

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS 2008

ACADEMIC (INDIVIDUAL AWARDS)

Ross Clark

Tutor

School of Cultural and Language Studies - Faculty of Education

Learning and Teaching

Ross is an outstanding teacher who consistently receives highly positive feedback from students. He has tutored in the Writing Workshop in the Faculty of Education since 2001 and as a highly regarded Australian poet himself; he brings 'real world' experience to his teaching.

Students value his creativity, his commitment to working both one to one and in groups and his innovative teaching strategies. A part time tutor by choice, he is currently writing a young adult verse novel and it is this mix of professional experience alongside his outstanding teaching skills that brings together credibility and creativity within his teaching.

Robert Craig

Head, QUT Caboolture Campus

Leadership

As Head of Campus Robert has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills during the establishment and development of the Caboolture campus.

His vision has been to make a difference to the population of Caboolture and the surrounding region through actively engaging with the community. An example of his achievements is demonstrated through his successful application and management of the Collaborative and Structural Reform Grant titled Indigenous Pathways@ Caboolture, which saw the transition of Indigenous students to university.

During his leadership he has effectively developed partnerships with key stakeholders and liaised with a number of Faculties to see the introduction of various courses at the campus including Education; Nursing; Creative Industries and Business.

Robert has fostered a committed and flexible team in which professional and academic staff work effectively together to meet the needs of students in the best possible way and to appropriately represent QUT in the broader community.

Ray Frost

Professor

School of Physical and Chemical Sciences - Faculty of Science

Research and Leadership

Ray is an internationally recognised leading researcher in materials chemistry and one of the most-highly cited scientists in Australia. In the last ten years he has published 400 scholarly papers and was cited 1000 times in 2007 alone. His manuscripts in QUT eprints have been downloaded over 125,000 times. Thus, QUT eprints is the highest ranked institutional repository in Australia.

His research has been supported by several ARC Discovery, Linkage and industry research grants and has also resulted in many Masters and PhD completions. He led The Inorganic Materials Research Program and more recently the Applied Chemistry Cluster by example and through the mentoring of early career researchers.

Ann Lund

Associate Lecturer

Journalism, Media and Communication – Creative Industries Faculty

Learning and Teaching, Partnerships and Engagement, Client Focus and Innovative and Creative Practice

Ann is a very unassuming person, but to those staff and students that encounter her through their work or study, she is an incredible source of strength and professionalism. Ann is a role model, a mentor, a coach and a colleague. She is caring, she is fair, she listens and she watches. She has become an excellent teacher by learning to understand her students. From their changing engagement with the news, to their fears and ambitions, she works hard to engage them in their profession, and to use her passion for journalism to act as a role model.

Through her stewardship of the Journalism Internship Program and her coordination of Workplace Learning for Journalism, she has built relationships with all the major news organisations and regularly places more than eighty students a year into industry internships.

David Megarrity

Associate Lecturer

Drama - Creative Industries Faculty

Innovative and Creative Practice

Recognised nationally as a creator of innovative performance, David's professional experience includes a Lord Mayor's Performing Arts Fellowship, official selection at Cannes film festival, productions at the Out of the Box Festival (2006) and publication of his first, highly regarded, picture book, *The Empty City* in 2007.

David is generous with his knowledge, open with his artistic processes, inventive in his teaching and deeply committed to the development of graduating students and their creative practice. His creative industry practice in a range of art forms combines powerfully with his teaching in enhancing student learning, as well as providing foundations for their ongoing professional practice.

Renata Meuter

Senior Lecturer

School of Psychology and Counselling – Faculty of Health

Client Focus and Leadership.

Renata is uniformly respected by students and staff for her high teaching standards and innovative teaching practices, and especially her leadership and contribution to the resounding success of the School's large fourth year program.

Under her leadership the program has grown extensively. Renata has integrated a number of innovative leadership initiatives into the program and she has been instrumental in instituting School based awards that recognise excellence in research and in academic performance in 4th year students. In her role on various school, faculty and IHBI committees she continues to champion the cause of 4th year students and to strive for excellence in the fourth year programs.

Shaun Nykvist

Lecturer

School of Maths, Science and Technology Education - Faculty of Education

Partnerships and Engagement, Client Focus and Leadership.

Shaun is a very confident leader in his role as the coordinator for the ED48 Bachelor of Education program run in Malaysia. The success of this program is directly related to the level of expertise and leadership that Shaun exhibits. He has been an inclusive, warm and engaging person who has mentored his colleagues in all aspects of international work often in very difficult circumstances. Shaun is a remarkable curriculum and resource writer and on numerous occasions he has been responsible for providing detailed and attractive resource materials in short time-lines.

A measure of his standing is his reputation within the Malaysian Ministry as an excellent educator, so formed from the capacity-building workshops that he opens to all members of staff. QUT's reputation as an external provider has undoubtedly been enhanced through his tireless efforts.

Graeme Pettet

Associate Professor

School of Mathematical Sciences - Faculty of Science

Learning and Teaching, Partnerships and Engagement, Client Focus, Innovative and Creative Practice and Leadership

Since Graeme's appointment to QUT as an Associate Lecturer in 1995, he has been involved in a substantial way with the development and delivery of learning resources and related principles and policies associated with the provision of service teaching to the Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering (BEE). His outstanding teaching in the context of First Year Engineering Mathematics plays an important role in establishing a firm foundation for later engineering studies. His enthusiasm for teaching has been appreciated by students for many years and he should be applauded for his ability to make a subject such as engineering mathematics enjoyable to learn.

Fraser Ross

Associate Professor and Pharmacy Course Coordinator

School of Life Sciences - Faculty of Science

Learning and Teaching, Partnerships and Engagement and Leadership

Fraser had three sources of nomination for this award, being nominated by two groups of students and by his peers.

Fraser Ross is an outstanding course coordinator, lecturer and supporter of the learning and practices of pharmacy. He not only promotes the theoretical underpinnings of the profession but demonstrates an understanding of the contribution that such skills make to professional practice and conduct.

He displays a committed and unselfish interest in training, teaching and coordinating the learning of students and always has time to address students concerns and interests, beyond the level required of him. His attitude towards other professionals and his respect for students is not only an asset to the Department of Pharmacy and School of Life Sciences, but to the whole of QUT.

Clevo Wilson

Senior Lecturer

School of Economics and Finance - Faculty of Business

Research

Clevo is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Economics and Finance, Faculty of Business and he was nominated against the criterion of Research.

Clevo is a prolific, innovative researcher full of new ideas who has, in the last five years, been able to accomplish an incredible research record. He is highly appreciated among fellow academics, being, for example, a joint editor of the Economic Analysis and Policy Journal and being asked to review an extensive number of international journal articles each year.

He actively contributes to the development of successful research environments both in his School and in collaboration with other researchers through the Institute for Sustainable Resources. He has secured a number of ARC grants during the last 5 years generating more than \$750,000 and has just recently been advised that he has successfully secured yet another grant.

He is not only creative and productive with an admirable dedication but is also a very trustworthy and empathetic person, highly respected by all staff members in the School of Economics and Finance.

PROFESSIONAL (INDIVIDUAL AWARDS)

Mark Barry

Senior Research Support Specialist
Information Technology Services
Innovative and Creative Practice and Leadership

Mark has a consistent track record of demonstrating significant innovation and improvement and outstanding dedication, commitment and professionalism over a number of years. He has displayed leadership and sustained effort in his active involvement in the successful funding, tender, acquisition, and commissioning of the new central High Performance Computing (HPC) system, acquired through a LIEF grant worth approximately \$1 million.

He has also been involved with leading a number of projects of a highly innovative nature, most notable being his lead role in the development of a recent joint venture proposal between the School of Design (BEE), HPC Group, Faculty of Science and ImmersaView. This advanced visualisation facility is now being used across a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs, and is expected to have a significant impact on various teaching and research activities.

James Broadbent

Research Assistant
Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation
Partnerships and Engagement and Leadership

James is a passionate young researcher who has excelled in his position as Research Assistant within IHBI's Tissue Repair and Regeneration research program. He took a major leadership role in the process of researching the group's needs with respect to proteomic infrastructure, sourcing and evaluating the options, writing the proposals for external funding and organising the cross-IHBI program consortium that agreed to co-fund and operate the facility.

His outstanding initiative, efforts and profile as a young researcher were recently recognised with the award of a prestigious 2008 Smart State PhD Scholarship and his nomination as the Queensland student representative for the Australasian Proteomics Society.

Leanne Cain

Manager, Student Recruitment and Promotions
Marketing and Communication Department
Partnership and Engagement, Client Focus, Innovative and Creative Practice and Leadership

Leanne has been a constant source of innovation within student recruitment to the point that QUT's program is the envy of many in the sector. She is driven by her desire to provide the best possible introduction to university life for students and their families regardless of their background.

In 2004 Leanne became the coordinator of the Student Ambassador Program and through her active, outgoing work ethic and relationship building, the program has now grown to more than 100 highly trained and capable students who assist with recruitment but who also play an increasing role in the life of the University.

Leanne is an effective manager and inspiring leader for her team and a great support to her colleagues within the Marketing and Communication department management team.

Jill Dale

Alumni Events Coordinator in the Development Office
Client Focus

For the past 13 years Jill has dedicated herself to many successful activities within the University's Alumni Program. In particular, she has played a fundamental role in ensuring the quality, growth and ultimate success of the Outstanding Alumni Awards, a signature event for the University. This event has grown from being relatively small in size and profile to what it is today – attracting 500 people including the Governor of Queensland, the Premier and other political and industry leaders.

Jill has consistently delivered at a level well beyond normal expectations. She is a delightful, professional person who has been a consistently strong part of QUT's community for many years.

Rena Frohman

Language and Learning Advisor

Language and Learning International College - Division of International and Development

Learning and Teaching, Partnerships and Engagement, Client Focus and Innovative and Creative Practice

Rena is an indefatigable champion of students and engages colleagues, managers and the QUT community in her creative vision for improving students' experiences at QUT.

Her vitality has transformed and extended QUTIC Language and Learning Advisor service and as a result of her enthusiastic sharing of her broad linguistic and pedagogical knowledge, there has been an observable change in students' communicative confidence and in staff engagement in professional conversations.

All her projects have been thoughtfully orchestrated and exemplify her lateral thinking, creative problem solving, collaborative capacity and untiring energy in working towards improving the student's experience.

Col McCowan

Counsellor within Careers and Employment in Student Support Services

Leadership

Ask most people at QUT about Col McCowan and it is rare that his work will not have touched theirs; clearly an indication of how widely his influence and contribution to the **University has** been. He has served QUT since 1992 and led the Careers and Employment team for the last fifteen years. His contribution to both the University and the careers field in general have been recognised by the 2005 Hobson's Press National Award for Excellence in Career Counselling and an Order of Australia Medal in 2006 for services to career development work in higher education.

His leadership, vision and genuine care for student career development has resulted in a number of leading initiatives. One of the flagships developed under Col's leadership is The Career Mentor Scheme which has become the country's largest, matching over 600 students with industry mentors over 26 disciplines. His involvement has raised the profile of the service to a level envied by other universities around Australia.

Whilst Col has recently stepped down from the Manager's role in Careers & Employment, he remains a strong support to the service and the University in general.

Helen Williams

Executive Officer, Strategic Projects in the Faculty of Health

Learning and Teaching and Partnerships and Engagement

Helen has demonstrated outstanding and sustained performance over the last 10 years. She has assisted with negotiation of contracts for IHBI and supported the change management work of the IHBI Implementation Committee.

The diversity of Helen's contribution spans coordinating user requirements during the detailed design and construction of IHBI and the Centre for Physical Activity, Health & Clinical Education. This has required sustained diligence, the results of which are magnificent capital assets purpose built to facilitate clinical teaching, research and community engagement which bring vibrancy to the Kelvin Grove Urban Village.

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL (TEAM)

The Power Generation Skills Development Program Team

Meredith Godat, Denise Redfern and Ted Steinberg

School of Engineering Systems, in the Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering

Learning and Teaching, Partnership and Engagement, Client Focus, Innovative and Creative Practice and Leadership

Since 2004, The Power Generation Skills Development Team has demonstrated ongoing excellence in their professionalism and collaborative proficiency in developing and delivering a challenging, nationally leading and world-unique postgraduate program. The Master of Engineering (Power Generation) is the result of rigorous cross-institutional and industry collaboration and is targeted at addressing the significant professional engineering skill shortage in the power generation sector.

SENIOR STAFF/PROFESSIONAL (TEAM AWARD)

The International Projects Unit Team

Nelson Salangsang, June Escobar, Karen Lawrence, Anna Molloy, Paul Regnault, Vincent Sacriz and Mia Tong

Office of Commercial Services - Division of Research and Commercialisation

This team was nominated against two criteria: Partnership and Engagement and Client Focus

Over the last four years, the International Projects Unit has consistently exceeded its revenue targets by capturing niche business opportunities in the provision of customised training service to a range of clients in the international market. The Unit has won and managed over \$10 million worth of business over the last four years. This impressive performance is due to IPU's strategy based on partnership building and client focused service, executed by a happy team who are willing to go the extra mile for its clients.