



The Auckland Lantern Festival, supported by the University, takes place 26-28 February. More details below.
Photo by Godfrey Boehnke.

Dear alumni and friends,

Active engagement with the University needn't end upon graduation. Each year we present a wealth of public lectures, cultural and sporting events, music concerts, art exhibitions and thought provoking seminars. Most of the events are free and open to all our alumni and friends.

You can of course continue your studies with:

- [Postgraduate courses at the University](#)
- [Professional development Short Courses from the Business School](#)
- [Open-entry courses from the Centre for Continuing Education](#)

To ensure you're kept informed about upcoming events and opportunities for further study, [keep your contact details up to date](#)

Read on for information about events in February and March, and for news from around the University.

Living on the edge: Distinguished Alumni present



Dancer and choreographer Michael Parmenter, who will present at the Distinguished Alumni Speaker Day

Free lectures from six exceptional alumni will enlighten and challenge us at the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Speaker Day on Saturday 6 March.

Our Distinguished Alumni Award recipients represent the breadth of disciplines at our University, with the Speaker Day line up including a variety of topics from life on the edge - on the edge of creative and scientific discovery; on the sharp edge of controversy, and on the emergent landmass we call New Zealand, driven by motion between two plates. All our recipients have used their talent and expertise to make significant contributions that impact in positive ways on other people's lives.

[Click here for more information on our speakers and subjects and to register for these events](#)

Finance industry leader on University Council

Scott St John, who has extensive experience in the finance industry, has been co-opted to the Council of The University of Auckland.

His roles have included senior equity analyst, equity salesman, head of equity sales and head of equities. His

ALUMNI EVENTS

5 March

- [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#)

6 March

- [Distinguished Alumni Speaker Day](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

27 November 2009 to 13 February 2010

- [Art that Moves: The Work of Len Lye Exhibition at the Gus Fisher Gallery](#)

3-6 February

- [Champions Trophy Case Competition](#)

8-12 February

- [Island Invasives: Eradication and Management Conference](#)

10 February

- [How does methamphetamine 'P' and other drug use during pregnancy affect the outcome of children? Public lecture by 2010 ASB Visiting Professor, Professor Barry M. Lester](#)

18 February

- [Professor Stephen May Introductory Lecture](#)

22 February

- [Public health genomics: translating nutrigenomics research into population health benefits](#)

24 February

- [Taking parenting programmes to the people: Lessons learned from around the world Research forum and panel discussion with four leading international researchers](#)

26 February

- [Lantern Festival, Albert Park](#)
- [Business School presents open-air movie: Red Sorghum \(Hong gaoliang\)](#)

27 February

- [Business School presents open-air movie: The Big](#)



company created a startup that successfully expanded into the European financial services industry before being sold to private equity interests in March 2009. [Read more about Scott St John's appointment](#)

Our graduates are making their mark on the world



- Preserving native Hawaiian cultural heritage and non-profit land stewardship in Hawaii.
- Helping Tanzanians develop life skills and reduce poverty through business and sports development in East Africa.
- Leading biomedical research groups in growth control, epigenetics and neuroscience in Switzerland.
- Reporting the national news for TV One.

These are just some of the amazing ways our graduates are making their mark on the world. To find out more about these and read hundreds of other graduate stories visit www.makeyourmark.ac.nz

Tell us about how you are making your mark on the world. Contact: c.solomon@auckland.ac.nz

School of Music Concert & Events Series March - June 2010

The School of Music is a leading provider of music education in New Zealand and a major contributor to Auckland's thriving music community. Our March - June 2010 concert and event series features students, staff and distinguished visiting artists covering classical music, popular music and jazz as well as seminars and concerts with leading composers and scholars.

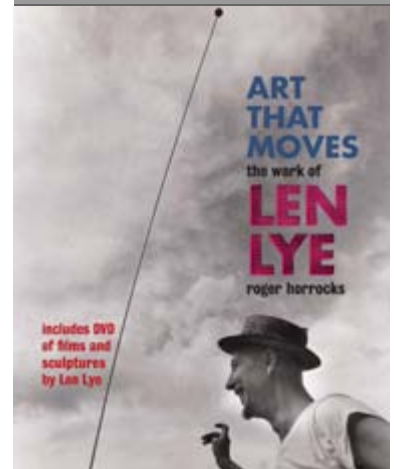
Road (Dalu)

28 February

■ [Business School presents open-air movie: Five Golden Flowers \(Wuduo jinhua\)](#)

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Art That Moves: The Work of Len Lye

Professor Emeritus Roger Horrocks (UoA alumnus)
A NZ Listener Top 100 Book of 2009

Paperback; DVD; RRP \$59.99;
UoA alumni price: \$50.99

"Horrocks' book is very good, methodically going through the main thematic threads of Lye's working methods... and elaborating on them with great precision" - John Hurrell, [eyeCONTACT](#)

- [Go to the AUP website](#)
- [Download the AUP order form](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

3 February

■ [Eight elevated to professor](#)

25 January

■ [Mums and dads wanted for free positive parenting](#)



To receive a copy of the March - June 2010 Concerts & Events brochure and/or to be placed on the email subscription list, please contact concerts@creative.auckland.ac.nz

Auckland's first Honorary Law Professor

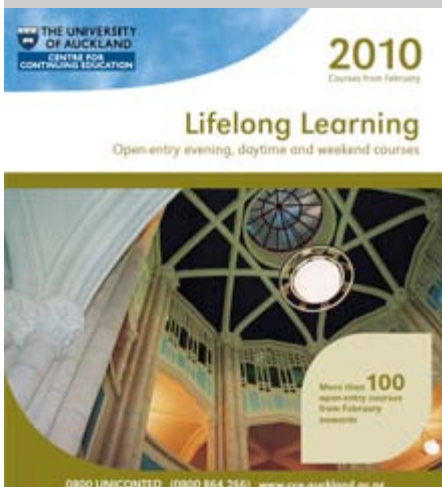


The Faculty of Law has appointed David A.R. Williams QC, a senior barrister and renowned international commercial arbitrator, as its first Honorary Professor.

He has been a part-time lecturer for some years and will continue to teach an LLM course in international arbitration, taking other courses by arrangement.

[Read more about David A. R. Williams' appointment](#)

2010 Lifelong Learning programme now available



Whether you want to find out about contemporary architecture in Berlin, learn another language or explore the philosophy of religion, the Lifelong Learning programme is a wonderful starting point. You'll absorb new information, develop new and creative ways of thinking, explore different approaches to familiar topics and so perhaps 'see' your world, your community and yourself, with fresh eyes.

Courses are open to all adults.

[Download the course brochure from the Centre for Continuing Education website](#)

Year of Tiger celebrated at Lantern Festival

Celebrate the New Year of the Tiger amidst hundreds of beautiful lanterns at the 11th annual Chinese Lantern Festival.

[programme](#)

21 January

■ [New business role reflects boom in bioengineering](#)

20 January

■ [Finance industry leader on University Council](#)

15 January

■ [Parenting research group calls for volunteers for disobedience study](#)

FEATURED VACANCY

Digital Print Technician

Part time, Auckland City Campus

The National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries is looking to appoint a person for a fixed term of 1 year at 22.5 hours per week with high level skills in order to output professional quality inkjet printing and provide technical support and advice to the staff and students of NICAI and also to ensure the effective, efficient and safe operation of the specialist wide-format inkjet printing resource area in the Student Centre.

Closing date 13 December

[Read more about this vacancy and apply online](#)

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The Festival takes place 26-28 February at Albert Park in Auckland. Sample delicious Chinese snacks from the food stalls, browse the authentic craft stalls, and picnic on the grass in the glow of the lanterns specially commissioned from China.

Once again, The University of Auckland has a strong presence at the Festival, with bands and activities in the Quad, red lighting of the ClockTower, banners on Princes Street, open-air movies (see below) and students in Chinese costume.

[Read more on the Lantern Festival website](#)

Business School presents open-air movie nights

As part of the Lantern Festival, The University of Auckland Business School will screen three free movies on February 26, 27 and 28 from 8.30pm in the John Hood Plaza outside the Owen G Glenn Building.

The movies selected are 1987's *Red Sorghum (Hong gaoliang)* which tells the story of an idyllic village in the backblocks of North China overtaken by the modern world (starring Gong Li); Chinese classic *The Big Road (Dalu)*, a mostly silent film which was made in 1934 by Sun Yu depicting the tale of a rural road-making gang of young men determined to defend the nation against an unnamed enemy; and *Five Golden Flowers (Wuduo jinhua)*, a 1959 Maoist love story directed by Wang Jiayi telling the story of a young lovelorn man searching for his one true love, his 'Golden Flower'.

As the movies will be shown outside against the side of the building, those keen to participate are advised to bring something to sit on - cushions and beanbags are very welcome!

[Read more about the open-air Chinese movie screenings](#)

Alumni and friends receive New Year Honours



Professor Peter Hunter

Many congratulations to the alumni, staff and friends of the University recognised in the recent New Year Honours.

Recipients include Professor Peter Hunter, Director of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute who was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to science and Dr Sitaleki Finau who was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Pacific Islands community health.

[Read about all the New Year Honours recipients](#)

National Young Leaders' Days



The University of Auckland is proud to sponsor the 2010 National Young Leaders' Days - New Zealand's largest student leadership event - run by the Halogen Foundation.

School principals nominate top students to attend the event where they can view presentations and interact with high profile personalities selected by the foundation. This year speakers include Bruce Pilbrow - CEO of Parents Inc., Pat Buckley - life skills educator and motivational speaker and Pippa Witzell, host of TVNZ's Breakfast programme.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the 2010 National Young Leaders' Days is an event not to be missed. It will be held in Auckland on 11 March and Palmerston North on 15 March.

For more information visit www.halogenfoundation.org

Visiting Hood Fellow to lecture on organisational change

Professor John Van Maanen from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will give a free public lecture at the Business School at the beginning of March. Visiting the University as a Hood Fellow, Professor Van Maanen will speak on *The Organization Behind the Chart: Culture and Networks at Work*.

The talk will introduce three perspectives useful for understanding the nature of organisation and organisational change - the strategic design, political and cultural perspectives. Several network studies will be presented to illustrate and make concrete the analytic approach.

The lecture takes place on 4 March, 6.30-7.50pm in lecture theatre OGGB4.

[Click here for location and parking details](#)

[Click here for more information about the Hood Fellowships](#)

Property survey for Masters Dissertation

Auckland graduate Asha Patel is researching the Auckland Property market for a Masters in Business Administration. If you're an Auckland resident and have ten minutes to spare, please help Asha by completing the online survey.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

Choir auditions

The University of Auckland Chamber Choir will be holding auditions from 16-18 February 2010.

For more information please contact: aucklandchamberchoir@gmail.com

Best wishes,

The Alumni Relations Team

The University of Auckland

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