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BA (Advanced) Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the BA(Advanced) Newsletter for 2015. This newsletter is our way of keeping you informed about what's going on in the program. We also welcome your submissions.

The BA (Advanced) took in 35 new students across a great range of disciplines. The total number of students in the Advanced program is now 100.

The welcome session for commencing students was well attended. After meeting the Coordinator, Professor Han Baltussen the students met with their academic mentors.



New students at the Welcome session which was held in O'Week

Graduates

Congratulations to the students who graduated at the University's Graduation Ceremony held in Bonython Hall on 4th May.



From left - Miriam, Michael and Emily

Upcoming Talks

We are working on a Friday schedule (12-1pm) in which we invite experienced researchers in the Faculty of Arts to talk about their research projects/programme and students can get up close and personal (talk 30 minutes, Q&A 30 minutes). We have several interesting speakers on our wish list, including the Honourable Julia Gillard, former prime minister of Australia who is Visiting Professor at the University of Adelaide.

The next Research Session will be announced for second semester.

Student Profiles

Georgia Short

Georgia Short completed Year 12 at Pembroke School and is enjoying University studies including her majors Anthropology and Politics. Georgia participated in the meet and greet session with her peers in O'Week and at that time she had a productive meeting with her mentor, Dr Richard Vokes. Georgia found the mid-semester catch-up useful especially to hear from recent graduate, Lara Miles who spoke about her programs and how she won the position with the Attorney-General's Department.

Special Events

The first special event took place and once more we had an inspiring talk by Darren Peacock, CEO of the National Trust SA. In addition, 2014 graduate Lara Miles came to talk to those present about how she had managed to get into a job already with the Attorney General's Office. Both talks were well received.

Student Profile

Elliott Papazahariakis

"I'm currently in my second year in the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced), majoring in Anthropology and Hispanic Studies. These disciplines allow me to develop strong critical thinking skills whereby I feel that I have developed, and continue to develop, a critical lens through which to view the world and its multiplicity of cultural phenomenon. Anthropology is the study of mankind, looking in particular at the everyday and not-so-everyday cultural practices of people around the world and understanding what these mean for the people who practice them in their own terms.

So, as an example of the many varied topics that can be studied anthropologically, for one of my subjects this semester, the anthropology of emotion, mind, person, I'm working on a paper concerning spiritual healing as experienced within all-night rave parties. Besides anthropology, learning Spanish is not only lots of fun, but has definitely contributed to my understanding of the inherent ties between culture and language. In this way my two majors have really been able to complement each other so far, which I think is one of the great benefits of the way an arts degree is structured. On the topic of Spanish, I've just finished my application to study abroad at the University of Granada in Spain during Semester 1 next year. Hoping for a successful outcome, I'm really looking forward to taking classes in Spanish as a way to really improve my language skills and also gain first-hand experience at learning a culture from within!"

Research Project

All second year students are encouraged to think about their topic for the Research Project in year 3 and to consult an appropriate academic supervisor to discuss ideas. Students in their final year next year are encouraged to submit their topics to the Coordinator, Professor Han Baltussen no later than 15th December 2015.

Study Plans

Amanda Phillis has prepared study plans for most of the students and she will be completing this process. Study plans will be sent to you by email.

If you have any questions about enrolment or any other issues, please contact Amanda on T 8313 3721 or amanda.phillis@adelaide.edu.au

Mentors

A big thank to all the academic mentors who contribute to such a successful program. With the growth of the program we also have many new academic staff on board.

REMINDER:

The first mentor meetings have taken place and a second one is highly advised for the second part of the semester. Students should approach their mentor if they need further academic advice when necessary. Mentor will help to advise or refer to other experts where appropriate.

The Coordinator, Prof Baltussen will be meeting with the academic mentors on Monday 15th June at 2pm.



Staff profile

Professor Han Baltussen
Program Coordinator



Han Baltussen is Hughes Professor of Classics. He took over as Coordinator of the BA (Advanced) in January 2013 and has been enjoying the challenge of refining and expanding this new program for exceptionally talented students. He looks forward to growing the program by progressively including more disciplines and encouraging student participation.

Han was born in Maastricht, a Dutch city founded by the Romans, where he was educated at the Henric van Veldeke College (starting Greek and Latin), going on to study Classics (BA/MA) and Ancient Philosophy (PhD) at [Utrecht University](http://www.uu.nl).

Since coming to Adelaide in 2002 he has made significant contributions to teaching and research in Classical studies and ancient thought. Han teaches Classics at all levels (years 1-3) and the Honours program (year 4).

Last August Han attended an invitation-only workshop in Athens on Theophrastus, the successor to Aristotle in the Peripatos. He also had a chance to visit the locations of Plato's and Aristotle's school and the Acropolis. Next he gave the keynote lecture in Berlin in late October 2014 on Ancient Greek Commentators on Aristotle. He regularly gives invited talks interstate, such as the lecture on Galen of Pergamum on May 28 to the Greek Orthodox Community in Melbourne. In August 2015 he will give an invited talk to Classics & Philosophy undergraduates at a career workshop in Sydney University, and a paper in Perth at a workshop of the Centre for the History of Emotions focusing on the language of pain.

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