



Report

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***The Fay Gale Centre
undertakes theoretical and applied research
to advance social justice
in gender, gender relations and sexuality***

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Professor Fay Gale, AO

The Centre is pleased to carry the name of Professor Emerita Fay Gale, AO, a leading researcher in Aboriginal Studies and the first woman to hold a position in Senior Management at the University of Adelaide. As Vice Chancellor at the University of Western Australia she initiated wide-ranging reforms aimed to eliminate discrimination against women and was a pioneer in developing programs for equal opportunity and equity in the university sector. Her history of association with South Australia and the University of Adelaide, her commitment to genuine social change for women and Indigenous people, and her far-reaching impact on gender relations within the University sector make her a fine exemplar of all that the Centre hopes to achieve.

Co-Directors' Report

In 2014 the World Economic Forum released the *Global Gender Gap Report*, a document that examines the magnitude of gender-based disparities in different countries. While it is difficult to map the complexities of gender on such a scale, the report does convey important information on aspects of gender equality. Specifically, it documents the relative gaps between men and women in four key areas: health, education, the economy and political empowerment. Of 142 countries, Australia was ranked 24th, falling behind the Nordic countries, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. When the report was first published in 2006, Australia's ranking was 15th.

In Australia, *The Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA)* is the statutory agency charged with promoting and improving gender equality in Australian workplaces (replacing the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999). In 2014, 76 organisations were awarded the inaugural WGEA Employer of Choice for Gender Equality citation. Awardees including several 'group of eight' universities, but the University of Adelaide was not among them.

Against this backdrop, the Fay Gale Centre's mandate is to develop, promote and expand the substantive concentration of research excellence in the field of gender within the University of Adelaide, and to build on the University's commitment to promote social justice, equality and diversity in the community.

Despite receiving no core funding in 2014 and the subsequent inability to employ a co-ordinator or host a symposium in that year, the Centre has continued to support its members through facilitating research collaborations and building research capacity, with a focus on enhancing skills in multiple aspects of the preparation of grant applications. In line with Faculty directives, the Centre has supported members in the development and submission of national competitive grant applications, and with applying for, undertaking, and expanding, research funded by internal schemes. Success rates for national grant applications are at an historic low, and the opportunity cost in terms of time is high, so it is vital to work collectively to provide constructive critique of proposals, knowledge of systems to improve efficient preparation, and strong support to engage iteratively with funding schemes.

Funds provided to the Centre in 2015 were sufficient to cover administrative assistance on a casual basis. In addition to organising core events, priority has been given to managing the Centre's website and establishing an online presence in the form of a blog. This is an accessible forum for disseminating information on events and news to members, Friends and the wider community.

The membership profile of the Centre reflects what we already know about women in academia: under-representation at higher levels, with the majority of our active members being women at Level B and C who have combined teaching and research appointments. Women at these levels, especially, need a respectful and trusted space in which to be mentored, develop ideas, and explore potential collaborations.

Peak research funding bodies are now actively seeking to improve retention of women in research. Notably, the National Health and Medical Research Council re-established the *Women in Health Science Committee* in 2014. Similarly, the Australian Academy of Science hosted the *Science in Australia Gender Equity forum* in 2014 to address chronic under-representation and loss of female talent across all areas of science and research.

It is important to recognise that, while commendable initiatives like the Barbara Kidman Fellowship scheme have been put in place to assist women academics to re-invigorate or accelerate their research careers, those forms of support do not necessarily address wider structural aspects that constrain achievements of women. Also required are initiatives that are collective, cultural and organisational in order to generate sustainable, institutional change. We were thus delighted by the Dornwell Framework that was launched at the University of Adelaide in April 2015, a university wide operational plan to improve gender equity through a range of targeted policies and practices.

Prior to that, in October 2014, two Centre members were appointed to the newly formed roles of Associate Dean (Gender, Diversity & Inclusion) for their respective Faculties: Dr Shona Crabb for Health Sciences and A/Prof Laura Grenfell for Professions. These roles are part of the renewed university-wide efforts to be proactive and strategic in progressing the equity and diversity agenda.

Among the many activities and highlights of the 18 month period covered by this report, in conjunction with the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, the Centre hosted the Academy's Annual Fay Gale Lecture in June 2014. Professor Jacqui True (Professor of Politics & International Relations) from Monash University spoke on "*Winning the war but losing the battle: A feminist perspective on global violence*". Reports on declines in violence over recent decades have neglected to account for sexual and gender-based violence which is largely invisible. Prevalence surveys reveal that the majority of women and girls in every country have experienced this form of violence. This lecture was significant, given the unprecedented acts of national and international gendered violence that are now in the public eye: the on-going political unrest following the shocking gang rape and murder of a young New Delhi woman; Nobel Peace Prize recipient Malala Yousafzai being shot in the head for supporting girls' education in Pakistan; the kidnapping of 276 Nigerian school girls by Boko Haram; Rosie Batty's Australian leadership in family and gendered violence.

Also notable were the international visiting scholars the Centre hosted: in 2014, A/Prof Aryn Martin (Department of Sociology and Program in Science & Technology Studies) from York University, Canada, and in 2015, Prof Ulf Mellström (Professor of Gender Studies) from Karlstad University, Sweden. Each delivered masterclasses and seminars, contributing to vibrant scholarship in the Centre, while at the same time advancing their own research portfolios.

In April 2015, the Centre launched the *Alliance of Gender Scholars* comprising PhD students and postdocs across the university who are engaged in gender research. The aim is to promote scholarship in gender-related research, provide professional development opportunities, and build the capacity of these scholars in developing their careers.

In summary, building on the previous year, 2014 and the first half of 2015 continued to be a time for renewing initiatives in collaboration and capacity building. The focus on new interdisciplinary research teams has been especially positive and productive and these teams will contribute significantly to the esteem and future impact of the Centre's research.

Very many thanks and much appreciation for the support and guidance provided to us as Co-directors by Prof Chris Beasley and Dr Pam Papadelos, and also by Professor Emerita Margaret Allen and A/Prof Laura Grenfell as members of our Management Committee. We thank the Advisory Committee members for valuable deliberations and wisdom during a difficult period. Thanks to Prof Deborah Turnbull as Convenor of the *Gender, Equity and Diversity Committee* which provided tangible support for the activities of the Centre in 2014. Thanks are also due to: Dr Penelope Eates for assistance with preparing grant applications; Emily Cock and Renae Fernandez for administrative support; Tara Bates, Katherine Radoslovich, Nadine Levy, Mark Dean and Ryan Higgins for event assistance; the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research), especially Prof Mike Brooks and Kerry Jaeger. Finally, thanks for the inspiration and commitment of Centre members and Friends.



Prof Vivienne Moore



A/Prof Megan Warin

Executive Summary

From January 2014 to June 2015, the Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender continued to fulfil its mandate as a centre of research excellence in gender.

In early 2014, A/Prof Susan Oakley decided not to take up Co-directorship as planned the previous year. Following discussion with the Advisory Committee of the Centre, A/Prof Megan Warin was invited to take up the position of Co-director (based in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), to which she agreed. Prof Vivienne Moore (Faculty of Health Sciences) and A/Prof Megan Warin thus became the Co-directors from 2014. The combined expertise of Directors from two faculties was designed to ensure that the Centre continues to bring together academics undertaking gender-related research from across the university as a whole, a distinctive feature of the Centre.

A new Management Committee for the Centre was established in May 2014. Members comprise Professor Emerita Margaret Allen (Humanities and Social Sciences), A/Prof Laura Grenfell (Professions), and the Co-directors. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences became the Faculty of Arts in January 2015.

The Fay Gale Centre has overarching objectives that underpinned its establishment, as well as primary objectives adopted in 2013 after receiving new financial expectations from the Faculty.

Mandate 1

Develop and support an active, interdisciplinary research community

The Centre gained new members and Friends over the 18 months from January 2014 to June 2015. It maintained a core program of lectures, seminars and masterclasses.

In 2014 the Centre provided a series of grant application development workshops to enable members to learn from each other, and to support members in applications for seed funding as well as a range of national competitive grants. In addition, forums were held for academics awarded internal grants to provide an opportunity to report on progress, receive constructive criticism, and consider ways to extend the work and potentially gain external funding.

In 2015 the Centre established the *Alliance of Gender Scholars*, a network for PhD students and postdocs across the university.

Mandate 2

Establish the Fay Gale Centre as a research centre of international renown in the field of research on gender issues

The Centre has established an international research partnership with the Centre of Gender Excellence (GEXcel), Linköping University, Sweden. Prof Chris Beasley consolidated these partnerships in 2014 through her Guest Professorship with Karlstad University and GEXcel in Sweden. In 2015, Prof Ulf Mellström (Professor of Gender Studies) from Karlstad University visited the University of Adelaide and a number of events were held to stimulate further thinking and collaboration.

The Centre is also part of the *Re-Valuing Care Research Network* which is a collaboration with the Gender, Sexuality and Law Research Group (CLGS) at Keele, Kent and Westminster Universities, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) in the UK. A book project arising from this initiative is expected to be published in 2017 (Harding, R., Fletcher, R., Westwood, S. and Beasley, C. (Eds). *ReValuing Care in Theory, Law and Policy*. UK: Routledge).

At a national level, the links developed with the *Centre for Research on Men and Masculinities* (CROMM) at the University of Wollongong have led to exchanged invitations for national presentations and collaboration on a project (concerning elite boys' schools) which generated seed funds, new publications, and has potential to attract national competitive funding.

Mandate 3

Develop the next generation of leaders in gender research

The Fellowship scheme previously administered by the Centre encouraged and supported gender-related research by its members, and in particular, early and mid-career researchers. While no Fellowships were awarded in 2014 or 2015, significant outcomes of past Fellowships included three books and 9 book chapters or journal articles (accepted or published) by early and mid-career researchers. In April 2015, the *Alliance of Gender Scholars* was established to support the research of PhD students and postdoctoral staff who work in gender-related fields.

Mandate 4

Raise the profile of, and interest in, gender research

While many of the Centre's events and activities are designed with this mandate in mind, the peak event is an annual public lecture, hosted in conjunction with the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, designated by the Academy as the Fay Gale Lecture. The 2014 speaker was Prof Jacqui True (Professor of Politics & International Relations) from Monash University. The lecture "*Winning the war but losing the battle: a feminist perspective on global violence*" critiqued the claim that violence is declining by drawing attention to gendered and sexual violence that is largely hidden.

Objective 1

Development of Category 1 grant applications

In 2013 members were invited to apply for special initiative funds for grant application development. Six projects were selected for intensive support, with four of these projects submitted as ARC Discovery applications in 2014. One underwent revisions and was resubmitted in 2015.

Forums were held for those members awarded internal grants in 2014, with one specific aim being to promote ideas for expanding the work and developing national competitive grant applications.

Objective 2

Development of high ranking journal outputs

Members continue to publish in high ranking national and international journals. Past Fellowship support enabled research to be accepted or published in high ranking outlets including Routledge publishers, *Feminism and Psychology*, and *Feminist Review*. More broadly, gender-related publications of members included four books, 22 chapters and 42 articles, with many in the best journals for their area (e.g. *Body & Society*, *Journal of Social History*, *Journal of Sociology*, *Outskirts*, *Qualitative Health Research*).

Objective 3

Maintain and expand our research community including supporting postgraduates and early career researchers

This objective reiterates Mandate 3. The Centre's program of activities and events designed to strengthen our community of scholars is open to postgraduates and early career researchers. In addition, each visiting scholar is asked to deliver a masterclass designed for PhD scholars and postdocs. As mentioned, in 2015, the Centre launched the *Alliance of Gender Scholars*, a network for PhD students and postdocs across the university.

Objective 4

Seek external funding and additional sources of internal funding

Members have endeavoured to gain external funding from a variety of sources. In 2014 two members gained prestigious Australian Research Council funds: A/Prof Warin was awarded a Future Fellowship and Dr Tanya Zivkovic received a Discovery Early Career Research Award. Efforts to diversify funding sources were successful for Dr Ros Prosser and colleagues, with a grant from the Department

of Communities and Social Inclusion, South Australian Government, and for Dr Tanya Zivkovic who, in collaboration with other University of Adelaide academics, won funding from the Northern Communities Health Foundation.

Two teams were successful in winning Faculty Research Centres' Competitive Funding in 2014. One member received a Barbara Kidman Fellowship in 2014. Three members won Faculty Research Active Grants in 2014 and four in 2015. Two members were part of interdisciplinary teams that gained Deputy Vice Chancellor's funds in 2015.

In summary, as can be seen in this snapshot of our major achievements in 2014 the first half of 2015, the Fay Gale Centre continues to be a significant and thriving research centre that is making important contributions to the academic and intellectual life of the University of Adelaide.



Picture:
Attendees at Professor Susan Magarey's book launch included Vice Chancellor Professor Warren Bebbington, Dr Nicole Beaumont, Professor Emerita Rosemary Owens, and Professor Clem McIntyre



Picture:
Professor Cathy Speck launches her new book at the Art Gallery of South Australia

Who We Are

The Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender was launched by the (then) Vice Chancellor James McWha on 8th December 2009. The Centre brings together the extensive expertise in research on gender and sexuality at the University of Adelaide, combining leading researchers in the fields of the Social Sciences, Humanities, Law/Professions, and Health Sciences.

The Centre welcomed five new members from January 2014 to June 2015: A/Prof Julie Matthews (Education), Dr Katie Barclay (recipient of a Discovery Early Career Research Award in the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions), Dr Tanya Zivkovic (recipient of a Discovery Early Career Research Award, Gender Studies and Social Analysis), Dr Maggie Tonkin (English and Creative Writing), Dr Erica Millar (Gender Studies and Social Analysis). A/Prof Richard Howson from the University of Wollongong was welcomed as an Affiliate Member.

Faculty of Health Sciences

Professor Martha Augoustinos
Associate Professor Jenny Baker
Dr Shona Crabb
Associate Professor Amanda Le Couteur
Professor Vivienne Moore
Associate Professor Damien Riggs

Faculty of the Professions

Associate Professor Laura Grenfell
Associate Professor Anne Hewitt
Associate Professor Julie Matthews
Professor Ngaire Naffine
Professor Rosemary Owens
Kellie Toole

★ *Prof Rosemary Owens was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia on Australia Day 2014*

Affiliate Members

Tara Bates
Dr Angelique Bletsas
Adele Lausberg
Nadine Levy
Associate Professor Richard Howson
Associate Professor Rob Cover
Syeda Nuzhat-E-Ibrat
Dr Kirsty Whitman

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Professor Emerita Margaret Allen
Professor Rachel Ankeny
Professor Emerita Carol Bacchi
Dr Katie Barclay
Professor Chris Beasley
Dr Jennifer Bonham
Professor Emerita Chilla Bulbeck
Dr Philip Butters
Dr Benito Cao
Dr Georgina Drew
Dr Alison Dundon
Dr Natalie Edwards
Professor Lisa Hill
Professor Carol Johnson
Professor Emerita Susan Magarey
Dr Erica Millar
Dr Dee Michell
Dr Kathie Muir
Dr Melissa Nursey-Bray
Associate Professor Susan Oakley
Dr Pam Papadelos
Dr Ros Prosser
Professor Kay Schaffer
Dr Xianlin Song
Professor Cathy Speck
Dr Anna Szorenyi
Dr Maggie Tonkin
Dr Tiziana Torresi
Dr Mandy Treagus
Dr Claire Walker
Dr Thomas Wanner
Associate Professor Megan Warin
Dr Tanya Zivkovic

★ *E/Prof Susan Magarey was appointed to the Jury for the 2015 Council for the Humanities, Arts & Social Science Australia Book Prize*

Fay Gale Centre Achievements

Outcomes of completed Fay Gale Centre Fellowships

Books

- Schaffer, K. & Song, X. (2014). *Women Writers in Postsocialist China*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Speck, C. (2014). *Beyond the Battlefield: Women Artists of the Two World Wars*. Reaktion Books.
- Cover, R. (2014). *Vulnerability and Exposure: Footballer Scandals, Masculine Identity and Ethics*. University of Western Australia Publishing.



Journal articles and book chapters

Published

- Fairweather-Schmidt, A.K., Leach, L., Butterworth, P., & Anstey, K.J. (2014). Infertility problems and mental health symptoms in a community-based sample: depressive symptoms among infertile men, but not women. *International Journal of Men's Health*, 13(2): 75-91.
- Michell, D. (2014). Traces of a feminist protest: Kylie Tennant's novel *Tell Morning This*. In Ashton, P. and Wilson, J. (Eds). *Silent System: Forgotten Australians and the Institutionalisation of Women and Children*. Melbourne: Australian Scholarly Publishing.
- Nursey-Bray, M. (2014). Gender, governance and climate change adaptation. In Leal Filho W. (Ed). *Handbook Of Climate Change Adaptation*. Germany: Springer.
- Platten, B. & Warin, M. (2014). Mouching disgust and pleasure in eating disorders: The sensorial agency and gendered dimensions of consuming bodies. *Senses and Society*, 9(2): 194-211.
- Riggs, D. (2014). What makes a man? Thomas Beattie, embodiment, and 'mundane transphobia'. *Feminism and Psychology*, 24(2):157-171.
- Szörényi, A. (2014). Rethinking the boundaries: Towards a Butlerian ethics of vulnerability in sex trafficking debates. *Feminist Review*, 107: 20-36.
- Warin, M., Zivkovic, T., Davies, M., & Moore, V. (2014). Mothers as smoking guns: Fetal overnutrition and the reproduction of obesity. In Ulijaszek, S. & Eli, K. (Eds). *Obesity, Eating Disorders and the Media*. Surrey UK: Ashgate.

Accepted

- Ankeny, R., & Bray, H. "If we're happy to eat it, why wouldn't we be happy to feed it to our children?": Articulating the complexities underlying women's ethical views on genetically-modified food. *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*.
- Baker, J., Allen, M., & Dyer, M. Cycles of care: ReValuing the possibilities of connection. In Harding, R., Fletcher, R., Westwood, S. and Beasley, C. (Eds). *ReValuing Care in Theory, Law and Policy*. UK: Routledge.

Grant applications submitted with Centre support

Augoustinos, M., Papadelos, P., & Verkuyten, M. *Managing cultural diversity: social cohesion and national identity*. ARC Discovery DP150103256

Beasley, C., Flood, M., Papadelos, P., Gill J., & Kimmel, M. *Advancing gender equity in male single-sex environments: elite boys' schools*. ARC Discovery DP150101244

Treagus, M., & Allen, M. *Race and the colonial movement of people in the Pacific: labour, settlement and performance*. ARC Discovery DP150104424

Warin, M. & Dennis, S. *The feeling of food: theorising disordered eating with creative arts and sensory scholarship*. ARC Discovery DP150100996

Gender-related funding achievements of Centre members January 2014 to June 2015

ARC Future Fellowship

A/Prof Megan Warin (Gender Studies and Social Analysis). *Food/body encounters: New approaches and alternative solutions to obesity prevention and policy*.

ARC Discovery Early Career Research Award

Dr Tanya Zivkovic (Gender Studies and Social Analysis). *Last Rights? Supporting end-of-life care in a culturally diverse society*.

Faculty Research Centres' Competitive Funding, 2014

Dr Anna Szorenyi (Gender Studies & Social Analysis), **A/Prof Katrina Falkner** (Computer Science). *Improving Gender Equity in Computer Science and Communication Technologies (ICT)*

Prof Chris Beasley (History and Politics), **Prof Martha Augoustinos** (Psychology), **Dr Mandy Treagus** (English and Creative Writing)
Advancing Gender Equity in Male Single-Sex Environments: Elite Boy's Schools

Faculty Research Active Grants for gender-related research, 2014

Dr Natalie Edwards (French Studies). *The Unspeakable: Censorship in Contemporary French and Francophone Literature*.

Prof Cathy Speck (History). *Beyond the battlefield: Women Artists in the Two World Wars*.

A/Prof Megan Warin (Gender Studies and Social Analysis). *Ethnographies of Anorexia*.

Deputy Vice Chancellor's Interdisciplinary Research Funds, 2015

Dr Katie Barclay (History), **Dr Dee Michell** (Gender Studies and Social Analysis), Dr Clemence Due (Psychology). *Dis/Located Children: Children in/and care.*

Dr Danielle Taylor (Australian Population and Migration Research), Prof Michael Davies (Obstetrics & Gynaecology), **Prof Vivienne Moore** (Public Health). *New Insight into adverse birth outcomes: bringing together clinical understanding and spatial, social and environmental context.*

Faculty Research Active Grants for gender-related research, 2015

Dr Katie Barclay (History). *The bank of mum and dad: love, money and family in early modern Scotland.*

Dr Natalie Edwards (French Studies). *Confronting the unspeakable: rape narrative from France and New Caledonia.*

Prof Carol Johnson (Politics & International Studies). *Differing paths: Liberal and Labor approaches to gender equality, 1972 to the present day.*

Dr Erica Millar (Gender Studies and Social Analysis). *Happy abortions: rethinking an emotional choice.*

Other grants

Dr Ros Prosser (English and Creative Writing), A/Prof Barbara Baird (Flinders University). *Remembering Dunstan.* From the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion, South Australian Government (\$5,000).

A/Prof Gregory Crawford (Medicine), Ms Teresa Burgess (Public Health), Dr Jaklin Elliott (General Practice), Prof Bernadette Richards (Law), Mr Alwin Chong (Yaitya Purrana Indigenous Health), Dr Debbie Faulkner (Centre for Housing, Urban and Regional Planning), **Dr Tanya Zivkovic** (Gender Studies and Social Analysis). *Hearing the voices of the vulnerable in end-of-life care planning.* Northern Communities Health Foundation (\$25,000).

Other research achievements

Dr Katie Barclay (History) received a Vice Chancellor's award for Women's Research Excellence in May 2015. Established to celebrate International Women's Day, the awards recognise, celebrate and promote academic women's research excellence at the University of Adelaide.

Strategic Plan 2013-2015

The Fay Gale Centre's first Strategic Plan was developed in keeping with the University of Adelaide's Strategic Plan 2008-2012, specifically: "excellence; fairness, integrity and responsibility; freedom of inquiry and expression; innovation, creativity and breadth of vision, and local, national and international engagement." However, in 2013 the direction of the Centre became more focused on development of Category 1 grants and the associated research teams.

Our Ambition

International, national, and local recognition for the Fay Gale Centre for its research on gender, contributing to a safer, healthier, more productive, and just society.

Our Purpose

The Fay Gale Centre undertakes theoretical and applied research to advance social justice in gender, gender relations and sexuality.

Mandate

- Develop and support an active, interdisciplinary research community.
- Establish The Fay Gale Centre as a research centre of international renown in the field of research on gender issues.
- Develop the next generation of leaders in gender research.
- Raise the profile of, and interest in, gender research.

Our Primary Objectives 2013-2015

- 1) Development of Category 1 Grant Applications.
- 2) Development of high ranking journal outputs.
- 3) Maintaining and expanding our research community including supporting postgraduate and early career researchers.
- 4) Seek external funding and additional sources of internal funding.

Our Goals

- Expand quality research outputs and grant applications.
- Expand the funding base for our research.
- Build the national and international profile of the Centre.
- Attract high quality researchers.
- Continually improve our governance and management systems.

Reconciliation Statement

The University acknowledges that the Kaurna People are the original inhabitants of the land where the first campus of the University was built and further recognises that the colonisation of Australia in the past two centuries has led to the dispossession, alienation and impoverishment of the Indigenous peoples. We acknowledge that Australian Indigenous peoples continue to face social and economic disadvantage, accentuated by prejudice and racism and that the forced separation of children from their families continues to have a profound impact on Indigenous communities.

The University of Adelaide is deeply sorry for all these injustices.

The full text of this statement is at <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/pr/docs/reconciliation.html>

Friends of Fay Gale Centre

In 2012 the 'Friends of the Fay Gale Centre' was launched. This association is esigned to link the Centre with people beyond the university, in government, the private sector and the wider community, who share our concern for gender research and gender equity in society.

The foundational Friends are:

Professor Emerita Carol Bacchi

Professor Emerita Chilla Bulbeck

Natasha Stott Despoja, AM

Hon Stephanie Key, MP

Hon Anne Levy, AO

Ms Jo Martin

Ms Janet Maughan

Professor Emerita Alison Mackinnon, AM

Professor Emerita Susan Magarey, AM

Dr Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli

Ms Sandy Pitcher

Dr Anne Summers, AO

Hon Amanda Vanstone

Mrs Lindsay McWha

Welcomed January 2014 to June 2015:

Hon Catherine Branson, QC, AO

Senator Anne McEwan

Senator Penny Wong

Annabel Crabb

Dr Tahnya Donaghy

Professor Barbara Pocock

Friends were invited to all Fay Gale Centre public events.

Dorrit Black
Australia, 1891 - 1951
Music
1927-28, Paris
colour linocut on paper

24.1 x 21.2 cm (image)
Elder Bequest Fund 1976



Collaborations and Partnerships

RINGS: International Research Network of Institutions of Advanced Gender Studies

The Fay Gale Centre (represented by founding Co-director Professor Chris Beasley) together with GEXcel were the joint founders of RINGS: the *International Research Network of Institutions of Advanced Gender Studies*. This new research Association began in May 2011 to:

- a. Promote transnational research collaboration between member institutions in advanced Gender Studies;
- b. Advance excellent women's/gender/feminist research that is disciplinary/transdisciplinary and transformative;
- c. Promote advanced critical, self-reflexive gender research; and
- d. Create virtual and physical meeting places for different generations of gender scholars.

An initial preparatory meeting was held in January 2012 that included representatives from: Umeå University, Sweden; Humboldt University, Germany; University of Oslo, Norway; and the University of Manchester, UK. At this meeting it was decided to create a working group of five representatives (including Prof Chris Beasley) to draft a constitution. The working group also undertook extensive negotiations in relation to the inaugural meeting, planned for 2014.

The inaugural meeting was held on 23rd and 24th October 2014, hosted by Örebro University, Sweden. The purpose was to finalise membership, develop a formal constitution, establish international research networks and propose related grant projects. The Association now has an Executive and involves university research institutions in South Africa and the West Indies, to Norway and Iceland.

Prof Chris Beasley chaired part of the two-day constitutional discussion. She was elected to the planning group to develop the second annual conference of the Association in 2017. The first is to be held in Prague, in November 2015, while the second must be held outside of Europe. Prof Beasley initiated the topic theme for the first conference.

The Executive has been elected for three years to focus on raising funds and developing international research projects. RINGS is a key means for the Fay Gale Centre to enhance the international profile of the University of Adelaide and gain access to research collaboration and funding opportunities.

GEXcel International Collegium, Sweden

In 2014, Centre member Prof Chris Beasley was invited to be Guest Professor with Karlstad University and GEXcel International Collegium in Sweden (involving Karlstad, Linköping, and Örebro universities). This was the outcome of previous visits to universities in Sweden associated with GEXcel, an advanced centre for gender research in Sweden.

The purpose of the Guest Professorship was to advance research capacity building by generating research outcomes, including new collaborative research outcomes, and by playing a proactive role in developing research teams and grant applications.

Subsequently, in 2015, Prof Professor Ulf Mellström (Professor of Gender Studies) from Karlstad University, Sweden, was hosted by the Fay Gale Centre in Adelaide (with details on page 21).

Summary Report of Guest Professorship

Prof Chris Beasley presented a seminar paper at Karlstad University on 3rd September 2014.

"Social Change and Hetero-Masculinity: Heterodoxy to Heresy".

This became a contribution in a special issue for which Professor Beasley was guest editor and wrote the Introduction.

Beasley, C. (2015). Libidinal heterodoxy: Heterosexuality, hetero-masculinity and "transgression", *Men and Masculinities*, 18(2): 140-158.

Prof Chris Beasley was interviewed by Dr Katrina Jaworski on 6th September 2014.

This was subsequently written up as a chapter for a book.

Beasley, C. & Jaworski, K. (forthcoming). *Passionate activism as academic labour: The emotional body of pedagogical politics.*

In Bryant, L. & Jaworski, K. (eds). *Walking on the Grass: Women Supervising and Writing Doctoral Dissertations.* Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Prof Chris Beasley participated in a Symposium on 18-19th September 2014, at Karlstad University. *Contemporary challenges to critical research in a neo-liberal academy and constituting alternatives: perspectives from Sweden and Australia.*

Her paper "*Feminist inquiries about the neo-liberal academy and possibilities for change*" was part of the foundation for a grant application on the knowledge economy.

A symposium on *Masculinity at Risk* was hosted by GEXcel, Karlstad University in conjunction with *NORMA: International Journal for Masculinity Studies* on 8-9th October 2014. A panel comprising Prof Jeff Hearn, Prof Christine Beasley, and A/Prof Lucas Gottzén addressed the topic "*What is at risk?*" Building on this, these academics have produced a grant application for a pilot study on firefighters in Sweden and Australia.

A seminar entitled "*Beyond care and the vocabularies of altruism?: envisaging an alternative politics*", for the Department of Educational Studies, Karlstad University, was given 16th October 2014.

This will appear as a book chapter.

Beasley, C. (forthcoming) *Beyond care and vocabularies of altruism?: Envisaging an alternative politics attentive to sexuality and older people.*

In Harding, R., Fletcher, R. & Beasley, C. (eds). *Revaluing Care in Theory, Law and Policy: Cycles and Connections.* London & NY: Routledge.

Prof Beasley was invited by the Department of Sociology at Uppsala University to take the role of 'opponent' for Kalle Berggren's PhD thesis, *Reading Rap: Feminist Interventions in Men and Masculinity Research.* The opponent role is to examine critically the thesis at a public 'defense'.

Prof Beasley was invited by the Department of Sociology at Karlstad University to take a position on the examining committee for Andreas Henriksson's PhD thesis, *Organising Intimacy: Exploring Heterosexual Intimacy at Swedish Singles Activities.*

A grant application involving academics from the Fay Gale Centre, Karlstad University (Sweden), and Bristol University (UK) was submitted to the Swedish Foundation of Humanities and Social Sciences. *Globalising Eduscapes: the Knowledge Economy.*

A grant application involving academics from the Fay Gale Centre, Karlstad and Gothenberg universities (Sweden), was submitted to the FORMAS. *Risk Management and coordination from a gender perspective.* FORMAS supports research in the areas Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning, under the auspices of the Swedish Research Council.

Re-Valuing Care Research Network

The *Re-Valuing Care Research Network* is an international, interdisciplinary network of academics and related third sector professionals that interrogates contemporary and future approaches to conceptual and normative understandings of care.

The key partners in this international network are the Gender, Sexuality and Law Research Group at Keele University, UK, and the Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender at the University of Adelaide. The Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality partners at the Universities of Kent and Westminster are also involved in network activities. In addition, an open call for network members and workshop participants was circulated through a variety of academic lists and databases. Two years of funding was awarded by Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK, in 2012.

The key investigators were Dr Rosie Harding and Dr Ruth Fletcher from Keele University, UK, and Prof Chris Beasley, Prof Martha Augoustinos and Prof Carol Bacchi from the Fay Gale Centre.

The Arts and Humanities Research Council funds enabled two conferences to be planned and held: the first at Keele University, UK, in September 2012; the second at the University of Adelaide in September, 2013.

These conferences have resulted in two edited books involving Fay Gale Centre members as contributors and editors:


- Harding, R., Fletcher, R., and S. Westwood (Eds.) *Ageing and Sexualities: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Ashgate, Farnham, Surrey. (Publication expected 2016)
- Harding, R., Fletcher, R., and C. Beasley (Eds.) *Revaluing Care in Theory, Law and Policy: Cycles and Connections*. Routledge, London & NY. (Publication expected 2017)

CROMM: The Centre for Research on Men and Masculinities, University of Wollongong

The Fay Gale Centre and Centre for Research on Men and Masculinities (CROMM) at Wollongong University have been closely linked since the inception of the Fay Gale Centre in December 2009 and CROMM in March 2011. Collaboration has included joint grant applications, special issues of journal, articles, panel discussions, and reciprocal presentations of keynote addresses for conferences and workshops.

This collaboration has provided an important opportunity to present and critique new and innovative approaches to theorising and examining masculinities in the context of social changes, emotions and citizenship, as well as of gender relations more broadly.

A 2013 special edition of *Australian Feminist Studies* entitled “Men/Masculinities: New Directions in Australian Theory and Practice” was an outcome of this collaboration, a collection of papers involving eight members of the Fay Gale Centre. Of note, in 2014, Prof Chris Beasley’s article for this special edition was one of the top two “most read” in 2014.



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MIND THE GAP? MASCULINITY STUDIES AND CONTEMPORARY GENDER/SEXUALITY THINKING


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Collaborative Projects supported by the Faculty Research Centres' Competitive Funding Scheme 2014

Advancing Gender Equity in Male Single-Sex Environments: Elite Boy's Schools

Prof Chris Beasley (History and Politics), **Prof Martha Augoustinos** (Psychology), **Dr Mandy Treagus** (English and Creative Writing)

This project approaches the broad question: can male single-sex environments offer opportunities for advancing gender equity by focussing on the instance of Australian private boys' schools? It is a pilot project to underpin a much larger proposed study across two states.

Boys' schools and their links to leadership and (masculine) privilege are highly significant features of Australian school education. The prominence of private-school male ex-students in sites of power and authority, such as Australian parliaments and business, is well established. Since gender inequity has a demonstrable impact on all citizens' health and wellbeing - in particular their socio-economic participation - it is important that these potential future leaders be included in the promotion of equitable gender relations.

Single sex boys' schools might at first seem inimical to the advancement of gender equity. However, preliminary work undertaken by the research team shows that their prospectuses, curricula and teaching practices contain elements that have the potential for systemic development to promote a stronger culture of gender equity in male single-sex environments.

This project pays primary attention to identifying ways that single-sex boys' schools can support and indeed drive substantive, concrete changes which will better prepare their graduates for a world in which gender is not understood as a force of division. The social benefits of the project with regard to promoting health and wellbeing are associated with the development of alternative styles of masculinity, particularly those linked to masculine leadership, which can actively take into account men's involvement with family and other care relationships, and reflect contemporary demands on men and women.

The project will begin with exploratory semi-structured interviews conducted at three Adelaide private single sex boys' schools with either the principals or senior staff members. The interviews will then be employed to develop thematic content codes for textual analysis of documents from these schools (such as prospectuses and websites) and media commentaries on private boys' schools.

Improving Gender Equity in Computer Science and Communication Technologies (ICT)

Dr Anna Szorenyi (Gender Studies & Social Analysis), **A/Prof Katrina Falkner** (Computer Science)

A significant impediment to the growth of the ICT industry is the lack of gender inclusive participation. Existing research generally focuses on final effects rather than on processes of gendering, and thus tends to work as a self-fulfilling prophesy: defining women as 'the exception' and passively reinforcing the definition of the industry as male. In order to find more productive sites for intervention, this project seeks to unpack in more detail the experiential processes of gendering of both students and the ICT environment, using theories and methods that allow exploration not only of why women don't enter IT fields, but why both women and men do, and how they build their gendered identities through these projects in the ongoing present. The study will consider gender as performative (re Butler), an approach that enables exploration of the ways that gender is constantly under negotiation and change in ways that may offer sites for intervention in the gendered relations of ICT.

This project aligns with three of the University's strategic goals, viz, of 'addressing problems creatively, across discipline boundaries,' to 'rekindle our importance to the community', and 'creating research partnerships with...industry...'. The project also enacts the Fay Gale Centre's mandates to enhance gender equity in the University and in the broader community, and utilizes the gender expertise located in the Centre to address a problem in the Discipline of Computer Science.

Events and Activities

26th February 2014

Research Seminar

Professor Manon Tremblay, University of Ottawa, and **Professor Carol Johnson**, University of Adelaide

"Same-sex marriage in Canada and Australia: Why is the outcome so different?"

This paper explored why Canada has achieved same-sex marriage while Australia hasn't. It examined various possible explanations including institutional and cultural ones (e.g. the role of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms). However, while such factors are significant, the paper concluded that the issue of political will is still the most important one. The differing ways in which Canadian and Australian political parties have used the issue of same-sex marriage (as part of their broader political strategies) have proved to be crucial.

18th March 2014

Welcome for Visiting Professor

Members of the Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender were delighted to host a lunch for former PM Julia Gillard to welcome her in her new role as Visiting Professor at the University of Adelaide.

After a brief overview of the Centre and its broad range of activities by Professor Emerita Margaret Allen, a number of Fay Gale members presented their research projects.

Professor Carol Johnson (Politics) spoke about her current work on historical developments of Labor governments conceptions of inequality, focusing on gender and sexuality and highlighting the legacy of the 'male breadwinner'. Dr Laura Grenfell (Law) discussed her recent book *Promoting the Rule of Law in Post-Conflict States* (2013), and her research path on human rights protection in Australia and the region. Professor Chris Beasley (Politics) talked of her longstanding engagement with gender and sexuality theories, recent collaborations with the GEXcel Centre for Gender Excellence in Sweden, and a current project on how gender equity is approached in Australian male single-sex school environments.



Picture: Members of the Fay Gale Centre, Professor Quester and Marielle Smith with the Honourable Julia Gillard

6th May 2014

5th South Australian Women's and Gender Studies Annual Public Lecture

Professor Shirley Swain, Australian Catholic University

“Feminism and the Royal Commission: Institutional responses to child sexual abuse”

This public lecture is sponsored by Women’s Studies at Flinders University, the Research Centre for Gender Studies at the University of South Australia, and both the Fay Gale Centre and the Department of Gender Studies and Social Analysis at the University of Adelaide. Centre member Dr Dee Michell was the Chair of this session.

10th June 2014

Research Masterclass

Associate Professor Aryn Martin, Department of Sociology and Program in Science & Technology Studies, York University, Toronto, and Associate Professor Megan Warin, University of Adelaide

“The Materialist turn”

The focus of this masterclass was on new materialist philosophies, gender, sex and new biologies. New materialist theories are interdisciplinary and based on the recognition that current and traditional disciplinary thinking cannot account for rapid technological advances (e.g. new reproductive technologies, epigenetics) or current economic, ecological and political crises. Case studies of microchimerism (the co-existence of genetically different cell populations in a body beyond the point at which they would no longer be expected to survive, for example, after pregnancy, miscarriage or termination), developmental origins of health and disease, epigenetics in relation to maternal obesity, fetal growth and hyper-responsibility of mothers, were explored.

There was much interest in this workshop and feedback was very positive, for example, two participants wrote:

“This is a good initiative which opened up a new theory for me to consider in my research.”

“This was very interesting – love the interdisciplinary workshop and opportunities for learning.”

13th June 2014

Research Seminar

Associate Professor Aryn Martin, Department of Sociology and Program in Science & Technology Studies, York University, Toronto

“A sexy history of travelling cells”



Abstract

Microchimerism is defined as small numbers of non-self cells located in a particular biological self, and it is a ubiquitous healthy phenomenon most often found in mothers and their sons. This paper brings feminist theories of sex and gender into conversation with the biological phenomenon of microchimerism. The argument proposes that this unexpected liveliness of matter could be read as a radical challenge to the binary logic of sex, queering the material makeup of all bodies. Instead, this threat (or promise) is discursively contained when scientists and media treat microchimeric cells as matter-out-of-place, as exceptions that prove the rule of sexed being instead of exploding it.

Picture: Associate Professor Aryn Martin

17th June 2014

The Annual Fay Gale Lecture

co-hosted by the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and the Fay Gale Centre

Professor Jacqui True, Professor of Politics & International Relations, Monash University

“Winning the war but losing the battle: a feminist perspective on global violence”

The Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and the Fay Gale Centre hosted the annual Fay Gale Lecture. The lecture was well attended, with almost 100 attendees present, including Centre members, members of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, academics and interested public.

Abstract

International relations scholars as well as psychologists have recently claimed that violence – defined largely as homicide and casualties from war – is in steep decline. On these accounts, human beings are becoming more civilized. However, research dedicated to making the case for decline with



Picture: Professor Sue Richardson, Professor Jacqui True & Professor Jennie Shaw

reference to historical and quantitative data has almost completely neglected evidence of gendered violence. Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) has been largely invisible, silent and unreported yet prevalence surveys reveal that the majority of women and girls in every country, that is, a large proportion of the total world population, have experienced this form of violence. According to the cross-national International Violence against Women survey the number of women who have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since age sixteen is between 20 and 60 per cent with an average victimization rate of over 35 per cent. Moreover, declinist perspectives on violence and war seem to go against contemporary reporting of widespread and systematic SGBV especially targeting civilians in

genocide, conflict and mass atrocity situations. Violence against women and girls (VAWG) has been the subject of nearly four decades of feminist scholarship, activism and policy interventions. Analysing global violence from a feminist perspective on VAWG radically challenges declinist views and our understanding of the causes, justifications, and consequences of violence.



Picture: Hon. Anne Levy, Professor Carol Johnson and A/Prof Laura Grenfell



Picture: Attendees included academics from all three universities, community groups, NGOs, state government and the general public.

October & November 2014

Capacity Building Forums

for teams awarded funding through Faculty Research Centres' Competitive Funding Scheme

The Centre supported the teams awarded grants by hosting a forum for each to present work-in-progress and receive critical but constructive comments from invited members. Extensive consideration was given to ways in which the work could be expanded to develop applications for national grant funding. Outlines of the projects are presented on page 15.

20th November 2014

Research Showcase

Members and Friends were invited to an end of year event at which two members, Dr Katie Barclay (Centre for the History of Emotion) and A/Prof Megan Warin (Gender Studies and Social Analysis) gave presentations about their current ARC Fellowships.

Dr Barclay is an economic and social, cultural and gender historian, specialising in Scotland and Ireland across the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries. She is currently working on a research project *A History of Intimate Relationships in Scotland: Emotion and Family among the Lower Orders, 1661-1830*, funded by the ARC. It looks at the marital relationships and marriage-like arrangements of the Scottish poor and how this shaped their emotional lives. Dr Barclay has recently completed a project which explored representations of the family and the law in the early modern press. This builds on her previous research on the history of emotions within Scottish marriage, between 1650 and 1850.

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Article

Material Feminism, Obesity Science and the Limits of Discursive Critique

Megan Warin
University of Adelaide

Abstract
This article explores a theoretical legacy that underpins the ways in which many social scientists come to know and understand obesity. In attempting to distance itself from essentialist discourses, it is not surprising that this literature focuses on the discursive construction of fat bodies rather than the materiality or agency of bodily matter. Ironically, in developing arguments that only critique representations of obesity or fat bodies, social science scholars have maintained and reproduced a central dichotomy of Cartesian thinking – that between social construction and biology. In this article I examine the limitations of social constructionist arguments in obesity/critical fat studies and the implications for ignoring materiality. Through bringing together the theoretical insights of material feminism and obesity science's attention to maternal nutrition and the fetal origins hypothesis, this article moves beyond the current philosophical impasse, and repositions biological and social constructionist approaches to obesity not as mutually exclusive, but as one of constant interplay and connectedness.

Dr Megan Warin is a social anthropologist and whose research interests coalesce around the gendering of health and illness (including anorexia and obesity), the anthropology of epigenetics, and public understanding of scientific paradigms of obesity.

Event series in 2014 co-hosted with the Academic Women's Forum with support from the Gender Equity and Diversity Committee, University of Adelaide

25th March 2014

Promotions Forum for Academic Women

This annual event is aimed at encouraging academic women to apply for promotion. The focus of the session was to provide women with practical and strategic advice and information on preparing and writing a promotion application. The focus was gender specific, in the context of women and working lives.

20th May 2014

Strategies for Developing Grant Applications

This event was designed to share knowledge gained through the grant application process, drawing on a range of experiences from individuals who had recently prepared their first application, to those who were familiar with the process but, as always, were honing their competitive edge. Topics covered included: pitching a project and its significance; presenting track records; traps for new applicants; what professional grant application 'polishers' do; crafting a rejoinder; and salvaging the time expended.

18th September 2014

Barbara Kidman Fellowships: Information and Advice Session

The Barbara Kidman Fellowships are a University of Adelaide initiative designed to support female academics to enhance their career, in particular, those staff members whose research momentum has been affected by caring responsibilities. This session provided potential applicants in 2014 with the opportunity to hear from past successful applicants and senior academics involved in the guideline development and selection processes.

13th November 2014

Developing Interdisciplinary Projects

This session was targeted towards the new Beacon of Research Interdisciplinary Research Fund scheme. Forum participants heard short talks by women who had developed successful interdisciplinary projects. Participants were also able to pitch an idea with a view to finding an interdisciplinary research partner (at the workshop or through our networks). Alternatively, they could pitch an idea as interdisciplinary partners, receiving feedback that would help to elaborate it.

21st November 2014

Development of Category 1 Grant Applications: Forum for Neophytes

This forum was designed for academic women for whom grant application development was unfamiliar. Experienced women academics provided insights into the process, and advice on how to increase success with applications. Invited speakers included A/Prof Jenny McMahon (Philosophy), Dr Amy Perfors (Psychology), A/Prof Susan Oakley (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences) and Prof Vivienne Moore (Public Health).

12th December 2014

Refashioning Grant Applications

This session was for academic women who had had recent disappointment with a grant outcomes and were planning to resubmit. Speakers were invited from across the university to share their experiences of dealing with the major schemes and reshaping grants for success. Discussions focused on ways to respond to assessor comments and how to strengthen applications for the next round. Invited speakers included Prof Rachel Ankeny (History), Prof Sarah Robertson (Director, Robinson Research Institute), and Dr Tanya Zivkovic (holder of ARC Discovery Early Career Award, Gender Studies and Social Analysis).

10th April 2015

Research Seminar

Professor Ulf Mellström, Professor of Gender Studies at Karlstad University, Sweden

“Globalisation, higher education and student mobility in times of neoliberal transformation - A Nordic outlook”

Prof Mellström is a preeminent research leader in Scandinavia and has three major research agendas: gender/masculinity, technology, and the growing corporatization/marketization of universities and university students worldwide. He is also the editor-in-chief of *Norma: International Journal for Masculinity Studies*.

Prof Mellström gave a global picture of the changing character of higher education and impacts on a mobile student population, while also offering a Nordic perspective on these matters. He drew attention to the now substantial body of research on the increasing marketisation of higher education, the growth of corporate universities, and the growth of management associated with these changes. He explored the research on the expectations and uncertainties of students from Russia, eastern Europe more generally, and in south and south eastern Asia. In the process, Prof Mellström also noted the every growing research on the impact of marketization on academic worklife, the university workplace, on pedagogy, and on academic/student relations. The seminar was most timely in the light of our own experiences of changes in higher education in Australia.

17th April 2015

Research Masterclass

Professor Ulf Mellström, Professor of Gender Studies at Karlstad University, Sweden

“Changing and globalising masculinity studies”



Picture: Professor Ulf Mellström

Prof Mellström discussed one version of the state of the art in masculinity studies, and some of the epistemological and emancipatory challenges new theoretical insights have brought.

Drawing on a recent overview of masculinity studies in Scandinavia and beyond (Mellström, Hearn, and Pringle 2014) as well as current empirical work on masculinity and risk, Prof Mellström opened discussion on the epistemological premises of masculinity studies in relation to feminist theory and the need for a feminist imagination.

Prof Chris Beasley chaired this masterclass.

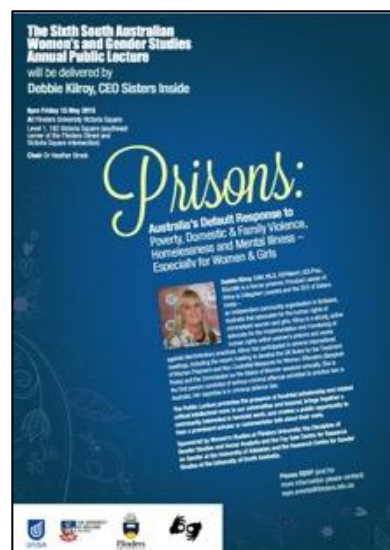
15th May, 2015

6th South Australian Women's and Gender Studies Annual Public Lecture

Debbie Kilroy, OAM

“Prisons: Australia’s default response to poverty, domestic & family violence, homelessness and mental illness – especially for women & girls”

This public lecture is sponsored by Women’s Studies at Flinders University, the Research Centre for Gender Studies at the University of South Australia, and both the Fay Gale Centre and the Department of Gender Studies and Social Analysis at the University of Adelaide.



Alliance of Gender Scholars

In April 2015 the Centre launched the Alliance of Gender Scholars for PhD students and postdocs across the University of Adelaide. The aim is to create a community of scholars who share an interest in gender-related ideas, theories and research, and to widen the scope of gender-related research across different research groups and faculties. The Alliance meets bi-monthly and provides a forum for discussion of reviews of books and journal articles, theoretical insights/debates, professional development and interdisciplinary engagements. The inaugural Alliance event was the masterclass with Prof Ulf Mellström.

Members have posted descriptions of themselves and their work on the Fay Gale Centre blog. Condensed versions of some descriptions appear below.

Ashlee Borgkvist (Public Health) has commenced a PhD that aims to investigate men’s uptake of flexible work policies, and how men who are utilising these policies construct their masculine identities in relation to work and family.

Shawna Marks (Gender Studies and Social Analysis) research for her PhD aims to conceptualise the relationship between entitlement, privilege, and consent through analysis of interviews with former adolescent amateur footballers and women who have had sexual relationships with them.

Connie Musolino (Gender Studies and Social Analysis) is undertaking research towards a PhD as part of an ARC project. She has recently had a paper accepted by *Social Science and Medicine* entitled “Healthy anorexia: The complexity of care in disordered eating.”

Kathy Radoslovich (Gender Studies and Social Analysis) is undertaking a PhD studying the experiences of couples in residential aged care. In particular, both the experience of love, intimacy and sexuality in the lives of older Australians, and the ways service providers can best support couples in their care.

Books Launches: Books supported by Fay Gale Fellowships

6th February 2015

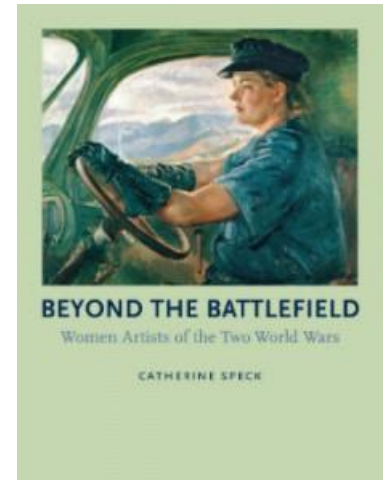
Professor Cathy Speck (History), University of Adelaide.

Beyond the Battlefield: Women Artists of the Two World Wars

London, Reaktion Books.

Professor Speck's book was launched by the Art Gallery of South Australia's director, Nick Mitzevich.

Nick spoke of Cathy's pioneering research on women artists, and her sustained focus on gender and the representation of war. In her new book Cathy interrogates gendered ideas of the spatial zones related to war and wartime to explore how women artists responded to the conflict during the two Wars. Through meticulous art historical detail Cathy examines the work of 62 selected artists from Britain, the United States, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, and presents a vivid gendered account of how they viewed and made sense of this period through artistic expression.



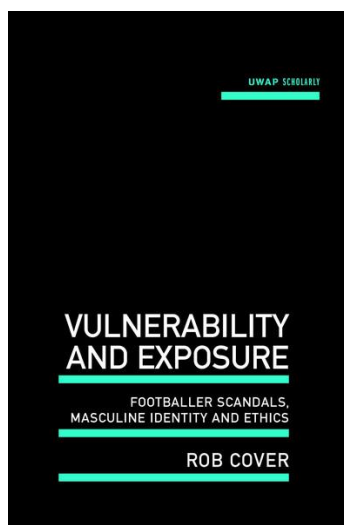
As well as works by familiar artists (such as Margaret Preston, Grace Cossington-Smith, Nora Heysen, Lee Miller and Laura Knight) Cathy presents works by lesser known women artists (Grace Ravlin and Phyllis Keyes), bringing a much broader lens to this historical period. This book provides an invaluable narrative of shifting gender roles between the Wars, of changing roles between the home front and the front, and the ways different artistic technologies (painting, photography, sculpture) were used to document and record these experiences.

8th April 2015

Associate Professor Rob Cover, now at the University of Western Australia

Vulnerability and Exposure: Footballer Scandals, Masculine Identity and Ethics

University of Western Australia Publishing



Prof Chris Beasley launched Rob's new book on the elite male Australian Rules football player.

Chris spoke of how Rob's careful analysis of football scandals allows the reader to discern what is valued in society and where the lines of transgression are located. She noted that a particularly impressive aspect of the book was the consideration of the development of an ethical brand of football.

In responding to Chris' comments, Rob acknowledged the Fay Gale Fellowship, which had facilitated his research and writing. He recalled how the idea for this book grew out of conversations with members of the Centre about how to do gender more ethically and to engage with issues, which were constantly in the media. He spoke of how valuable the space and opportunities created by the Centre were for generating and nourishing ideas.

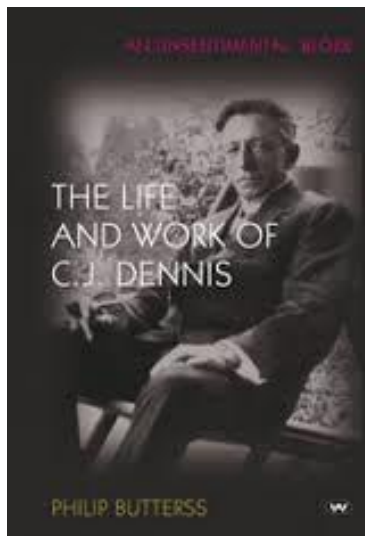
Book Launches: Books with a Gender Focus

1st May 2014

Dr Phil Butterss (English and Creative Writing), University of Adelaide.

An Unsentimental Bloke: the Life and Work of C.J. Dennis

Adelaide: Wakefield Press.



Phil Butterss' biography of Clarence Michael James (Clarrie) Dennis is a meticulously researched work that paints a much more complex picture of the famous poet than has previously been known. Well recognised in Australia's popular culture and linked to particular constructions of now 'unfashionable' Australian masculinity (the lovable larrikin), Phil's book traces Dennis's early years in rural South Australia, his work on a bohemian newspaper in Adelaide and move to Melbourne as a freelancer for the *Bulletin*, his period of political involvement, followed by enormous successes. In doing so, we learn not only of C.J. Dennis' humorous side, but his struggles with alcohol and depression, his political activism, his marriage and his financial dealings. Known as a laureate of the larrikin and a laureate of the Anzacs, this book reveals the fascinating ups and downs of this complicated character.

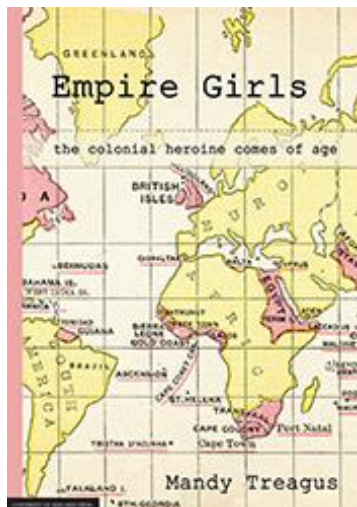
An Unsentimental Bloke was launched by Dr Mandy Treagus (English and Creative Writing), University of Adelaide.

18th September 2014

Dr Mandy Treagus (English and Creative Writing), University of Adelaide.

Empire Girls: The Colonial Heroine Comes of Age

Adelaide: The University of Adelaide Press.



Dr Treagus' book is a critical examination of three novels by writers from different regions of the British Empire: Olive Schreiner - *The Story of An African Farm* (South Africa), Sara Jeannette Duncan - *A Daughter of Today* (Canada) and Henry Handel Richardson - *The Getting of Wisdom* (Australia). All three commence as conventional Bildungsromane, yet the plots of all diverge from the usual narrative structure, as a result of both their colonial origins and the clash between their aspirational heroines and the plots available to them. In an analysis including gender, empire, nation and race, *Empire Girls* provides new critical perspectives on the ways in which this dominant narrative form from the centre of empire performs very differently when taken out of its metropolitan setting.

Empire Girls was launched by Dr Sue Hosking (English and Creative Writing), University of Adelaide.

18th September 2014

Dr Maggie Tonkin, Dr Mandy Treagus, Madeleine Seys and Sharon Crozier-De Rosa

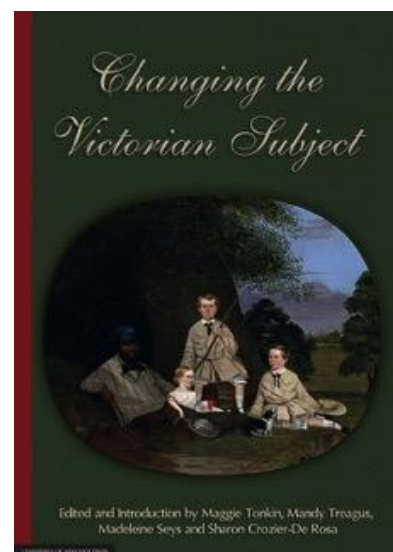
(English and Creative Writing), University of Adelaide.

Changing the Victorian Subject

Adelaide: The University of Adelaide Press.

The essays in this collection examine how both colonial and British authors engage with Victorian subjects and subjectivities in their work. Some essays explore the emergence of a key trope within colonial texts: the negotiation of Victorian and settler-subject positions. Others explore female narratives of nation building: repositioning women on the colonial frontier and on the frontier of newly emerging nations. These essays work to recognise the plurality of the rubric of the 'Victorian' and to expand how the category of Victorian studies can be understood.

Professor Sue Sheridan (School of Humanities and Creative Arts Flinders University) launched this work.



10th February 2015

Professor Emerita Susan Magarey

Dangerous Ideas: Women's Liberation - Women's Studies - Around the World

Adelaide: The University of Adelaide Press



Dangerous Ideas is a collection of papers and book chapters that Susan Magarey wrote over the decades from the 1970s until the second decade of the twenty-first century. These, interlaced with her reminiscences of the times and circumstances within which the pieces were originally written, amount to a both a mapping of the Women's Liberation Movement and the growth of Women's Studies and also what Kim Rubinstein terms as a 'timely memoir'.

Dr Zora Simic, Women's and Gender Studies, University of New South Wales launched this book.

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