

Fellowship Recipients for 2009

There were 85 applications for NZFGW Fellowships for 2009. The following applicants received awards.

Marjan Baghaie, who holds a **Masters degree in engineering from the University of Canterbury** is working on a doctorate in electrical engineering at the University of Southern California, specialising in wireless communication engineering. Marjan was formerly a student leader of the Institution of Engineering Technology for the South Island and, as part of her undergraduate and graduate programme in New Zealand, worked as part of a team in industrial electronic research.

Melanie Bunce, after gaining a BA (hons) at Otago University, enrolled in an MPhil in Development Studies at Oxford, for which she wrote a thesis on the international media coverage of the crisis in Darfur. This involved field work in Sudan. She won a university blue for women's rugby and was an Oxford Union debater. She has also worked as a volunteer English teacher in Laos and Sudan. Melanie has now begun on a doctorate in the Reuters Institute at Oxford's Green-Templeton College, where she will provide a cross-case analysis of conflict reporting in Africa.

Sandy Harman is completing a PhD at the University of Waikato, researching the French Marist Maori Mission in a project that links French and New Zealand history and explores the conflicting ideas and loyalties faced by French missionary priests. Her work requires her to discover and translate archival material and she is a contributor to a multi-lingual magazine based in Avignon.

Bronwyn (Bronnie) Johnston holds Masters degree from Otago and has recently enrolled for a PhD at the University of St Andrews, where she will study the place of women in the domain of 'magic' in pre-enlightenment Europe and how the Shakespearean stage reflected contemporary debate about science and the supernatural and the nature of magical identity for male magicians and women witches. Bronwyn has worked as a university tutor at Otago and spent five months backpacking alone around Europe in 2005.

Lauren Lindsay is enrolled as a first year researcher in the Law Department of the European University Institute at Badia Fiesoleana where she will study for a Masters degree in comparative, European and international legal studies. She is one of eleven students worldwide to be accepted into the programme, in which every course of study must be conducted in at least two languages. She holds an LLB (hons) and a BSc in **biological sciences from the University of Auckland** and will focus on areas of law impacted by biotechnology.

Iva Rosic is a **law graduate from the University of Auckland** and recently enrolled for a LLM at the Cambridge University, working in the areas of criminal law and criminal justice, international criminal law, and law and human rights. Iva has a particular interest in the position of women in the criminal justice system, the protection and preservation of rights of disadvantage and vulnerable people, and access to justice and fair treatment of persons accused of international crimes. She has worked as a judge's clerk and as a junior counsel for a QC. She has also had a five-year involvement with a community law centre for children and young people.

Catherine Sleeman holds a BSc (hons) in **economics from the University of Canterbury** and has several years' work experience at the Treasury and the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, preparing projections to guide policy decisions. She has now enrolled in an MPhil in economics at Cambridge University in a programme limited to fifty students annually. Catherine hopes to be able to pursue her interest in environmental economics.

Polly Stupples is in the final year of her **PhD in Development Studies at Massey University**. Her thesis explores the implications of funding artistic projects in developing countries through international aid. This work has involved a year of fieldwork with women artists in Central America, where she needed Spanish language skills. She has been a freelance writer, ESOL teacher, editor, and researcher and committee member of a community-owned resource recovery centre.

Serenity Thurlow is a **performance music graduate from the University of Canterbury** and is currently enrolled at the University Mozarteum in Salzburg, studying performance viola. She is one of four violists playing with the Salzburg Chamber Soloists, a Chamber Orchestra that travels regularly in Europe and plays with top soloists. Having arrived speaking English and a little Maori, she has needed to develop fluency in German and is now beginning to study Spanish.

Georgina White completed a BA in **Anthropology from Victoria and a BPSA in Dance from Unitec** before embarking on an MA in Museum Studies at New York University. She is an intern with an independent New York based development company where she is coordinating content for the National September 11 Memorial Museum, an institution trying to find a balance between a singular narrative and the many stories of 9/11 survivors, families of individuals who died, and witnesses of the event within and beyond the US. She has also worked with the Lower East Side Tenement Museum and is a volunteer with the City Reliquary, a small community museum that exhibits found objects and unusual collections.

Amy Zhang, after completing a BSc (hons) in **chemistry at the University of Canterbury** is now enrolled for a PhD at Cambridge University, where her work will be at the interface between chemistry and biology. Amy writes vividly of the excitement and challenge of research that even invades her dreams. She has been actively involved in peer support programmes at the university and as a volunteer in a range of community activities.

The Susan Byrne Memorial Award

This award, made possible by a bequest, is for a graduate who decides to change careers and needs to engage in further tertiary study as a result. In 2008 there were 50 applications and the award was given to **Kathryn Shaw**. Kathryn holds an **LLB from the University of Auckland** and most recently has worked in management in the not-for-profit sector as national director of an employment scholarship trust. In February 2009, Kathryn will begin study towards a degree in midwifery at Auckland University of Technology.