

ANU Integration News: 26 September 2007

WELCOME

This is a long-overdue follow-up to the highly successful inaugural meeting of the ANU Integration Network in April. The meeting attracted more than 30 people from across campus with an interest in integration/ interdisciplinarity/ transdisciplinarity. There was support for a newsletter to share updates on events, visitors, courses, seminars, and jobs – and here we are! For more information on the newsletter, see item (6).

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(1) NEWS

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR – PROFESSOR LINDA NEUHAUSER, UC BERKELEY

*Linda is visiting the ANU from September 19 to October 26 on an ANU Travel Grant for Visiting International Academics. Her research, teaching and practice are focused on integrating knowledge from many disciplines to understand and address complex health and social problems. She has a special interest in translating research into successful, large-scale interventions. She uses a highly participatory approach in which the intended beneficiaries are co-collaborators in research and program

implementation. She runs the University of California Berkeley Health Research for Action Center, see <http://www.uchealthaction.org>. She will be making the following two presentations, as well as running a master class (see below):

- * Seminar: 12.30-1.30 Thursday October 4, Bob Douglas Lecture Theatre, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health: Leveraging the Power of Health Communication
- * Public lecture: 4.30-6.00 Thursday October 11, Finkel Theatre, John Curtin School of Medical Research: Research for Action to Solve Today's Complex Health Problems

CROSS-CAMPUS MASTER CLASS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS – INTEGRATING KNOWLEDGE TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND SOCIETY

- * Presenter: Professor Linda Neuhauser (see above)
- * When: Wednesday October 24, 2007, 12.30-3.30 pm (lunch included)
- * Where: Seminar room, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, corner of Mills and Eggleston Roads (building 62) Postdoctoral Fellows and PhD and Masters students are invited to an interactive session to explore ways of integrating knowledge to improve health and social problems.
- * Register: ra.iis@anu.edu.au by 5pm Wednesday October 17, 2007. Class limit of 20, so register early. Please notify dietary restrictions when registering.
- * More information: This Master Class will address the critical challenge of working across disciplines and sectors to solve complex problems in society. Addressing issues like global warming, obesity and social disparities requires radical changes in research, university training, policy and practice. This class is intended for students and early-career researchers interested in how knowledge can be better integrated across disciplines and implemented for effective action at global, national and local levels.

The class is intended to engage and provide participants with an understanding of:

- >the importance of knowledge integration and implementation Scientific
- >foundations for this work Concepts and trends in thinking about
- >knowledge integration and implementation Case studies of knowledge
- >integration and implementation University training issues and models

(2) SEMINARS AND EVENTS

The Human Ecology Forum is a weekly discussion space open to those interested in socio-natural systems, knowledge, policy, acting in complex systems and the like. Primarily a space for dialogue, the forum draws in a wide variety of people from universities, government, non-government and grassroots organizations.

- * Web-site: <http://hec-forum.anu.edu.au/>
- * When: 10am-12pm, Fridays (check the HE Forum website)
- * Where: Forestry Library (room 101), Forestry Building (no.48), Linneaus Way

(3) JOBS

Uncertainty Analyst: Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Fellow/or Fellow (Ref: NCEPH 4275).

Academic Level A/B/C at NCEPH, ANU.

Closing date: 12 October 2007

(as advertised on the ANU employment website -
http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Jobs/Academic_Positions/index.asp).

Integration Postdoctoral Fellow or Integration Research Officer (Ref: NCEPH 4275).
ANU Officer 6 and Academic Level A/ANU Officer Grade 5/6 (Research) at
NCEPH, ANU.

Closing date: 12 October 2007

(as advertised on the ANU employment website -
http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Jobs/Academic_Positions/index.asp).

(4) JOURNAL PROFILE

Ecology and Society (formerly Conservation Ecology) is an electronic journal focused on theoretical and applied issues surrounding sustainable socio-ecological systems, including their adaptability, resilience and vulnerabilities. The journal is multi-disciplinary and has an integrative ethic, crossing the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. Contributions on the ecological, social and political aspects of the interaction between humans and nature are sought.

* Web-site: <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/index.php>

* Impact Factor (2005): 1.690

(5) PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY PROFILE

The Society for Values in Higher Education (SVHE) is an 'association focused on inquiry into the ethics (values) of educative practice, policy and wider society generally, with the aim of supporting such democratic ideas (ideals) as social justice and civic responsibility, all in the context of diverse and reflexive discussion/action.'

* Web Address: <http://www.svhe.org/>

* Journal: Soundings - <http://web.utk.edu/~sounding/>

(6) About ANU Integration News:

This newsletter aims to share updates on events, visitors, courses, seminars, and jobs among ANU staff and students with an interest in research integration (or inter- or trans- disciplinary). It will also provide information on relevant journals and professional societies.

The Newsletter will be distributed on an ad-hoc basis, as material comes to hand, somewhere between once a week and once a month. To contribute material or to subscribe or unsubscribe from the Newsletter, please contact ra.iis@anu.edu.au.
