

# The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences BA(Advanced) Newsletter

September 2014

## Welcome

Welcome to the second issue of the BA(Advanced) Newsletter for 2014 and especially those students and mentors who are reading this for the first time. This newsletter is our way of keeping you informed about what's going on in the program and we welcome your submissions.

## Core Courses

The introduction this year of core course, ARTS 1007 The Enquiring Mind: Arts of Engagement, has been very successful. Many of you would have completed this course by the end of this semester. Those who haven't should do so next year. This course is compulsory for students who commenced their program in 2014.

Students in their final year are required to complete two core courses ARTS 3002 Research Project and ARTS 3003 Advanced Humanities Theory and Method. Those students in the Research Project this semester will be presenting their paper at a mini Conference on campus on 23 September. All are welcome to attend. Refer to Research Project overleaf for details.

## Progress Report

The BA(Advanced) is now in its third year with a total of 70 students. The program has been successful due to the continuation of initiatives and ongoing assessment of progress.

The first get-together following the mid-year break was held on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Students gathered for a pizza lunch and an insightful talk from Dr Darren Peacock from the National Trust of SA about the scope of opportunities for a graduate from Humanities & Social Sciences. Dr Peacock highlighted the variety of work and volunteer opportunities offered by the National Trust and anyone interested in a summer internship is encouraged to contact him via email [dpeacock@nationaltrustsa.org.au](mailto:dpeacock@nationaltrustsa.org.au). Expressions of interest are required by **Friday 15 November**.

Prof Han Baltussen encouraged students to make the most of their opportunities and to consider submitting an application for a Summer Research Scholarship offered by the University's Scholarship Office. Students going into their final year may also like to consider enrolling in the 2015 Arts Internship.

The second event was a presentation by a representative of ASIS (Australian Secret Intelligence Service) who spoke about career options in the intelligence services.

## 2015 Arts Internship

The Arts Internship is designed to link a student intern with an external organisation to write a designed research report as part of their final year. This involves spending a day a week in the organisation, giving interns hands-on experience and equipping

them with a range of practical skills, building on the knowledge they have gained during their study, to take into their future workplace. e-Applications are required by 31 March 2015 for next year's course. Details are located at [www.hss.adelaide.edu.au/current-students/internships/](http://www.hss.adelaide.edu.au/current-students/internships/)

## Summer Research Scholarship

The Faculty will be offering up to 12 Summer Research Scholarships. The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage undergraduate students to consider undertaking postgraduate study at the University of Adelaide leading to a career involving research. The scholars will work with a research team to stimulate their enthusiasm for advanced study.

Each scholarship provides a living allowance of not less than \$200 per week for six weeks.

Please note only completed applications will be considered. Please ensure all signatures are provided before submitting. **Applications close Friday 10 October 2014.**

Refer to website for application form: [www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships/undergrad/asrs.html](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships/undergrad/asrs.html)

## Research Project

Students in their third year will be completing the Research Project this semester.

There are seven final year students in the course this semester and they will be presenting their paper at a **mini Conference on Tuesday 23 September**.

The Conference will be held in Napier 208 and commence at 10am and conclude at 3pm. Students from all levels are encouraged to attend. Come and support the third year Advanced students and find out what you will have to do in your third year and how to present your topic well.

Details will be posted on Facebook and sent via email.

## Sem 2, 2014

With only a few weeks remaining in the semester students will be focusing on their exams and assignments. All students are encouraged to catch up with their mentor before the semester finishes.

## Mentors

A big thank to all the academic mentors who have contributed to the success of the program. With the growth of the program we also have many new academic staff on board.

Students are encouraged to meet with your mentor at least twice per semester. If you haven't met for a while, get in touch with your mentor and arrange to meet.

## Enrolment

Students should have a personalised Study Plan. Amanda Phillis will be completing these in the next couple of weeks and sent to you via 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](mailto:amanda.phillis@adelaide.edu.au)

## Graduations

Final year students who have indicated that they will be finishing their degree in 2014 will be automatically checked to graduate. Those who are not on the automatic list are reminded to apply to graduate on-line. The applications for semester 2 conferral round will be open in Access Adelaide in mid-October 2014. Please refer to the Graduations website for further information [www.adelaide.edu.au/student/graduations/students/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/graduations/students/)

## Facebook

Don't forget to connect with your peers online by joining the BA(Adv) Facebook page. <http://ow.ly/g9yvf>

## 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.

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).

Recently he 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. Below is the selfie to prove it!

