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society had its origins through links that Emmanuel has developed with St Edmund's College, Cambridge, and in particular the Faraday Institute. Over the last few years lectures have been given by two leading Cambridge scientists at Emmanuel, Professor Sir Brian Heap and Professor Bob White who have encouraged the Principal and Professor Ross McKenzie (UQ, Physics) to establish a centre at Emmanuel. The Council of Emmanuel College under the leadership of its chair, Dr Bruce Winter, who is also a Fellow of St Edmund's, agreed recently to the founding of the Centre.

The College was delighted to have Peter Harrison as the first speaker. Professor Peter Harrison was educated at The University of Queensland and Yale University. He attended Oxford University where he was the Idreos Professor of Science and Religion. At Oxford he was also a member of the Faculties of Theology and History, a Fellow of Harris Manchester College, and Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre where he continues to hold a Senior Research Fellowship. He is currently the head of the Centre for the History of European Discourses at The University of Queensland.

He has published extensively in the area of cultural and intellectual history with a focus on the philosophical, scientific and religious thought of the early modern period. He is a founding member of the International Society for Science and Religion, and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. In 2011 he delivered the Gifford Lectures at the University of Edinburgh. In his lecture at Emmanuel he spoke of how Science and Christianity were not natural enemies and that science emerged as a discipline in the western world in the seventeenth century under the protection and encouragement of the Church.

The next lecture will be at lunchtime on 3 August and features John Cook from UQ's Global Change Institute.

L to R: Professor Peter Harrison and Professor Stewart Gill.

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