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GPEM WELCOMES NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL



Professor Jonathan Aitchison has been appointed as the new Head of the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management.

Professor Aitchison's extensive research interests include the tectonic evolution of East Asia and eastern Australia through the Phanerozoic, the evolution of life on Earth, biogeography, extremophile organisms, the India-Asia collision and the geological evolution of Tibet and the Himalaya.

He joins the School from his recent position at the University of Sydney as the Edgeworth David Chair of Geology and the Head of Geosciences.

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SEMINARS

The School of GPEM holds a regular seminar series on Tuesdays from 1.00-2.00pm in Room 320, [Steele Building](#) (#3), UQ St Lucia.

For details of the upcoming seminar, please visit the [Seminar Series](#) web page.



GPEM strengthens focus on health, safety and environment

UQ's Occupational Health and Safety Science Bachelor and Masters programs have a new home in our School.

Senior lecturer in Occupational Health and Safety Science Cassie Madigan said the relocation reflects what's happening in the workplace.

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GPEM Planning Studio

UQ prepares for planning accreditation process

The School will host a two-day visit from a Planning Institute of Australia committee in September as part of the regular five-year accreditation process for planning programs.

Planning Program Director Professor Neil Sipe discusses the School's preparations.

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New Indonesia field course

Thirty UQ students will gain first-hand experience of development issues in Indonesia through an eight-day field trip offered for the first time in July 2015.

Course coordinators Dr Sonia Roitman and Dr Karen McNamara said *Exploring development complexities* (PLAN3200) had attracted extremely high interest from students.

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GPEM students gain industry experience

The School offers opportunities for our students and industry to engage through practicums, placements, industry research projects, and work experience.

See what our students are up to in Semester 2 and how you can achieve your business goals while training the future leaders in your industry.

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UQ Geography and Environment Day

The School will hold Geography and Environment Day on Friday 24 July 2015 for Year 10-12 students interested in geography, planning and environmental management careers.

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UQ Planning Research Journal

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This journal provides a synopsis of research projects conducted by the 2014 graduating class of The University of Queensland's Bachelor of Regional and Town Planning degree.

The Journal was edited by BRTP students Chloe Forsyth and Courtney Maizey-Baker.

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Where are they now?

More alumni profiles can be viewed [here](#).

Whitney Evans

Michael Holmes



Working in a diverse range of environments and interacting with a large number of clients is what graduate Whitney Evans enjoys about her career in Occupational Health and Safety Science.

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As the Health and Safety Officer for Brisbane Motorway Services, Michael Holmes' role is about keeping Leighton Contractors and Lend Lease staff safe at work.

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UQ regional and town planning graduate Chris Isles was recently announced as both the Queensland and Australian Planner of the Year.

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Would you like to share your story as a student, researcher, or alumnus? Please [get in touch](#).

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