



## Standing on the shoulders of giants

This month we are calling on alumni and friends to help some of our most talented students take their seat at the University of Auckland.

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## Call for Expressions of Interest for an appointment to Council

The University of Auckland Council is the governing body of the University.

Council invites expressions of interest from an alumna or alumnus to take a position on the Council commencing 01 January 2016.

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## MOOC on critical thinking attracting thousands of enrolments



*Dr Patrick Girard and Associate Professor Tim Dare. Credit: Media Productions, University of Auckland*

How do we know when we're making the right decision? And what if it's not the most rational one? Though we hate to admit it, most of us are not very good at critical and logical thinking.

Now a University of Auckland MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) is starting later this month to help people learn these skills, attracting nearly 13,000 enrolments to date.

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## How social media can enhance your career

Are you one of the 2.1 billion people with social media accounts? Are you a digital native or an occasional user? Are you making the most of possible online career opportunities?

At this introduction session, presenters from the Business School will look at the advantages and disadvantages of using social media, the importance of networking and how to protect your personal brand.



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Building Equity and Excellence in  
Education: The Starpath Approach



Professor Cynthia Kiro, Director of the Starpath Project and also 'Te Tumu' - responsible for Maori/indigenous education in the Faculty of Education and Social Work - will give a free public lecture at the University on 10 September.

The lecture will identify the elements of the Starpath approach and examine what difference (if any) has been made and how we might learn to address the broader issues associated with equity and excellence in education for all.

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### *The Velveteen Rabbit* - family passes to be won

Tim Bray Productions, one of Auckland's leading theatre companies for children, is performing *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams from 21 September to 10 October at the PumpHouse Takapuna.



We have two family passes to give away to this magical adaptation of a classic story about love, childhood play and joy.

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## Lewis Eady Charitable Trust presents Jason Bae in Auckland

With the ink barely dry on his Royal Academy of Music Master of Arts in Piano Performance (complete with the highest distinction award DipRAM), alumnus Jason Bae is returning from London to perform a piano recital for his home audience at the Auckland Town Hall Concert Chamber on Tuesday 15 September.

The concert is proudly presented by the Lewis Eady Charitable Trust, established in 2008 to serve and support emerging talent and music education within New Zealand.

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### Events Calendar

1 Sep

[Society 'Beauty' Salon](#)

10 Sep

[Audiology Anniversary Celebrations](#)

7 Oct

[London Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

13 Oct

[New York Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

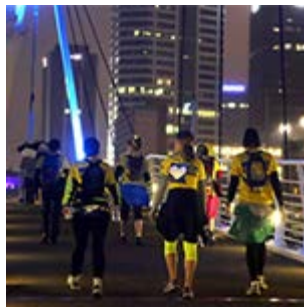


### Small is Amazing

What is the connection between laser cutting AMAZING into a strand of hair and advancing our biggest export earner by more effectively sorting sperm by sex? They are two examples of femtosecond laser micro-machining and what is possible using this technology. At the University of Auckland's

Photon Factory, researchers are employing their skills to solve industry problems - and to amazing effect.

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## Register for Walking Stars - special rate

Walking Stars is a walking only half marathon at night - a magical experience through Auckland's vibrant CBD, whilst raising vital funds for cancer research and relief.

The organisers are offering a \$10 discount to the first 50 *@auckland* readers who sign up using the code **AUWS\_15**.

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## Mindfulness workshop for alumni scholars

Current alumni scholars were invited to participate in a mindfulness workshop on campus last month. Staff from University Health and Counselling Services showed students techniques to manage stress and develop mental resilience. Students were also given the opportunity to meet others in the Alumni Scholarship programme, which is made possible by the generosity of University of Auckland alumni.

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[Business Review: Innovation issue out](#)

## now

The Spring 2015 issue of the *University of Auckland Business Review* argues that we need to better understand how innovation works in traditional industries if we are to play to our economic strengths as a nation. Articles also showcase a bold plan for indigenous forestry, outline the benefits of engaging users in product design, and discuss challenges in the red meat sector.

The *Business Review* is available free to download or read online.



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## iPad winners

Congratulations to the winners of our recent 'update your details' competition. Five alumni each received a new iPad mini.

[Read the full list of winners](#) on our website.

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## Eyetrackers - Gus Fisher Gallery until 26 September

In this exhibition the latest technology is used to track the movements of people's eyes while they are looking at artworks. It includes an ambitious type of exhibit, in which viewers are able to interact with images and artworks in a completely new way. Information from the eyetracker is looped back directly to the software controlling the displayed image, which then changes in response to characteristics of the eye movements made by a viewer.



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## Volunteers wanted for University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee

The University Research Office is looking for two people with an interest in ethics and research who are available to dedicate time to attend meetings and review ethics applications as members of the University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee. For more information please contact Dr Elizabeth Visser, Research Ethics Processes Team Leader, Research Office, on 373-7599 ext 83711 or by email at [e.visser@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:e.visser@auckland.ac.nz)



*Dr Elana Curtis*

## National Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards

Three University of Auckland staff have received 2015 national Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards.

Dr Elana Curtis from the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (FMHS) won an award in the Kaupapa Ma-ori category while Dr Eleanor Hawe from the Faculty of Education and Social Work and Marie McEntee from Faculty of Science won Sustained Excellence in Teaching General awards.

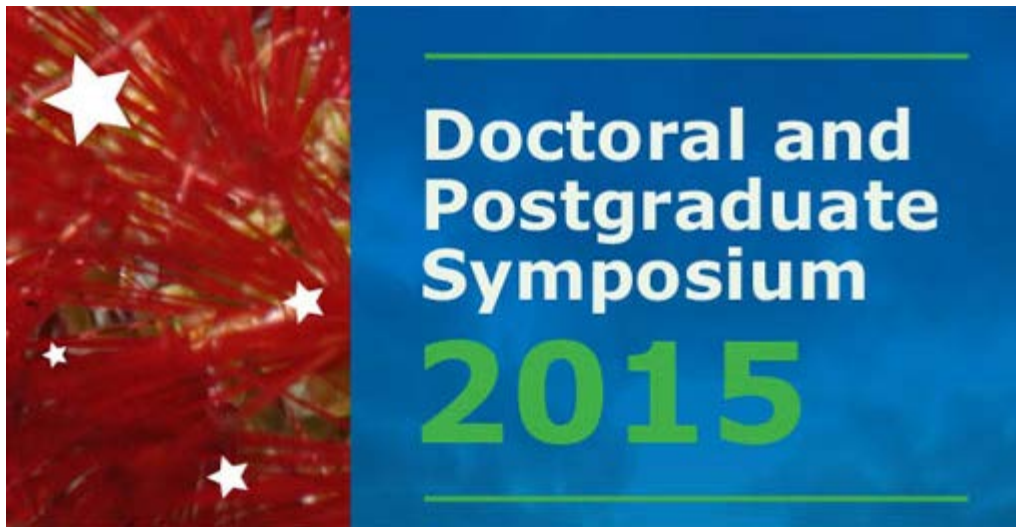
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## Education and Social Work Doctoral and Postgraduate Symposium 2015: Saturday 26 September, 9am-4pm

The Education and Social Work Doctoral and Postgraduate symposium showcases current research being undertaken by our postgraduate students in education, social work and counselling. It is free to attend and is a perfect opportunity for those considering embarking on their own doctoral or masters research. There will be opportunities to network and ask questions of our expert researchers, academic advisors, potential supervisors and

current students.

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