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## Events at Victoria

**Institute of Policy Studies:  
Allocating the burdens of  
dealing with climate change**  
Wednesday 16 December, 12.30  
- 1.30pm

Dr David Eng is a Lecturer in Philosophy at Victoria. He has previously been an Assistant Professor at California State University Bakersfield and worked for several years for the Tertiary Education Commission.

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## Alumni Event - Victorious Hurricanes - Auckland

Thursday 11 February, 2010  
5.30 - 7.30pm

Join fellow alumni, including former All Black captain Graham Mourie, for a reunion of Victoria University alumni. [More](#)

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Welcome to the December *Life After Vic* newsletter. It is now quiet on campus. The majority of our students are taking a well deserved break and we look forward to welcoming them again in the new year, along with our newly enrolled students.

Congratulations to those who are graduating at the Michael Fowler Centre next week. It is an exciting time of year for everyone at the University and fantastic to welcome new graduates to the alumni community.

## Summer *Victorious*

By now you should have received the Summer issue of *Victorious*. If you haven't it means that we don't have your current address. Please email us to let us know your contact details or update your address through our online alumni directory, *Life after Vic*.



## Mayor receives special MBA alumni award

Wellington Mayor Kerry Prendergast was honoured with a special award at Victoria University's MBA annual dinner last week. Mayor Prendergast, who graduated with an MBA from Victoria in May 2004, received the highest rankings by Victoria's current MBA students out of a list of six high profile Victoria MBA alumni. [More](#)



Pictured: Arun Elias, MBA Director, and Mayor Kerry Prendergast

## Montana Award winning poet to be Victoria University's 2010 Writer in Residence

Poet Jenny Bornholdt will be the 2010 Writer in Residence at Victoria University. [More](#)

## Calling all Awhina Alumni

Te Roopu Awhina is an on-campus whanau support group for Maori and Pacific students in the Faculties of Science, Architecture and Design and Engineering. They have grown from 12 people in 1999 to over 600 mentors and mentees, including 71 postgraduates. Between them, 22 are enrolled at PhD level, seven have completed, and collectively they have won more than \$4.6 million in scholarship funding. If you have been involved please contact [email](#) or call on 04 463 5987 to hear about Awhina Alumni. [More](#)



Pictured: Awhina 2009 scholarship winners



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### Graduate wins theatre award

Recent Victoria theatre graduate, Eleanor Bishop, has been named 'Most Promising New Director of the Year' at the 2009 Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards.

The award is for her production of Eli Kent's *The Intricate Art of Actually Caring*. The show also won 'Most Original Production of the Year'. [More](#)

Pictured: Eleanor Bishop with playwright, Eli Kent

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## Keeping in touch

If you know of family and friends living overseas, please encourage them to maintain up-to-date contact details so they're able to receive notices and invitations. You can update your details through the online registry, Life after Vic. Why not check your details are correct right now?

We also have an active Victoria University Alumni [Facebook](#) group and a [LinkedIn](#) group. These groups are both great ways to keep up-to-date with alumni news or to catch up with old friends. Search for 'Victoria University of Wellington Alumni' from both of these links.