

# Bachelor of Social Science Newsletter

## Message from the Program Director



Our final newsletter for the year will be short and sweet, and just in time to wish you all the best for final exams, year-end, graduations and a well-earned break! For those returning to study in the summer semester, I do hope you have a chance to take a breath before you settle down to study again - but perhaps you're looking forward to a break in the New Year.

You'll find in this newsletter some reminders of events coming up, and of important events in 2009. Congratulations to Katrina Middlin who is the 2009 winner of the GRM Scholarship. Katrina was presented with her award in September and has already begun her internship with GRM.

The 2009 Bachelor of Social Science Poster Showcase was a great success with ten research teams presenting the results of their year-long projects. Winners of the 'Best Poster', and 'Highly Commended' Award were announced and students enjoyed the well-deserved praise they received from Professor Geoffrey Lawrence (Head of School, Social Science), Associate Professor Julie Duck (Associate Dean, Academic, SBS Faculty), and Professor Jeffrey Dunn (Queensland Cancer Council) who all spoke at the event. Please see below for more details.

Another *very* successful and very enjoyable event was the (First) Annual Social Science Students Ball organised (fantastically well) by the UQ Social Science Students Collective. You'll find more news (and photos) below. Suffice for me to say that it was a great night and I hope we have many happy returns of the event.

2010 is just around the corner, and I'd very much like to talk with you about your plans for next year, course selection, what to study and when, studying abroad, balancing short-term and long-term plans, balancing study and work and/or family life, and the many other things that come into play as you think about the next steps in your journey as a student. So, I'll be in my office (Room 831, Michie Building), to meet and chat with anyone who needs information or advice or who'd like to offer some feedback about the BSocSc on: Thursday, 12th November – 4:30p.m. to 5:30p.m., and Thursday, 28th January – 10.30a.m. to 11.30a.m. Put these dates in your diary.

Please do remember, of course, that you are welcome to call in any time to the School of Social Science (well....within office hours, Monday to Friday 9am-5pm).

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trish Short". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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## Useful Websites:

*Courses and Programs*  
<http://www.uq.edu.au/study>

*My Advisor*  
<http://www.uq.edu.au/myadvisor>

*School of Social Science*  
<http://socialscience.uq.edu.au>

*Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences*  
<http://www.uq.edu.au/sbs>

## 2009 GRM International Undergraduate Scholarship in Social Science (Development)



Anne Burns, Katrina Middlin, Emily MacManus and Dr Patricia Short

Katrina Middlin (B Arts / BSocSc student majoring in Development) was the 2009 recipient of the GRM International Undergraduate Scholarship in Social Science (Development).

GRM International offers an Annual scholarship for students undertaking the Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Development who also satisfy the criteria for the award.

To celebrate this achievement the SBS Faculty held an afternoon tea for Katrina which was attended by Dr Trisch Short (BSocSc Program Director), Ms Anne Burns & Ms Emily MacManus (GRM Representatives), A/Prof Julie Duck (SBS Associate Dean Academic), Ms Shaughn Forbes (SBS Faculty Executive Officer), Mr Gordon Lynn (Advancement and Community Relations Manager) and Mr David Burgener (Learning Support Officer).

To find out more about the Scholarship, as well as eligibility and criteria, please go to: <http://www.uq.edu.au/sbs/?page=109467&pid=109423>

## News from the Social Sciences Association (formerly the UQSSSC)

Hello Everyone!

As the academic year draws to a close, we're very happy to reflect on our first year as a fledging student group! Our membership has begun to flourish as we set about connecting students to volunteer and employment opportunities, and we've held several events this year, culminating in our first annual Social Sciences Ball held at the City Gardens Cafe, City Botanic Gardens. With about 85 attendees sharing the opportunity to celebrate 2009, the night was a roaring success! Many thanks to all who helped organise the night. A special mention must go to the School of Social Science and the Social and Behavioural Science Faculty for their financial support for the event.

In other news, we've just held our first AGM! Our 2010 executive committee will consist of Katrina Middlin - President, Lily Moulton - Vice-President, Peter Wells - Secretary, Ramin Sabzbalouch-Bam - Treasurer and Emma Heard - Social Convener. We wish them all the very best! We've had a great time getting to know fellow students and hope the association grows even bigger and better in years to come. We'll have a stall at market day in O-Week next year so come along and sign up to be a part! It was also decided at our AGM that 'UQ Social Sciences Students Collective' was a bit of a mouthful, so we've changed our name to the much simpler Social Sciences Association and you can find us on facebook at UQ Social Sciences Association or email us at [socialsciencesassociation@gmail.com](mailto:socialsciencesassociation@gmail.com).

Good luck for final exams, and congratulations and best wishes to all outgoing graduates!!!!

**Social Sciences Association**



Renee Montgomery, Dr Patricia Short and Professor Geoffrey Lawrence at the Ball



Above and below: Students enjoying themselves at the Ball



## 2009 Bachelor of Social Science Poster Showcase



Best Poster Award Winners - Natjul Indigenous Forum Theatre Group

The annual Bachelor of Social Science Poster Showcase was held in the Kathleen room of the UQ Staff and Graduates Club on Thursday, October 22nd. Final year students in the Bachelor of Social Science Program presented posters illustrating the applied research projects they worked on during the year. Students have worked in teams on projects linking them with industry partners in both public and private sectors, allowing them to apply the research skills learnt during their degree to a current social issue or problem.



Highly Commended Poster Award Winners - Queensland Red Cross Australia Group

Chela Goj, Rachel Palmer, Camille Royal and Lillian Warrum were the recipients of the Best Poster award for their work on 'Forum Theatre in Cape York Aboriginal Communities', a project they conducted with Natjul Indigenous Forum Theatre.



Highly Commended Poster Award Winners - Spiritus Kinections Group

Student teams working on 'Evaluating 'Beyond Crisis': Stakeholders perspectives on achievement of original aims' with Australian Red Cross Queensland and 'Service provision for men who have experienced assault or childhood sexual abuse' with Spiritus Kinections received high commendations for their project posters.

Awards were announced by Associate Professor Julie Duck, Associate Dean (Academic), and presented by Professor David de Vaus, Executive Dean, Faculty of SBS. Professor Jeff Dunn, CEO of the Cancer Council Queensland, guest speaker for the event, encouraged students to explore fully the many options open to them as social science graduates, across government, non-government and private industry sectors.



Guest Speaker Professor Jeff Dunn

The posters are available in PDF format via the following link on the School website:  
<http://www.socialscience.uq.edu.au/bsocsc-postershowcase-2009>

### Important Dates:

*Semester 2, 2009 Exam Period*

Saturday, 7 November to Saturday, 21 November 2009

*Official Release of Results (Semester 2, 2009)*

Wednesday, 2 December, 2009

*Summer Semester Begins*

Monday, 30 November, 2009

*Summer Semester Ends*

Saturday, 13 February, 2010

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