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From the Chancellery

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Deputy Vice Chancellor: Academic, Professor Joanne Wright, shares her insights with us after close to 12 months in the job.

It has been almost 12 months since I first nervously pushed level four on the elevator of the Hawke Building. That I do it with ease today is due to the support of all my new colleagues who have made me feel welcome and who have tolerated me asking the same question many times. Thank-you to all.

Much has happened during these months both within the University and in the broader tertiary environment and one of the things that has impressed me most during my introduction to UniSA is the ability of divisions and units to bring these two things together. This is no easy task and universities which have failed to do so soon find themselves on downward trajectories.

I have been able to participate in the production of Horizon 2020 which captures UniSA's quite remarkable trajectory over the past few years and sets it on course to be one of Australia's best universities in terms of the core business of teaching and research.

In terms of teaching, I have observed some areas where I think the performance of the University needs to improve if we are to achieve our goals and build on the momentum created by the Step 2010 project and the new Personal Learning Environment. Chief among these is engagement of students both with their studies and with the University community. We know that engagement is key to both retention and success and we also know that our students drop out more and spend less time on campus than many of their Australian counterparts.

If my first year is any guide, I am confident that we have the flexibility, talent and cohesion to lift our performance and deliver on the excellent vision provided by Horizon 2020. I look forward to working with you all next year and wish you a peaceful festive season.

Joanne Wright
Deputy Vice Chancellor: Academic



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APPOINTMENT

UniSA President for the Australian Society for Medical Research

The new President of the Australian Society for Medical Research is UniSA's Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence from the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences and Sansom Institute for Health Research. The Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) is the peak professional society representing Australian health and medical researchers.

Emma will hold the position until November 2011 and hopes to make a difference during that time.

"Health and medical research underpins the whole of the health sector and I would like to see this truly recognised on the government agenda," she said.

"ASMR will continue to pursue the realisation of a sustainable health and medical research workforce and our vision of a funding union in the Asia Pacific region."

Emma has been involved with ASMR for the past 10 years and has held various roles over that time.

"Being a member of ASMR provides me with an opportunity to continue sharing my passion for health and medical research with students and community groups and to promote the importance and relevance of health and medical research," she said.

ACHEIVEMENTS

Senior Australian of the Year

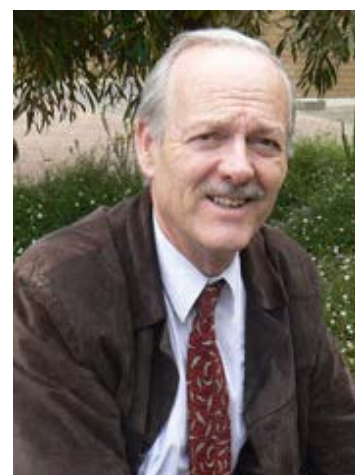
UniSA Adjunct Professor Don Bursill has been named South Australia's Senior Australian of the Year. Prof Bursill, who is a lecturer for water quality classes in the Water Management course, has been acknowledged for his 40 years of contribution to the water industry.

Prof Bursill has a long-standing association with UniSA including being awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 2007. He says his association with UniSA began more than 30 years ago through the School of Chemical Technology in the South Australian Institute of Technology (SAIT), a predecessor of UniSA.

"My early interactions were mainly concerned with training programs for technical staff involved in water analyses," Prof Bursill said.

"Then, in 1987, through my position at the South Australian Water Corporation, I joined forces with SAIT and the University of Adelaide to successfully win a grant to establish a collaborative water quality research program in SA.

"This was an extremely successful venture and was essentially the foundation for the more



substantial national collaboration that followed through the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Quality and Treatment, which was based at UniSA. The CRC has been superseded by the industry-funded Water Quality Research Australia which UniSA continues to be involved with."

Prof Bursill will travel to Canberra in January for the announcement of the national Australian of the Year Awards.

Award winning books

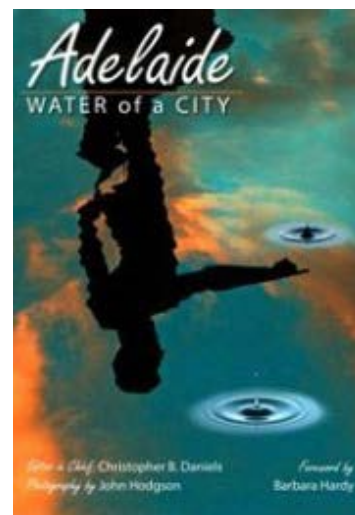
Two separate books produced by staff in the School of Natural and Built Environments have won national awards.

Philip Roetman and Chris Daniels have won a Certificate of Commendation for Urban Ecology in the 2010 Whitley Awards for their book, *'The Possum-Tail Tree: Understanding Possums through Citizen Science'*.

The book explores the habits and behaviours of possums, and people's attitudes towards them. The urban ecology award demonstrates the significant contribution of this book as an information guide to Australian fauna and how people relate to and manage these wildlife.

The Whitley Awards are hosted by the Royal Zoological Society of New South Wales.

Meanwhile, Chris Daniel has won three awards for his 2010 book, *'Adelaide: Water of a City'*. The book explores Adelaide's water problems and potential solutions from a range of perspectives including historical, engineering, social, environmental and climate related.



The book recently won the national Planning Institute of Australia award for Planning Scholarship, Research and Teaching.

Prof Daniels received a further two awards for the book from the Stormwater Industry Association – one is the National Award for Excellence in Research, Innovation, Policy and Education; while the second award was in the same category in the South Australian awards.

Endeavour Fellowship focus on urban design and climate change

The impact of climate change on urban design in Adelaide and Singapore is going to be the focus of UniSA's Alpana Sivam when she undertakes her Endeavour Fellowship next year.

Sivam, a Lecturer in the School of Natural and Built Environments, is one of UniSA's Endeavour Fellowship recipients to undertake travel in 2011. She will travel to Singapore in July for six months and will work with the National University of Singapore.

"I am going to investigate the relationship between density, design and production of greenhouse gas emissions," she said.

"I will investigate Adelaide as a case study of low density city and Singapore as a high density city to quantify the relationship between density, design and greenhouse gas emissions.

"One expected outcome of the research is to develop mitigation and adaptation guidelines for climate change through planning policy and urban design."

Tourism education award

UniSA's School of Management has won an award in the 2010 South Australian Tourism Awards. The School of Management was named the best in tourism education and training, for the third year in a row.

They were also entered in the Hall of Fame for their consecutive achievement. Further information about the award is available [here](#).

National pharmacy award for Allan Evans

UniSA Professor Allan Evans has been awarded the Australasian Pharmaceutical Sciences Association (APSA) Medal for 2010.

Prof Evans, who is UniSA's Pro Vice Chancellor: Division of Health Sciences, was awarded the Medal at APSA's annual scientific meeting in Brisbane last week (December 9).

The medal is APSA's highest award and recognises an individual who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy practice.

Prof Evans said he was honoured to receive the medal, an award which included giving the APSA Medal 2010 Oration at last week's meeting.

APSA President Professor Andrew McLachlan said Prof Evans was a very worthy recipient of the APSA Medal. Further information about the award is available [here](#).



International art award for UniSA lecturer

UniSA Illustration Design Course Coordinator in the School of Art, Architecture and Design, David Blaiklock has topped a field of artists from 43 countries to take home not only one, but two awards at a major international art award in Hong Kong.

Blaiklock is the first Australian to be awarded a prize in the 12-year history of the Hong Kong International Poster Triennial and was one of only two Australians included in the final shortlist of 190 posters.

Blaiklock was awarded a Gold medal and a Bronze medal for two separate posters that he entered in the Act category. Poster competitions are significant within visual communication design and associated industries as they foster innovation and dialogue in the development of the industry.



The Hong Kong Triennial is a major international design event – the poster design equivalent to the Venice Biennale for contemporary art. It showcases exciting developments in poster design while also encouraging international cultural exchange and enriching the museum's collections.

More details about the award are available [here](#).

Vice Chancellor's professional staff awards

Congratulations to all staff who were awarded a Vice Chancellor's Award for Professional Staff excellence.

Included in the 11 winning individuals and teams, was Jan Heath who has worked for UniSA for more than 25 years. She received the award for her current role as Manager of Academic Library Services in the Division of Health Sciences, for 'providing quality service' including leading her team through many changes and challenges.



"It was a wonderful moment to hear my citation read out," she said. "It has been great working with my team and our academics to achieve the embedding of information literacy into the programs in the Division of Health Sciences.

"Being able to find evidence based health care resources and keeping up to date is very important for our future clinicians.

"I also value the opportunities to work closely with our researchers and research students."

Also among the award recipients were members of the Marketing and Development Unit (MDU) for their role in the popular Pedal Prix series which sees around 500 teams of mainly school students, race in Human Powered Vehicles. UniSA took up naming rights sponsorship of the annual racing series in 2009, and since then a range of benefits have been realised.

Julia Michalakos, Marketing Coordinator in MDU, said the benefits from this sponsorship can be seen in the extensive collaboration across organisational boundaries both within the University and throughout the community.

"This event has provided much more than direct brand exposure as it has led to significant partnerships between professional and academic staff across all four divisions, along with direct industry, community, school and student links," Michalakos said.

"By leveraging this sponsorship, UniSA staff have developed a range of successful experiential learning projects, as specified in the Step 2010 Student Engagement Project."

UniSA also had its own team participating in the event, made up of students from a range of disciplines including Engineering, Business and Management.

A full list of the recipients is available at [here](#).

UniSA hosts national climate change forum

Late last month (November), UniSA hosted a national forum for the Australian Climate Change Adaptation Research Network (ACCARNSI).

UniSA Director of the Institute for Sustainable Systems and Technology, Professor Michael Taylor, who was involved with hosting the forum as co-convenor of the Adelaide node of ACCARNSI, said it brought together young researchers from across Australia who are involved with climate change adaptation for settlements and infrastructure.



"The forum provided a unique opportunity for those conducting research in engineering, science, urban planning, built environment, social sciences, economics and business to meet fellow researchers in other Australian institutions and organisations," Prof Taylor said.

"Climate change adaptation is a key area for research in the early part of the 21st century, as we look to a more sustainable future and engender the ability to cope with new and perhaps harsher environments.

"The effects of climate change on settlement patterns and the infrastructure networks that serve and connect them are vital concerns to our society, and the potential impact of the new generation of researchers in this field is immense, as revealed at the forum.

"The forum also allowed 30 early career researchers to explore the broad range of climate change adaptation research being carried out in Australia, as well as present the potential to influence future direction of climate change adaptation research in Australia.

"The forum was a great success, the best yet, and impressed all participants and the organisers with the depth and breadth of climate change adaptation research reported."

80 good years

In December Emeritus Professor Freda Briggs celebrated her 80th birthday and just in passing mentioned she has not one, but two books in the pipeline. Enough to keep a mature woman occupied, but to cap it off she is just about to leave for Nepal where she will be working with social workers, counsellors and teachers who care for HIV-Aids orphans, to educate them in child protection strategies.

Prof Briggs celebrated her milestone birthday by giving UniSA a gift. A portrait of herself and former Prime Minister John Howard painted by a Melbourne artist for the Archibald Prize competition. For those in the know the portrait celebrates the fact that it was after a long conversation with Professor Briggs that the former PM made a commitment to fund the Australian centre for Child Protection. The portrait now hangs in the Magill Library.

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Connect with the Samstag Museum and Hawke Centre in 2011

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Delivering an array of public lectures, exhibitions, seminars and events every year, UniSA's Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art and the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre are both working on delivering captivating programs for 2011.



Having mounted more than 35 events in 2010, the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre will again offer a challenging public program in 2011.

The 2011 events will come under the new banner of "THINK.CONNECT.ACT." which Hawke Centre Director Elizabeth Ho said will stress the importance of active citizenship in our complex society.

"Highlights for 2011 will include the Nelson Mandela Lecture and the Annual Hawke Lecture as the major annual addresses inspiring hundreds of local attendees, and also reaching large audiences through national broadcasts and web podcasts," Ho said. "We will also partner with Health Workforce Australia, a COAG initiative, to deliver major **Healthy Nation** community forums on critical public health issues."

"We will capitalise on SA being the Festival State, with lecture and exhibition collaborations being planned between us and the OZAsia Festival, the Festival of Ideas, Adelaide Fringe Festival, the Bigpond Adelaide Film Festival (BAFF), and Come Out for 2011.

"The Hawke Centre and BAFF partnership will support film screenings and there will be a special February forum event exploring Indigenous identity in Australian cinema as part of the Art and the Moving Image strand of the BAFF. This is also a complementary event to the **Stop(the)Gap** exhibition, at the Samstag Museum of Art."

Other highlights for the Hawke Centre in 2011 include SA Refugee Week in June during which the **Hand in Hand** poster awards project will be featured in the Centre's stylish Kerry Packer Civic Gallery. And during South Australia's Living Artists Festival (SALA) Week, an exhibition titled **Tutti**, will showcase the work of disabled artists in the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery. Featured in this exhibition will be paintings, small-scale 3D constructions including brooches and several digital media productions.

All UniSA staff, students, alumni as well as the general community, are welcome to receive advance event notices for any Hawke Centre events by registering at the Centre's [website](#).

The **Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art** has also launched its 2011 program of exhibitions and events. Located in the Hawke Building at UniSA's City West campus (55 North Tce), the Samstag Museum presents a changing exhibition program of contemporary visual art, and art of the past that has relevance for us today that would not otherwise be shown in Adelaide, "bringing the world to Adelaide's door," said Samstag Museum Director, Erica Green.



The first exhibition in 2011, **Stop(the)Gap: International Indigenous art in motion** opens on

February 24. This is a major exhibition, developed in partnership with the 2011 BigPond Adelaide Film Festival. Curated by UniSA lecturer Brenda L Croft, the exhibition will premiere a new work by celebrated filmmaker Warwick Thornton commissioned especially for this exhibition.

"Stop(the)Gap signals the first focus on international Indigenous moving image works which is one of the most provocative and illuminating today," said exhibition curator Brenda L Croft.

In May, the Samstag Museum will present two very special exhibitions. The first of these – **The May Lane Street Art Project** – comprises large panels by legendary Australian and international street artists.

"This project came to fruition several years ago when business man Tugi Balog noticed that there was a lot of street art on the walls in May Lane, St Peters, Sydney; so he asked the artists to paint on a large panels instead," Green said.



"The panels are an important documentation of the transient street art styles and includes works by artists from Australia, Indonesia, the US and Mexico."

The second exhibition in May – **Hijacked 2** – showcases the diverse talents and perspectives of 30 German and Australian photographers.

"The exhibition depicts the young, the boundary-riding, and the fringe dwellers," Green said.

In August the Samstag Museum celebrates a new partnership with the Adelaide Festival Centre's OzAsia Festival. Developed by the Samstag Museum and presented in the Year of the Rabbit, the **White Rabbit** exhibition provides an exciting window to the diversity and power of contemporary art in China, showcasing works in very different media – painting, sculpture, animation, new media and installation.



The works in this exhibition have been selected from the amazing White Rabbit Gallery in Sydney which holds one of the most significant collections of post-2000 Chinese contemporary art in the world.



"China has experienced a rapidly changing society, from Mao's oppressive Cultural revolution to the excess and exuberance of China's economic boom, and we celebrate the awesome reality of Chinese culture now," Green said.

The final exhibitions for 2011 are **Your Move: Australian artists play chess** and an exhibition of photographs by internationally renowned artist **Bill Henson**. **Your Move** will intrigue not only chess enthusiasts, but also followers of contemporary art and illustrates that in the 21st century chess has lost none of its inspirational power.

"The exhibition of photographs by **Bill Henson** from the Monash Gallery of Art will be presented alongside selected recent landscapes and is the first time an exhibition dedicated to Henson's work will be presented in Adelaide, a rare opportunity for visitors to experience his work first hand," Green said.

Erica Green invites all UniSA staff, students and alumni to visit the Samstag Museum and participate in its 2011 programs.



For more details about exhibitions during 2011, visit the Samstag Museum of Art [website](#).

Green says Samstag has produced a program that is relevant to young adults and students, but that it will astound us all. Most of the 2011 exhibitions will be accompanied by online educational resources that connect and inspire and extend an enjoyment, pleasure and understanding.

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Collaborating to improve children's services

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UniSA recently played host to more than 300 people from across the child and family welfare spectrum as part of the Children Communities Connections conference at City West campus.

Co-sponsored by the University's [Australian Centre for Child Protection](#), the conference brought together leading academics, practitioners, researchers and policymakers on November 25 and 26 to explore ways to improve and integrate community-based services for children and families.



With an opening video address by the Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin, some of the conference highlights included a keynote address by the Director of the Australian Centre for Child Protection Professor Marianne Berry, and a presentation on new research into SA child and family centres from UniSA's Dr Elspeth McInness and Alexandra Diamond.

A closing panel discussion, convened by the Australian Centre for Child Protection's Deputy Director, Associate Professor Leah Bromfield, produced a conference communiqué that will be used to inform discussions with state and federal government. Other UniSA staff who presented included Michael White, Leisha Olliver and Dr Sara McLean.

One of the event's organisers, Michael White, says the conference highlighted the need for government and non-government organisations to work together with researchers and policymakers to develop more effective support services, systems and strategies.

Reports and reviews into service provision are saying that better collaboration across the entire system will result in better outcomes for children, he says.

"It was great to see this message being taken to heart by the conference delegates, who welcomed the opportunity to interact across a range of policy, practice and research issues, and to network not only with colleagues from South Australia but also nationally."

The conference tied in closely with *Building Bridges between Services, Building Capacity within Services*, a \$2.2m national initiative being driven by the Australian Centre for Child Protection and funded by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to improve service provision for vulnerable children and families at 12 sites around Australia.

Facilitated by the Salvation Army, the conference was organised collaboratively with a number of stakeholders including UniSA's School of Education, the Department of Children's Services Children Centres (SA), Families SA and FaHCSIA.

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Visiting researchers: social policy and infectious diseases

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by Alex Doudy and Katrina Phelps

UniSA has been visited by a number of international researchers through the University's Distinguished Researcher program.

Most recently UniSA hosted Emeritus Professor Ruth Lister (pictured right) from the UK who specialises in social policy, and Professor Henk Haagsman (pictured below), a biochemist from The Netherlands.

For UK Distinguished Researcher Ruth Lister, the visit to UniSA was a satisfying way to cap off her 40-year career in social policy.

Emeritus Professor Lister officially retired from Loughborough University just before leaving for Adelaide in early October. However she will continue some work as an adjunct, and can see herself keeping in touch with her social policy colleagues at UniSA's Centre for Work + Life.



Prof Lister said during her visit to UniSA in October, she enjoyed finding out more about Australia's social policies, as well as meeting staff at the Centre for Work + Life, and giving a public lecture at the Hawke Centre.

Prof Lister applauded Australia's move to finally grant paid parental leave to new parents from 2011. However it's the Nordic model of parental leave that she says is the best model in the world.

"I have been arguing for some time now for the UK to adopt the Nordic leave model," she said.

"Under that policy, one to three months of parental leave – 'daddy months' – are reserved for fathers. In the UK maternity leave has been prioritised with only a small amount of paternity leave and no paid parental leave as such. I know that the Centre for Work + Life was arguing for the idea of 'daddy months' during the recent Federal election here.

"In the UK, parental leave has been introduced in the past decade or so but without it reserving part of the time for fathers, it makes women take all the child-bearing responsibility. A reserved 'daddy months' policy would mean that men could also take more responsibility for children."

Prof Lister has published widely in the areas of citizenship, gender, poverty and welfare reform, and her distinguished list of achievements includes being awarded the CBE in 1999.

Birds provide insight into infectious diseases

The inside of a bird's lung could hold the key to preventing the spread of infectious diseases, according to UniSA Distinguished Researcher Professor Henk Haagsman.

Prof Haagsman has teamed up with Associate Professor Sandra Orgeig and students at the Sansom Institute for Health Research to find out more about how the tiny molecules found in avian lungs form part of the immune system. Prof Haagsman from Utrecht University in The Netherlands is visiting UniSA for two months.

"Animals and humans need to defend themselves from infectious diseases and as humans we have a very reliable immune system which involves antibodies that target specific threats, but there is another more primitive type of immune system that is evolutionarily older and uses more general defence molecules," said Prof Haagsman.



"We as humans still have this ancient system although we have superimposed a more sophisticated one on top of it. Recent research into this older system shows we rely on it heavily to defend against infectious diseases and that it's very important otherwise it would have disappeared through evolution. If we can find out how these very old systems work by studying them in other organisms then we can exploit their properties to make new drugs that stop the transference of disease."

The Netherlands-based biochemist has a research interest in veterinary science and has long studied these systems in farm animals such as chickens and pigs, whose close contact with people living in rural areas makes them likely culprits in the spread of disease. But it was the Sansom Institute's research on birds in particular that prompted him to apply for the Distinguished Researcher program at UniSA, where he's been working closely with Assoc Prof Orgeig since October.

"Our common field is a substance that lines the lung called a surfactant, which stops the lungs from collapsing and facilitates breathing," Prof Haagsman said.

"We found in birds, specifically chickens, that the surfactant has a different function because they have a different breathing system. We're focusing on the proteins found in the lung, one of which is part of the surfactant and also helps to protect against infectious diseases. We want to study the protein in more detail to find out more specifically about the role it has in the spread of viruses."

At this stage it's a working hypothesis and one that Prof Haagsman hopes to pursue in collaboration with UniSA, and he is working with Assoc Prof Orgeig to obtain a grant for further research. They've organised a symposium on the topic this month (December) which has sparked considerable interest from researchers around the country.

"It's a really great chance to collaborate and share ideas with other researchers and I've been really encouraged by the enthusiastic response," he said.

While his research focuses on farm animals, Prof Haagsman was treated to a spectacle of Australian wildlife during a recent trip to the outback.

"I've been to Australia once before but it was only for a few days for a meeting so I didn't get to see much of the country and wildlife, but this time one of the professors invited me on a rock climbing trip to the Flinders Ranges. The vast space was very impressive and I saw a lot of birds and even rare yellow-footed rock wallabies."

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Winning card unfolds history

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by Michele Nardelli

For UniSA student Emily Schultz, the 2010 Fisher Jeffries Christmas Card Commission Competition wasn't just about celebrating the festive season. It was about creating a 125th anniversary commemorative Christmas card that linked the foundation of Fisher Jeffries in 1885 with quirky "firsts" that happened in the same year.

In her research for the card, Emily, who is a Bachelor of Design student, discovered that in 1885 Adelaide Zoo's flamingo exhibit was opened to the public and the Rover safety bicycle was exhibited for the first time. This Rover bike soon replaced the penny farthing-style bicycles, providing the foundation for the standard bicycle used today.

"Throughout my design education, we have been taught all design is about storytelling," Emily says.

"My design idea was to link the founding of Fisher Jeffries to its era - a time of innovation - the design strives to be a little bit different."

Emily's card stood out from the other entries with its unique fold and die cut and eye-catching quirky imagery.

"I hoped the design would make people want to pick it up and literally unfold its story," Emily says.

"Winning the Christmas Card Commission has been so valuable in broadening my design experience.

"It's my first experience of a real design job, it's been stressful, exciting and hard work, but it has all paid off.

"I'm continuing to learn beyond the studio and this is invaluable for my future in design.

Emily, who has just finished her design studies, has received a prize of \$2000 and plans to use half of her winnings to undertake postgraduate study in graphic design and the other half to travel to Italy to see her host family from a high school exchange.

Fisher Jeffries says it is very proud of the Christmas Card Commission which has been undertaken for several years.

The commission offers students an invaluable opportunity to experience the commercial application of art by working to a real-life brief, from the initial client presentation through to the delivery of the final product.

For the 2010 Commission, 15 Fisher Jeffries' staff assessed more than 80 card submissions against the brief, narrowing the field down to an outstanding top 10. This year's finalists included Emily Schultz, Michelle Kox, Hannah Hutchison, Kate Le Dan, Louie Smale, Liam Hensel, Cody Buchanan, Jason Koen, Camille Trepa and Hans Michael.



A spokesperson for the firm congratulated all the student participants on the high standard of their submissions at a special award ceremony in November.

Giving right at home

UniSA Golden Key Honour Society has stepped up its efforts this year to ensure that the one in seven Australian children who live in households where both parents are unemployed, do actually have a gift under the tree at Christmas.

The society has collected hundreds of presents from across UniSA's campuses to support the Smith Family's Toy and Book Appeal for 2010. The Golden Key Honour Society says a big thank-you to the staff and students who have contributed to the gift-giving drive. For anyone who missed the chance to donate an appropriate gift for a child aged between 6 and 12 years old, the Smith Family is still taking donations [online](#).

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Chinese social sciences collaboration

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by Katrina Phelps

UniSA's collaboration with Chinese institutions was strengthened recently when it formed an agreement with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences is one of the most respected academic research organisations in the social sciences in the People's Republic of China.

The agreement sets out academic cooperation between the two institutions to further academic exchange and facilitate visits by researchers from the two countries in the fields of business, social sciences and humanities and other areas of common interest.

Pro Vice Chancellor: International & Development, Nigel Relph, welcomed the collaboration.

"UniSA has an ambitious international research agenda and this link with China's most prestigious social science institute is an important step in developing our position in a country that is an increasingly important player across a number of fields of study," Relph said.

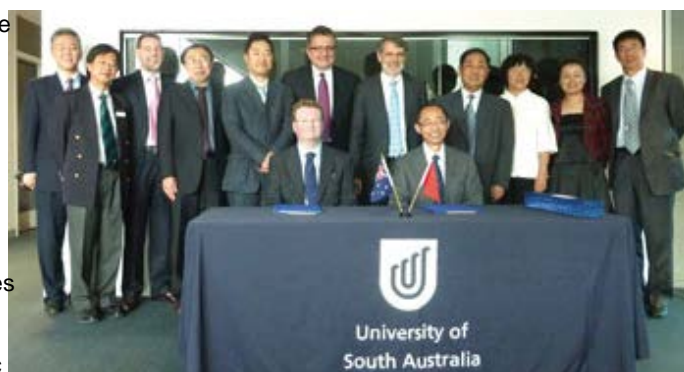
UniSA's relationship with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences began in 2006 when they were chosen as the host organisation for UniSA's MBA Business in China Intensive School.

Pro Vice Chancellor of the Division of Business, Professor Gerry Griffin, says through this arrangement the Academy has been organising top guest speakers for our MBA students from some of the best universities in China.

"This schedule of eminent speakers has been one of the highlights of our MBA program, and the feedback from students has been very positive," Prof Griffin said.

"The establishment of the Centre for Asian Business in our Division at the start of this year further consolidated our commitment to engage meaningfully with Asia, recognising the significance of these economies to South Australia's and Australia's international trading relations and economic prosperity, especially China.

"This formal signed agreement will facilitate high level research collaboration between the two universities, extending the Division's capability in Chinese issues in business and management. We look forward to exploring opportunities for academic and PhD student exchanges in the future."



(front left) UniSA Pro Vice Chancellor of International and Development, Nigel Relph signs the agreement with Professor Zhu Jiamu, Vice-President from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Showcase to industry at the Lakes

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by Katrina Phelps

Six high achieving students from the School of Computer and Information Science and the School of Electrical and Information Engineering were showcased to industry representatives at the end of last month (November).

The students delivered speeches about their scholarly work, with one student receiving an 'Industry Choice' prize.

Dineshkumar Lohiya won the industry prize for his paper, titled *'Agile Software Development Methodologies and Correlation with Employability Skills'* which compared the different agile software development process models, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses in different operational contexts.

Dinesh will now undertake a week's work experience in the parliamentary office of Tammy Franks, MLC, Greens Member of the South Australian Legislative Council.

Co-organiser of the event, Kirsten Wahlstrom who is a Learning Advisor at the Mawson Lakes campus, said that it was a chance for students to get a foot in the door to industry. The students were chosen to participate in the event, based on a paper they wrote in a course called Academic Skills for IT Professionals.

"The students who were selected are very high achieving international students but it can be hard for them to get their foot in the door," she said. "Professionally they need more vehicles to help them with their careers in Australia.

"The students were outnumbered by industry contacts at the event, giving them an abundance of opportunity for networking which is particularly rare for international students.

"It also provided the students with an experiential learning experience as they had to develop some of the communication and presentation skills that are required for an academic career.

"It also enables research supervisors to identify high-performing masters and undergraduate students for recruitment into PhD programs."

Wahlstrom hopes that the event will be extended to other schools in the Division of Information Technology, Engineering and Environment at Mawson Lakes by 2012.

Two other awards were also given out at the event.

Ryan Chen won the Academics' Preference, which was \$200 donated by the School of Computer and Information Science. His paper proposed an extension of a widely used software development process model to improve its documentation outcomes; make better use of diverse staff and; improve



(from left) Gauri, Ryan Chen, Kirsten Wahlstrom, Santhiya Vijayakumar, Zheng Hou and Dineshkumar Lohiya.

its scalability.

Gauri won the Students' Preference, \$100 donated by the Learning and Teaching Unit. Her paper explored the application of simulation modelling to software development, with a focus on quality assurance and risk management.

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Poetic memories

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by Michèle Nardelli

An ancient Chinese proverb says “*the palest ink is better than the best memory*” and in a unique UniSA research project the two elements of the proverb – ink and memory – have come together to deliver new information on how creative writing can act therapeutically for people with memory loss.

The project - *Poetic creativity in older adulthood: considering the therapeutic benefits of poetry in dementia patients* - undertaken by Dr Ioana Petrescu and Dr Rob Ranzijn, set out to investigate the potential benefits of teaching adults with early dementia and memory loss to write poetry.

Funding from the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences supported the project which was undertaken in conjunction with Alzheimer’s Australia, SA Division.

And what started as a community partnership to further a research outcome has ended up as much more. For the four key participants in the research project – all memory loss sufferers – it has been a special opportunity to foster their creativity and to be published for the first time.

The publication of their work, *Words that Shine*, containing 21 new poems, was launched at the end of November by ABC personality and journalist Peter Goers.

One of the participants – identified in the book as Mary – believes engaging with the creative process will continue to help her battle the early signs of Alzheimer’s.

“It is pretty shocking to confront the fact that your memory is failing,” said Mary who still has school-aged children at home. “What this has taught me is that there is so much you can still do. Creative writing is inspiring and it helps to recreate feelings and memories in a new context. It has been great to be involved in this work and I now also want to do more in the creative area including music and learning a new language.”

Clare Beard, Connexus program coordinator from Alzheimer’s Australia, says the project taps into an important area in fighting the progression of Alzheimer’s.

“Writing poetry, reading poetry and engaging with that process seems to help unlock memories and help develop new skills that provide fulfilment and a positive engagement,” she says.

“It is important for people dealing with memory loss to feel and believe that useful and fulfilling participation is possible. This project has been great in underpinning that for the participants.”

For Dr Ioana Petrescu the whole concept of the research project is quite personal. It was when her own aunt, suffering from early signs of dementia, would recite verses from Coleridge’s *Kubla Khan* poem at dinner, that she hit on the idea that poetry may have some special qualities that help encase



UniSA’s Ioana Petrescu (third from left), Peter Goers and Clare Beard from Alzheimer’s Australia (right end) with contributors to the poetry book.

and stimulate memories.

"I think the work we have done already shows that the creative process in the poetic form has enormous potential to benefit sufferers of memory loss," she said.

"We hope to build on this research to develop the project so that more people can become involved and benefit from the experience of poetry-writing."

The collection of poems is available for purchase from [Bartosz Zubrzycki](#) for \$10 a copy and all proceeds are being donated to Alzheimer's Australia.

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Armstrong's last competitive visit to SA

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by Katrina Phelps

A major highlight of the 2011 Santos Tour Down Under (STDU) will be seeing cycling legend Lance Armstrong compete in his last professional cycling event outside the USA, according to former Team UniSA-Australia cyclist Patrick Jonker.

"With this being Lance Armstrong's last international race, spectators can expect to see aggressive riding from him, as he tries to make a strong finish to his career," Jonker said.

Jonker, who won the STDU in 2004 with Team UniSA-Australia and is the Team UniSA-Australia Supporters Club Captain, says the 2011 event should be full of action with some great sprinters taking part including Mark Cavendish, Andre Greipel and Tyler Farrar.

The 2011 race will mark UniSA's eleventh year of support for the STDU, and it will be the first race on the new UCI World Tour, joining the same category of races as the prestigious Tour de France.

UniSA is involved with many activities during the event but of course the most significant is hosting Australia's national team in the race – Team UniSA-Australia. The team of up and coming young Australian cyclists is due to be announced just before Christmas.

Another UniSA highlight of the race is Stage One on Tuesday January 18, when the race starts at the Mawson Lakes campus. The campus will be transformed into a cycling village as the local community gets into the spirit of the race.

Selected UniSA staff will also have the opportunity to cheer on the riders during the Cancer Council Classic on Sunday January 16 and the Adelaide City Council Street Circuit on Sunday January 23 from a UniSA supporters stand.

And before the final stage of the race gets underway on January 23, UniSA will present the Mutual Community Mini Tour for Kids.

The Mini Tour for Kids takes place at 10am on January 23 at Elder Park. Limited to only 600 kids, riders will have 20 minutes to complete as many laps of the track as they like, whilst being cheered on by the STDU crowd and of course Mum and Dad. All UniSA staff, alumni, students and Supporters Club members, as well as Mutual Community members, will receive \$5 off their child's registration.



For more details see [here](#).

To keep up-to-date with all the STDU news, join the [Team UniSA-Australia Supporters Club](#), or keep an eye on the [website](#).

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Powerful partnership

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by Katrina Phelps

The School of Health Sciences at UniSA and the Port Adelaide Football Club are working together in a collaboration that is proving to be a win-win situation for everyone involved.

Exercise and Sports Science students from the Human Movement and Health Studies program are getting hands-on experience with the AFL club, with six cadetships being available to students on an annual basis. Last month (November) the first cadetship group was finishing up their time with the club, while the second group was just starting.

"The cadetship gives the students hands-on experience in an elite sports science setting," said Adam Hewitt, Exercise Scientist and coordinator of the work experience program for the Human Movement program in the School of Health Sciences.

"It's a long-term experience where they get to apply the theory that they have learnt in their classes.

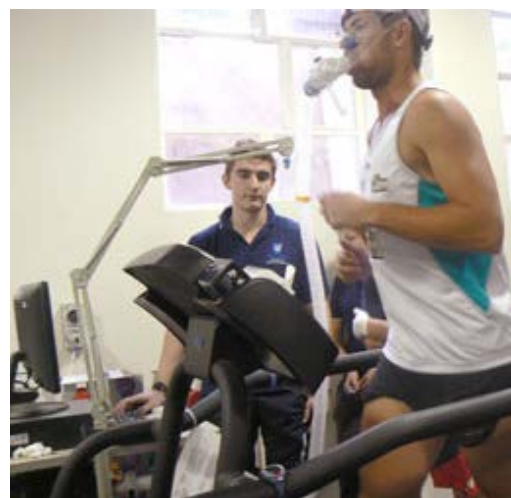
"For the Club, they get access to state-of-the-art sport science equipment that we have at UniSA, and it also gives them lots of extra hands around the place. For the students the experience is invaluable."

The second group of cadets started their placement with Port Power recently with the team going through VO2 testing at the City East campus's sports science lab. The testing involves the measurement of the player's maximum capacity to transport and use oxygen while running on a treadmill at increasing speeds and gradient. While running to exhaustion, the player wears a breathing mask that only lets them breathe through their mouths with each breathe being collected and monitored by a gas analysis system. The data collected allows the maximum oxygen consumption in relative, ml per kg of body weight and absolute values to be determined.

Third year student Carl Woods was part of the first cadetship group and rates the experience highly.

"It's been a great experience for myself, simply to get out into the practical workforce and see how professional and elite athletes work and train, and how they get trained," Carl said.

"It's been a good eye-opening experience for us, gives us our practical hands-on experience, and speaking on behalf of the other cadets, we've all enjoyed our time. It's been amazing what we've learnt on site and we've grown as individuals and developed new skills to help us work with athletes of this calibre.



“We do a lot of testing on ourselves during our study so we actually experience what it’s like and we can also practice our protocols, so when it comes to testing elite athletes, we know exactly what we are doing and we know how to do it in a safe and accurate manner.

“I’d love to be a high-performance coach in a fitness department in an elite setting like Port Power.”

During the AFL season, the students, who are studying a Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement and Health Studies), will spend 10-15 hours a week with the club.

The School of Health Sciences is hoping to form more partnerships with other elite sporting teams in Adelaide.

“We are looking for experiential opportunities for our students, with real athletes, so they get the real sports science and high-performance flavour of the testing rather than only working with their peers in the laboratory,” said Acting Head of the School of Health Sciences, Annette Raynor.

“At Port Power the students are hands-on during training and hands-on during game time so they get to polish their skills under real world conditions. They are challenged by the fact that it is in a time-pressure situation with elite athletes and obviously they need to get it right.”

The next step with the Port Power partnership is starting an Honours project at the Club in 2011 which will look at training load management – making sure players are not over-trained or under-trained, and how this correlates with injury rates.



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Students use design skills for social good

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by Alex Doudy

The range of creative talent in UniSA's School of Art, Architecture and Design was showcased this month in six separate student exhibitions.

Challenging the assumptions of artistic design in her work, Visual Arts graduating student Mary Huber, had her abstract paintings showcased during the *Sticks, Stones, Broken Bones* exhibition at UniSA's City West campus.

"People normally associate painting with portraiture and assume abstract painting is just thrown together easily and I wanted to contest that," Mary said.



The Visual Arts painting major said her two biggest influences are colour and pattern, which she's combined in her exhibition pieces to draw attention to the myriad of unnoticed yet exquisite happenings enveloping us each day.

"We live in such a hectic busy world and tend to miss the little, beautiful reactions happening all around us," Mary said.

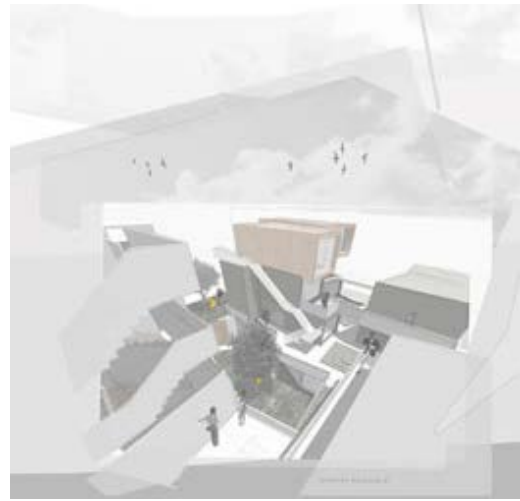
"My work looks at taking time out to notice them and draws inspiration from my research on chemical reactions."

Mary intends to pursue an Honours Degree in Visual Arts after completing a Graduate Diploma Masters in junior and primary teaching at UniSA. She hopes to become a general teacher and continue her artistic work on the side.

Meanwhile, Architectural Studies students at UniSA have shown how their technical and creative skills can be used for social good, in an exhibition that's gained strong community support by challenging typical understandings of architectural design.

Led by Dr Angelique Edmonds from the School of Art, Architecture and Design, the third year architecture students were asked to use the skills they'd acquired during their studies so far to assist in designing for youth at risk of homelessness.

Through a partnership with Housing SA, Service to Youth Council and community Housing



organisation Developing Alternative Solutions to Housing, the students were given real sites in Adelaide to develop for the needs of young people transitioning from state care to independence.

Statistically, 16 to 18-year-olds who 'age out' of State care are vulnerable in transitioning to independent living with one in three finding themselves homeless within the first 12 months. Dr Edmonds said it's a serious social issue that requires a well considered design approach.

"Students had to be aware of the tenancy mix so they could produce a socially viable space that provided for privacy and independence and yet also encouraged interaction," Dr Edmonds said.

"The spatial solution had to ensure it offered both areas for solitude but also spaces where serendipitous social relationships and trust could develop.

"For example, in apartment buildings the corridor space is often reduced in size so that an individual's living space is larger and therefore higher in value, but with this project the emphasis is on creating spaces where young people would feel comfortable stopping and having a chat with each other so they can build trust and social connections."

Students were given real-life stories from young people and asked to design with their needs in mind, adding to the complexity of the process.

"This project challenges the assumptions associated with designing for a single client because it involves designing for both the community organisation who has commissioned the building, as well as for the needs of the young person," Dr Edmonds said.

"Students had to be mindful of brokering the best outcome for everyone involved."

For architecture student Matiya Marovich-Tadic, who was awarded a cash prize and employment opportunity for winning the Hames Sharley Prize for Architecture, it was a difficult but ultimately rewarding project.

"The course asked us what was achievable through architecture, and what the physical world could change about the way people live," Matiya said.

"We had to attempt to integrate an ignored and underprivileged demographic into the fabric of Adelaide and tackle stigma, personal issues and security, as well as justify an architectural approach as opposed to a project home solution," he said.

The community partners involved were so impressed with the students' designs that they've expressed interest in adopting them for potential development.

Dr Edmonds, who ran the project as part of the Architectural Studio 6 (integrated) course for the first time last year and won a Chancellor's commendation for Community Engagement, has also been invited to join the Board of the Council for the Care of Children SA.

"The community partners were really excited that a design school was focusing on the needs of vulnerable young people," Dr Edmonds said.

"The course is designed so that students combine all of the technical and visual skills they've learned in a way that shows how their profession relates to issues in society and how they can assist in addressing social problems," she said.

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From Austria to the Australian outback

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by Alex Doudy

Two Austrian students have spent months in the Australian outback as part of a UniSA project researching Aboriginal homelessness care in regional South Australia.

Bernadette Stross and Thekla Kainz from the University of Applied Sciences in Krems have been based in Whyalla for the past four months working on the federally-funded *Homeless Away From Home* project run in partnership with Charles Darwin University.

"We are both studying for a Master's of Health Management in Krems and are working on an economic study on the health care topic so our research aligned closely with this project's focus on service provision, associated challenges and how it can be improved," Bernadette said.

"Working on the project will be a great boost for our CVs and improve our chances of getting a good job while also allowing us to work on our written and spoken English."

The pair interviewed health and community service providers to gain an insight into the impact of mobility and homelessness on Aboriginal people living in remote parts of the South Australia.

"The research is trying to provide more information about the barriers to services access for homeless Aboriginal people who travel to Port Augusta and Ceduna from remote communities and aims to identify the problems that service providers experience in trying to provide services for highly mobile Aboriginal people," Thekla said.

"This study is asking health and community services providers what experiences they have had with Aboriginal people who travel from remote communities to larger urban centres for short periods of time.

"We are particularly interested in people who may not have adequate housing in the places they travel to, hence the title 'homeless away from home'.

"We want to figure out how many of these people there might be, what sort of people they are, for example are they male or female, young or old, and when and how long they travel for," she said.

Whyalla-based Research Development Manager at UniSA's Centre for Rural Health and Community Development, Jen Cleary, provided guidance for the girls and said the research could help improve the efficiency of service provision for Aboriginal people.

"Getting better data on the movements and needs of Aboriginal people, who tend to move between



centres, can help us focus our service delivery and we are excited to have Bernadette and Thekla contribute to this," Cleary said.

And despite being harassed by flies, surprised by outback floods and handling snakes, the duo say their Australian adventure has been a great experience.

"The people are very friendly and helpful and we've had a great time in Whyalla," Bernadette said.

"The research project is a lot of work and challenging but it's great to manage it and it's a wonderful opportunity to come to Australia and live here for a longer period of time and participate in this great research project," she said.

The pair will graduate in June 2011 with a Master of Arts (Business) and will use the research findings from the project to form two separate theses and an academic journal article.

Homeless Away From Home is one of 16 research projects announced by the Australian Government earlier this year to provide information into homelessness and its long-term impact.

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Leading medical journal boosts PhD student's research [Back to story index](#)

UniSA's new Dean of Graduate Studies, Professor Phil Weinstein, certainly knows how to launch a research student on the right path - for the third time, he has just co-authored a paper in the world's leading medical journal, *The Lancet*, in which the first author is one of his PhD students.

The paper, titled '*Childhood pneumonia – a neglected climate-sensitive disease?*', has just been accepted for publication, providing a great boost to PhD student Stuart Paynter.

"The key is to steer the student into uncharted territory, but to do so in a supportive research team so that the bread-and-butter part of the PhD is never at risk," he said. "These papers invariably have three or more authors, but the student is always first."

Stuart's work shows that childhood pneumonia is sensitive to seasonal variation, a fact previously only considered in the context of temperate climates. Childhood pneumonia is responsible for 17 per cent of childhood deaths globally, predominantly in developing countries in the tropics, but the potential impact of climate change on this disease has largely been neglected by the major advisory bodies.

Prof Weinstein started as the new Dean of Graduate Studies in October, and will lead the newly structured Graduate Research Centre from refurbished offices at 27 North Terrace, City West. He is strongly focused on providing a supportive environment to research students at UniSA.

Prof Weinstein says UniSA's Research Concentrations strategy is the perfect approach to helping research students to start their research careers with a bang.

"These concentrations create fantastically supportive research environments that allow students to thrive," he said.

"Several supervisors with complementary skills is an ideal formula – they should of course be research-active, and that generally means that the necessary infrastructure is already in place for the student to share.

"It is by working in such environments that students are able to produce early publications in high-ranking journals to kick-start their research careers."

Prof Weinstein says it can take some time to build a thriving research concentration, and that the ideas and energy of early career researchers and research students is invaluable in doing so.

"On top of that there are of course always new skills to perfect, and an early task of mine will be to work closely with the Research Education Support Activities team to provide both supervisors and research students with training opportunities to develop these skills – from writing collaborative *Lancet* papers, right down to which form to use when traveling overseas on a research collaboration."



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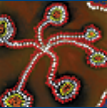
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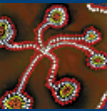
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