

News

Comings and goings at the Centre (plus a baby!)

Our dedicated administrator Janice and husband Trac welcomed 3.47kg of beautiful baby boy Leo Hugo Tran in July earlier this year. Janice is currently on maternity leave and very much enjoying her time with Leo (despite the lack of sleep). She is looking forward to returning to the centre in 2015.

Simone Heane joined the centre in June to take on the role of Administrator while Janice is on leave. Simone has been providing invaluable administrative support to the Centre, having survived a baptism of fire – first the annual conference and then the biennial dinner.

Simone is currently on secondment from the School of Biomedical Science and previously worked at the Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute.

Our newest associate Colin Campbell holds a Masters degree in law from the Universities of Melbourne and Cambridge, and a PhD in law from the University of Cambridge. Formerly a solicitor and a judge's associate, Colin's main research interests lie in the areas of administrative law, regulatory law, especially the law relating to the regulation of privatized bodies, and anti-discrimination law.



Littlest Castan Centre member Leo Hugo Tran

Centre Director Wins Leadership Award



Sarah Joseph and her giant cheque

Leadership Victoria has recognised the Castan Centre's Director, Sarah Joseph, in its 2014 SACS Annual Leadership Awards.

Sarah won the Non-Profit Executive category ahead of an outstanding list of nominees. It was just recognition for her 10 years in charge of the Castan Centre, presiding over a time of enormous growth in the Centre's policy, public education and student programs.

The selection panel acknowledged Sarah's role in making the Centre one of the most dynamic

academic human rights centres in the world, with a public profile that is rare for an academic centre. She has led the Centre's foray into innovative public engagement efforts that have had a considerable impact on public debates about human rights issues. The Centre has become known for its vibrant social media programs and its new video project, Have You Got That Right?

Internally, Sarah has long been recognised for her nurturing of junior academics researching in various human rights fields, and for her strong mentoring of students and ex-students. When she took over as Director in 2005, four academics had official roles in the Centre. Now that number has swelled to 19, and several other academics participate in Centre work from time to time. It is a vibrant hub of

human rights research and teaching which forms the basis for all of the Centre's work.

Similarly, student participation in the Centre has grown enormously under Sarah's leadership. Occasional ad hoc interns have now been replaced by a structured in-house internship program which hosted 10 students in 2014. In addition, students can now apply for the Global Internship Program, participate in the annual human rights moot competition and look for career inspiration in the Centre's careers guide.

The SACS Leadership Awards are awarded annually to acknowledge outstanding leaders in a number of categories, including non-profit, state government and local government. Monash has a strong record of producing winners in the awards over a number of years. Monash University's Dean of Medicine, Professor Christina Mitchell, won her category while Professor Jamie Cooper, who heads the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Research Centre, was also a finalist in his category.

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