



2011 Distinguished Alumni

Dear alumni and friends,

Many thanks to all who attended last month's Distinguished Alumni events.

We've published photo galleries of the Awards Dinner and Auckland Live!, as well as video clips of all the speeches and presentations.

[View the galleries and videos](#)

HEKE Appeal for Christchurch



New Zealandar of the Year, Professor Sir Paul Callaghan, has launched a campaign - Heoric Educated Kiwi Expatriates (HEKE).

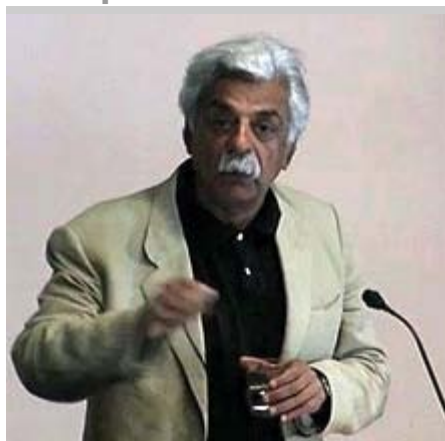
"The brutal reality is New Zealand needs billions to rebuild Christchurch. I am asking expat Kiwi graduates to help their homeland by making repayments to their student loan.

If the 85,000 Kiwis living overseas with a loan, made additional payment to reduce their debt it would be a shot in the arm for the New Zealand economy.

If only a few respond the effect will be significant, but if most of you do then it will be the stuff of legend."

[Learn more about HEKE and watch Sir Paul's video appeal](#)

Tariq Ali Robb lectures now online



All of Tariq Ali's recent Robb lectures, on 'Empire and its futures', have been uploaded to the University website.

[Watch the lectures \(links to the video are at the bottom of the page\)](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS

17 May

- [Melbourne Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

18 May

- [Sydney Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

3 April

- [Interfaculty Cricket Finals - A Day on the Green \(sporting event\)](#)

5 April

- [Communique: Vladimir Belogolovsky - The Empire's Last Style \(public lecture\)](#)

- [Introduced mice on Antipodes Island: biology, impact and eradication \(seminar\)](#)

- [Globalization and governance: Global pressures on domestic institutions \(seminar\)](#)

6 April

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

7 April

- [STRATUS event: Strategies for success in research \(workshop\)](#)

- [Reestablishing biological activity and diversity on Mongolian steppe disturbed by surface mining \(seminar\)](#)

- [The East-West discourse: Symbolic geography and its consequences \(seminar\)](#)

19 April

- [Factors in the maintenance of good health and wellbeing in ageing men \(seminar\)](#)

28 April

- [Home for All Cultures opening ceremony](#)

29 April

- [Lunchtime Concerts: Woodwind and Brass \(concert\)](#)

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

Melbourne and Sydney - alumni events



The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon, is pleased to invite you to join us at our Australian receptions in May, to hear from world renowned brain expert Dr Richard Faull on "The Excitement and Challenges of the Human Brain".

[More about the Melbourne event](#)

[More about the Sydney event](#)

Writers & Readers Festival - alumni offer

As proud sponsors of the 2011 Auckland Writers & Readers Festival, we're pleased to offer all alumni and friends discounted tickets to four special events.

To take advantage of the special alumni ticket price of \$32, book online by following the links below and quote the code ALUMNI.



Works with Words, Wednesday 11 May

Kiwi texts, Kiwi composers and Kiwi actor Stuart Devenie combine for a programme of uniquely New Zealand orchestral and "spoken word" works.

[Buy tickets to Works with Words](#)



New Zealand Listener Gala Night, Thursday 12 May

Festival guests share personal stories inspired by the alphabet. Unscripted and unmediated - be surprised, entranced and entertained. Fatima Bhutto, James Fergusson, A.A. Gill, Karen Healey, Rives, Victor Rodger and Meg Rosoff.

[Buy tickets to New Zealand Listener Gala Night](#)



An Evening With AA Gill, Friday 13 May

Witty, acerbic and moving, AA Gill's perspective is often controversial and always unique - here he is in conversation with chef, television presenter, fisherman and award-winning writer of *Go Fish*, Al Brown.

[Buy tickets to An Evening With AA Gill](#)



Saturday Night Rives, Saturday 14 May

Rives is a poet and multi-media artist from Los Angeles who applies new technologies to ancient art forms.

[Buy tickets to Saturday Night Rives](#)

[Visit the Writers & Readers Festival website](#)

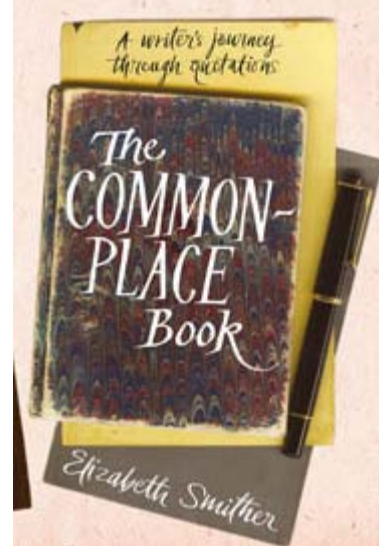
In addition, people who join The University of Auckland Society before May 4 will go in to a draw to win two lanyards offering access to many Festival events. Details below.

Join the Society - very special offers

Join The University of Auckland Society before May 4 and you could:

- Win two lanyards to the Auckland Writers &

BOOK OF THE MONTH



The Commonplace Book: A Writer's Journey Through Quotations

Elizabeth Smither (UoA Alumna)

PB; RRP \$34.99; UoA alumni price \$29.75

Former Te Mata Poet Laureate Elizabeth Smither has always collected other people's words. In *The Commonplace Book*, she shares these witty and wise quotations, interspersed with incidents and memories from her own writing and life, offering a sparkling glimpse into the influences and inspirations of a far-from-commonplace writer.

- [Read more about *The Commonplace Book*](#)
- [Download the AUP order form](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

23 March

- [New professor an expert in freshwater microbiology](#)

14 March

- [Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga to research Māori economic development](#)

16 February

- [New national heart role calls for team focus](#)

AUCKLAND WRITERS & READERS FESTIVAL

Win two lanyard passes to Writers & Readers Festival events

Readers Festival - granting access to many - in our free draw to all new members

- Register for 'An Hour with Ingrid Betancourt' at the special Society price of \$18 - half the standard price
- Have a free drink on us! All new members who register for the Betancourt event will get a free drink at the post function

[Read more about the Society offers](#)

Elam's Michael Parekowhai at the 54th Venice Biennale



Michael Parekowhai, Chapman's Homer, 2011, bronze, stainless steel, patina, two pieces: 2510 x 2710 x 1750mm, 560 x 870 x 370mm courtesy the artist and Michael Lett, Auckland, photo: Jennifer French

If you happen to be heading to Italy between June and November this year then a visit to the Venice Biennale is a must.

Michael Parekowhai, Associate Professor at Elam School of Fine Arts and one of the country's most important contemporary artists, will be representing New Zealand at the 2011 Venice Biennale. The sculptural installation On first looking into Chapman's Homer will be on show in the Palazzo Loredan dell'Ambasciatore on the Grand Canal.

[Read more about Michael Parekowhai's exhibition](#)

Those who helped: Jason Ingham

Professor Michael Pender, Associate Professor Jason Ingham and Associate Professor Charles Clifton from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering were in Christchurch on February 22, about to start a seminar on earthquake building standards, when the earthquake struck.

The trio were in a hotel in Cashel Street in the CBD

23 February

- [New class of anticancer 'stealth' drug proceeds to clinical development](#)

24 February

- [Elam welcomes international experimental designer](#)

FEATURED VACANCY

Biology Educator - Liggins
Grafton Campus

The Liggins Institute, University of Auckland invites applications from an experienced, innovative secondary school biology teacher to join the LENSscience teaching staff.

LENSscience provides teachers and students with access to scientific research communities within the University of Auckland. Programmes are designed to inspire schools to maximize student potential through a wide range of high quality learning opportunities for both teachers and students.

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

[View current vacancies on the University website](#)

IN EVERY ISSUE

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Christchurch Cathedral, one of many photos taken by Jason Ingham in the aftermath of the earthquake

when they felt the 6.3 magnitude quake.

[Read Dr Ingham's personal account of what happened](#)
[Watch Dr Ingham's interview on One News](#)

Ingenio classifieds - introductory offer for advertisers



Based on public demand we've now added a new feature to Ingenio, our alumni magazine. It's called "Market Place" and it's where you can affordably and effectively place a classified ad.

As an introductory offer the first 10 bookings for "Market Place" will receive a \$50 discount off the standard price.

[Read more about the new Ingenio classifieds](#)

KEA: Auckland Inspire Presentation Day - alumni discount



Kea is running two half days of inspirational presentations from World Class New Zealanders, who will share business insights, success stories and offer their own global perspective on key issues.

Speakers at the Auckland event include New Zealand's first astronaut, Dr Karen Wilcox and Sam Morgan, founder of Trade Me.

University of Auckland alumni can purchase tickets at the special discounted price of \$100 (standard price \$225) by entering the promotional code AUCKLAND.

[Read more and buy tickets](#)

Celebrating Pacific Success

The University of Auckland will be hosting a dinner to celebrate Pacific success at the Alumni Marquee on Saturday 7 May 2011 at 6pm. The dinner coincides with the 2011 Autumn Graduation and will honour Pacific graduates as well as the recent successes of current students, staff, alumni and members of the wider Pacific community. Please join us for a night of celebration that will feature a live band, entertainment, a Pacific buffet, complimentary drinks and great company. Cost: \$25 per person.

For more information email:



Pacific-success@auckland.ac.nz or call (09) 9235893

Graduation Gala Concerto Competition - Thursday 5 May, 7:30pm, Auckland Town Hall



The University of Auckland is pleased to present this extremely popular free annual event to celebrate the success of its graduates of 2011. The evening marks the culmination of the University's Graduation Week with a concert featuring three talented classical performers from the School of Music.

The finalists - Annie Hong, Somi Kim and Tina Kim - will compete for the grand prize. They will each perform a full concerto accompanied by The University of Auckland Symphony Orchestra, conducted by internationally acclaimed musician and Associate Professor Uwe Grodd. A special feature of this year's concert is an intermission performance of choral works by The University of Auckland massed choir.

[More about the Graduation Gala Concerto Competition](#)

Best wishes,
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