

Dear alumni and friends,

We encourage you to take part in our Alumni Photography Competition, launching today. Simply send us a photograph that fits the theme and you could win a brand new Nikon D5000 DSLR camera. Read on for more about the competition and news from around the University.

## Legacy Society and Golden Graduates success



Christine Kim performs at the Legacy Society event

Back to back events on 16 September - the inaugural Legacy Society event for 40 bequestors to the University and the annual Golden Graduates luncheon attended by 400 - were both an outstanding success, bringing together and honouring distinctive groups within the University community.

[Read more about the events](#)  
[View our Golden Graduates Day photo gallery](#)

## Alumni Photography Competition



First prize, a Nikon D5000

The first University of Auckland alumni photography competition runs from October 1 to October 23. All of our graduates are eligible to enter and the prizes include a Nikon D5000 DSLR camera and a course on photography from The Centre for Continuing Education.

The theme of the competition is 'the expression of who we are'. We're encouraging a broad interpretation. For example, the subject of your photograph could say something about our national identity or could be as simple as an image that tells us what makes your family unique.

[Read more about the competition including entry details](#)

[Read more about 'the expression of who we are'](#)

## Hood Fellow on "animal passions and wild justice"

Hood Fellow Marc Bekoff, Professor Emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Colorado visits the University this month to lecture on the emotional and moral lives of animals and why they matter.

[Read more about Professor Bekoff's lecture](#)  
[Read more about the Hood Fund](#)

### ALUMNI EVENTS

- 9 October
  - [John Drake Memorial Scholarship Reception](#)
- 15 October
  - [Hamilton Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 20 October
  - [Singapore Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 21 October
  - [Kuala Lumpur Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 6 November
  - [Christchurch Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

### UNIVERSITY EVENTS

- 6 October
  - [Spring Graduation](#)
  - [Career catalyst: Professional development for young scientists - Intellectual property Seminar by Harriet Wilson. Patent attorney](#)
- 7 October
  - [Environmental crisis Muslim responses](#)
  - [The Art Instinct: why we evolved to love beauty Liggins Institute Seasons of Life lecture series 2009](#)
  - [Lessons from the coastal wetlands of Great Barrier Island 2009 Lucy Cranwell Lecture](#)
  - [Animal passions and wild justice Faculty of Arts Hood Fellow lecture](#)
- 8 October
  - [Inaugural Lecture 2009: Tales of the unexpected By Professor Peter Black. Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology](#)
- 8 - 24 October
  - [The History Boys Presented by The Peach Theatre Company](#)
- 9 October
  - [Pacific Graduation Dinner](#)
- 13 October



## Christchurch Alumni and Friends Reception



Set in the heart of the Christchurch cultural precinct, the Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu is the venue for our alumni and friends event to be held on 6 November.

The Gallery's aims of "expanding cultural horizons and enriching senses" provide the perfect fit for guest speaker Professor Simon Holdaway, who is the head of the Department of Anthropology in the Faculty of Arts. With research interests that span millennia and the globe, Professor Holdaway is on the cutting edge of archaeological discovery and will speak about the marvels unearthed through his studies on the margins of Lake Qarun, in Egypt.

[Read more about the Christchurch event including how to RSVP](#)

## Published author? Add to the Alumni Bookshelf



From Montana Award winning poets to experts in South Pacific Aviation, we know that a great many of our alumni and friends are authors. To celebrate the varied work published by our graduates, we've created a new section on our website called the 'Alumni Bookshelf'.

It currently highlights a small selection of books written by our alumni, which we're keen to expand with your help. If you're a published author, you can add your work to the Bookshelf by completing the online form.

[Visit the Alumni Bookshelf](#)

## Cutting edge research exposed

■ [Internet trade mark issues](#)  
[Legal Research Foundation conference](#)

■ [Inaugural Lecture 2009: Intersections: Theorising the body, technology and the market](#)  
[By Professor Margo Buchanan-Oliver, Marketing](#)

14 October

■ [Fast Forward '09: School of Architecture and Planning public lecture series](#)

■ [Archaeology of cult: New evidence from Bronze Age Canaan](#)

15 October

■ [Doctoral Information Evening \(PhD and EdD\), Faculty of Education](#)

■ [New York hustlers: Masculinity and sex in modern America](#)  
[Department of History 2009 Keith Sinclair Lecture by Barry Reay](#)

■ [Inaugural Lecture 2009: Public transport: Innovations in operations planning to bridge the gap between users, practitioners and academia](#)  
[By Professor Avishai Ceder, Civil and Environmental Engineering](#)

19 October

■ [Egypt and Asia during the New Kingdom: A view from the Ways-of-Horus in the Sinai Desert](#)

21 October

■ [Does poetry matter?](#)  
[Faculty of Arts seminar by Ian Wedde, University of Auckland Creative New Zealand Writer-in-Residence](#)

28 October

■ [How to stop the money men from taking over the world \(or, when will we face another September 2008\)?](#)  
[Bruce Jesson Lecture by](#)



Auckland alumni and friends are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Exposure, where cutting edge research from postgraduate students will be showcased over two weeks from 12 October.

These free presentations are an opportunity to see research from across the faculties presented in a variety of interesting formats, and to mingle with top academic talent. The exposition will culminate in a Prize Giving Gala on 21 October, MCed by alumna and media personality Carol Hirschfeld.

[Click here for more information about attending Exposure](#)

[Click here if you are interested in being involved as a lay judge at Exposure \(133KB, PDF\)](#)

## Alumni Scholars Treasure Hunt and Picnic in the Park



Brendan Tonson-Older with his winning balloon-dog creation

Alumni Scholars and staff from the Alumni Relations Office met at Albert Park earlier this month for a social event that included a picnic lunch, treasure hunt and balloon modelling competition.

The Alumni Office provides ongoing social support and mentoring to the Scholars.

[Read more about the treasure hunt](#)

[Read more about the Alumni Scholarships](#)

## Thinking about Postgraduate Study?

Returning to study after some years away from University can be a daunting prospect. You know that the sophisticated skills provided by postgraduate study are respected and valued, but it's a big decision to commit to further study.

The Centre for Continuing Education and School of Graduate Studies will offer a two day workshop in November. This workshop is a great way to learn about postgraduate studies and make the decision that is right for you.

[Find out more about the \*Introduction to Postgraduate Study\* workshop](#)

## Darwin Series - final public lecture

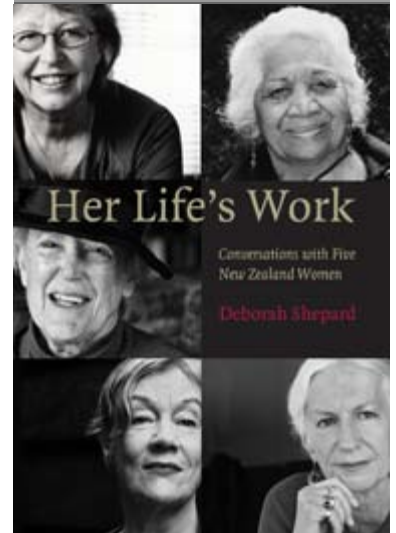
The Liggins Institute's lecture series "Seasons of Life - Darwin's Legacy" concludes this month with a lecture by Denis Dutton, Professor of Philosophy at The University of Canterbury. In "The Art Instinct: Why we Evolved to Love Beauty", Dutton draws on Charles Darwin's theory of evolution to explain why - from Homer of the *Iliad* to the Homer of *The Simpsons*, from the Lascaux caves to Carnegie Hall - human beings are enchanted by the arts.

The Lecture is on October 7 at 6pm, at the Robb Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, 85 Park Road Grafton.

Robert Wade, Professor of [Political Economy, LSE](#)

■ [View a full list of University events](#)

### BOOK OF THE MONTH



**Her Life's Work:**  
**Conversations with Five New Zealand Women**  
Deborah Shepard (UoA Alumna)

Auckland University Press, PB;  
Portraits by [Marti Friedlander](#);  
\$45

Deborah Shepard traces five extraordinary Kiwi life stories through in-depth interviews with Merimeri Penfold, Margaret Mahy, Anne Salmond, Gaylene Preston and Jacqueline Fahey, revealing how each iconic woman has balanced their successful career with a meaningful personal life.

■ [Go to the AUP website](#)

■ [Download the AUP order form](#)

### LATEST HEADLINES

29 September

■ [Landmark book, exhibition capture photographer Marti Friedlander's life and work](#)

■ [Scholarships recognise te reo teaching excellence](#)

■ [Groundbreaking book gives new insight into European](#)

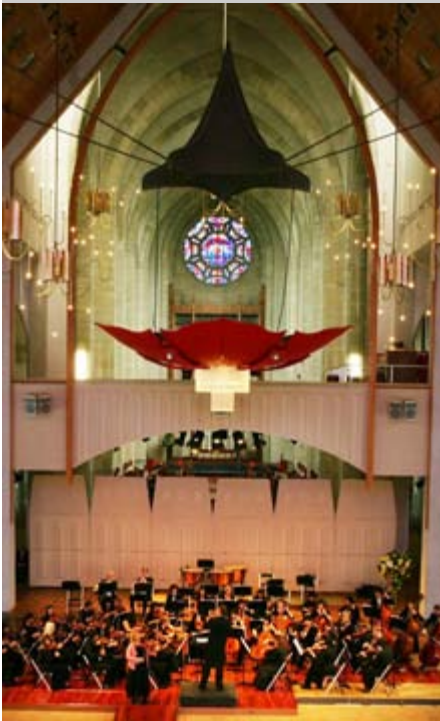




The lectures in this series are designed for non-scientific audiences and questions are welcomed. They are free and open to the public but bookings are essential.

[Further information and booking](#)  
[Read more about the Seasons of Life series](#)

## Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Choir concert



School of Music presents: WAIPOUA  
The University of Auckland Symphony Orchestra  
The University of Auckland Chamber Choir  
8.00pm Thursday 22 October

With special guests  
Patricia Wright - soprano  
Kevin Gao - clarinet

Karen Grylls - conductor  
Uwe Grodd - conductor

Arvo Pärt *Which Was the Son Of* for choir  
Richard Strauss *Four Last Songs* for soprano and orchestra  
Gareth Farr *Waipoua* for clarinet and orchestra  
Stravinsky *Firebird Suite* 1919 version

[Click here for more details and to buy tickets](#)

## Alumni Facebook Group nears 2000 member mark



Recent changes to our Alumni and Friends Facebook Group have seen the membership grow to well over 1800. Members can now discuss topics with us and each other via the group forum ('The Wall') and the group manager Sarah Crowell is posting more frequent updates.

[Visit the Facebook Group](#)

Note: You'll need to be a member of Facebook to join the group.

[discovery of Tahiti](#)

24 September

■ [University celebrates World Habitat Day](#)

■ [Associate Professor of Music wins prestigious Dent Medal](#)

21 September

■ [New Zealand's first permeable pavement study](#)

18 September

■ [School of Architecture participates in prestigious Te Papa installation](#)

■ [Annual Chapman Lecture examines global financial crisis](#)

17 September

■ [Elam graduate wins inaugural arts residency in California](#)

16 September

■ [Academic Audit Report on The University of Auckland](#)

15 September

■ [Third straight win for Auckland](#)

■ [Wireless heart pump offers new hope to heart patients](#)

14 September

■ [Drilling earthquakes for love and energy](#)

10 September

■ [University of Auckland top doctoral students recognised](#)

9 September

■ [Developing new medicines worth millions for New Zealand](#)

### FEATURED VACANCY

#### EQC Scientific Officer

Full time, Auckland City Campus

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering is seeking to appoint a Scientific Officer for Earthquake Engineering Research.

Until next month,  
The Alumni Relations Team  
The University of Auckland  
[www.alumni.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.alumni.auckland.ac.nz)

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