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## From the EFS Co-Chair

Welcome to your EFS newsletter as we rush headlong through another semester. We are excited about ANU VC Professor Brian Schmidt sharing with us his philosophy of teaching and learning, and also about our shared Fellowship making such interactions a reality. The EFS is continuing to grow at ANU – around 350 ANU Fellows and counting, with 66 colleagues having joined the EFS this year and more than 25 currently engaged in actively preparing their applications. The EFS has created a campus-wide network of colleagues, a vehicle by which we can share our shared commitment to – indeed, our love for – teaching. But there is much work still to do!

I want to pay particular tribute to our co-Chair since the EFS began, Beth Beckmann. Without Beth, we simply would not have the EFS, and Beth has worked tirelessly to create, shape, and energise the EFS through her rare combination of vision, drive, enthusiasm and sheer hard work to create a new paradigm to support teaching not just at ANU but in Australia more generally. Beth has decided to seek new vistas, and has stepped down as co-Chair. I am extraordinarily grateful for everything Beth has done in creating and managing the EFS through its infancy and strong growth phases – the ANU owes Beth a debt of gratitude for creating a formidable force for learning and teaching at ANU.

As we move forward, our goal is to continue to grow the EFS at ANU. I also want to welcome as co-Chairs, Glen O’Grady from CHELT and Paul Francis from Physics – together, it is our goal to have the Fellowship meet your needs as teachers at ANU. Watch this space for more developments. We want the EFS to remain an inclusive recognition and support network that promotes sharing of practice and innovation. To this end, we encourage you to be in touch with ideas for events you would like to see, and ideas you have to share. After all, it’s your Fellowship!

**Professor Michael Martin**  
PFHEA, EFS Co-Chair

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# New EFS Principal Fellows



**Ms Roxanne Missingham**  
University Librarian  
Australian National University



**Associate Professor Asmi Wood**  
Sub-Dean (Indigenous)  
Australian National University



**Dr Stanley Frielick**  
Director Ako Aotearoa New Zealand  
Auckland University of Technology



**Professor Tim Wess**  
Executive Dean, Faculty of Science  
Charles Sturt University



**Professor Julie Duck**  
Executive Dean, Faculty of  
Humanities & Social Sciences  
University of Queensland



**Dr Gillian Hallam**  
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Engineering Faculty  
University of Queensland



**Associate Professor Lydia Kavanagh**  
Director, First Year Engineering,  
Architecture & Information  
Technology  
University of Queensland



**Professor Sarah Roberts-Thomson**  
Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty  
of Health & Behavioural Sciences  
University of Queensland



**Associate Professor Christine Brown**  
Learning, Teaching & Curriculum  
University of Wollongong

# News from our Fellows

## ANU VC shares his philosophy of teaching and learning

An engaged audience of around 100 people came to see **Professor Brian Schmidt** SFHEA talk about his teaching, as part of the EFS Philosophy of Teaching and Learning series on Monday, September 18.

Over one hour, Professor Schmidt inspired his audience with a range of topics, including his back story in teaching, why he loves to teach, the most important things he believes he can do as a teacher, and the primary question he is posing to himself as a teacher in 2017: *'What do I offer that Wikipedia, KHAN Academy or a MOOC doesn't? Why should people want to come to my class under their own volition?'*

Professor Schmidt also discussed his thoughts on the topic of whether the lecture is dead, and provided some examples of innovative teaching methods he has used in his teaching, including Astro Mysteries and Astro Jeopardy. Those in attendance were encouraged to interact, both through the use of PollEverywhere, and a series of teaching-related questions posed by Professor Schmidt towards the end of the talk.

The EFS team would like to extend its gratitude to Professor Schmidt for demonstrating his commitment to the EFS and teaching at ANU through his attendance at this session. Special thanks also needs to be extended to Sharon Crouch and Eleonora Quijada Cervoni FHEA, who were both instrumental in the conception and planning of this event.

A recording of the talk can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5k2T760a1Tg&feature=youtu.be>



*Professor Schmidt shared his teaching story in front of a 100-strong audience*

## Australian Awards for University Teaching

### Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning

**Estee Tee** AFHEA was a member of the Training and Inspiring Educators in Research (TIER) team which was a recipient of a Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning with the Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT).

At an award ceremony at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney on September 14, the team was one of just 89 Citation recipients from across Australia. Estee, along with colleagues Su-Yin Phua, Diep Ganguly, Kai Xun Chan, Peter Crisp, Xin Hou and Barry Pogson were recognised for Influencing the personal development, career prospects, and learning experiences of students at all tertiary levels through a dynamic and sustainable multitier-mentoring program.

This latest honour for Estee follows on from the ANU Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Education earlier this year, where she received an award for Excellence in Tutoring or Demonstrating. She is currently a PhD student within the ANU School of Research and Biology.



*Estee Tee is presented with her AAUT Citations for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning by Dr Adam Chapman from the Department of Education and Training*

## ACT Woman of the Year



The outstanding work of **Francesca Maclean**, AFHEA, has been recognised widely in 2017.

In March, she was named ACT Woman of the Year for her work in promoting gender equity in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

This was followed by an announcement in early July by Science and Technology Australia, naming her as one of Australia's 30 Female Superstars of STEM.

Francesca completed her PhD earlier this year and is currently working for Arup, an engineering firm.

## 3MT Finalist Ankita Gagrani



**Ankita Gagrani**, centre, being presented with the People's Choice Award cheque by **A/Prof Inger Mewburn** SFHEA

**Ankita Gagrani** AFHEA succinctly condensed the thesis topic *Green Energy: Is it completely green?* in the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) People's Choice Final at ANU Open Day, and was rewarded with a first-prize winners cheque and a berth as one of 12 ANU Finalists for the main competition on September 6. In the final, she presented her research in front of nearly 1200 people, including ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr, ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt SFHEA, something she describes as a 'wonderful experience.'

'I learned the art of presenting my work in front of an intelligent but non-specialist audience, and I learned a lot about communication and presentation skills during the whole process,' she said of her experience.

## Australian Leadership Excellence Awards



*Louise Blessington*, second from left, was recognised for her leadership

**Louise Blessington** AFHEA was one of six local women recognised at the ACT Australian Leadership Excellence Awards, as the recipient of the ACT Student Leader of the Year Award.

Louise, who is an Honours Student within the Fenner School of Environment and Society, was recognised for the work she has undertaken in setting up the ACT Young People's Bereavement Network, a free support service for young people aged 16-30 who have lost a parent or parent-figure.

Winning the award was unexpected for Louise, who says, 'I was quite surprised, because I don't really see myself as a leader - I just do my best and try to encourage other people to do theirs.'

## Vale

**Dr Christopher White**, FHEA, ANU College of Law.

Dr Chris White taught in the Migration Law program since 2008, and joined the College as an academic in 2013. As the Director of a large migration firm in North Queensland Chris brought years of practice experience to his teaching. He was instrumental in the design and teaching of the Practice Ready Program in the LLM Migration Stream and the practice component of our Graduate Certificate in Australian Migration Law and Practice.

Chris was an integral member of the team working on an ANU Linkage for Learning and Teaching Grant project called '*Protégé*' in 2014 and had just concluded working on a second project - the '*Peer Support Project*'. He saw his teaching role as a guide and mentor, co-creating knowledge with his students.

He was an inspiration to his colleagues and his students and will be sadly missed.

## Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Education

The EFS was well-represented at the 2017 **ANU Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Education**, with members receiving seven of the twelve individual awards presented. An additional four EFS members were part of a team award.

**Dr Andrew Bradly** SFHEA, CBE – Award for Excellence in Teaching

**Professor Michael Platow** SFHEA, CMBE – Award for Excellence in Teaching

**Dr Huda Al-Tamimi** SFHEA, CASS – Award for Excellence in Teaching

**Ms Xi-Wen (Carys) Chan** AFHEA, CBE – Award for Excellence in Tutoring or Demonstrating

**Miss Francesca Maclean** AFHEA, CECS – Award for Excellence in Tutoring or Demonstrating

**Ms Estee Tee** AFHEA, CMBE – Award for Excellence in Tutoring or Demonstrating

**Mr Gilbert Riedelbauch** SFHEA, CASS – Award for Programs that Enhance Learning

**Dr Chris Browne** FHEA, **Professor Anna Cowan** SFHEA, **Professor Kristen Pammer** SFHEA, and **Ms Fiona Petersen** AFHEA were members of the *The National Science and Engineering Summer School for Indigenous Students* team which won the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Indigenous Education within the category for Programs that Enhance Learning.



*Eleven EFS members were recognised by the ANU Vice-Chancellor for their teaching*

## Principles of Tutoring & Demonstrating Pathway to EFS

In 2017, students completing the Principles of Tutoring or Demonstrating (PTD) course at CHELT have been given the opportunity to work further with facilitators Glen O'Grady SFHEA and Anna Buckley SFHEA to take their PTD knowledge and reflections and use these as the foundation for an AFHEA application. **Jonathan Tjandra** AFHEA and **Dr Rebecca Gidley** AFHEA have been two of many successful 'graduates' of this scheme, and reflect on the process.

### Dr Rebecca Gidley, AFHEA

Department of Political and Social Change, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, ANU College of Asia & the Pacific



I hadn't expected the ways and extent to which I would find Principles of Tutoring and Demonstrating (PTD) and my EFS application beneficial.

I assumed in PTD I would be handed some teaching strategies in a straight forward manner but was instead introduced to what research on higher education tells us, and then challenged and supported to engage more deeply with my existing teaching practices in light of these discussions.

More than any specific piece of content, I have found that the exposure to reflective practice, and the encouragement to continue with it, have helped most as I transition to the responsibilities of course convening for the first time.

### Jonathan Tjandra, AFHEA

Research School of Management, ANU College of Business & Economics



Becoming a tutor while still an undergraduate student was daunting, but an extremely rewarding experience. Tutoring has completely changed how I view university education.

The Principles of Tutoring and Demonstrating pathway to Associate Fellowship was very useful in helping to refine the skills relevant to my own discipline of leadership, to reflect upon my teaching practices, and provide strategies to improve for the future.

More specifically, it changed how I think about leadership through the lens of an educator, as teaching leadership inevitably challenges students' conceptions of themselves and affects how we can use our experiences to improve our communities.

# Meet our Distinguished Educator

## Professor Paul Francis, SFHEA

Co-Chair ANU Educational Fellowship Scheme

ANU Distinguished Educator

Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics,  
ANU College of Science

The inaugural group of ANU Distinguished Educators was recently announced, with six individuals being recognised for their eminence and sustained exceptional performance in relation to teaching and learning. ANU Distinguished Educators are appointed as members of the new ANU Institute of Innovation in Higher Education with the purpose of helping to lead, at a strategic level, innovation in education within the University, and participate in the Institute's activities.

The group of Distinguished Educators contains four members of the EFS, these being Associate **Professor Asmi Wood** PFHEA, **Professor Paul Francis** SFHEA, **Dr Carol Hayes** SFHEA and **Professor Michael Platow** SFHEA.

We caught up with newly-anointed EFS Co-Chair, **Paul Francis**, to get some thoughts about the Distinguished Educators scheme and teaching at ANU.

### How do you see your role as an ANU Distinguished Educator intersecting with the Educational Fellowship Scheme, in which you are a SFHEA?

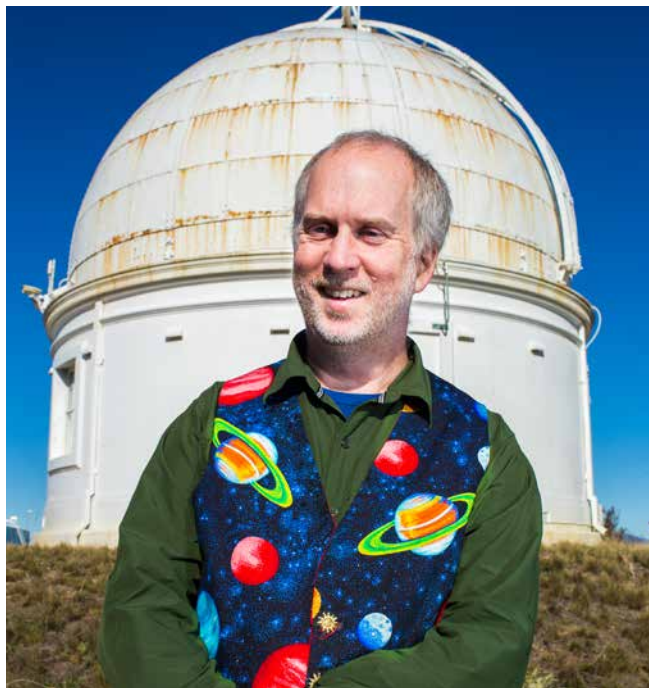
I feel that the most important thing I can do is to try to get people to talk about education. I'm a joint appointment between two areas of the university – one area has a culture of talking about teaching, and the other does not – the difference is like night and day. The Educational Fellowship Scheme gathers together most of the people with interest and enthusiasm for teaching, and so is a natural place to start these conversations.

### Tell us about your vision as an ANU Distinguished Educator - as a group, what do you hope for the ANU Distinguished Educators to achieve for teaching and learning at ANU?

Our role is to improve the status and quality of education at the ANU. Which is incredibly vague! We haven't yet met as a group to flesh this out, but I imagine it will involve using our status to influence and advise the chancellor on one hand, and to advocate for the importance of education across the university. If any of you have ideas of what we can do to help, let us know!

### If a new teaching staff member were to come to you for a piece of advice, what is the one thing you would tell them?

My "first law of teaching" is that no educational plan ever survives contact with the students! So my advice is to be humble. Try things out, but listen hard to your students, and expect that what's going on in their minds bears little resemblance to your ideas. So try out ideas on a small scale first, and be very clear-headed about evaluating how they work.



*Associate Professor Paul Francis, SFHEA, at the Mt Stromlo Observatory in his trademark planetary vest*

## Snippets

**Professor Jane Dahlstrom**, SFHEA, has been announced as Interim Dean of the ANU College of Health and Medicine. In announcing the appointment, Professor Brian Schmidt praised Professor Dahlstrom as a 'committed scholar, and a dedicated educator with remarkable leadership qualities, who will confidently steer the College through its transition period.'

**A/Prof Molly Townes-O'Brien**, SFHEA, is the editor of a new book, 'New Directions for Law in Australia: Essays in Contemporary Law Reform', Levy, R., O'Brien, M., Rice, S., Ridge, P., Thornton, M., eds (2017) ANU Press. In recent times she has also presented a paper, 'Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals,' in Athens, Greece, and attended a meeting with the Indigenous Cultural Competency for Legal Academics Program in Melbourne.

**Haitao Chen**, AFHEA, from the Research School of Physics and Engineering, has recently submitted his PhD thesis, titled 'Manipulation of light-emitting properties of 2D materials by photonic nanostructures'.

**Dr Merryn McKinnon**, FHEA, has recently published two papers with her coursework students recently based on their coursework assessment: McKinnon, M., Howes, J., Leach, A. & Prokop, N. (2017). Perils and positives of science journalism in Australia, Public Understanding of Science, Online First, DOI: 10.1177/096362517701589. McKinnon, M., Semmens, D., Moon, B., Amarasekara, I. & Boillet, L. (2016) Science, Twitter and election campaigns: Tracking #auspol in the Australian federal elections, Journal of Science Communication, 15:06, A04

## CASS Teaching & Learning Day



**Gilbert Riedelbauch**, SFHEA, far left, was one of the presenters at the CASS Teaching and Learning Day

The College of Arts and Social Sciences invited their colleagues from the College of Asia and the Pacific to co-host their fifth annual Teaching and Learning Day on September 5. This year, the keynote commentary was from an Early Career Academic, Dr Kate Thomson, from the University of Sydney, who reported on her research into the informal ways university teachers discuss their practice.

This year's event was once again organised by the CASS Student and Education Office, and followed the established pattern of a workshop, keynote address, and short sessions by ANU academics presenting on their teaching practice.

This year's workshop was co-hosted by HERDSA, and was the first in a series of TATALS (Talking about Teaching and Learning) which will be facilitated by Ms **Deborah Veness** SFHEA, Dr Robert Kennelly and Dr Thomson.

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Have some news or ideas you'd like to share? Send us an email with the details

# New EFS Fellows

## Senior Fellows of the Higher Education Academy (SFHEA)

Dr Saiied Aminossadati (UQ)  
A/Prof Patrea Anderson (USC)  
Ms Jacqueline Bond (UQ)  
**Ms Anna Buckley (ANU CAP, new category)**  
Dr Lisa Chandler (USC)  
**Dr David Cheng (ANU CBE)**  
Professor Michael Drinkwater (UQ)  
**Dr Penelope King (ANU COS)**  
**Dr Yuko Kinoshita (ANU CASS)**  
**Ms Linda Kirk (ANU COL)**  
A/Prof Gwendolyn Lawrie (UQ)  
**Dr Joan Licata (ANU COS)**  
A/Prof Gwendolyn Lawrie (UQ)  
Dr Patricia Logan (CSU)  
Dr Geoff Lovell (USC)  
Dr Alison Mandrusiak (UQ)  
**Dr Sarah Martin (ANU CHM)**  
**Dr Idione Meneghel (ANU CBE)**  
Dr Caroline Owen (UMelb)  
**Dr Nicholas Robins (ANU COS)**  
A/Prof Maree Donna Simpson (CSU)  
Dr Erica Smith (UNE)  
**Dr Anna von Reibnitz (ANU CBE, new category)**  
Dr Lucy Webster (CSU)  
**Prof Michael Wesley (ANU CAP)**  
A/Prof Janelle Wheat (CSU)  
**Dr Jeremy Youde (ANU CAP)**

## Fellows of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA)

**Mr Yibeltal Alem (ANU CHM, new category)**  
**Dr Hannah Birke (ANU COS)**  
**Dr Michelle Burgis-Khastala (ANU CAP)**  
**Dr Björn Dressel (ANU CAP)**  
**Dr Stephanie Goodhew (ANU CHM)**  
**Dr Brendan Hanger (ANU COS)**  
**Ms Tahseen Kamal (ANU CECS)**  
**Dr Mark Kendrick (ANU COS)**  
**Dr Andrew Kennedy (ANU CAP)**  
**Dr Jennie Mallela (ANU COS)**  
**Dr AJ Mitchell (ANU CECS)**  
**Ms Tracey Mylecharane (ANU COL)**  
**Dr Katrina Randall (ANU CHM)**  
**Dr Han Lin Shang (ANU CBE, new category)**

## Associate Fellows of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)

**Ms Nur Abdul Bahar (ANU COS)**  
**Ms Jessica Amies (ANU COS)**  
**Mr James Ansell (ANU COS)**  
**Dr Brian Billups (ANU CHM)**  
**A/Prof Anneke Blackburn (ANU CHM)**  
**Mr James Brien (ANU CAP)**  
**Dr Aicee Dawn Calma (ANU CHM)**  
**Mr Haitao Chen (ANU COS)**  
**Ms Jolene Alexa Cox (ANU CHM)**  
**Ms Fauve D'Souza (ANU CHM)**  
**Mrs Somayeh Fazelinejad (ANU COS)**  
**Mr Andrew Fox (ANU CBE)**  
**Ms Ankita Gagrani (ANU CECS)**  
**Dr Phoebe Garrett (ANU CASS)**  
**Mr Dingyu (Garrett) Ge (ANU CBE)**  
**Dr Ameer George (ANU CHM)**  
**Ms Rebecca Gidley (ANU CAP)**  
**Ms Stephanie Gotsis (ANU CHM)**  
**Ms Jin Han (ANU CHM)**  
**Dr Margaret Hutchison (ANU CASS)**  
**Ms Lucy Kirk (ANU COS)**  
**Ms Lina Koleilat (ANU CAP)**  
**Dr Carlos Kuhn (ANU COS)**  
**Ms Jill Lyall (ANU Online)**  
**Dr Nicholas Matzke (ANU COS)**  
**Dr Camille Moray (ANU COS)**  
**Ms Sarah Osborne (ANU CBE)**  
**Dr Tuan Phan (ANU CAP)**  
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**Ms Catherine Settle (ANU CHM)**  
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### KEY

**ANU CASS:** ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences

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**ANU CHM:** ANU College of Health & Medicine

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**AUT:** Auckland University of Technology

**CSU:** Charles Sturt University

**UMelb:** University of Melbourne

**UNE:** University of New England

**UOW:** University of Wollongong

**UQ:** University of Queensland

**USC:** University of the Sunshine Coast