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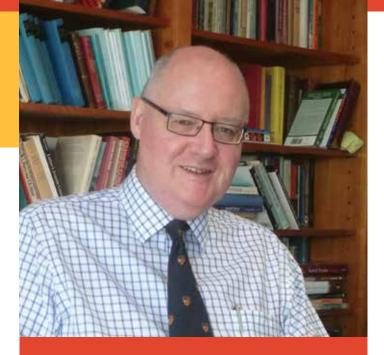
### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### A COLLEGE OF CONVERSATIONS

Recently one of our alumna and Honorary Fellows, Jacinda Euler, the Principal of Brisbane Girls Grammar School, recommended that I read the book *Reclaiming Conversation: The Power of Talk in a Digital Age* (Penguin, 2015). This work, by the eminent MIT sociologist and psychologist Sherry Tinkle, looks at the disconnections that people suffer in this highly digitally connected age. The disconnectedness of the current generation, she argues, is credited to a withdrawal from face-to-face conversations.

While there is much talk of digital disruptions today, usually applied to business, the biggest digital disruption is probably the impact upon relationships. Talk, according to Tinkle, "un-planned and open-ended" is slipping away. When the author asked what kind of conversations young people were having, she said that they reached for their digital devices to show their latest conversations.

Colleges, by contrast, are full of face-to-face conversations. You cannot avoid them: in the corridors; in the quad; at events; and, especially, in the dining hall. These conversations become habit forming, build resilience and character, and lead to meaningful relationships and life-long friendships. As Tinkle concludes, such conversations — that are artless, risky and face-to-face — are conversations to remember who we are: creatures of history, of deep psychology, of complex relationships.



**Congratulations** to Emmanuel College Principal Stewart Gill OAM on being awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia "for service to tertiary education, and to the community" in the Queen's Birthday Honours. The award is well deserved and the Emmanuel community is very proud of Stewart's achievements.

Some of you will have already heard that I am leaving Emmanuel at the end of this year in order to take up the headship of Queen's College within The University of Melbourne. I am looking forward to conversations with many current students and alumni over the next six months. My abiding memory of Emmanuel will be of a College of Conversations.

**Stewart Gill OAM** Principal, Emmanuel College

### **CHORALFEST VICTORY**

#### by Jessica McDonald, Choralfest Convenor

From the hours of time spent photocopying music, the late nights up rehearsing and teaching choreography, to the first win in 24 years, ICC Choralfest was a wonderful six-week whirlwind of activity. First of all, our win would not have been possible without our fantastic conductor Elspeth Sutherland. She has been a part of Emmanuel's Choralfest team for 16 + years and together we decided that our set list —



1980s flashback "Africa" by Toto, the sacred song "Oculi Omnium", and the exuberant "Jai Ho!" from the film *Slumdog Millionaire* — would give us the best chance at doing well in the competition.

We only had one week to learn and polish our Bollywood-style choreography for "Jai Ho!" and, at some stages in our rehearsals, we did not think it was going to



come together in time. Fortunately, on the competition night we performed the best we had ever done and we were awarded 1st place.

Thank you to everyone involved in Choralfest, particularly to the choir for their hard work and long rehearsals. "Jai Ho!" (translation: Let victory be yours!") proved to be quite prophetic — it was!



Emmanuel College's YouTube channel features videos of the winning Choralfest and Bandfest performances - www.youtube.com/UQEmmanuelCollege.



by Claudia Farhart, Bandfest Convenor

When I was asked to be the Bandfest convenor for 2016 late last year, it was difficult to ignore the fact that the St John's College band had won every single year since anyone could remember. This year, my eight very committed bandmates and I knew we'd have to take our performance to the next level if we wanted to take home the win. I'm very proud that, after coming 3rd in 2014 and 2nd in 2015, the Emmanuel band took it one step further this year and won 1st place!

It took an enormous amount of effort on behalf of the whole band to get us there, with around seven hours of rehearsals every week for the two months leading up to the performance. We knew we would have to pull out every stop if we were going to come first. Whether it was our choreographed dance moves and three-part harmonies in "I Want You Back", the drum solo perfectly injected into "Somebody Told Me", the harmonised guitar solos in our original piece "Through the Night", the flawless rapping in "Downtown", literally lying on the floor during "Shout", or jumping around so hard that the stage shook during "The Pretender", we wanted to make sure that each one of our six songs had something unique and special about them.

On the night, we took to the stage in our kilts to continue what has become an Emmanuel Bandfest tradition. We were enormously grateful to see over 100 Blue Dogs show up at International House to support us — and there's no doubt that their deafening cheering helped get us over the line. The amazement of our triumph still hasn't worn off, and I speak for the whole band when I say that we'll remember this experience and the great times we shared making music together for the rest of our lives.



Bandfest winners: (I-r) Michelle Keogh, Hayden White, Callum Schalch, Claudia Farhart, Jack Ramaswamy, Sam Cannon, Fraser Gray, Logan Guilding and Lizzie Schulter



# **GLASGOW EXCHANGE**

#### by Michelle James, Marketing and Communications Officer

From the University of Queensland Pipe Band at Emmanuel College to the Bannockburn Community Awards to the homeland of our Principal, Emmanuel's connections to Scotland are many and varied. The College's Glasgow–Emmanuel Residential Scholarship and Travelling Scholarship, the latter in conjunction with the Society of St Andrew of Scotland, extend the relationship further, deepening the connection to Alba (the Gaelic name for Scotland) for Emmanuel and our students, two of whom recount their experiences.

### Originally from Poland, law student Sylwia Jakuczun came to Emmanuel from the University of Glasgow.

As a Polish person I would have never expected to live at such a renowned institution as Emmanuel College. Emmanuel supports not only domestic, but also international students. The College offers unique scholarships for students who are on an exchange from the University of Glasgow or the University of Edinburgh. Similarly, Emmanuel students are encouraged to study abroad in Scotland. The Glasgow–Emmanuel scholarship has been an irreplaceable help for my exchange year by allowing me to divide my time between studying and unpaid volunteering work at the UQ Law School's Pro Bono Centre.

Emmanuel is an enriching environment for law students. I participated in the Sir Harry Gibbs Law Dinner, during which I listened to The Honourable Justice Hugh Fraser, a judge of the Queensland Supreme Court. The dinner was also a chance to meet my current and future law professors and practicing barristers. The Emmanuel Careers Dinner was also an incredible networking event. After introducing myself to barrister Mr Timothy Ryan, I was allowed to shadow him in his chambers at the Inns of Court and gain practical legal experience.

The highlight of my year exchange was shadowing The Honourable Justice John Logan, a judge of the Federal Court of Australia. I am very grateful for the help from Professor Stewart Gill and Director of Advancement Ms Margy Chatburn in arranging this experience. Sitting in front of a judge during trials, learning from judges' associates and practicing my advocacy skills was like a dream to me. This dream would not have come true without the College's support.



Main: Amelia Holmes on top of Ben Lomond mountain in the Scottish Highlands Above: Sylwia Jakuczun (left) with Professor Sarah Derrington, Head of UQ's TC Beirne School of Law and Dean of Law



Living at Emmanuel College was the best experience of my life. At times, I truly felt like I was in Scotland while listening to the Pipe Band and seeing haggis being served in the kitchen. I would encourage every Scottish student to apply to Emmanuel and every Emmanuel student to come to Scotland to study at 600-year-old universities, which look like Hogwarts. You can count on my help in Scotland and Poland.

I will miss Emmanuel's staff and students, who have all become not only my friends, but also my family. *Dziękuję wam wszystkim*! ("Thank you all!")

## Amelia Holmes, UQ B Arts / B Science student, spent a semester away from Emmanuel studying at the University of Glasgow.

The semester spent studying at the University of Glasgow proved to be such an enjoyable and valuable experience. Glasgow, specifically the West End, was a fascinating place to live. The Kelvinhaugh Student Halls, where I was living, were just around the corner from the Kelvingrove Park and Museum, which made for a stunning walk to class each day.

When I arrived in Glasgow, I met up with the Brisbane-based St Andrew's Pipe Band to compete in the World Pipe Band Championships — what a fantastic, challenging and rewarding experience. One of my reasons for choosing Scotland as my host country was to be among some of the best Pipe and Celtic bands. I was grateful to have had the privilege of playing with the University of Queensland Pipe Band at Emmanuel College, which led to this decision. The Park Bar, renowned for some of the best traditional Celtic music found in Glasgow, was just around the corner from our flat. Most Friday nights my American flatmates and I could be found attempting a ceilidh dance and trying different types of traditional Scottish fare at this local pub.

I found the students and staff of Glasgow University warm and welcoming. The speeches at the freshers address emphasised how important it was to balance academic learning with the social and co-curricular aspects of studying — quite similar to the focus at Emmanuel College — so I joined a ceilidh dance group and a comedy club, which I enjoyed very much.



Glasgow Uni is quite different from UQ, and initially I found the structure of the subjects and teaching quite challenging. However, the teaching and administration staff were always approachable and patient with explaining expectations of assessment, sorting out timetable clashes and similar concerns. I really enjoyed the nurturing feel of the academic community who challenged students to think critically and objectively and achieve the best outcomes possible. It was particularly valuable for me to study geographical and environmental subjects in Scotland — such as lake science, geology and coastal management — as I was able to learn about landscapes and geological formations that differ significantly to those in Australia. Glacially influenced landscapes and volcanic activity were emphasised, and I was fortunate to attend field trips to Portencross and Loch Leven to observe these in the field.

I spent many weekends visiting various places in Scotland, a country with much to offer in history, the natural environment and "hidden gems". Highlights included watching the Shinty final (a Gaelic and somewhat frighteningly aggressive version of hockey) in the beautiful fishing town of Oban and spending a weekend exploring the remote landscapes of the Isle of Skye. One late-October weekend, a university colleague from Canada and I decided to tackle Ben Lomond mountain and camp at the summit. It was certainly a physical test, as it was the coldest I have ever been and the hike was steep. We ate only peanut butter sandwiches for 48 hours and the ascent with heavy backpacks was difficult, but the incredible and rewarding feeling waking up to witness the breathtaking sunrise over Loch Lomond more than made up for the discomfort. What a feeling of awe for the natural world and the rare feeling of pure isolation.

I am most appreciative of the opportunity to pursue my chosen university studies through the UQ Abroad program and the generous scholarship provided by the Society of St Andrew and Emmanuel College. I look forward to returning to my studies in second semester 2016 at UQ with invaluable memories from my Scottish experience.

Above left: Amelia Holmes (left) with Emmanuel student Rylie Douglas at the World Pipe Band Championships Above right: Amelia Holmes jumping for joy at Glasgow Uni

## WELL BEINGS

#### by Maccalla Fenn, Wing Leader Coordinator

Mid-way through this semester, Emmanuel College students took part in Wellness Week, a student-organised initiative aimed at encouraging awareness of physical and mental wellbeing. This year had a slightly different perspective than in the past, with the focus on becoming more well-rounded members of the College, as well as being healthy.

The week was jam-packed full of sessions, competitions and activities to help students become more interested in their own health and wellbeing. A Random Acts of Kindness initiative within the wings ran alongside the Doing Things in your Activewear photo competition for the duration of the week. The kitchen provided a plethora of culturally themed meals, healthy options and unique food for us to try, as well as helping Wing Leaders run a smoothie bar at select lunch times. Many members of the community gave up their time to run sessions throughout the week; current students and old dogs got us up and moving with a number of active sessions and the Red Frogs organised a cafe crawl throughout Southbank and a stroll along the river.

The most successful session of the week was the Mental Health Panel session hosted by Jenn Jasinski, Emmanuel's resident Life Coach, with guest speaker Lifestyle Services Manager of Open Minds Irene Clelland. Open Minds is a not-for-profit organisation that provides support services and programs focusing on different issues surrounding mental illness. Students were enthralled by what Irene had to say about her experiences with mental illness and questions were plentiful.

The week ended with many students participating in the ICC Cross Country carnival which saw our Blue Dogs put up some fierce competition taking out the men's division and winning the individual women's race.



A very big thank you to all those who helped organise and facilitate such a fantastic week. Feedback from students has been very positive, so we hope to continue to expand and evolve the initiative in the future to continue to foster well-rounded young adults and wholesome members of the wider community.

**Top:** (I-r) Austin Youman, Maccalla Fenn and Jessie Middleton on the Red Frogs cafe crawl **Bottom:** Wellness Week workout

### WELCOMING OUR NEW COLLEGE CHAPLAIN



Emmanuel College's new Chaplain Duncan Barlow with his wife Alison and daughters Ella (left) and Evangeline (right)

Emmanuel College is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Duncan Barlow as Chaplain in a two days per week capacity. This is a joint appointment with Toowong Uniting Church, where Duncan will undertake missional and pastoral duties.

Duncan grew up on the southside of Brisbane and attended St Laurence's College (where he says that he learned to appreciate rugby, as well as understand he had no rugby ability). He holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Ministries, a Bachelor of Theology and a Masters of Arts in Theology. Duncan and his wife Alison have been married for 19 years and have two daughters, Evangeline and Ella.

Duncan has worked in churches and universities in Australia and Indonesia, focusing on teenagers, university students and young adults, helping them to know and follow Jesus. At Emmanuel, he will be involved in the College Chapel and study group and contribute to student pastoral care. Duncan said, "I am looking forward to serving and helping the College community, and particularly the students, to understand the truth of God's Word and its implications for life."

## ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN – AND WOMEN!

#### CELEBRATING THE PAST AND EMBRACING THE FUTURE AT THE ECSC PAST PRESIDENTS' DINNER

by Jack Larkin, Emmanuel College Students' Club President 2014

One of the most rewarding aspects of life at Emmanuel is invariably the dining hall conversation. By way of these impromptu "think tanks", collegians exchange ideas and expand their critical minds. It may be, however, that the true value of these conversations is only now becoming apparent in a world where human interaction is increasingly shifting towards online platforms.

Nights like the Emmanuel College Students' Club Past Presidents' Dinner illustrate that the collegiate tradition of coming together over a meal for conversation is alive and well at Emmanuel. On a Thursday evening in April, a group of former ECSC presidents joined one another to share in times past and most importantly, to consider the College's place in the future. Led by Principal Stewart Gill, the occasion was an opportunity for inter-generational conversations and to compare experiences.

For those of us former presidents not long out of college life, it was a tremendous treat to share the evening with our predecessors. Each ECSC president in their respective era practises their own brand of leadership. What has developed over the College's history is an illustrious array of leaders having fulfilled the role. It seems only appropriate then that, following the College celebrating 40 years of co-education last year, the Students' Club be led in 2016 — the forty-first year of women at Emmanuel — by Ms Tamaya Peressini. On behalf of all the past presidents, Tamaya, we wish you and the student exec team the very best for the year!



Above: Jack Larkin and Tamaya Peressini



**Back row:** (I-r) Graham Cripps (EMC 2001-03), Ross Higgins (EMC 1979-84), John Drewe (EMC 1958-64), Bob Nicol (EMC 1955-60), Principal Stewart Gill, Keith Hawken (EMC 1960-64), David Graham (EMC 1962-64), Blair Feenaghty (EMC 1956-60), John Goldston (EMC 1969-73), Jack Larkin (EMC 2012-14) **Front row:** (I-r) Director of Advancement Margy Chatburn, ECSC Vice President 2016 Annika Ward, ECSC President 2016 Tamaya Peressini, ECSC Vice President 2016 Ben Gampe, David Lynch (EMC 2013-15)

### A CRICKET HALF-CENTURY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHAMPION 1964–1967 EMMANUEL COLLEGE CRICKET TEAMS

#### by Lex Ross, BE, MSc, Grad Dip Man't, Dipl CD Course (EMC 1964-67)

Not for the first time have you heard an alumnus of this College wax lyrically about his days at university. It was not just the location on the river, the architecture, the sound of willow on leather among the rise and fall of sporting voices, the gardens and the tranquillity of the Number 1 Oval and practice nets, but there was something very special about living at Emmanuel College in 1964 and making new friends during those awakening years. Apart from advancing my engineering studies, I was keen to involve myself as much as possible in the life of the College. That meant sport, and cricket provided the opening attack in March 1964. Emmanuel was a sporting power at The University of Queensland.

I gave myself a chance of making the side having been Captain of the successful 1963 Rockhampton Grammar School side, but this was serious competition. All these confident southern Queenslanders with impressive batting styles! In short, I scraped into the team but batted well down at 7 or 8. We won the first game and I took a couple of catches and scratched a few runs. Not too impressive, but I continued playing and winning in the Emmanuel XI for four years. And my good friend John Walthall did the same.

With John's help and my four old dusty team photographs without printed names, always including the Reverend Rollie Busch at centre stage, we reconstructed the selected teams for those years. I am confident we have the surnames correct but the occasional error may have occurred with first names (it is more than 50 years ago), for which I offer my apology.

#### And who deserves applause?

The Emmanuel Cricket team, to its amazing credit over those years, dominated the seven-college competition. I cannot remember losing a game. We had so much talent. The innings were only 30 or 35 eightball overs and often a result was achieved under the limit. We were a comparatively large College with interstate visitors and that helped us.



#### 1964 Emmanuel College Cricket Team

**Back row:** (I-r) Alan Jones, David Crombie, Lex Ross **Middle row:** (I-r) John Walthall, John Piper, Gary Lusk, Neil Fagg **Front row:** (I-r) D Dowling, Brian O'Hara (Captain), Principal Rev. Rolland Busch, Frank Bennett, Graham Turner (absent: Russ McCrory)

First and foremost there was Brian "Crab" McIntyre who joined in 1965 from Scots College, Warwick. He had a classical batting style collecting runs with ease all around the ground, and captained the side in 1966 and 1967. He also kept wickets impeccably, able to convert less than accurate returns from the field into improbable run-outs.

I cannot think of a more accomplished slow bowler than Arthur "Bulldog" Webster who played for Northern Districts in Sydney and mesmerised opposing batsmen with his left-hand spin and flight. My old friend Johnny Leach from King's College, who had represented Queensland as an underage batsman, claimed that Arthur was the best slow bowler he had ever faced.

David "Duck" Franks hailed from South Australia and with his right-arm off-spin "darts" and pugnacious batting was a formidable all-rounder.

Neil "Goss" Fagg was a tall, gangly lefthand batsman, also from Scots College, and at "first drop" could murder a wayward bowling attack. He collected many runs over his three years at Emmanuel.

Peter Ledger was of the same classical batting style as Brian McIntyre.

Alan Jones was a grafting right-hand opening batsman more suited to full match cricket but, like another Emmanuel opener in Ivan Board, was an important team member. I believe they both played the game with university clubs for many years.

It would be difficult to separate the medium/quick bowlers on talent: Rob Skerman, Craig Estwick, Mike Wilkie, Graham Turner, Frank Bennett, Ian Jackson, Neil Murray, Brian O'Hara, Tom Dunn, Mal Turnbull, and Russ McCrory. Apologies for anyone omitted.

Personally, I remember a few College games where I came in to bat with only 40 or 50 balls left. You had to start hitting boundaries as soon as you could because of the short format of the game. There were scores of 40 and so on. The game I remember most was played against King's College at BBC Oval where the aforementioned Johnny Leach threatened to take us apart. We were about 8 wickets down with very few runs on the score board, so Paul Skerman and I salvaged a quick 50-run partnership to raise our team score up to 90 odd. Arthur Webster and his fellow bowlers did the rest with the ball, and we won by 10 runs.

John Walthall was a very useful cricketer but, like me, was forced to bat down the list. He remembers taking some fast "stinging" catches in slips which, despite the physical pain, brought him much pleasure in the execution. Then there was the incomparable Ron Dullaway who won the match for us on Number 1 Oval one Saturday morning with a catch of a skied ball that seemed to take forever to come down to Ron's safe hands.

#### What happened after College?

John Walthall and I moved on to play grade cricket in Rockhampton and represented Central Queensland on several occasions, playing with or against Test cricketers Ross Duncan and John Maclean, and Shield players Johnny Mackay, Denis Schuller, Des Hughson, Ross Allen and George Brabon. As a staff member in the School of Engineering in the 1970s, I helped set up a cricket club, playing oval and pitch at the CIAE, now the University of Central Queensland.

I learned from John Walthall that Arthur Webster was at Lord's Oval London when I was there on Day 4 in July 2015. Unfortunately we missed each other. As a reciprocal member from the Melbourne Cricket Club, I was allowed into the Pavilion to see the Aussie quicks clean up the English tail and win the Second Test. It was a joyful moment.

I am not sure what happened to the players from the glorious 1964 to 67 era, but I hope they continued to play team sports, in particular keeping the wonderful game of cricket alive and well. I'd be pleased to hear from any of them. Please contact me by emailing lex.ross@bigpond.com or via Emmanuel College.

#### 1965-1967 Emmanuel College Cricket Teams

**1965**: G Lusk (Captain), G Turner, N Fagg, A Jones, L Ross, J Walthall, I Board, R Dullaway, B McIntyre, I Jackson, M Wilkie

**1966:** B McIntyre (Captain), N Fagg, A Jones, L Ross, J Walthall, I Board, I Jackson, A Webster, D Franks, I Kilpatrick, J McLeod, P Skerman, R Skerman

**1967:** B McIntyre (Captain), A Webster, L Ross, J Walthall, D Franks, J McLeod, R Skerman, T Dunn, C Estwick, P Ledger, N Murray, M Turnbull



### AN ENDURING INNINGS

#### by Benjamin Goodman, 2016 Cricket Co-Captain

Reading Lex's reminisces of his 1964–1967 Emmanuel cricket glory days, I realised just how much the game of cricket has changed since then. Not only does the old 35 eight-ball over innings (which is now an innings of 20 six-ball overs) interest me, but also the "classical batting styles" and bowlers who "mesmerised opposing batsmen" — strategies very different from the modern game of hard-hitting and rapid-paced bowling.

The new and exciting 20/20 format attracted many to the sport for the 2016 ICC season. The aim of the game, for most, now was to get every ball to the boundary, with a level of disregard for your wicket. Furthermore, bowling skills were deemed somewhat insignificant as were the classical batting styles, which were so crucial in Lex's side 50 years ago. Our team discovered, however, that there is much more to the game than extravagant batting and that a match's result can rely on a single over.

After achieving a very respectable placing of 2nd in the 2015 ICC Cricket competition, we prepared for this year's competition with one intention: to win. Signs were promising in the early stages, with comfortable victories over Union, Cromwell and International House. Three challenging games against St John's, King's and St Leo's followed. Despite each member of our squad performing extraordinary well when required, the tournament's momentum changed and three defeats resulted in Emmanuel taking out 4th place.

Notwithstanding the drastic changes in the sport over the years, and even though our team didn't achieve the desired result this season, I did recognise one quality of the game that has not changed since Lex's time: the love and passion we share for the great game at Emmanuel College.

#### 2016 Emmanuel College Cricket Team

**Back row:** (I-r) Marco Morlotti, Benjamin Goodman (Co-Captain), Ethan Harvey, Joseph Herrmann (Co-Captain), Brendan Dittmer, Ben Tickell **Front row:** (I-r) Jack Morey, Jack Vacher, Lachlan Brown, Damon Johnson, Ariki Hawkey (absent: Connor Bourke, Glen Cornish, Marau Cuttance, Jonathan Goodman, Michael Lynch, Ryan Murphy, Nick Owens, William Roughan)



### **ECONOMIC BENEFITS**

by Michael D'Arcy, Residential Academic Tutor

In April, Emmanuel College hosted Professor Mary Morgan of the London School of Economics. Professor Morgan is a renowned econometrician and economic historian, whose visit to The University of Queensland was organised by the UQ School of Economics, the Economic Society of Australia Queensland branch and Emmanuel College. UQ's Professor Flavio Menezes said that Professor Morgan's early books had been of great use to him during his time as a student, and that he was thrilled to welcome her to UQ.

Professor Morgan presented a public lecture titled "Models: Facts, Artefacts or Fictions", which provided interesting insights into the objectives and history of economics and econometrics. The importance of fictions was discussed through an analysis of Robert Fogel's counter-factual study of US railways, which challenged the prevailing thought that the railways were a landmark moment in US economic history. By investigating a "counter-factual" history where the railways were never built and substituted by canal infrastructure, Fogel concluded that the lack of railways would not have made much difference to US economic development. While his work was shocking when it was released, it was extremely influential to the econometrics profession, greatly extending its scope and the histories it could explore.

Professor Morgan shared and discussed some photographs of early economic experiments, which, in many cases, arose from university assignments. This was especially enlightening for the audience, and showed a marked change in how economics is taught and studied. Modern econometrics has an extremely technical focus; I had not previously been exposed to econometric history and philosophy.

The Emmanuel academic program of more than 60 weekly tutorials strives to extend our students' learning with material beyond the scope of the university curriculum. Lectures by visiting scholars such as Professor Morgan are fantastic resources. As Emmanuel's residential tutor in economics, the knowledge gained from Professor Morgan's lecture benefits me and my students.

**Above:** Professor Mary Morgan presenting her UQ School of Economics lecture

#### HUNGER MOVEMENTS IN Early Victorian Literature

Want, Riots, Migration



Lesa Scholl

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### HUNGER MOVEMENTS IN EARLY VICTORIAN LITERATURE

Emmanuel's Dean of College Dr Lesa Scholl's new book, *Hunger Movements in Early Victorian Literature: Want, Riots, Migration*, has recently been published by Routledge. The book explores the ways in which the language of starvation interacts with narratives of emotional and intellectual want to create a dynamic, evolving notion of hunger. Examining works by Charles Dickens, George Eliot, Charlotte Brontë, and others, her interdisciplinary study makes a persuasive case for how hunger, as a signifier of both individual and corporate ambition, is a necessarily self-interested and increasingly violent agent of progress that shaped nineteenth-century social and political life in Britain. We congratulate Lesa on the achievement of her third book.

Details available from www.routledge.com/9781472457158.

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### **SUPERTUTES FOR SUPERSTUDENTS**

#### by Kelly Wade-Johnson, Senior Residential Academic Tutor

After the success of last year's SuperTute series, the interdisciplinary program returned in 2016 with an entire semester's worth of tutorials and a new theme — Perpespectives on Being Human. The goal of this year's SuperTute program, developed by Dr Jennie Greenwood and myself, was to show students the different perspectives each subject has upon a topic, as well as the diversity of knowledge available to learn from.

The plan was that students would explore the perspectives of political science and philosophy (my and Jennie's respective disciplines), together with an additional subject. Rather than telling students what we thought they would find interesting and useful, we asked them what they wanted to learn about. The first tutorial generated an entire whiteboard's worth of ideas! With so much to choose from, we settled on a short list of topics and then began reaching out to the other Emmanuel College tutors.

This semester we welcomed Michael Bradshaw, our music tutor and PhD

candidate, to discuss how music and the human mind intertwine; Michael D'Arcy, our economics tutor who is studying for his Masters, spoke on the tense relationship between rationality and economics; Dr Prue Ahrens, art history tutor and senior lecturer in museum studies, discussed not only our relationship with art, but how art reflects our relationships; Caroline Green, a criminology tutor who works with youth in the justice system, discussed how class stereotypes lead to dangerous assumptions about criminality; and Dr Marissa Daniels, a paediatric intensive care specialist, discussed the damage isolation can have upon a child's development and health in adulthood.

Our "SuperTute SuperStudents" have enjoyed the diversity of subjects and topics immensely, and have discovered a love of learning simply for the sake of learning itself. The relaxed atmosphere of each week's SuperTute, the absence of essays and exams, and encountering a new subject every week — that perhaps they've never heard or



Senior Residential Academic Tutor Kelly Wade-Johnson

thought about before — keeps our students returning. Students and tutors are looking forward to semester 2, which will bring new perspectives on topics as diverse as gender, music and ethics, film and emotions, and animals.

### **COLLEGIAL RESEARCH**

by Dr Lesa Scholl, Dean of College

One of the special aspects of Emmanuel College is the way that the environment fosters interdisciplinary conversation. The reason we have our Senior Common Room Research Group is to give graduate students and academic staff a space to talk with each other — mitigating the oftenlonely world of academic research — and to share ideas across disciplines. We meet once a month during term time, and one of our members will share a paper from their current research: a conference paper or a



Sarah Norton (second from left) discussing her paper "Individual versus feminist autonomy in adaptive preferences and development ethics" with Senior Common Room Research Group colleagues

thesis chapter, or sometimes just take the opportunity to branch out into something new with a friendly audience.

In the last twelve months or so, we have decided, as a group, to take another step in our research culture. While there had been some positive discussions about collaborations between SCR members in the past, we decided that we would work together toward a major publication. Our collective interest in the burgeoning field of medical humanities has led us to work on a collection of essays entitled Medicine and What it Means to be Human. We have essays from the fields of medicine, economics, art history, linguistics, legal studies, literary studies, and philosophy, to name a few. The project is currently under review with a major independent academic press, where the initial editorial response has been extremely enthusiastic. This is a major achievement for the Senior Common Room, which speaks to the College's mission of providing a collegiate, scholarly environment that fosters ground-breaking research and critical engagement.



## AN "OAR-SOME" ROWING SEASON

Emmanuel's recent rowing success — culminating in our women's rowing team coming equal 1st and our men's team placing 2nd in the ICC Rowing Regatta — has been thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike, not to mention alumni who have donated to the College over the last couple of years to help with equipment and boat purchases. Their support and generosity have provided a shot in the arm for Emmanuel rowing and had a positive impact on our students' belief in themselves. Our rowing convenors recount the highs, and some of the lows, of the season.

#### WOMEN'S ROWING

The women's Emmanuel rowing team performed admirably this year. The season started off strong in the first and second regattas with Emmanuel taking out 2nd place overall with the 5th IV securing a convincing win both weeks. This was an amazing effort considering that the majority of our rowers had never previously tried the sport. In the first regatta, the 3rd IV had to restart their race twice due to other colleges colliding, but we still managed to get a convincing second. Having good equipment, both on water and off water, definitely helped the girls pick up their fitness and skills quickly.

Despite the men's 5th IV taking our *Blue Steel* boat out of action, training went ahead as usual. The setback only reinforced everyone's appreciation of having our own boats as we rented a UQ boat while repairs occurred. Luckily the women's boat, *Wellington*, didn't experience any breakages during the season and was proudly rowed at each regatta.

The third regatta really saw us becoming a fierce rival against the highly ranked Women's College rowing team, with the 3rd and 5th IV winning their races and the 1st IV placing second by a marginal

Main: Women's 1st IV victors! Right: Women's 5th IV

0.46 seconds. These results saw us tie overall with Women's and bring home the Grace College oar to decorate our dining hall.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly tying overall with Women's and winning the women's 1st IV race in the final ICC Rowing Regatta, earning us the respective ICC oars. We were thrilled to keep the ICC 1st IV oar at Emmanuel for the third year in a row. All the girls shared in the euphoria of these fantastic results and we couldn't be more thankful for the support and investment that alumni and staff have put into rowing.

Pippa "Tribute" McKinstry and Cassy "Dinger" Mingin Women's Rowing Convenors 2016





#### **MEN'S ROWING**

The Emmanuel College men's rowing season was a fantastic example of hard work, dedication and effort paying off. Our results in 2016 would not have been possible without the support of College staff and alumni.

By having the opportunity to row with Emmanuel-owned brand new boats and train on brand new Ergo machines, the men took rowing to another level. Training took place four times a week for the 3rd, 4th and 5th IV crews and five or six times a week for the men uniting to row in the VIII and 1st/2nd IV. This really was a step-up on previous years' efforts.

The season certainly was a roller-coaster ride and at the first regatta we tied 1st to take home the King's College oar — an incredible effort and something that hadn't been done in at least 10 years!

The season did not come without its bumps, though. After a rogue log interrupted the 5th IV in the second regatta, a gaping hole in *Blue Steel* set us back until just four days before the ICC Rowing Regatta. Thankfully, St Peter's Lutheran College was able to lend us a boat, and this made a big difference to our season.

While we didn't manage to win the following lead-in regattas (placing overall 2nd and 3rd at the second and third regattas respectively) the boys really put in a fantastic effort and managed to pull off a 2nd place overall behind King's at the ICC Rowing Regatta. The 2nd IV came an impressive 1st place, which was fantastic to celebrate! The 1st IV lost steering, leaving us in difficult race conditions — there's always next year, boys! The men's 3rd managed to pull off an impressive 2nd place and, after a very unlucky season, the 5th crossed the finish line for the first time in their final race!

We hope that this year will mark the beginning of a new era of rowing at Emmanuel College and put us in strong contention for future years. King's and St John's College always present very strong competition, so we hope to be sitting with them on race day next year.

The season was full of ups and downs and we enjoyed it all. It was an opportunity for us to really get stuck into rowing and learn a lot from an experience that only the collegiate lifestyle can provide.

Lachlan "Snitch" Short and Sam "Ring" Byrne Men's Rowing Convenors 2016











Top left: Men's 1st IV Top right: Men's 2nd IV Second right: Women's 4th IV Third right: Women's 2nd IV Fourth right: Men's VIII Bottom: Men's 5th IV



### WHERE ARE THEY NOW? DR ROBERT MCLEAY (EMC 2002–04), BInfTech BSc(Hons) PhD, EMMANUEL COLLEGE COUNCIL MEMBER

Robert is the founder and Chief Technology Officer of DoseMe Pty Ltd, a personalised medicine technology company that enables medical practitioners to individualise patient dosing. Robert's research background and PhD are in bioinformatics and he has worked in the information technology industry as a software development team leader. Robert is married to Dr Sarah McLeay (née Croft), also an Emmanuel alum and Council member, who works as the Assistant Director and Senior Pharmacometrician at Model Answers Pty Ltd.

#### What do you remember most about College?

Always being surrounded by friends. No matter what time of day or night, there was always someone around to hang out with to postpone doing that assignment for just a little while longer. From big events like Theatre Restaurant, Choralfest, and the various ICC sports, through to playing 500 with friends (possibly just an excuse to drink wine), there was no shortage of non-university activities to fill your time. Of course, when swotvac came around, the whole College focus shifted. Emmanuel was really a play-hard / work-hard place.

#### How did being part of the Emmanuel community shape your life?

The opportunities and connections that you get are amazing. I met Stuart Low (now in a senior role at Rabobank Australia encouraging innovation) in my first year at College, and together we built Big Cowboy, a website with search, forums, photos, chat, and more, long before Facebook existed. I guess this started me down on the path I've taken today.

I suppose that college also played a pivotal role in my future marriage — although I'd met Sarah (also a fresher in 2002) prior to attending College, it was at Emmanuel that our relationship formed. We both have many College friends who we keep in regular contact with. For many years after valedicting, we'd go to the RE pub in Toowong every Tuesday night for \$10 steaks. These days we tend to go elsewhere, but we still catch up almost every week. This group has grown and changed over the years, with husbands, wives, and partners joining us. Thanks to the incredible organising abilities of Jess Banks and Brendan Schelbach (both from our year), we've enjoyed several skiing trips to Japan.

Finally, I've had the opportunity to join the Emmanuel College Council. Serving on the Council (similar to a corporate board) is a great opportunity to give back to College in your area of professional expertise. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes. I've learned a great deal from Chair Dr Bruce Winter and Principal Stewart Gill on how effective boards operate. It's been particularly valuable now that my start-up has an active board too.

## DoseMe, the personalised medicine technology company you founded, is going from strength to strength. Tell us about how you founded the company and the latest developments.

DoseMe is easy-to-use software that allows doctors and pharmacists to dose a patient based upon their individual ability to metabolise a medicine. Traditionally, drug doses have been calculated based on the "average" — but you're not average and your dose shouldn't be either. Not surprisingly, this has major clinical implications; for some patient groups, independent research shows that mortality can be halved.

I founded DoseMe after a conversation at a barbecue, which essentially came down to: "Wouldn't it be nice if we could take this research method and apply it in normal medical practice?" After building a

Main: Robert McLeay (centre) with Treasurer Curtis Pitt MP and Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk MP at the Advance Queensland Innovation and Investment Summit





prototype, DoseMe took seed investment in 2014 from Steve Baxter (prior to his days on the Network 10 television program *The Shark Tank*), and we have since achieved medical device registration in Australia and Europe.

In the last few months things have really taken off. We recently won the Advance Queensland Innovation and Investment Summit award for being the Queensland start-up with the most opportunity for global expansion. We've recently had the opportunity to discuss individualised dosing with the Prime Minister. We've grown staff numbers greatly, and now have users across Australia, Europe, and South America.

#### Any advice you'd like to give to current students?

The friendships that you form during these years matter — stay in touch! The fun times you have together in College should be just the beginning.

**Top:** Sarah and Robert McLeay at the wedding of Emmanuel alumna Joanna Andrews and Jared Price **Bottom:** Blue Dog powder hounds Japan ski trip (I-r) Brendan Schelbach, Brett Peterson, Jared Sanderson, Alex Dale, Stephen O'Keefe, Madeleine McGuiness, Robert McLeay, Sarah McLeay, and (front) Neil Lee Long

#### NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE EMMANUEL CENTRE

Dr Paul Tyson was recently appointed as the Director (part-time) of the College's Emmanuel Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society. Paul comes to Emmanuel from a background in



teaching and research, including long associations with the Centre of Theology and Philosophy at the University of Nottingham and the Australian Catholic University.

The author of books on the relations between knowledge and faith and the connections between theology and metaphysics, Dr Tyson is an interdisciplinary and "big picture" scholar with a passion for facilitating conversations between thinkers of all specialities. He has a particular interest in understanding the philosophical and theological dynamics embedded in the nature and use of modern science and technology.

We look forward to his leadership of the Emmanuel Centre.



#### MORAL VISION IN A MEDIA SATURATED AGE

Could the information revolution actually be clouding our moral vision? That was one of the questions on the mind of those attending the first of the 2016 seminars organised by the Emmanuel Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society. Presenter Scott Stephens,

who is ABC Online's Religion and Ethics Editor, suggests we might just be receiving so much information, through so many channels, that we have stopped being critical of what we see, hear and read. Scott challenged the audience to consider how our media culture, including the rise of social media, has, in fact, not improved our democracy but has instead led to a decline in the quality of public and political discourse.

Scott also suggested that, in an age of viral Facebook posts, endless Twitter streams, and 24-hour broadcasting, we have lost any understanding of the limits on what we ought to know. He told the audience that that limit on what we ought to know is where the determination to engage in actual action begins. The questions he raised centred on whether it is possible to have clear moral vision without such limits.

Scott will be developing his themes further when he gives another seminar for the Emmanuel Centre on 29 July 2016. Entitled "Who Will Watch the Watchmen", Scott's seminar will ask whether the media has become a force that corrodes democracy, rather than one that strengthens it — a topic bound to get the audience involved in a robust discussion.

Visit the Emmanuel Centre website — https://centressrs.org — for details of more upcoming events.

**Top:** Dr Paul Tyson, Director of the Emmanuel Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society **Bottom:** ABC Online Editor of Religion and Ethics and Emmanuel Centre guest presenter Scott Stephens



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