A Word from the Dean....

A lot has been going on in the Law School since the last newsletter. Another academic year started with many new students eager to commence their academic career. In February we graduated 224 Law School students in a beautiful ceremony and setting in our Bush Court here on campus. Murdoch Law School staff went to conferences in Australia and abroad. Guests from Australia and abroad presented at the Law School. Our mooting teams competed nationally and internationally - and did quite well. At the same time the preparations for our own mooting competition - the International Maritime Law and Arbitration Moot (IMLAM) are in red hot phase before competitions will begin in Exeter in June.

Unfortunately we had to cancel a conference on a highly interesting and current topic - the High Court’s decision on gene patenting (D’Arcy v Myriad Genetics Inc [2015] HCA 35). One of our speakers unfortunately fell ill and hence we will have to hold that event later in the year. Preparations are in train for a conference on property law issues in October this year.

We have had our first group of students visit India and study an academic unit at O.P. Jindal University just north of New Delhi. That was made possible by the incredibly generous funding by the Australian government under the so-called Colombo Plan. We are currently applying to create more “Colombo-opportunities” for our students and with a bit of luck might be able to offer stints to South Korea and Indonesia as well as to India next year.

We also had our traditional Dean’s Award Night and the prize winners can be found inside. A number of Law School students also received Vice-Chancellor’s Commendations for Academic Excellence. Congratulations again to all of them.

Jürgen Bröhmer

Signed MOU between Murdoch and Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia

The Dean of the Law School, Professor Jürgen Bröhmer, visited Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta (UGM) on the 17 - 18 March 2016. UGM is the oldest and largest institution of higher learning in Indonesia and also one of Indonesia’s best Universities. Professor Bröhmer and the Dean of the Faculty of Law at UGM, Professor M. Hawin, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to serve as a basis for future cooperation ranging from student exchanges to joint research efforts when opportunities arise.

A first opportunity to employ the new MoU will hopefully arise in the context of the new funding round for the Colombo plan. Professor Bröhmer also had a chance to teach a 4-hour short course on some basic concepts of European Union law. See also http://law.ugm.ac.id/?p=1038
The School of Law Dean’s Awards Ceremony was held on 22nd March 2016 to celebrate and acknowledge the School’s high achieving students and to recognise the work done by the Murdoch Student Law Society.

The Dean, Professor Jürgen Bröhmer, welcomed the prize winning students and their families and friends and thanked the representatives of the donor firms who support the prizes awarded on the night and acknowledged the importance of the Law School’s links with the legal profession. The Dean emphasized that for an award night like this to come together it needs the dedication of many people, lecturers, admin staff, donors and sponsors and committed students and their families and friends. Murdoch Law School is very proud of its active academic community on campus to which all of our staff, students and our Murdoch Student Law Society contribute such a great deal. Communities work and are successful not because everybody does what they have to do but because they do what they can and often more. The Dean also used the opportunity to inform a fully occupied Freehills lecture theatre of activities in the Law School, from the new structure of the School’s highly distinctive and successful clinical program offered in conjunction with SCALES under the leadership of Anna Copeland, to the national and international successes of Murdoch Law School’s many mooting teams.

Prizes were awarded for top performing students in many subjects. The main prize for the top graduating student, the Francis Burt Chambers Law Medal for 2015, was awarded to Michelle Trainer by John Vaughan, Director, Francis Burt Chambers.

Michelle Trainer gave the acceptance speech on behalf of the prize recipients.

Prize winners were rewarded for excellence in their studies and were grateful for the recognition afforded to them by both the School and the donors. At the conclusion of the formalities, guests were able to enjoy drinks and cocktail food in the gardens. Donors and prize recipients took the opportunity to chat with each other and with School staff.
List of Prize winners:
The Francis Burt Chambers Law Medal
Awarded for the most outstanding academic performance in Law – Michelle Trainer

Ronald Wilson Prize in Law
Awarded to the graduand who best combines distinguished academic performance in Law units with qualities of character, leadership, and all-round contribution to the life of Murdoch University – Alexander McVey

Allens Prize for Excellence in Commercial Law
awarded for overall excellence in work undertaken in the field of commercial law – Jamie Ammendolea

Allens Prize for Excellence in Company Law
awarded for overall excellence in work undertaken in the field of company law – Lachlan Conroy

AMPLA Prize for Excellence in Resource Law
awarded for best essay mark in LAW335 Mining and Natural Resources law – Courtney Juras

Australian Finance Conference Prize
Awarded for the best academic performance in the unit BSL201 Finance Law – Samuel Southern

Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA Prize in Migration Law
Awarded for the best academic performance in all four units in the Graduate Certificate in Australian Migration Law and Practice in S1, 2015 – Sara Gan and in S2, 2015 – Aileen O’Rourke

Cocks MacNish Shipping Law Award
awarded for the best academic performance in the unit LAW339 Shipping Law – Emily Bell

Criminal Lawyers Association of WA Prize
Awarded for the best academic performance in the unit LLB130 Criminal Law and Procedure – Emily May

Culshaw Miller Lawyers Prize in Evidence
Awarded for the best academic performance in LAW252 Evidence – Jamie Ammendolea

Eldon Prize in Equity
Awarded for the best academic performance in the unit LAW351 Equity & Trusts – Christian Payne

Governance Institute of Australia Prize in Company Law

Herbert Smith Freehills Prize in Law
Awarded for the best overall academic performance in LLB259 Constitutional Law – Amelia Devlyn
Awarded for the best overall academic performance in LLB260 Contract – Pearl Chong
Awarded for the best overall academic performance in LAW258 Australian Administrative Law – Sarah Chaney

Herbert Smith Freehills Prize in Resources Law
Awarded for the best academic performance in the unit LAW335 Mining and Natural Resources Law – Jacob Wotherspoon

King & Woods Mallesons Prize in Civil Procedure
Awarded for the best academic performance in the unit LAW450 Civil Procedure – Amy Ryan

Kott Gunning Annual Innovation Law Prize
Awarded for the best academic performance in the unit LAW381 Supervised Legal Research - Christian Payne
List of Prize winners, Cont.:

**LexisNexis Prizes**
Awarded to each of the following students who have achieved the best academic performance in nominated units:
- Sarah Herford (BJU100 S1)
- Jessica Pintaudi (BJU150)
- Tessa Maybery (LLB120)
- Jamie Ammendolea (LAW468)

**Mony de Kerloy Prize in Environmental Law**
Awarded for the best academic performance in the unit LAW356 Environmental, Sustainability and Climate Change Law
- Jacob Wotherspoon

**Paterson and Dowding Prize in Family Law**
Awarded for the best academic performance in the unit LAW370 Family Law – Kayla Giudicatti

**Shine Lawyers Prize for Torts**
Awarded for the best essay in the unit LLB152 Torts – Poppy Efthyvoulos

**Squire Patton Boggs Prize in Employment Relations Law**
Awarded for the best overall essay mark in LAW363 Employment Relations Law – Michael Stulic

**Society of Trusts and Estate Planners Western Australia Prize**
Awarded for the best overall essay mark in LAW351 Equity and Trusts – Christian Payne

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Winner of the James TF Chong Memorial Scholarship - Melissa Gilbertson presented by Professor Brohmer on behalf of Tony Chong

Winner of the Squire Sanders Warnbro Scholarship - Michael Stulic presented by Kylie Groves
Ronald Wilson Prize in Law

Awarded to the graduand who best combines distinguished academic performance in Law units with qualities of character, leadership, and all-round contribution to the life of Murdoch University.

Alexander McVey Sponsored by: The Late Ronald Wilson

Sarah Meddin Memorial Prize in Legal Theory

Awarded for the best academic performance in the Unit LAW301 Legal Theory.

Gina Lee

Sponsored by: Donors to the Trust commemorating Sarah
I am deeply honoured to give this speech on behalf of tonight’s award winners.

Fellow award winners – congratulations on your fantastic achievement. As we all know, these awards reflect hours and hours of studying, attending lectures and tutes, and frantically racing to hand in essays at the last minute. I will never forget writing my first law essay. I sat at my desk writing all day, I watched the sun set, it got dark – but only just for a moment, because then the sun was up and it was already time to hand in my essay! Law essays have an amazing way of making time pass very quickly. So tonight fellow award winners, celebrate your hard work and be proud of your tremendous achievement. And I am sure that all of you have many people that have helped you and inspired you on the journey that brings you here tonight.

We wouldn’t be here without the incredible staff we have at the Murdoch law school. During my time here I have experienced teaching excellence – talented and engaging lecturers and tutors, who are not only knowledgeable, but also approachable and willing to help. Thank you.

Thanks also to the administrative staff who help keep this place running smoothly, and who very patiently hand out assignment after assignment to an endless queue of terrified law students.

And special thanks to the Dean of the law school – Jürgen Bröhmer – who is present at just about every law school event that I have attended in the past 3.5 years and who always has a motivating and heartfelt speech to congratulate or inspire us.

Thank you to our fellow students, and especially those who go out of their way to get involved and volunteer to make Murdoch a great place to study. The dedicated volunteer students in the Murdoch Student Law Society run numerous events throughout the year including the annual law ball, moot competitions...and many events that involve copious amounts of drinking. They also run the law school café which proudly boasts the cheapest coffee on campus. Law school would be way less fun without the MSLS.

Thank you also to our fellow students, who have been there through the ups and downs of the semester, who shared our stress before exams, and had a drink with us at the pub afterwards. And I have a personal thank you to my law school buddy Llifen, who is here tonight. I met Llifen in 2012 after our first moot competition, which, of course, she won. She then continued to beat me in competitions for the following 3 years until finally in 2014, we both - as a team - won Murdoch’s Humanitarian Law Moot. Thank you Llifen for the many cups of tea and inspiring discussions over the past years.

Thank you to our family and friends who have made it possible for us to be here tonight. It is wonderful that so many of you could join us to celebrate this achievement. Studying law is certainly not easy, as we all know, and it is the sacrifices and support of our friends and family that enables us to do the work we need to. Thank you to my mum and to my dad, who is here tonight. Thank you for encouraging me
to pursue whatever career I was passionate about – from champion horse rider, to actor, and now to lawyer.

And thank you to my husband Adam, who also joins me tonight. Adam I think you know as well as I do, that I would never have received this award without your love and support.

Finally, thank you to the prize donors for your support of these awards and also of the law school events and competitions. It is events like these where us law students realise that we don’t live in a law school bubble. We realise that there is actually a legal community out there that we will soon be a part of it. And that legal community wants us to be excellent students, so that we will eventually be excellent lawyers. Thank for your support.

I would like to take a moment to talk about some of the opportunities that this law school offers its students, and that I was fortunate enough to participate in. I discovered that Murdoch is a great place to learn mooting and trial advocacy. There are always competitions going on, and at least 3 nights a week you can find a bunch of stressed out law students hanging around the law cafe in their suits and ties! And if you are lucky enough to get chosen for a National or International moot you will have the privilege of working with Lorraine Finlay, who will work hard to make you the best mooter you can be. Thank you to Lorraine and to all of the hardworking students that volunteer their time to make these competitions such a success.

And for those like me, who interested in human rights, Murdoch is a great place to be. I was fortunate enough to participate in the Clinical Legal Education units. In these units students work on actual human rights cases. I can’t recommend this program highly enough, and thank you to Anna Copeland, Kirsten Fentiman, Amanda McGow, Clea Brierly, Gai Walker and all of the staff at SCALES for your inspiring work and your dedication to making your students good lawyers. SCALES is the kind of experience that can help law students figure out what type of work they want to do. And it was my experience at SCALES that led me to my current role at Tenancy WA Community Legal Centre. Thank you to Kate Davis, the Principal Solicitor at Tenancy WA, for coming down to see both me and my colleague Alex McVeigh accept our awards.

I also participated in Murdoch’s Human Rights program in Geneva. As part of this program we visited the UN and met people who worked in a range of human rights organisations. Going to Geneva and meeting these people made me realise that they were also once law students – which meant that there was nothing to stop us from one day also working at the UN. A memorable moment from the Geneva trip. On the day that we arrived in Geneva, about 15 students decided we would catch the bus into Geneva town. So we found the bus stop and promptly hopped on the bus. Somehow all 15 of us forgot that in Europe they drive on the right side of the road – and 2 minutes later we all crossed the border into France without our passports.

But in all seriousness, law students can achieve great things when they get out into the world. So award winners and fellow students, I encourage you to use your skills to help those less fortunate. I will share a quote by Edmund Bourke that stayed on my pin board all through my law degree: “It is necessary only for the good man to do nothing for evil to triumph.” So volunteer, take on pro bono matters and importantly, speak up. By doing so you can and will make positive change in this world and in yourselves. Thank you.
New Clinic Structure

This semester sees the first group of students taking part in the first stage of the new clinical program. We currently have 36 students enrolled in LLB308, *Introduction to Legal Practice*.

The new clinic structure has been introduced to the undergraduate law program. All students interested in enrolling in one of the three clinic units (General Clinic, Family Law Clinic or Human Rights Clinic) are now required to successfully complete the new unit before being offered a place in a clinic unit in the following semester. The unit runs in a blended mode, and will involve online study in conjunction with weekly seminars.

The unit is designed to enhance the skills which are necessary for students to work successfully in the various legal clinics. Some of the skills covered include interviewing of clients, a review of statutory interpretation, writing letters and affidavits and reflective practice. It is a practical, skills-based unit.

From mid-2016 students who successfully complete the new unit will be considered for a place in one of the clinical units running in following semesters. The new structure ensures that students coming into the clinics have the necessary skills and competencies to work with clients in a positive and engaging way from early on in the semester. If LLB308 students do not go on to complete a clinical unit, the new unit will have equipped them with some essential skills that will be useful for their future careers.

Human Rights Teachers Workshop

In March our Director of Clinical Legal Programs, Anna Copeland, attended the Human Rights Teachers workshop held at UNSW.

This meeting brought together teachers of human rights from across the country and from New Zealand. Discussions ranged from content to methodology with a special session on Clinical approaches led by Anna and Anna Cody; Clinical Director at UNSW.

This session was very well received with animated discussion about the role of practice in teaching and the strength of ‘learning by doing’ approaches.

Street Law Conference - South Africa

Anna Copeland, Director of Clinical Programs attended the Street law Conference in Durban, South Africa in early April. This international conference brought together human rights educators from around the world, showcasing best practice in justice education. The conference was held in honour of Ed O’Brien founder of the Street Law program which has grown to include programs across the UK and the USA, throughout Africa, Asia and now Australia. This innovative and interactive program perfectly complements the work currently done by our highly successful clinical program as it includes students in the delivery of Community Legal education and Justice training. While the benefits to the community are obvious, these programs also benefit students by developing their skills in communication, consultation and advocacy.
2015 Vice Chancellor’s Commendation for Academic Excellence Award

On 3rd May 2016 the ceremony for the Vice-Chancellor’s Commendation for Academic Excellence Awards took place at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. These prestigious awards are presented to students who are placed in the top two per cent enrolled in a Bachelor Degree at Murdoch University and who have achieved a minimum of 15 credit points of High Distinction within the review period.

The following students of the Law School also received this Award:

Jamie Matthew Ammendolea
Emily Irene Bell
Kathleen Elizabeth Breese
Lachlan Douglas Conroy
Kayla Lucia Giudicatti
Hannah Rose Kelly
Amy Pascoe
Ellen Patricia Pen
Nicola Thomas

Congratulations to all for this outstanding achievement.

Staff Profile - Introducing Associate Professor Chris Dent

Before I arrived back at Murdoch, I had, for 10 years, had a research-focused position at the Melbourne Law School with the Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia. Much of my work there focused on the history and theory of intellectual property. Before that, I carried out research into defamation law at the Centre for Media and Communications Law; which, in turn, was after doing work for the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia and the Victorian Law Reform Commission. When possible, I use critical methods to explore the law, a habit born while undertaking my PhD – an application of Foucault’s archaeological method to a history of negligence decisions.

What do you do at Murdoch?
I squeeze as much research as I can around teaching – thankfully, I get to teach research too

How long have you been at Murdoch?
I started as an academic in 2015; but I spent 10 years here as an undergraduate and postgraduate in the 1990s

What’s your favourite spot on campus?
My own head – conveniently, that’s there with me whenever I’m at the tavern or the library

What do you like to do away from work?
I’m a member of a club – a club that only has one rule...

At lunch where would we find you?
Standing around somewhere – I try to avoid sitting down when I eat

What have you discovered at Murdoch?
That students aren’t quite so bad, once you get used to them

What are you best known for?
My shorts, or my knobbly knees

Who inspires you?
There’s a cartoon on my door that gives that more insight into that, and one behind it to keep me grounded
Internships at the School of Law

Through the School of Law’s Work Integrated Learning unit (LLB301) students can gain academic credit while converting their academic knowledge into skills in a work place. Students can build industry contacts and have work experience to place on their resume, providing them with a potential competitive advantage when seeking employment.

Right now students from the School of Law are taking advantage of LLB301, gaining valuable opportunities with firms and other workplaces, with 16 internships taking place in semester 1, 2016. During this semester alone three Criminology students have been selected for a placement at the Western Australia Police, Evidence Based Policing Unit. Law placements have been appointed across a variety of firms and government departments. For more information about internships email Annette.Stewart@murdoch.edu.au

Nikolina Dzinkic at Mountains Lawyers Pty Ltd
“Learning the law theoretically at Murdoch University is great, and gives me the skills, knowledge and critical thought required to succeed in the industry. However, acquiring the knowledge of what the profession itself entails, what a legal workplace is really like and whether it is something I would like to pursue as a career, is extremely difficult to convey through theory. This is why I chose to undertake Murdoch’s LLB301 internships unit. After four weeks of interning at a law practice, I have had the opportunity to learn these things and decide whether this is the career for me, all the while gaining points for the completion of my degree. I couldn’t recommend it enough to any student!”

Emily Goodger at Consulate General of the United States
“This internship program has been an incredible opportunity to gain practical experience in the U.S. Foreign Service and allowed me to develop a broad range of skills in diplomacy and international relations. I was assigned as the Political Intern assisting the Political Advisor to the Consul General. As an intern my tasks were varied and often challenged my abilities when researching a number of complex topics relating to federal and state politics, international affairs, the economy, state development and trade. I was able to participate in a number of events hosted by the Consul General where I was able to meet the U.S. Ambassador to Australia, the Australian Ambassador to the U.S (Hon. Mr Kim Beazley), U.S. Foreign Service Officers, State and Federal Politicians, and Business and Community Representatives. Overall, it was an outstanding opportunity to experience a career in the Foreign Service and it was a highly rewarding program since I was able to contribute to number of projects being undertaken by the office.”

Katie Breese at Criminal Injuries Compensation
“I enrolled in LLB301 for the practical experience and the exposure to a different learning atmosphere. I was lucky enough to receive an internship at the Criminal Injuries Compensation office. This was a great experience and one of the most informative and interactive practical components of my degree. I thoroughly enjoyed my internship and the exposure to the legal environment has emphasised my desire to pursue a career in law. I encourage all law students to participate in an internship and I found it to be a very relevant unit that is essential learning for aspiring lawyers.”
Semester One has been extremely busy for MSLS with all the competitions and the clerkship preparation series they are running in conjunction with Minter Ellison, Squires Patton Boggs, Herbert Smith Freehills and Clayton Utz. These are a fantastic opportunity for our students to get the edge when it comes to applying for those highly competitive clerkships.

On the 26th May the last of the careers events will be held in the Law School Foyer and the MSLS Café. Firms that will be attending include Allen & Overy, Ashurst, Corrs Chambers, Westgarth, Deloitte, DLA Piper, Herbert Smith Freehills, King & Woods Mallesons, Minter Ellison and Pricewaterhouse Coopers as well as the College of Laws.

The MSLS Ball is being held on 20 May at the Parmelia Hilton, Perth and promises to be another amazing night.

And if that wasn’t enough to keep everyone busy there is also the Quad Law mixed netball competition happening on the 5th May here at Murdoch and the Inter-faculty mixed netball competition happening on the 13th May. Please go down and support these players take on UWA, Curtin and Notre Dame as well as Chiro, Engineering and the Vet School.

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**Research in action**

Students completing the unit Culture, Diversity and Crime have had an opportunity to see how interdisciplinary academic research contributes to policy development and social change.

Professor Sven Silburn from the Telethon Kids Institute and Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin, provided a guest lecture to students on the topic of mental health and the criminal justice system. His lecture focused on 'Population health lifespan development and justice re-investment'.

Professor Silburn is renowned for his research in clinical, epidemiological and evaluative research in child development and education, youth mental health and suicide prevention. He has numerous publications, and has been chief investigator of a number of influential research grants.
High School visits to the Law School

Many high schools visit Murdoch University during the course of a year and request to hear about our Law and Criminology courses.

During such a visit to the Law School, school students get a first hand insight into University life.

They also have the opportunity to view our facilities in the Law School and ask current students questions about studying at Murdoch University. There are also some presentations in a University lecture format, e.g. about human rights and/or international law (bone dry, by the Dean), a breathtaking and exciting WA capital crime case including police offender profiling (by Associate Professor Guy Hall), a mock trial by our Moot Court Bench students and information about our courses.

During the most recent visit in April of 150 Year 10 Carey Baptist College students, Law Student Ambassador Marche Bantum presented an interactive session about “who owns the Moon?”

The students were asked:

- How are countries owned? Do they need physical contact?
- Does the 1969 Moon Landing mean ownership of the moon?
- Does it need to be a person?
- If no, then does the landing of The Luna 2 in 1959 gives Russian ownership?
- There were no boarders on the moon...
- What ‘part’, if any, is owned?
- What do you think is the best way to give ownership of the moon?
- What area of law does it relate to?

The students really had to put their thinking caps on and enjoyed discussing and sharing different ideas, while competing to win a prize for the best answer!

Mock Trial Coaching by Law School Staff and Students

More than thirty Year 10, 11 and 12 students turned up for specialised coaching session for our four Mock Trial teams on the first day of term after school. Students were preparing for the second round of the Law Society’s Mock Trial Competition that was held on May 11th. Associate Dean Teaching & Learning Sonia Walker along with other Faculty members (Steve Shaw being one of them in the picture below), a number of parents, former mock trial participants and Law student Marche Bantam from Murdoch University assisted.

Murdoch Law School student Nicola Thomas, also provided outstanding coaching to the first ever mock trial team of Safety Bay Senior High School. Safety Bay teacher Yvette Cases-Bröhmer could not speak highly enough of the effort Nicola put into her coaching and how the Safety Bay team profited from it. The boys and girls from Safety Bay were doing great in their first ever competition, so much so that the presiding judge in the competition, Barrister Frances Veltman, wrote to Safety Bay High School to congratulate the team on their impressive first time performance. A big thank you to Nicola and the team of teachers at Safety Bay Senior High School.
Murdoch University’s Mock Trial Seminar

On Saturday the 2nd of April, the Moot Court Bench welcomed 47 high school students and their teachers from across Perth to attend a Mock Trial Seminar and Workshop held at the Law School. This Seminar was a combined initiative of The Law Society and Murdoch Law School and was designed for high school students from year ten to twelve who are participating in The Law Society’s Inter-school Mock Trial Competition.

The Seminar was presented by Alex McVey (Moot Court Bench Faculty Advisor) and covered topics such as: opening statements, examinations in chief, cross examinations, closing addresses, case theories, objections and court etiquette.

Students were then split up into smaller groups for the workshop and assigned one MCB member or MCB alumni to work through a problem. MCB students coached their groups and gave them advice on the intricacies of each element of a trial. After the trials were conducted, each student was provided with feedback.

We had a great turnout to the event and received wonderful feedback from the students. Thank you to Alex McVey, Michelle Barron, Paige Standen Burrows and the members and alumni of MCB who volunteered their time. Without your hard work and participation, this event would not have been possible.
Pre-Graduation Function held at the Law School

On Friday 19th February 2016 we said congratulations and farewell to another successful cohort of Law School graduates.
Have you taken a look at the Law Library Subject Guide recently? It’s a great resource for all those tricky legal research questions you have.

Don’t know where to start your research? Take a look at the Legal Research Process page - to find help with legal research, how to keep up to date and a number of research topic guides. There are Research Topic Guides for a manner of subjects that point you to key resources and the best databases for your searches.

Doing something with Acts and Regulations? The Legislation Research page gives you a great start. It covers the legislative process, the types of legislation, the types of extrinsic materials and how to research these (including materials from other jurisdictions)

Is case law more your thing? The Cases Research page covers a wide range of topics including what is case law, how it is structured, how it is reported, how to understand case citations and how to find the full text of a case.

Have you got primary materials covered but journal articles give you a headache? Take a look at the Secondary Materials Research page - to find out the distinction between primary and secondary legal materials, how to find journal articles, books, some useful legal dictionaries and encyclopaedias, commentaries, what looseleaf actually is, how to find and use forms and precedents, and legal news.

Found all of your materials for your assignment but are footnotes bugging you? Take a look at the Legal Citation page - to learn how to cite the key primary and secondary legal materials that you will come across in your studies. It’s not a substitute for the AGLC3 but it is a great quick reference!

Speaking of quick, on the Law Library homepage you will find a selection of Law Quick Guides including a self-tour of the Law Library, and a number of other handouts covering citation and reports. These are also available in hardcopy from the Law Help Desk.

Know the basics but need a little more in depth help in how to complete searches? The Online Lessons that form part of Library Research Tests are available all through the year for a refresher (or a beginning). Take a look here to review the content of your Online Lessons for Legal Citation, Legislation, Case Law and Secondary Materials. These lessons are updated each semester to reflect any database changes.

Want to get the most out of the legal databases available to you or want to improve your legal research skills. Every semester the Law Library Training Program operates to cover key topics such as cases, legislation, foreign and international law research and even forms and precedents. In addition to a number of Database Guides & Help, including links to webinars, the Law Library is holding a special training event on June 1.

Getting Jaded with Jade BarNet is open to all students and staff who register from the Training page. The session will be taught by Sue Yap, a Jade guru, and will cover the free resource as well as the features of Jade Professional. The Law Library is able to offer current Murdoch Law Students free access to Jade Professional, and you can sign up at this session.

For more information on that, and much more, see the Law Library Subject Guide: http://libguides.murdoch.edu.au/law
In this book, Forrester, Finlay and Zimmermann argue that relevant international treaties do not support the sweeping scope of s 18C. Further, they argue that s 18C's breadth and complexity impermissibly infringes the freedom of communication about government and political matters implied from the Commonwealth Constitution.

The authors argue in favour of laws that better target racial hatred, and for civil society using the freedoms of expression and association to combat racial hatred.

The book has already gained national attention, being mentioned in The Australian newspaper (including a review by columnist and former Labor MP Gary Johns), Quadrant online, and on the blog of influential political commentator Andrew Bolt.

Further book launches are planned, including at the Murdoch University School of Law, details of which will be advised. Those interested in purchasing the book should go to the publisher’s website www.connorcourt.com.

Introducing Amy Pascoe - Recent graduate now Ph.D Candidate

Amy completed a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours in 2015 and is now a Ph.D candidate in Law at Murdoch University, focusing on the Law of Costs.

Amy completed her Bachelor of Laws with Honours at Murdoch University in November 2015, receiving First Class Honours for her Thesis on uplift fees in Australia. As a result of her high academic achievement, she has been granted an Australian Post Graduate Award to complete a PhD on scholarship through Murdoch University. As a result of her continuing interest in the Law of Costs, Amy’s PhD research will remain in this area and will focus on the introduction of contingency fees in Australia.

In addition to her LLB studies at Murdoch University, Amy has also completed part of a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice from Griffith University (2012). During her studies she has gained significant work experience as a legal research clerk for Senior Counsel and at various law firms.

Amy joined Coulson Legal in July 2015 as a research consultant, and assists in difficult legal matters, drawing submissions, and providing research notes in particular areas of costs law. Amy is a member of the Law Society of Western Australia, and became a member of the Law Society's Costs Committee in 2016. When she is not dedicated to study or work, Amy enjoys camping holidays with her family, boating and on occasion completes in running events with a team from Coulson Legal.
If you’re thinking of experiencing real-world learning for yourself, join us at the Murdoch Open Day on Sunday 24 July. It’s your chance to explore our wide range of courses, focussing on real world learning and careers.

Get a feel for our world class facilities and talk to current students and academics about courses and careers.

Date: Sunday 24 July, 2016  
Where: Murdoch University South Street campus  
Time: 10am – 4pm

- Explore course and career options  
- See a range of demonstrations and course talks  
- Ask our lecturers and students questions about uni life  
- Tour our campus and see our world class facilities

Enjoy a range of food options as well as free rides and entertainment

There are over 100 activities to enjoy throughout the day that will surprise, engage, clarify and inform you, opening your mind to all that’s possible at Murdoch University.

For more information about the day visit openday.murdoch.edu.au

TPP from an Australian Perspective — Professor Achim Rogmann

Prof Rogmann from Murdoch’s German partner institution Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences and their Brunswick European Law School presented on new developments with regard to the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a mega freed trade agreement spanning the Pacific Rim states, including Japan and the USA.

Prof Rogmann’s background as a customs lawyer allowed him to point to and illustrate some inherent but little known weaknesses of the increasingly complex “noodle bowl” of sometimes overlapping free trade agreements which at times increase administration costs for enterprises to a point that they prefer to do business “outside” the agreements and rather forgo any benefits that might accrue.

The interesting presentation was followed by an engaged discussion from the audience which comprised not only of law staff and students but also staff and students from the Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs.
LLB

- The Bachelor of Laws at Murdoch provides the necessary skills in research writing and advocacy to prepare graduates for legal practice or positions in the legal, business, government and community sectors.

Our majors

Law, Business & Society major

- The Bachelor of Arts (major in Legal Studies) will now be called Bachelor of Art major in Law, Business and Society. This major will provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to analyse the role and function of Law in Society.

Criminology major

- Criminology is a multidisciplinary approach by studying crime from a range of perspectives including law, society and psychology. You will learn to challenge common perceptions of crime, the reduction and prevention of crime, support for victims and offenders and the criminal justice system.

Business Law major

- Graduates with a major in Business Law will be equipped with the skills necessary to provide pragmatic advice from a commercially focused perspective to a variety of employers within the public and private sectors.

New minors

Law & Justice

- This minor introduces students to the function of law in society and in particular the role of law in the social justice arena.

Criminological Psychology

- This minor covers the psychological basis of criminal behaviour and treatment of offending behaviours as well as the contribution of development factors towards the development of criminal behaviour.

Crime Science

- This exciting new minor will take a multidisciplinary approach to tackle real world crime and community safety problems and develop creative and ethical ways to increase security in a changing world. Providing students both intellectual; and practical skills in the service of crime reduction.
Murdoch Law Students Assist Refugees

Murdoch Law students are using their developing legal skills to assist refugees in collaboration with SCALES Community Legal Centre and the Humanitarian Group.

“There are about 2,000 asylum seekers in WA who have been left without any access to legal assistance or interpreters, yet they are being asked to put their cases to the Department of Immigration in an expedited way” says Anna Copeland, Director of Clinical Programs, “Our students are assisting them under the supervision of our experienced migration agents and solicitors.”

The Clinical program at Murdoch has run a legal practice for almost 20 years, using it to teach students practice skills, ethical conduct and the application of substantive law. It takes on clients who cannot access legal assistance elsewhere and over the years has involved students in a range of cases from criminal matters to housing and family law. It also has a long history of assisting asylum seekers and this latest venture will increase the assistance it can provide.

If you are interested in assisting in this program, please email Carla at c.michan-ranieri@murdoch.edu.au with the subject line Legacy Clinic.

New Program in Germany - Overseas Internship Opportunities

Last year Lachlan Smith was the first student to “test” Murdoch Law School’s newest overseas program in Germany. In partnership with the Brunswick European Law School (BELS) at Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences in Wolfenbüttel, Germany, the program trains students in the field of international trade, international customs administration and export control law and then places participating students into working internships with big multinational corporations active in these areas. Lachlan spent three month working with Price Waterhouse Coopers in Düsseldorf, Germany. This is what he had to say:

"The new foreign trade program Murdoch now offers is an amazing opportunity for law students. The knowledge, experience and opportunities that you gain from studying and working overseas are numerous. I was able to broaden my knowledge of international and European Union law through academic and practical applications. Additionally, I was able to intern at a firm with a global focus and contacts, which allowed me to make new connections and open up opportunities for employment in the UK, Netherlands, Dubai and even Australia. Finally and most importantly, it has been the most enjoyable time of my life- I met many amazing people, travelled all throughout Europe, and generally enjoyed all of the spectacular things the program had to offer. The program is a long dedication and the idea of moving overseas alone for several months is intimidating, but it is a once in a lifetime opportunity that as a student you should not pass up."

Lachlan currently works with PWC in their Perth office. Special thanks to Professor Achim Rogmann at BELS for his tireless efforts to organize this opportunity for our students and for finding the placements. Two more students only recently left Perth and are now studying at BELS.
Licensing the production of medicinal marijuana can cause unintended health and safety problems for buildings

Conference date February 18-19, 2016

Murdoch criminology academic Dr Joe Clare has recently been to Brisbane to discuss the risks of unintended health and safety problems that could emerge as a consequence of proposals to legalise medicinal marijuana production in Australia. As the political climate in Australia becomes increasingly supportive of this legislative change, Dr Clare wanted to ensure people are aware of the building health and safety problems that have been created in Canada as a consequence of this type of scheme.

Speaking at the Applied Research in Crime and Justice Conference, Dr Clare used examples from his time in the Surrey Fire Service (BC, Canada) to discuss the types of structural, electrical, and biological problems for residential buildings that have been caused by indoor production of medicinal marijuana. This research examined over 1,800 inspections of illicit and licensed indoor grow operations from Surrey, BC, Canada, focusing on (a) the geographic trends associated with the shift from illicit to licenced grow ops over this time, and (b) the relative health and safety risks posed by these types of marijuana operations. The policy and practice implications of these findings were discussed with respect to the Australian debate about medicinal marijuana. Building on Dr Clare’s interest in problem prevention and opportunity theory, these findings form the basis of a paper that is currently under review with the Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Crime prevention theory as a platform for managing problems caused by abandoned buildings

Workshop date April 28, 2016

In April, Murdoch criminology academic Dr Joe Clare was an invited speaker at a Canadian workshop focused on managing the health and safety problems associated with abandoned residential properties. The goal of this forum was to explore the issues associated with distressed properties from the local context in British Columbia, which is one of booming economic activity and rapidly increasing property prices. Dr Clare provided context about targeted, data-driven problem-prevention research and helped develop the next stages of activity for the City of Surrey, which is aiming to reduce the frequency and severity of its abandoned building problem.