

Dear alumni and friends,

We have all been deeply touched by the terrible devastation caused by the earthquake in Christchurch at 12.51pm a week ago today. Many of you will have been personally affected by this tragedy, especially those of our Alumni living in Christchurch. Canterbury University and Lincoln University have been impacted significantly, and we are working with them to assist their recovery in any way we can.

I know of many fundraising initiatives which have sprung up across our University, among both staff and students, to assist Christchurch's recovery.

For those living overseas who would like to make their own personal contribution to the Global Appeal Fund announced on Sunday by our Prime Minister, John Key, the contact details are as follows:

[New Zealand Government Christchurch Earthquake Appeal](#)
[New Zealand Red Cross](#)

If we at the University can be of assistance in any other way, please contact Amanda Lyne in our Alumni Relations Office — a.lyne@auckland.ac.nz

We look forward to keeping alumni informed and to being involved in all other ways we can to assist in what is proving to be a gigantic task.

With best wishes



Stuart McCutcheon
Vice-Chancellor

Research showcased at Auckland Live! event

Interactive displays of cutting edge research will combine with presentations and discussions from leaders in business, politics, medicine, science and law at the University's Auckland Live! event at the Business School on 5 March.

Research on show from Uniservices includes iRobiQ — an advanced entertainment robot, wireless charging for electric vehicles, displays from the Yacht Research Unit and more.

The Wine Science Programme will also provide wine tasting over lunch for \$5, with all money raised going to the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

[Read more about Auckland Live! including the full](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS

4 March

- [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner 2011](#)

5 March

- [Auckland Live! Inspiring minds at The University of Auckland](#)
- [95 bFM Summer Series](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

4 March

- [How ObamaCare will change the US health Care system \(if it survives\) \(seminar\)](#)

8 March

- [Modelling levator ani mechanics during the second stage of labour \(seminar\)](#)

9 March

- [Human rights guarantees in criminal law and procedure from a European perspective \(lecture\)](#)
- [Dean's Distinguished Speaker Series - Rethinking marketing: How marketing can better deliver value \(lecture\)](#)

10 March

- [A rising global power? India's new foreign policy \(seminar\)](#)

13 March

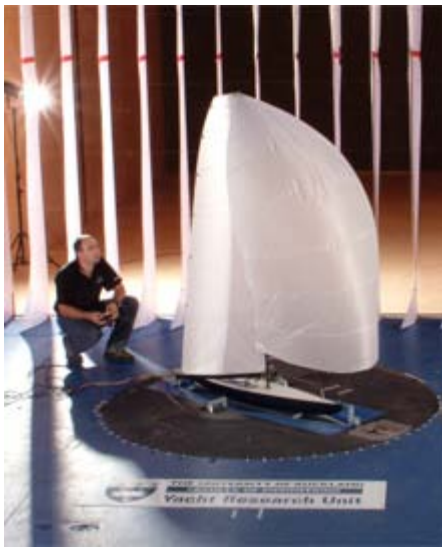
- [Round The Bays 2011 \(event\)](#)

15 March

- [Dean's Distinguished Speaker Series - Open strategy: A long view on a precarious profession \(lecture\)](#)

16 March

- [Dietary assessment \(to include novel tools for children and assessment at end of life's spectrum\) \(seminar\)](#)
- [Alternate development for difference: Refiguring Aboriginal/state relations on the indigenous estate in Australia \(lecture\)](#)
- [Being human: The science of memory, personality and](#)



[programme of events](#)
[More about the research on display](#)
[Register for Auckland Live!](#)

Powhiri for new students



Hundreds of new students were welcomed to the University at a powhiri at Waipapa Marae on 22 February.

[View the photo gallery](#)

Robb Lectures on empire power shifts



The prominent political commentator and activist Tariq Ali will lecture on "Empire and its futures" at The University of Auckland later this month.

As speaker at the 2011 Sir Douglas Robb Lectures he will deal in turn with three issues: "Islam and its discontents", "US power today: The global hegemon", "The rise of China".

[Read more about Tariq Ali's Robb Lectures](#)

Unique events and luxury items in Society Auction

A private concert from renowned pianist John Chen, sculptures by artist Cat Auburn, a week's holiday at Tapu Bay and hire of the foyer of the Gus Fisher Gallery are just some of the items available in the Society's Luxury Upstairs/downstairs auction on 5 April.

The evening is a cocktail function with drinks and canapés and includes entertainment from The University of Auckland Strings and Opera singer Morag McDowell.

The funds raised will enable the continuation of the University of Auckland Strings and engagement of key visiting master teachers to work and perform with the ensemble.

[consciousness: Do Westies have different brains from the rest of us? \(lecture\)](#)

17 March - 23 March

■ [Sir Douglas Robb Lectures 2011](#)

18 March

■ [Nutrition in childhood: Whose job is it and does it matter? Changing school food policy in England \(seminar\)](#)

19 March

■ [Brain Day 2011](#)

22 March

■ [Kidney regeneration in zebrafish \(seminar\)](#)

6 April

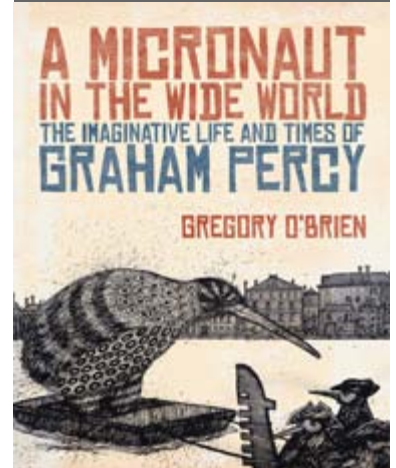
■ [Hollywood left and right: How movie stars changed American politics](#)

15 Mar

■ [Professor Richard Whittington lecture: Open Strategy: "A Long View on a Precarious Profession"](#)

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH



[Read more about the Auction](#)

Social aspects of climate change - Talking Science



Associate Professor
Niki Harre

At this follow-up debate to our 2010 Talking Science event which focused on the physical science of climate change, experts from The University of Auckland will present their perspectives on the social aspects of climate change. Come and join the discussion, argue your opinion, and ask questions of some of New Zealand's leading social scientists. Spaces are limited so book early.

[More about Talking Science](#)

Oaths, Threats and War Crimes: Shakespeare's Henry V

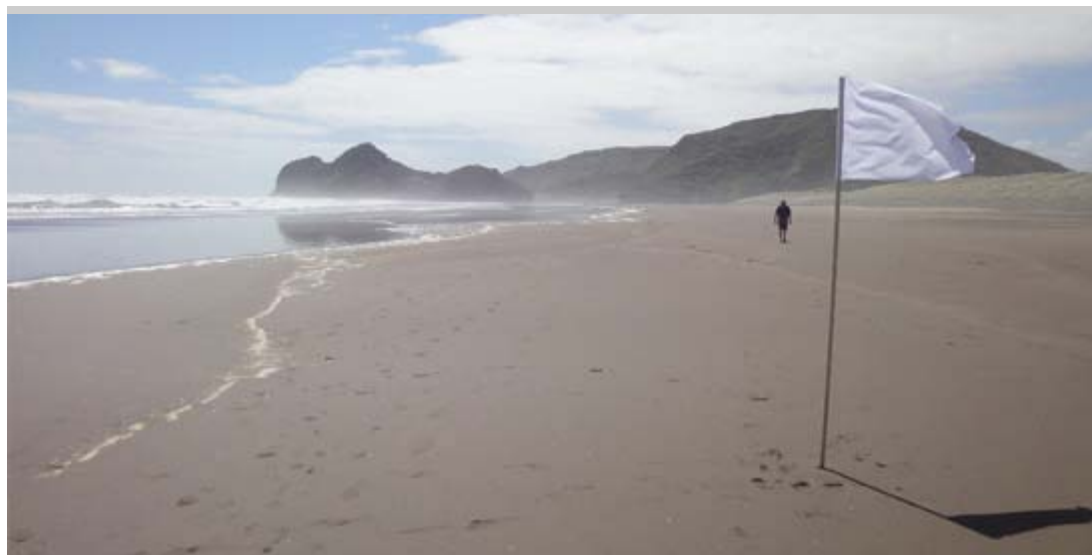


Professor John Kerrigan from the University of Cambridge delivers this year's Alice Griffin Shakespeare lecture.

Professor Kerrigan's lecture puts the play's preoccupation with oaths and vows into context, both in Shakespeare's output and in the culture of his time. It pays particular attention to Irish, Welsh and, to some extent, Scottish elements in and around this pre-emptively 'British' play.

[More about the 2011 Alice Griffin Shakespeare lecture](#)

University of Auckland showcases creative talent in Auckland Arts festival



White Night (test image) by Simon Glaister

The prestigious Auckland Arts Festival 2011 will serve as a showcase for the creative talents of The University of Auckland's National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries (NICAI). Members

A Micronaut in the Wide World: The Imaginative Life and Times of Graham Percy

Gregory O'Brien (UoA Alumnus)

HB; illus; RRP \$59.99; UoA alumni price \$50.99

Artist, designer, illustrator Graham Percy (1938 - 2008) travelled far and built a career on the closely observed detail. Born in Taranaki, he spent apprentice years in Auckland before moving to London. O'Brien's book includes some of Percy's most compelling drawings and showcases his early design work, vivid children's book illustration and thriving mature art.

- [Read more about *A Micronaut in the Wide World*](#)
- [Download the AUP order form](#)

An [exhibition of Graham Percy's work](#) is touring New Zealand 2011 - 2013

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- 10 February
 - [Twelve new professors appointed](#)
- 14 February
 - [Project tackling educational inequality to be extended](#)
- 16 February
 - [University of Auckland to launch Pacific Heritage Art Residencies](#)
- 23 February
 - [New class of anticancer 'stealth' drug proceeds to clinical development](#)
- 24 February
 - [Elam welcomes international experimental designer](#)

FEATURED VACANCY

Digital Media Producer
Auckland City Campus

The Digital Media Producer acts

of the faculty's School of Music, Elam School of Fine Arts and Dance Studies Programme will feature alongside international musicians, artists and performers during the Festival, which runs 2-20 March.

[More about NICAI at the Auckland Arts festival](#)

Tribute to Emeritus Professor Dame Judith Binney



The University of Auckland has paid tribute to the late Emeritus Professor Dame Judith Binney.

"Dame Judith was the foremost New Zealand historian of her day," the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon, said today. "Her work as an oral historian, particularly of Māori, and chronicler of communal memories broke new ground and left a lasting impact in the wider community."

[More of Dame Judith's tribute](#)

Do Westies have different brains from the rest of us?



This tantalising question will be answered by Professor Ian Kirk at a public lecture during Brain Awareness Week. Held at the Auckland Museum, the talk will form part of the Museum's new exhibition on the TV series *Outrageous Fortune*.

Ian will examine the workings of the human brain, looking at what makes us so different from other animals, and whether different 'tribes' of people think differently.

[More about Professor Ian Kirk's lecture](#)

[More about Brain Awareness week](#)

University sport

The new academic year brings new opportunities for University of Auckland teams to face off against international competition on the sporting field. In March we have matches scheduled against the University of Malaysia in Netball and San Isidro Club (Argentina) in Rugby.

[More about University sport](#)

Best wishes,
The Alumni Relations Team
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- ii) a proven track record of initiating/collaborating on the development/use of new media/teaching technologies with the faculty and staff.

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