Dr Sue Reynolds from School of Business IT & Logistics was awarded the American Library Association Dain Library History Dissertation Prize for her publication on The Establishment of the Library of the Supreme Court of Victoria, 1851-1884: Antecedents, Foundation, and Legacy recently.

The Dissertation Award recognises outstanding dissertations in the general area of library history.

The Award Committee stated that Dr Reynolds' thesis "sets a new standard for the history of a specific library and...fills a gap in the research on Supreme Court and law libraries." It was also thought to be an important contribution to the literature on colonial print culture.

"This is the first time a library history based on a country outside the US has won the award and, needless say, I am thrilled," Dr Reynolds said.

Please join us in congratulating Dr Reynolds on receiving this illustrious award!

www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ors/orssa/wards/dainphyllis/dainphyllis.cfm

[Source: Dr Sue Reynolds]

Congratulations to A/Prof Prem Chhetri from the School of Business IT & Logistics, who has been invited onto the International Panel of the WEATHER (Weather Extremes - Impacts on Transport Systems and Hazards for European Regions) Study, which is funded by the European Commission under the 7th RTD Framework Program.

The WEATHER project aims at analysing the economic costs of more frequent and more extreme weather events on transport and the wider economy. It explores adaptation strategies for reducing them in the context of sustainable policy design.

"While RMIT University is only contributing a small funding amount, our invitation to participate in this multimillion dollar project recognises the extent of our research profile in this area. It also opens up opportunities for future funding from the European Commission," A/Prof Chhetri said.

www.weather-project.eu/weather/index.php

[Source: A/Prof Prem Chhetri]
RMIT joins alliance for supply chain innovation

RMIT University recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding to become a Foundation Member of the Alliance for Supply Chain Innovation (ASCI).

ASCI has brought together institutions such as RMIT University, Bond University, Monash University and University of South Australia, and organisations such as CILTA, GS1 Australia and CSIRO, as part of its effort to undertake cutting-edge supply chain research.

RMIT University is represented by Prof Brian Corbitt, Deputy PVC Business (Research), and A/Prof Prem Chhetri, School of Business IT & Logistics.

"Being part of this alliance will enable us to further develop industry-supported research opportunities for innovation in logistics and supply chain management," Prof Brian Corbitt said.

ASCI was recently launched at the CILTA International Convention in Sydney. Its vision is to facilitate, coordinate, and support collaborative user-driven research in supply chain innovation.

"ASCI has the potential to influence the national supply chain agenda and build research capacity to produce innovations that improve efficiency, productivity and sustainability of supply chain and logistics operations in Australia," A/Prof Chhetri said.

RMIT is already benefitting from the alliance through a recent research contract with the Port Kembla Port Corporation.

[Source: A/Prof Prem Chhetri]

Visiting professor talks port-centric logistics

Academics from the College of Business at RMIT University attended a seminar recently to discuss research relating to port-centric logistics.

This was the first in a series of round-table seminars aimed at identifying opportunities for high impact, industry-relevant research in the area of transport and logistics.

The guest speaker was Dr Devinder Grewal, Adj/Prof at the University of Canberra and Executive Director, Business and Development, at the Centre for Customs and Excise Studies, Canberra.

The informal nature of the seminar allowed participants to enjoy a relaxed and constructive discussion.

"We need to understand ports in relation to several other important parties, including the community, the government and the business stakeholders." Dr Grewal said.

The seminar identified areas of common interest for researchers affiliated with the Centre for Sustainable Organisations and Work (CSOW).

These areas include port governance; ports and the community; the implications of climate change on port operations; changing skill-sets; and the workforce challenges for ports.

Dr Grewal has more than twenty years’ experience in the maritime industry, including nine years at the Australian Maritime College as the Head of the Department of Maritime and Logistics Management.

At the beginning of 2011, he took on the role of General Manager, Infrastructure and Logistics at Cashmere Iron.

[Source: RMIT News]

Influencing global internationalisation

With the changing global economic landscape, born global firms have emerged as a new type of organisation that deviates from traditional theories of internationalisation.

Speaking at a recent RMIT University seminar, Dr Manjit Sandhu (Monash University, Malaysia Campus) explained how these firms warrant significant interest, yet opinions are still divided about the driving forces behind their early and rapid internationalisation.

"Research on factors leading to the emergence of born global firms has previously been limited to developed countries," Dr Sandhu said.

"My study explores the factors that influence the internationalisation of born global firms in Malaysia."

His results indicate that individual-specific, firm-specific
and external factors concurrently influence born global internationalisation.

Dr Sandhu joined Monash University’s Malaysian campus in 2007 and is currently the Deputy Director of Higher Degrees by Research.

He previously worked in the Faculty of Business Administration at Tun Abdul Razak University, Malaysia.

Dr Sandhu’s research interests include knowledge sharing, foreign direct investment, corporate social responsibility, and the economics of entrepreneurship.

The seminar was organised by the School of Management and the Centre for Sustainable Organisations and Work (CSOW) at RMIT University.

[Source: RMIT News]

›› Smart workers go mobile

Smartphones have come a long way in their short lifetime and the impact has been widespread.

Speaking at a recent RMIT University seminar, Dr John Hopkins (Victoria University) explored the impact that Smartphones have had on users. In doing so, he examined how the mobility offered by the devices can completely alter the way users communicate, do business, plan, and most importantly think.

“The Smartphone has rapidly evolved from an upscale version of a mobile phone into something closer to a miniature computer,” Dr Hopkins said.

“With a growing market of downloadable software applications, it is a technology platform in its own right.”

Dr Hopkins conducted a survey to examine the impact that these devices have had on Australian business users. The survey aimed to identify the type of user each respondent was; what role and industry they were from; and what influence Smartphones had on their everyday working activities.

In order to validate the survey results and to test any emerging theories, a number of industry interviews were also undertaken which gathered the opinions of

Australian network carriers, technology providers, application developers, and user organisations.

Dr Hopkins is a Lecturer in Supply Chain and Logistics at Victoria University. He has worked extensively in industry as well as at academic institutions in the UK, Ireland, USA, and Australia.

His research interests include evolving e-business and telecommunications models, mobile value chains, the business impact of social media, and the management of information in supply chain environments.

The seminar was the first in a series run by the Centre for Sustainable Organisations and Work (CSOW) at RMIT University.

[Source: RMIT News]

›› Mining infrastructure & supply chain management

RMIT University’s Prof Shams Rahman discussed supply chain management at the 2011 Mining Industry Conference in Queensland.

The annual event provides a forum for networking and evaluating Australia’s resource sector infrastructure for improved project development and capacity use.

The conference was attended by more than 40 middle and senior level managers from the mining industry.

Prof Rahman’s presentation focused on “Understanding supply chain management and how it can assist the mining industry”.

In it, he outlined how supply chain management can be successfully implemented in a way that optimises outcomes for mining industry infrastructure development.

Prof Rahman explained how to analyse supply chain management principles; determine how these principles can be applied to mining sector infrastructure; and get value from the supply chain.

Prof Rahman also presented at the 2011 Reverse Logistics and Returns Management conference in Hong Kong in May.

“These conferences are a great opportunity to engage with industry and showcase some of the research work being undertaken at RMIT,” he said.
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**Prof Rahman’s research interests include reverse/green logistics and sustainability; cold chain and pharmaceutical logistics; low-cost country sourcing, risk and complexity; security issues in global supply chains; theory of constraints; and six-sigma quality and lean logistics.**

He has published more than 100 scholarly papers and has extensive experience in organising and delivering workshops with, and for, multinational companies.

[Source: RMIT News]

**›› Conference explores sustainable accounting**

The School of Accounting hosted the inaugural RMIT Accounting for Sustainability Conference 2011 recently. The Conference was sponsored by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. More than 80 delegates from Australian universities, industry and professional accounting bodies came together to discuss accounting for sustainability research.

A discussion panel facilitated by the conference convenor, Prof Craig Deegan, delves into the past, present, and future of accounting for sustainability.

Key papers presented at the conference include:

- *Can accountants do sustainability? The case of water management in the food and beverage industry in Australia in the late 2000s*, Matthew Egan, University of Sydney.
- *Some policy instruments for reducing greenhouse gas emissions*, Prof Brian Andrew and A/Prof Mary Kaidonis, University of Wollongong.
- *Disclosures by key bodies in the Australian mining industry on climate change: A test of legitimacy theory*, Dr Sumit Lodhia, University of South Australia.
- *Evolving trends and research opportunities in the area of Accounting for Sustainability*, Prof Craig Deegan, RMIT University.
- *Human rights performance reporting: A study of corporations within the Australian financial sector*, Dr Muhammad Azizul Islam, Deakin University.
- *Embedding sustainability in capital investment appraisals*, Gillian Vesty and Ting Lin, University of Melbourne.

Abstracts and full papers are available online.

[Source: Marita Shelly]

**›› RMIT leads for the $12 million Treasury Bid**

RMIT and Monash together with the Australian Centre for Financial Studies (ACFS) have submitted a bid for the $12 million Treasury initiative to establish the Centre for International Finance and Regulation.

"RMIT University’s respected Melbourne APEC Finance Centre, which has a strong track record of training financial regulators and executives across the region, is a key member of the bid," ACFS Director Prof Deborah Ralston said.

At the official launch event, Victorian Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services John Lenders welcomed the initiative and announced Victorian Government support for the bid.

[Source: Prof Imad Moosa]

**›› Financial skills steer youth to positive futures**

Financial literacy education improves the financial understanding and behaviour of young people at risk, according to a national report released by RMIT University, Mission Australia, and ANZ.

The 2010 *MoneyMinded Summary Report* was launched in Melbourne by, David Bradbury, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer and Mike Smith, ANZ Chief Executive Officer.

Led by RMIT’s Prof Roslyn Russell, School of Economics, Finance & Marketing, the report includes the results of a year-long study of more than 300 participants in Mission Australia’s programs for young people at risk.

"The development of financial literacy and capabilities is of the most value when the efforts are accompanied by the broad availability of fair and affordable financial products," Prof Russell said.

Co-authors of the report were Damien Bailey and Lauren Wall from the School of Economics, Finance & Marketing, and Prof Robert Brooks from Monash University.

Abstracts and full papers are available online.

[Source: Marita Shelly]
**Recent Publications**


Laycock, A, Walker, D, Harrison, N & Brands, J, 2009, Supporting Indigenous Researchers: a practical guide for supervisors, Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health, Darwin. (Contributor and reviewer by invitation from CRCAH)

Laycock, A, Walker, D, Harrison, N & Brands. J, 2010, Researching Indigenous Health: a practical guide for researchers, Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Casuarina, Northern Territory. (Contributor and reviewer by invitation from CRCAH)


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**Centre for Sustainable Organisations & Work (CSOW)**

The Centre for Sustainable Organisations and Work (CSOW) brings together social science research expertise across the College of Business and other areas of the University.

The Centre has an interdisciplinary focus, covering employment relations, organisational studies, industrial relations, gender studies, globalisation and logistics, business and labour history, political economy and sociology, with particular attention given to the Asia Pacific Region.

To build concentrations of expertise, the Centre has 10 research clusters: Business Education; Entrepreneurship and Business Futures; Global Logistics; Green IT; Management and Culture; Management Research with particular reference to Asia; Skills and Labour Markets; Sustainability and Just Transitions; Trade Unions and Social Movements; and Women and Work.

The Centre’s major research projects in 2011 include the Future of Work, Bushfire, Climate change and Skills. Other activities also involve developing working papers and inviting visiting professors.

For more information about CSOW’s current research projects and activities, please visit the Centre’s website [www.rmit.edu.au/bus/research/c sow](http://www.rmit.edu.au/bus/research/c sow) or contact the Centre Director, Prof Peter Fairbrother peter.fairbrother@rmit.edu.au.

[Source: Prof Peter Fairbrother]
Research Alert

Updated regularly by R&I, Research Alert is an index of funding opportunities that enables you to browse by deadline, discipline or funding agency. Items advertised include grants, fellowships, travel funding, and awards/prizes.

www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=cmksiexvqpu4

2012 Fulbright Scholarships

Applications for the 2012 Fulbright Scholarships are now open. Valued at between US$30,000 and US$64,000 these scholarships are open to Australian citizens to undertake research or study in the US for 3 - 12 months, with a start date between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013.

Applications are open from any field of study for Postgraduates (to do research related to their Australian PhD. or enrol in a US degree), Postdoctoral, Professional, and Senior Scholars.

Deadlines:
College: Wed 10 August 2011 (apps to Tseen Khoo)
R&I: Wed 17 August 2011 (apps to Margaret Thorpe)
Fulbright: Wed 31 August 2011

www.fulbright.com.au

[Source: Tania Tambiah]

Australia-Germany Fellowships

Applications for these annual fellowships provided by the Australian German Association and the Goethe-Institut are now open. They comprise of a 2-month language course, followed by a 4-week study tour, visiting institutions in the field of the successful applicant’s professional interest. Candidates should have excellent academic tertiary qualifications and the prospect of a promising career in business, law, science, political studies or arts.

The award includes AU$2,500 towards a return economy airfare and AU$6,000 to facilitate travel within Germany.

Deadlines:
College: Fri 1 July 2011 (apps to Dr Tseen Khoo)
R&I: Fri 8 July 2011 (apps to Margaret Thorpe)
Australian German Association: Fri 22 July 2011

www.agaus.org.au

[Source: Tania Tambiah]

Funding Opportunities

Two snippets of ARC information

1. The ARC Discovery rejoinder process will take place from mid-June to early July. The rejoinder process is a very important one that may assist applicants and nominated participants in clarifying differences or misunderstandings of opinion about perceived weaknesses in the proposal. It also provides an important feedback mechanism that may help researchers with future proposals.

2. Researchers contemplating the submission of an ARC Linkage application in Round Two this year should have their partner organisations well and truly organised by now! Round Two applications are due in November 2011.

Please contact Dr Tseen Khoo (tseen.khoo@rmit.edu.au) for queries.

[Source: Dr Tseen Khoo]


Schwartz, M, Appeasing the Past, Australian association for professional and applied ethics 18th annual conference, Tasmania, June 7-9, 2011.

Tan, M & Cam, M A, Trustee Governance, Director’s Background and Voluntary Disclosure: A Survey of Australian Superannuation Industry Funds, the 2011 AFAANZ Conference, Darwin, July 3-5, 2011.

[Source: Margaret Heffernan OAM & Prof Imad Moosa]
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Upcoming Research Events

» 23 June 2011 HDR Confirmation of Candidature and Completion Seminar, School of EF&M
» 24 June 2011 HDR Confirmation of Candidature and Completion Seminar, School of BIT&L
» 4-14 July 2011: Writing for Publication Workshop
» 22 July 2011 HDR Confirmation of Candidature and Completion Seminar, School of BIT&L

[Source: BRO]

Research Support

» Singapore Statement on Research Integrity

The principles and responsibilities set out in the Singapore Statement on Research Integrity represent the first international effort to encourage the development of unified policies, guidelines and codes of conduct, with the long-range goal of fostering greater integrity in research worldwide.

Publication of this Statement is intended to challenge governments, organizations and researchers to develop more comprehensive standards, codes and policies to promote research integrity both locally and on a global basis.

The principles and responsibilities summarised in the Statement provide a foundation for more expansive and specific guidance worldwide. Its publication and dissemination are intended to make it easier for others to provide the leadership needed to promote integrity in research on a global basis, with a common approach to the fundamental elements of responsible research practice.

The Statement is applicable to anyone who does research, to any organisation that sponsors research and to any country that uses research results in decision-making. Good research practices are expected of all researchers: government, corporate and academic.

To view or download the Statement please visit www.singaporestatement.org/ [Source: Janet Kay]

» How to give a great academic talk…

Here’s an excellent resource for students, young researchers, and those of us who are forever looking for ways to improve our public speaking!
http://pne.people.si.umich.edu/PDF/howtotalk.pdf  
[Source: SEH]

» Web resources for RMIT researchers

Did you know that there is loads of information on the RMIT website, just for researchers?

Have a look at the support for academics website, which includes information on:
- Research governance and strategy
- Funding my research
- Managing my research
- Publishing my research
- Supervising my students

Got a research question? Then check out the frequently asked questions for research staff. If you can’t find the answer you’re looking for ask a question via the online form.

The RMIT Library has developed a guide to measuring research impact of publications. This guide informs you how to measure the impact of research publications.

And don’t forget to read about RMIT’s research focus areas on the Research homepage.

If you have any feedback about the research website please contact research.web@rmit.edu.au.

[Source: Claire Helme]

» Opportunity for academics to build stories

The Conversation is a new website that has been created to make expert academic research more accessible to business and the community. It already has many of Australia's top research institutions on board, and is open to authors from all ARC-eligible institutions – that means you!

The academic benefits of contributing are tangible. It will:
- help you develop your communication and writing skills for a broad audience,
- improve your ability to write in an expert yet accessible way,
- give you public credibility, and presents you as part of an expert community.

The Conversation is committed to academic freedom, and even publishes some controversial articles from multiple perspectives!

So, do consider writing a piece for The Conversation by clicking on the 'become an author' link, or here http://theconversation.edu.au/users/sign_up [Source: Tania Tambiah]
RMIT's new ECR Network is now out!

Established earlier in 2011, the ECR Network supports and fosters the development of RMIT's early career researchers. It provides a space where ECRs can network, find out about collaboration opportunities, and build their research skills. For more information about joining the network, please contact Simon Liddle: simon.liddle@rmit.edu.au.

www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=q1w4c6z3mnuy

[Source: Dr Tseen Khoo]

Mechanism for including publications in RMIT Research Repository

Here's what you need to know about including your publications in the RMIT Research Repository.

Step 1. Report all of your research outputs for inclusion in HERDC to the staff in Research and Innovation. For information about how to report your publications for HERDC, see this link: www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/publishing

Step 2. Send the repository via repository@rmit.edu.au a copy of the 'accepted manuscript' version of your output. The 'accepted manuscript' version is defined as:

'The author-created version that incorporates referee comments and is the accepted version for publication'.

The accepted manuscript is not the published version. While it has been refereed and edited, it won't have any publisher logos or other formatting done to it.

Step 3. Wait for repository staff to respond. They will send you a copy of the Author Deposit agreement and will assess the publication to confirm it is compliance with publisher policy. Once this is done and the repository has received the completed Author Deposit agreement, the 'accepted manuscript' can be uploaded to its repository record. Repository staff will send out a link so the researcher can view it in the repository for themselves.

For further information, please contact Keely Chapman, Librarian, x52310/keely.chapman@rmit.edu.au

[Source: Keely Chapman]