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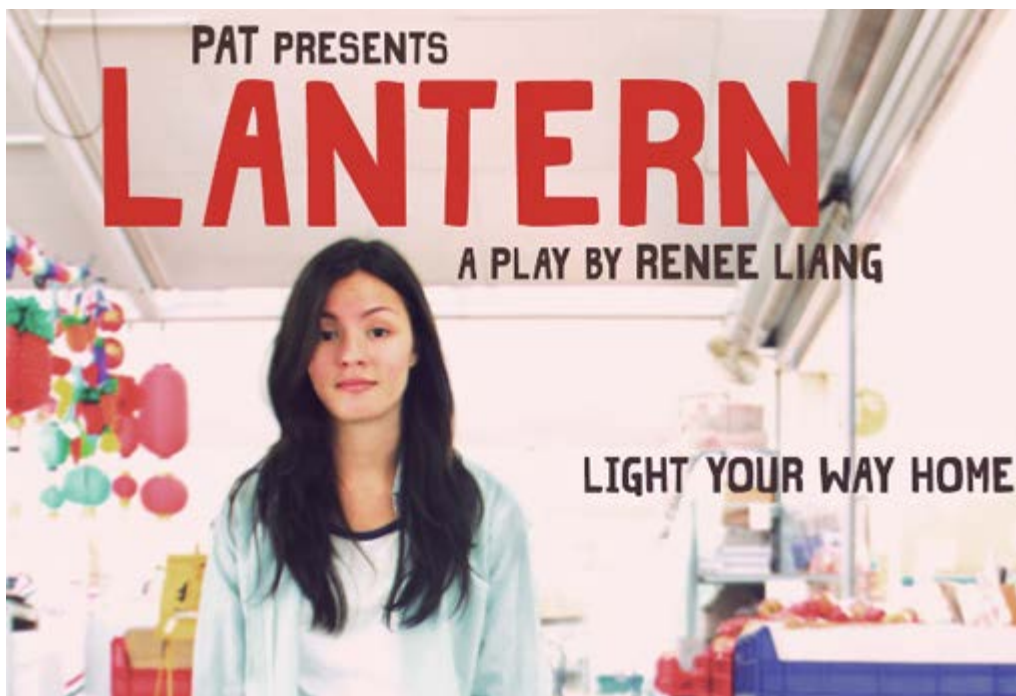
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## Ticket giveaway for new Renee Liang play

*Lantern* is the latest play from alumna Renee Liang, one of New Zealand's most prominent Kiwi-Asian playwrights. Set in modern day Auckland, two actors take on the roles of ten characters in a play that ignites the burning question many New Zealanders confront; where do I belong?

We have two tickets to give away, and all alumni, University staff and Society members receive a 10% discount when making a booking.

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## Find inspiration at Auckland Live!

At our Auckland Live! event on March 13, each of the 2014 distinguished alumni will be showcased in a candid, entertaining discussion led by alumnus and Qantas Media Award-winner Finlay Macdonald at the Maidment Theatre.



Our 2014 Award Winners include Dr William Tan (pictured right) - a neuroscientist, resident physician, Paralympian and international inspirational speaker.

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## Celebrate our Distinguished Alumni

Our annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner is on 14 March this year - a black tie event to recognise the significant contribution made by distinguished alumni in their respective fields.

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## New Zealand Leadership Institute Winner Announced

Thanks to all those who entered the draw in last month's *@auckland* for an opportunity to win a place on the NZLI's Leadership Mindset Programme.

We're pleased to announce that alumnus Nathaniel Wilson has won the complimentary place on the programme. Nathaniel gained his PhD in Environmental Science at The University of Auckland. He is employed as a consultant at Golder Associates, a civil / geotechnical and environmental global company.

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## Free open-air film festival at the Business School

To celebrate the Year of the horse, the Lantern Festival and the importance of China to New Zealand, the University of Auckland Business School presents its annual free open-air public film festival from 14-16 February. Films start at 8.30pm at the Owen G Glenn Building, Parking available underneath on Grafton Road.



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## Sir Hugh Kawharu Fellowship

The Sir Hugh Kawharu Fellowship is an opportunity for early/mid-career emerging, entrepreneurial and professional Maori businessmen and women, with or without tertiary qualifications who demonstrate a record of achievement and clear potential for further advancement. The Fellowship comprises a grant of \$10,000 combined with fees waivers for study at the Business School and other in-kind support.

The closing date for applications is 30 April 2014.

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[Events Calendar](#)

- 6 Mar [Society Summer Shakespeare Royal Treatment Evening](#)
- 13 Mar [Auckland Live! 2014](#)
- 14 Mar [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#)
- 18 Mar [Indonesia Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 19 Mar [2014 AUEA Luncheon](#)
- 26 Mar [Whangarei Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

## Why babies are born small

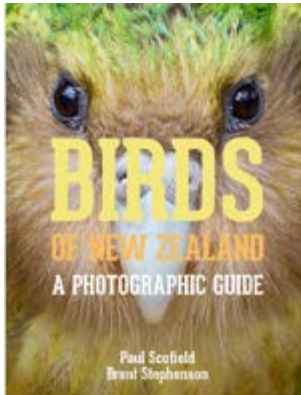
26 February at 6pm

A public lecture hosted by the Liggins Institute

Visiting Seelye Fellow and leading expert on large-scale population studies, Professor Marjo-Riitta Järvelin (Imperial College, London) will draw on data from two of the world's largest longitudinal studies to show how interactions between genes and the environment shape early- and later-life health and disease risk.



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### Book of the month: *Birds of New Zealand: A Photographic Guide*

Paul Scofield (alumnus) & Brent Stephenson  
Published by Auckland University Press  
PB, illus. RRP \$59.99; UoA Alumni Price \$50.99.

"Overall, this book gets an A+! . . . It is a 'must have' extremely current resource for the naturalist, avian enthusiast, novice bird watcher and serious birder alike." - Jodi Salinsky, *Southern Bird*

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## 2014 AUEA Luncheon

By popular demand, AUEA is again hosting the



annual luncheon at Beaufords in Totora Park, Manurewa on 19 March 2014.

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## New Research Works Wonders video

In recent years there has been an alarming increase in the rate of gestational diabetes, which has been occurring in parallel with the rapidly escalating rates of obesity in women. Researchers Professor Lesley McCowan (the University of Auckland), Dr Kara Okesene-Gafa (Counties Manukau District Health Board) and Mafi Funaki-Tahifote (Heart Foundation) are asking questions about how this can be addressed.

If this research is successful, we have potential to improve health of mothers and babies and potentially reduce the cycle of childhood obesity.

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