Double Bonanza

Two of our PhD students have received high commendations from both internal and external examiners, for their theses:

Judith Laverty (CYIRC) for her thesis entitled: Finding Social Relevance; Young People, Wellbeing and Regulated Support.

Dylan Cliff (CORe) for his thesis entitled: Promoting Physical Activity among Overweight and Obese Children: A Randomised Controlled Trial Comparing a Physical Activity Program, a Dietary Program and a Combined Physical Activity plus Dietary Program.

Congratulations to you both!!

Research Student Colloquium – 8 August 2008

The 22nd Research Student Colloquium will be held on Friday 8 August.

The colloquium, a one-day mini conference will commence at 9.30am with a welcome and introduction. Presentations will be scheduled throughout the day commencing at 9.45am. At the conclusion of presentations dinner and drinks will be held at 67 Dining.

This is an event to which all Faculty research students and staff are invited and encouraged to attend. Registrations close 25 July. Contact Kim Oborn (koborn@uow.edu.au) if you wish to present or attend.

Publications Update

Don’t forget, you do not have to wait for the annual publication collection. You can enter your information in RIS and bring the documentation to Kim Oborn at anytime throughout the year.

Verified 2008 publications:


Grants

Faculty Research Grants recently awarded to:

- Dr Rachel Jones, Dr Anthony Okely, Dr Jillian Trezise
  Jump Start: A motor development program to promote physical activity among pre-school-aged children.

- Prof Jan Wright
  Girls in Sport Action Research Project
  Stage1: Planning the initiatives.

Faculty Research Start up Grant

- Kath Tanner and Dr Rose Dixon
  ‘Talk the talk’ but can schools ‘walk the walk’?: The experience of transitioning adolescents with Aspergers Syndrome into two academically selective high schools in New South Wales.
Child and Youth Interdisciplinary Research Centre News

An edited collection of Biopolitics and the ‘obesity epidemic’: Governing Bodies, to be published by Routledge Research (US), now in final stages. Due to publishers beginning of July 2008. This collection has been the outcome of University International Committee Grant (2007) which brought together researchers from Australia, UK, Canada and New Zealand.

Renee Kyle and Judy Laverty were successful with their proposal to Australian Youth Clearinghouse, Negotiating a Life: Youth Power and the Self which brings together CYIRC researchers (Malone, Harwood, Wright) and doctoral students past and present (Hartung, Marr, Laverty, Kyle and Dean). It will be published in 2009.

A proposal has been submitted to Routledge for edited collection, Living physical activity: Young people, physical activity and the everyday (eds Wright and Macdonald). This book will bring together research from doctoral students and CIs working on the ARC funded Life Activity project. The proposal has had a positive reception so far, currently with reviewers.

Karen Malone, from position of Asia-pacific Director of Child Friendly Cities network has contributed to April 4 Life Matters (ABC National Radio) with Hugh Mackay and others on questions around connections, communities and neighbourhoods.

Awards and other great news. . .

- Paul Chandler, Dean, Faculty of Education has been named one of ten prominent Australian researchers at a ceremony in Canberra.
- Lori Lockyer (along with Martin Olmos) has recently picked up the top award for the University of Wollongong at the 2008 IMS Global Learning Consortium Learning Impact Awards ceremony in Austin, Texas.
- Irina Verenikina, Jan Herrington and Jessica Mantei recently received an outstanding paper award at the 2008 EdMedia World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia & Telecommunications in Vienna.

Research Community Social

On Wednesday, 28th May, about 20 researchers and their supervisors had an afternoon of play, fun and camaraderie. The afternoon began with a brief introduction by Lori followed by a search to find people who share your level of exercise, drinking and T.A.S. (Thesis Avoidance Strategies). We moved into teams of 3 or 4 for an engaging yet intellectual game of Balderdash. This game lets you explore your creativity and ability to persuade people – notable attributes in any PhD. Congratulations to the ‘3 Stages’ and ‘Cougars’. If anyone out there can actually pronounce ‘floccinaucinihilipilification’ we will have a chocolate for you!!

The afternoon continued with the sharing of our wise 'Pearls of Wisdom', which we will circulate to you all. We then moved into pairs to describe our research to someone else and have them draw or represent what we are doing - this was shared also!! These sheets will be placed in the research hub and for anyone who wasn't there please feel free to add your own. A great afternoon with some networking, laughs, yummy food and wine.

Thanks to all for your time and the sense of fun you brought with you!!!