



# OTAGO BUSINESS SCHOOL

## NEWS IN BRIEF - 18 OCT

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### Inaugural Professorial Lecture (IPL)

The last Business School IPL for 2012 will take place on Tuesday 6 November, and will be presented by Professor Jin Zhang, Professor of Finance, Department of Accountancy & Finance.

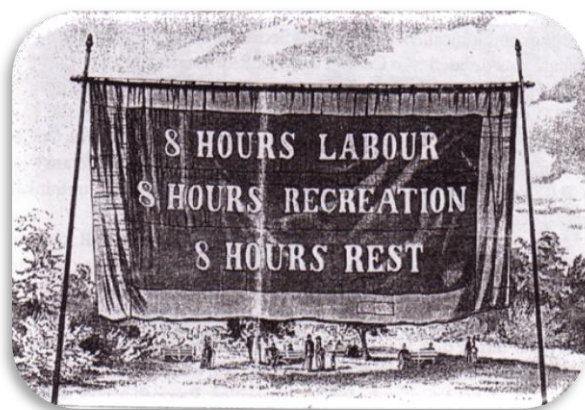
Jin's lecture is entitled "Quantitative Finance: A new field in Finance".

The lecture commences at 5.30pm in Castle 1 Lecture Theatre, and is followed by refreshments at the Staff Club.

All staff, students and members of the public are welcome to attend.



### Labour Day Closure



The bulk of the University will be closed on Monday 22 October 2012 in observance of Labour Day. Consequently, all electronic access doors will be set as for a Sunday for this period unless otherwise requested.

Contact numbers (24 hours): Proctor's Office/Campus Watch  
Email: [door.access@otago.ac.nz](mailto:door.access@otago.ac.nz)  
Emergency Calls = ext. 5000  
General Enquiries = ext. 5001  
Fax = ext. 4881

Please ensure that your work place is secure and any valuable / portable items are locked away prior to this break.



## PhD Awarded

Dr Sriyalatha Kumarasinghe from the Department of Accountancy & Finance was recently awarded her PhD from Aichi University in Nagoya, Japan.



Sriyalatha attended the ceremony at the Graduate School of Accounting at the Kurumamichi Campus.

Her thesis exploring performance management was entitled "Cultural contingencies on performance: Empirical findings from business organisations in Sri Lanka, Australia, and New Zealand".

Sriyalatha joined the Department of Accountancy & Finance (formerly Business Law) in 2007. She has been teaching for more than 18 years, first at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in Sri Lanka, thereafter at the University of Tsukuba, Japan where she was a graduate researcher. Sriyalatha also worked in the private sector as an executive director before joining the University of Otago.

## Entrepreneurship workshop

The next Centre for Entrepreneurship workshop will be held on Tuesday 23 October from 12-1pm in the Business School Boardroom (CO: 4.19/4.20) - please note this room is not the usual room.

The workshop presented by Sylvie Chetty, Paula O'Kane and Jodyanne Kirkwood is entitled:

"Tips for getting qualitative research published".

The workshop will be in the form of a panel presenting some tips on how to get qualitative research published. The team of presenters will focus on single case study method, multiple case study method and how to present qualitative data. They will share their experiences with the publication process and present some typical reviewer comments and how to respond to these comments.

There is no blueprint on how to do qualitative research so we welcome participants to share their own styles of qualitative research and experiences with the publication process.

All welcome.

## New Staff

Last month's News In Brief omitted the arrival of [Associate Professor Nathan Berg](#) to the Department of Economics, and the departure of Adam Randall from the Business School Helpdesk.

### Associate Professor Nathan Berg

Nathan gained his PhD from the University of Kansas and specialises in behavioural economics.



He teaches microeconomics, psychology and economics, financial economics, and statistics and econometrics.

Nathan has published numerous articles and chapters in the field of behavioural economics, and was a Fulbright Scholar in 2003 and Visiting Research Scientist at the Max Planck Institute-Berlin in 2005. His research has been cited in Financial Times, Business Week, Canada's National Post, The Village Voice, The Advocate and the Atlantic Monthly.

Before becoming an economist, Dr. Berg toured internationally and recorded with jazz trumpeters Maynard Ferguson and Clark Terry, and performed with John Scofield, Alan Broadbent, Stephen Scott, Burnadette Peters, Larry Goldings, Bill Stewart, and Christy Moore. [Nathan](#) is based in room CO:7.25, Ext: 8648

### Adam Randall (TSG)

Adam was working in the Technical Services Group (TSG) as a Service Desk temp. Adams contribution to the TSG team and School will be missed. We congratulate him on not only passing his BIT degree at Otago Polytechnic but for also accepting a graduate job with Dimension Data in Wellington which he began at the beginning of September.

### Dr Jing (Annie) Zhang (Management)

Welcome to Dr Jing (Annie) Zhang who joins us as a lecturer in Management. She has come from the Department of Business Administration, Shue Yan University, Hong Kong. Dr Zhang's research interests are in innovation and technology management, firm capabilities and competitive advantage, and strategic management.



[Annie](#) is based in room CO: 8.18 Ext: 8130

