

Dear {FIRST_NAME},

Welcome to the first issue for 2009. Our alumni events calendar begins with the annual [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#), this time honouring outstanding alumni from business, politics, law and the arts.

Alumni speakers in London and New York consider global economic crisis



Professor Ngaire Woods, guest speaker in London

London and New York based alumni and friends will have plenty of food for thought on the global financial crisis following University receptions in both cities next month, each of which will feature an alumni address on aspects of the current economic situation.

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

[Read more about the New York event, including how to RSVP](#)

University joins in Lantern Festival



The University of Auckland will have a strong presence at this year's Lantern Festival (6-8 February) with art exhibitions, culture, music, food and banners on Princes Street. Visitors to the lanterns, food stalls, cultural performances and entertainment in neighbouring Albert Park are welcome to come and enjoy activities on the City Campus.

[Read more about the Lantern Festival](#)

R(evolution) - a celebration of Darwin

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13 March
 - [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#)
- 14 March
 - [Distinguished Alumni Speaker Day lectures](#)
- 16 March
 - [London Alumni and Friends reception](#)
- 18 March
 - [New York Alumni and Friends reception](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

- 4 February
 - [Outdoor Summer Shakespeare series presents The Tempest](#)
- 3 February
 - [NICA staff and students perform in Auckland Festival 2009](#)
 - [New Zealand artist to exhibit at Guggenheim Museum](#)
 - [Using Google to view the ocean](#)
- 30 January
 - [Research group to look at preventing child abuse](#)
- 23 January
 - [Pacific people spread from Taiwan](#)
- 16 January
 - [Royal Society award for](#)



The University of Auckland is holding a symposium that brings together leading national and international thinkers to speak of the impact of Darwin on their research in biology, medicine, history and literature.

This event has been designed to appeal to a general audience so if you are interested in the connectedness of all living things and the interplay between science and society, then you're likely to find much to enjoy.

[Read more about the Darwin Symposium](#)

Free lectures from inspirational speakers



The recipients of this year's University of Auckland Distinguished Alumni Awards speak about their life and work at our 2009 Speaker Day.

[Read more and RSVP](#)

Alumni survey respondent wins iPhone



Completing the recent Alumni Survey turned out to be very rewarding for Mrs Leesa Russell as she won the latest iPhone from Apple.

[Read more about the survey winner](#)

National Young Leaders Days

The University of Auckland is proud to sponsor The 2009 National Young Leaders Days, New Zealand's largest student leadership event. We are pleased to be associated with the Halogen Foundation, a non-for-profit organisation, which shares our commitment to inspiring, nurturing, and challenging young people from all walks of life to become great leaders.

[Read more about the National Young Leaders Days](#)

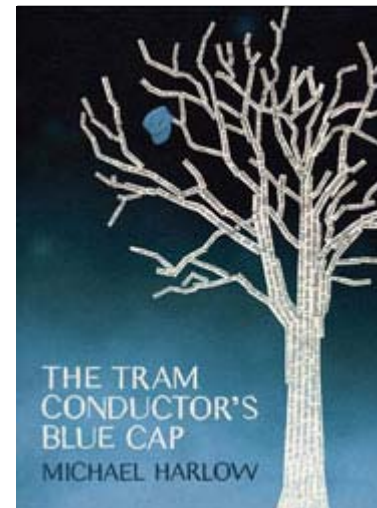
[heart and breast research](#)

14 January

■ [Auckland set to see world's best in Champions Trophy tussle](#)

■ [Learn how to be happy](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH



The Tram Conductor's Blue Cap, Michael Harlow, Auckland University Press, PB; RRP \$24.99; Alumni price \$21.25

Acclaimed poet Michael Harlow will be on the UoA campus 3-4 March, working with the students of [Poetry Off the Page \(Engl 347\)](#). Poet Laureate Assoc Prof Michele Leggott will launch this book on 4 March. Contact AUP for details: aup@auckland.ac.nz; x 85735.

■ [Go to the AUP website](#)

■ [Download the AUP order](#)

Painting and Obscurity: Experiencing the Poetry of Wang Wei an exhibition by Gon-Jer Wang

In the paintings of Doctor of Fine Arts (DocFA) student Gon-Jer Wang, poetic experiences come from a deep tranquility within the mind. The artist writes "Every artistic creation is a journey of discovery. For me, I feel the lively rhythms of nature, I find my spirit in harmony with such rhythms and visualize them. Each of these journeys take me away from the hustle and bustle of the secular world into a tranquil and peaceful realm of spiritual freedom."

The exhibition is at the George Fraser Gallery, 6 to 8 February 5pm to 10pm.

[Go to the George Fraser Gallery website](#)

New Entertainment(TM) Books



We're raising funds by selling the 2009/2010 Entertainment™ Book. Each Book contains hundreds of 25-50% off and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotels, the arts, and sporting events. If you order and pay for your Book prior to 20th March you will receive a sheet of 6 extra bonus vouchers that you can enjoy before the new Book arrives.

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