

Environmental History and Ecology of Moreton Bay

Warmest congratulations to Daryl McPhee on the publication of his new book *Environmental History and Ecology of Moreton Bay* (CSIRO Publishing in July 2017). The book provides an interdisciplinary examination of Moreton Bay across research fields as diverse as geology, Aboriginal and European history, and water quality.

Centre for Autism Spectrum Disorder

In a recent article by the HealthTimes, Director of the Centre for Autism Spectrum Disorder, Professor Vicki Bitsika shared her thoughts about Pauline Hanson's comments on autistic children in mainstream schools.

Vicki highlighted an alternate point of view that required schools to upskill their teachers and improve their knowledge base about children with autism. She also stated that these children are "intelligent, quirky, loyal, keen to do the right thing and they think outside the box. Quite frankly, our school environment would be poorer without them." Current research run in the Centre for Autism Spectrum Disorder, in collaboration with international researchers in the UK, US and Europe, explores the capabilities of autistic children rather than their problems.

Marja Sarvimaki's Latest Title

Let's congratulate Abedian School of Architecture Associate Professor, Marja Sarvimaki on her latest title: 'Case Study Strategies for Architects and Designers' highlights integrative data research methods and was published by Routledge, one of the world's leading academic publishers in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

"Case Study Strategies for Architects and Designers explains methods in evidence-based design, also called practice-based research, to show [you] the value of research to your designs. Topics covered pertain to data collection and analysis techniques, including surveys, interviews, fieldwork, participatory design, occupancy evaluations, and memory sketching. Integrative data evaluation, theoretical sampling, triangulation, pattern matching logic, and analytical generalisation are also discussed. Global research precedents, exercises, further reading, section summaries, sidebars, more than 30 black and white images and tables will help you conduct empirical inquiries in real-life contexts."

Wayne Petherick and Grant Sinnamon's Book Release

Congratulations to Criminology Academics Associate Professor, Wayne Petherick and Semester Teaching Fellow, Grant Sinnamon on their recent book release. 'The Psychology of Criminal and Antisocial Behaviour: Victim and Offenders Perspectives' was recently published by Elsevier and explores topics using a practical approach to social deviance and is supported by research findings, policy, and international trends.

"From the relationship between psychopathology and crime, and the characteristics of catathymia, compulsive homicide, sadistic violence, and homicide victimology, to adult sexual grooming, domestic violence, and honor killings, experts in the field provide insight into the areas of homicide, violent crime, and sexual predation. In all, more than 20 internationally recognised experts in their fields explore these and other topics also including discussing youth offending, love scams, the psychology of hate, public threat assessment, querulence, stalking, arson, and cults."

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Recent publications

Congratulations to School of Psychology Professor Richard Hicks, Assistant Professor Bruce Watt and PhD graduand Margaret Hampson. Richard, Bruce, and Margaret co-wrote the article 'Beliefs about employment of people living with psychosis' in the Australian Journal of Psychology.

The article has been marked by Science Media Exchange as a publication of interest for journalists.

John Sheehan: Order of Australia (AM)

Professor Sheehan was recently awarded the Order of Australia (AM) as part of the Queen's Birthday 2017 Honours List. He was recognised for his 'significant service to the real estate and property planning sectors, to professional institutes, and to educational and legal bodies.'

As part of the official announcement, Professor Sheehan's community service was highlighted. He has served the Australian Property Institute in a number of capacities, including the President of the Australian Property Institute (New South Wales Division) from 2001 - 2004. He has also been a member since 1967. In 1997 and 1998, Professor Sheehan was awarded the Annual Award for Excellence in Planning by the Planning Institute of Australia. In 1997, the Australian Property Institute awarded him the S F Whittington Gold Medal. In 2005, he was the recipient of the Life Fellowship from the Australian Property Institute, and in 2009 was the Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia.

Artificial Intelligence and Creative Industries

Research Week kicked off on Monday, 16 October with Assistant Professor of Advertising and Integrated Marketing Communications Dr Sven Brodmerkel joining a panel of industry professionals and academics in a discussion about how artificial intelligence may affect creative industries. The panel pondered questions such as: Can creativity be automated? What does this mean for the future of creativity? And, how do persuasive algorithms work?

"We tend to forget how to evaluate the creative process. How do we recognise a good idea compared to one that is so-so? Scientists are actually working on giving machines these kind of evaluative functions, but we are not really there yet," explains Dr Brodmerkel.

The discussion was broadcast on ABC National's 'Big Ideas' program with Paul Barkley.



Dr Sven Brodmerkel whose Research Week 2017 session was recorded by ABC RN 'Big Ideas'