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At a time when considerable concern is being expressed about the level of investment in research in Australia, collaboration between universities has become increasingly important if we are to reap the benefits from those declining resources. The Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics is one such venture of which both Charles Sturt University and the University of Melbourne are justly proud. We are grateful that the ARC saw fit to fund such a centre and to recognise the benefits that would accrue from two Universities in multiple locations working together.

There is little doubt that modern society needs more than ever to examine how it is impacting on its citizens. Public ethics, civic values and professional standards are being tested to the limit by profound technological, scientific and social transformations. We are therefore glad that our universities can contribute to the vital task of understanding the ethical implications of change and fashioning the ethical boundaries of civic society for the 21st century.

We would like to pay tribute to the Centre's Director, Professor Seumas Miller and Deputy Director, Professor Tony Coady and their colleagues in the Centre. Even with the difficulties associated with the establishment of a new centre involving two institutions and in two locations, much has been achieved in CAPPE's first year.

We trust that what you read in this report will be interesting and inspire you to follow the work of the Centre.

Professor CD Blake AM
Vice-Chancellor
Charles Sturt University

Professor Alan D Gilbert
Vice-Chancellor
University of Melbourne



director's summary

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The Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (CAPPE) officially commenced its operations in July 2000, although the Director, Deputy Director and other existing staff conducted research and pursued implementation strategies from the beginning of 2000.

An international search for academic staff was conducted in the first half of 2000, and interviews were held in several cities in the USA and the UK, as well as in Canberra and Melbourne. While this process was somewhat protracted – and involved processing some two hundred applications - it eventually resulted in the recruitment of a cohort of highly qualified academic staff, including a number from overseas universities in the USA, the UK, Israel and New Zealand. Most of these commenced duties in late 2000 or early 2001. In order to mitigate the academic staffing situation in 2000, four secondments were made for the July-December 2000 period (two at Charles Sturt University (CSU) and two at the University of Melbourne (UM)). In addition, the contracts of a number of research staff from the two former research centres that amalgamated to form CAPPE were extended.

Accommodation for CAPPE's University of Melbourne based division, and especially its Canberra based Charles Sturt University division, proved to be a difficult and time-consuming process, albeit one that eventually had a happy outcome. In Melbourne, CAPPE was initially based in the Old Arts building and in a University owned terrace house, however it will be relocated with the Philosophy Department at the end of 2001 to the handsome old University of Melbourne Law Faculty building. In Canberra difficulties emerged in relation to the construction of a building on the CSU site in Blackall Street,

Barton. Eventually a rental arrangement was made with The Australian National University (ANU), and the Canberra division of CAPPE is now located in the Haydon Allen building on the ANU campus. This is proving to be extremely beneficial in terms of academic interaction between CAPPE and a variety of research groups at the ANU, including members of the ANU's large philosophical community.

In the Foreword to this report, the Vice-Chancellors alluded to the possibilities and problems of establishing a multi-campus research centre involving two universities. On the one hand, there are the synergies and critical mass that result from this kind of alliance, on the other there are the inevitable problems of communication and coordination.

The collaborative arrangements between the two divisions of CAPPE are now set down in a formal Agreement between the two universities. Each of the universities has adopted an organisational structure for that part of CAPPE located in the respective universities. The Charles Sturt University division of CAPPE has been established outside of the faculty structure with the Director reporting to the ProVice-Chancellor (Research and Graduate Training). The University of Melbourne division is located within the Department of Philosophy.

The governance arrangements involve: a Management Committee for the day to day running of CAPPE comprised of the Director and Deputy Director; a Board of Control comprised of the Vice-Chancellors of CSU and UM (or their nominees); and an Advisory Board. The Management Committee, and in particular, the Director of CAPPE, is accountable to the Board of Control.

Notwithstanding these governance arrangements, there is a communication and coordination challenge to ensure ongoing academic interaction between cohorts of researchers at different

locations. The strategies that have been implemented to ensure appropriate cross location communication and coordination include: reliance on alternative forms of communication, such as e-mail; researchers from both divisions involved in all program areas and on major research projects; and, researchers located at one division present their papers in the seminar series conducted at the other division (in addition to presenting these papers at their own division).

During the course of 2000 a good deal of time was invested by the Director, the Deputy Director and some of the Program Managers, in establishing national and international institutional linkages, and in attempting to put together research projects, workshops and conferences, including meetings with end-users. These institutional links include ones with: the Center for Philosophy and Public Affairs at the University of Maryland, USA; the University of Georgetown in Washington DC; the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago; Sheffield Institute for Biotechnological Law and Ethics at the University of Sheffield, England; the Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs at the University of Saint Andrews, Scotland; the Centre for the Philosophy of Information and Communication Technology at Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Holland; Jawaharlal University in New Delhi, India; Narasuan University in Thailand; and the Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences in Beijing, China. A number of research projects, workshops and academic exchange visits have already been arranged with these institutions. For example, funding under the University of Melbourne Visiting Scholars Research Scheme Award has been received for Robert Fullinwider, a professor in the Institute for Philosophy and Public Affairs, University of Maryland, to visit CAPPE in July 2001. Erasmus University has agreed to fund a CAPPE researcher to work in Rotterdam on a joint project in computer ethics in September-

October 2001. CAPPE and Jawaharlal University are jointly hosting a workshop in New Delhi in December 2001. In 2000, Mao Yu, a professor in the Philosophy Department of Huazhong University, Hubei Province, China, took up a China Scholarship Council Grant to do a one year research project on global ethics at CAPPE. In addition, joint research projects and workshops are being organised with relevant research groups in Australia, including the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Governance and Justice at Griffith University, The Australian National University, and The University of Canberra. Simultaneously, research projects, workshops and joint conferences are in the process of being set up with end-users, including the NSW Police Service, Independent Commission Against Corruption, Fairfax Newspapers, Transparency International, the ACT Government and the Commonwealth Department of Defence.

Notwithstanding the preoccupation with recruitment, accommodation, and other aspects of the establishment phase of CAPPE, there were a number of significant research achievements in 2000. The year began with Tony Coady finishing his six month senior research fellowship at the United States Institute for Peace Research in Washington DC, and ended with various CAPPE researchers securing research grants for 2001 and beyond, including a number of Australian Research Council Large Grants, a large research project on e-corruption with the Independent Commission against Corruption, a research project on human resource management ethics with the NSW Police Association, a research project on institutional integrity building with Transparency International and the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Governance and Justice at Griffith University, and a number of small consultancies. During the course of the year there were six international Visiting Fellows, two international workshops held at Melbourne, a conference on computer ethics held in Canberra, and the co-hosting by

CAPPE of an international conference on capacity building in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Andrew Alexandra, Margaret Coady, Tony Coady, Dean Cocking, John Hanafin, Jeanette Kennett, Seumas Miller and John Weckert gave keynote and other invited addresses at international conferences in Angers (France), Beijing University, National University of Singapore, Stanford University, University of Leipzig and Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. There were numerous published works, including the 2000 issues of the two journals published by CAPPE - *Res Publica* and the *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics* - and Michael O'Keefe continued to edit the international journal *Pacific Review* published by Taylor and Francis (Oxford, UK). Tony Coady et al produced two edited volumes; Dean Cocking completed his authored book with Cambridge University Press (UK) on professional roles; Neil Levy his authored book with Oneworld (UK) on philosophy of freedom; and Seumas Miller his authored book with Cambridge University Press (USA) on social action and ethics; and Charles Barton, John Blackler, Tom Campbell, Tony Coady, Seumas Miller, Peter Roberts and Edward Spence all have contracts with international publishers to author books on topics in applied philosophy and public ethics, including political violence, human rights, corruption, advertising ethics, police ethics, and restorative justice.

With the establishment phase completed, 2001 will usher in a development phase. The new researchers will join with existing academic staff to systematically work on CAPPE's core projects in each of the thirteen program areas, as well as a number of emerging projects. The latter include projects funded under the ARC Large Grant scheme. In 2001 Andrew Alexandra, Tom Campbell, Tony Coady, Dean Cocking, Lyn Gillam, Jeanette Kennett, Jadran Lee and Jeremy Moss will be working on the following six CAPPE based ARC Large Grant projects: Plant

Variety Rights; Friendship, Morality and the Self; Morality of Ideals; Moralism and Morality; Protection of Human Rights in Australia; and, Prenatal Diagnosis and Discrimination against People with Disability.

In 2001 there will also be various new projects funded from a variety of sources. The emphasis will be on a relatively small number of large, long term research projects, rather than on a large number of small short term projects. However, that said, in relation to projects involving end users there is a need to establish track records; and often partnerships with industry begin with small scale consultancies.

All in all, thanks to the sustained efforts of CAPPE academic and administrative staff, 2000 was a good first year for CAPPE, albeit one in which there were a number of teething problems. Having moved into a phase of development, our expectation is that in 2001 CAPPE will generate greater momentum, sharper focus, and that there will be a commensurate increase in the level of activity in relation to our core projects, and across our various program areas more generally.



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BOARD OF CONTROL

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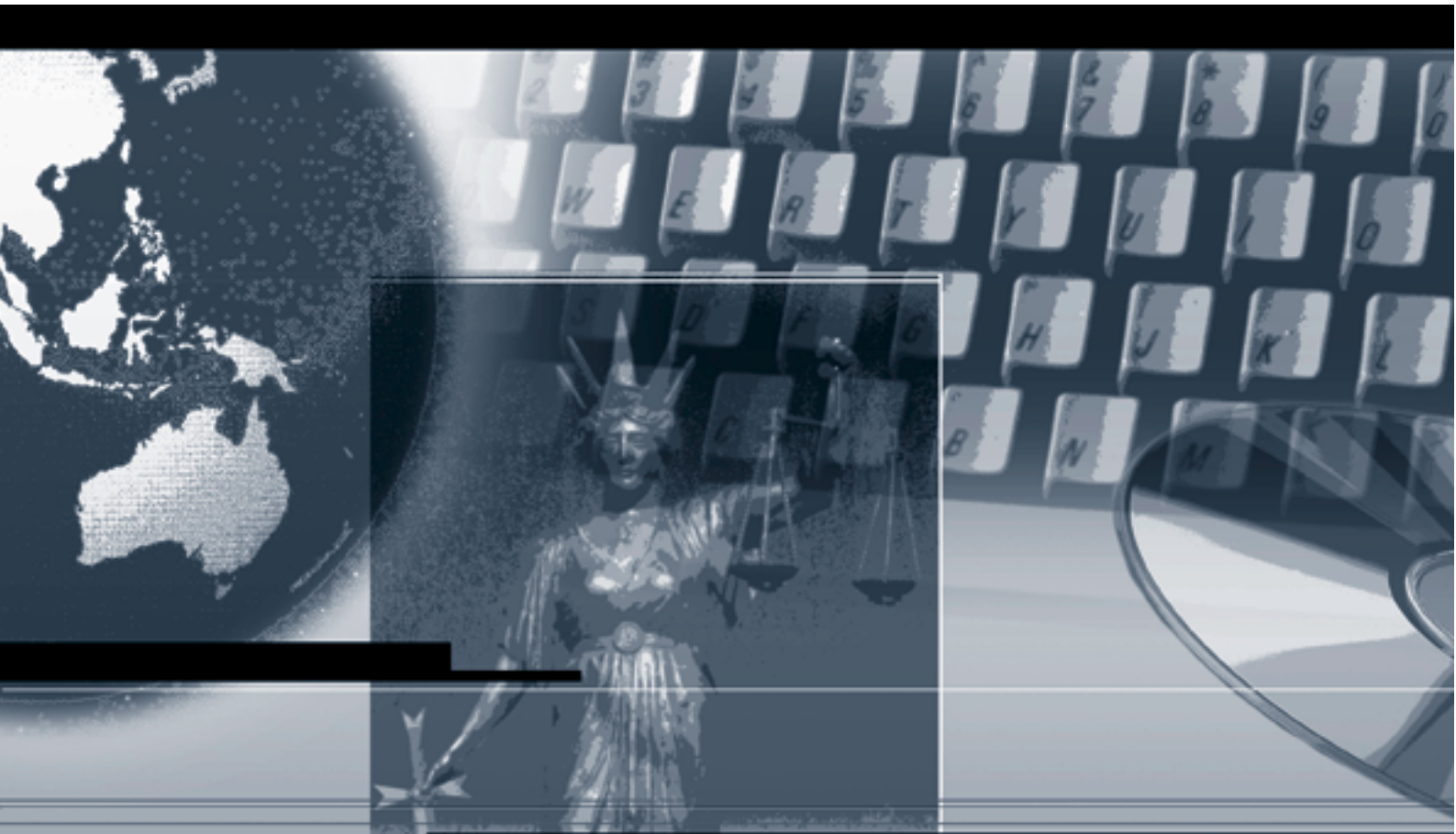
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Dr Jadran Lee (CSU)+
Dr Neil Levy (CSU)
Dr. Stephen Matthews (CSU)
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NB: Academic staff refers only to those whose salaries are paid or subsidised by CAPPE on an ongoing basis, and/or whose research constitutes an in-kind contribution to CAPPE. Affiliated members are not included.

* Indicates researcher commences duties in 2001

+ Indicates researcher's salary is at least 50% funded by CAPPE

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Program in Police Ethics

In 2000 the project on police ethics funded by the NSW Police Service under the Sir Maurice Byers Scheme was completed. It resulted in a four volume study on police ethics. The first volume is concerned with ethical issues in street policing, the second with ethical issues in police investigations, the third with ethical issues in the management of police. Each volume functions as a resource book of case studies and ethical analyses. The study is co-authored by John Blackler and Seumas Miller, and is a publication of CAPPE for the NSW Police Service. The works are already being widely used by members of the NSW Police Service in education programs and as part of their ongoing culture change program. In addition, a project on police culture and violence was completed with the publication of a volume of essays by philosophers, criminologists, lawyers, police and other practitioners, entitled, *Violence and Police Culture* (Melbourne University Press). The volume was edited by Tony Coady, Steve James, Seumas Miller and Michael O'Keefe, and contains articles (among others) by Janet Chan, Ian Freckleton, Andrew Goldsmith and John Kleinig.

During 2000 research was undertaken on an ARC funded SPIRT project on internal police investigations. This is a joint CAPPE/NSW Police Service Internal Affairs project. This project has a large empirical as well as ethico-analytic component, and involves a multi-disciplinary team of academics and police officers, including David Biles, Tracey Green, Gerry McGrath, Seumas Miller, Jerry Radcliffe and Edward Spence. A new joint project has begun on human resource management ethics in policing (jointly with the Public Sector Ethics Program); this

involves collaboration between CAPPE, the NSW Police Association, the NSW Police Service and the NSW Ombudsman's Office.

A new book project in this program involves Seumas Miller and John Blackler writing a contracted book entitled, *Ethical Issues in Policing: Contemporary Problems and Perspectives*, for Dartmouth Press in the United Kingdom.

Program in Correctional Ethics

In this program a workshop was run at Goulburn, and invited speakers included David Biles, and members of Real Justice (a worldwide restorative justice organisation). The point of the workshop was for CAPPE philosophers to interact with, and be informed by, practitioners in the corrections area.

Charles Barton secured a contract for his book on restorative justice, and there were a number of refereed articles and book chapters published, including Charles Barton's "Empowerment and Retribution in Criminal Justice" and Seumas Miller and John Blackler's "Restorative Justice: Retribution, Confession and Shame" in the John Braithwaite and Heather Strang edited volume *Restorative Justice: From Philosophy to Practice* (Aldershot: Dartmouth Press, 2000). Steve Coleman and Richard Kocsis published a paper on psychological profiling. Charles Barton also gave public lectures and seminars on restorative justice at a number of venues, including the Centre for the Study of the Professions at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. Margaret Coady gave an invited address, "The Role of Codes of Ethics in Preventing Professional Crime" at the Australian Institute of Criminology Conference, Crime in the Professions, University of Melbourne in February 2000.

Program in Welfare Ethics

CAPPE co-hosted an international conference in capacity building in Vietnam which attracted well over two hundred delegates from all over the world, but especially from Thailand, Vietnam, the USA and Australia. The opening keynote address was given by the internationally renowned US philosopher, Norman Daniels, who spoke on benchmarks for ethical health care in developing nations. Other invited philosophers were Henry Shue of Cornell University and David Archard Director of the Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs at St Andrews University. Steve Curry presented a paper on civil society and community development, and participated in a workshop on ethics in community development at the Vietnam conference. Jeremy Moss organised a workshop in October 2000 on the topic “Mutual Obligation: Assessments and Developments” at the University of Melbourne and attended by various prominent academic philosophers and practitioners.

Andrew Alexandra and Margaret Coady completed their consultancy to evaluate the proposed code of ethics for the Australian Association of Social Workers, and Lila Kirilik and Steve Curry secured a new consultancy, Homeless Youth and Blood Borne Viruses, funded by the Youth Accommodation Association of New South Wales. Jeremy Moss was a consultant on Australia Institute’s project “Mutual Obligation: Ethical and Social Implications” August, 2000. Bruce Langtry and Jeremy Moss secured a University of Melbourne Research Development Grants Scheme on “Mutual Obligation”.

There were a number of publications and conference presentations in this program, including: Dean Cocking and Jeanette Kennett’s paper on friendship and moral danger published in what is widely regarded as the most prestigious philosophy journal in the world, *The Journal of Philosophy*; Jeremy Moss “The Concept of Mutual Obligation” paper presented to the

Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics Conference, Brisbane 2000; Jeremy Moss was also an invited participant in “Contractualism and Citizenship” workshop at University of Sydney, October 2000, and he has a number of forthcoming publications including “Ethics and Politics of Mutual Obligation” *Australian Journal of Social Issues*; a joint paper by Wendy Bowles, Mike Collingridge and Seumas Miller on confidentiality in social work is forthcoming in the *Australian Social Work*; Margaret M. Coady and C.A.J. Coady *Regulating the Family*, is an invited paper delivered at the Workshop on Self, Family and Community: Aspects of Chinese and Western Ethics at the National University of Singapore in May 2000; Margaret M. Coady “International Regulation of Children’s Rights”, is an entry in the *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems EOLSS*; and Margaret M. Coady “Research Ethics” in *Doing early childhood research: theory and process: An international perspective*, edited by Glenda MacNaughton, Sharne Rolfe and Iram Siraj-Blatchford is to be published by Allen and Unwin, 2001

Program in Social Ethics and Religion

In this program area Stephen Coleman and Stephen Pickard continued their joint work on science, ethics and religion funded by a grant from the Templeton Foundation. Both attended a workshop funded under this scheme at Berkeley University in California. Bruce Langtry’s paper “Metaphysics and a Personal God” was accepted for publication in the refereed journal *Pacifica*. Loane Skene presented a CAPPE staff seminar exploring the role of church and state in regulating people’s rights. She has narrowed the discussion to church intervention in litigation as *amicus curiae*, as in the *McBain* ART case and the NSW abortion case, *CES v Superclinics*. (1995) 38 NSWLR 47.

In relation to issues in social ethics, Will Barrett pursued his research project on gambling, which aims to establish grounds for policy formation on gambling by assessing the ethical bases of the cases for and against legalised gambling. In 2000 Barrett published an article "Gambling and Public Policy" in *Public Affairs Quarterly* (USA). There were a number of publications on indigenous rights, including "The Stolen Generations: Some Principles of Compensation" *Professional Ethics* and "Compensating for Historical Injustices" *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics* by Anna Corbo-Crehan, and "Collective Rights and Minority Rights" *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* by Seumas Miller. Steve Curry gave an invited address on indigenous sovereignty at a conference at Macquarie University. Jeanette Kennett on secondment from Monash University prepared the following papers: "Autism, Empathy and Moral Agency", accepted for the British Society of Ethical Theory Conference, Glasgow, July 2001; "Identity, Control and Responsibility: the case of Multiple Personality Disorder" (co-authored with Steve Matthews) accepted for presentation at the Time and Ethics Conference at the University of Otago, February 2001; and an invited paper to an interdisciplinary conference with international speakers, on mental illness, in August 2001 at Kings College, London.

Program in Environmental Ethics

The two core research projects in this program are plant intellectual property (PIP) legislation, with particular emphasis on plant breeder's rights legislation, and genetically modified organisms (GMO). Andrew Alexandra, Jadran Lee and Mianna Lotz continued their work on the ARC Large Grant on plant variety rights. Alexandra gave a keynote address at a European Union sponsored international conference on plant intellectual property held in Angers, France. Alexandra was invited to contribute a paper on genetically modified animals to the *Australian*

Veterinary Journal, and with Jadran Lee, has also been working on the concept of animal welfare. Visiting Fellow, Professor Arthur Kuflik of University of Vermont, presented work on the topic of property rights in land and environmental degradation at seminars at LaTrobe, Melbourne and Charles Sturt Universities. Senior Research Fellow, Janna Thompson, continued to work on a range of topics in environmental ethics, including the heritage value of environment, and the idea of planetary citizenship. She has two forthcoming publications, "Environment as Heritage" in *Environmental Ethics* and "Planetary Citizenship: Defence of an Idea", a chapter in B. Gleeson (ed.) *Global Governance*. There were also publications by Adrian Walsh on genetically modified organisms.

Andrew Alexandra and Seumas Miller travelled to the UK and Thailand, to establish connections with colleagues at Sheffield and Naresuan Universities. As a result of these meetings, agreements were made regarding ongoing academic contact and collaboration between researchers at the three institutions on a comparative study of national responses to the international regulatory framework of plant intellectual property.

Program in Presuppositions of Public Morality: The Australian/Asian Context

An edited book entitled *Engaging China: Ethical Issues in Cross-Cultural Understanding in Business and Society* has been revised and submitted to Melbourne University Press for consideration. It discusses issues to do with both business ethics and matters of corruption. The book is divided into three sections: The Values debate, Cross-Cultural Understanding and the Business World, and Understanding Chinese Social Values. Authors include: Tony Coady, Chad Hansen, Seumas Miller, Gerhold K. Becker, Ip Po-Keung, Zhang Xiaoming, Zhao Dunhua, David Schak, John Hanafin and Barbara Hendrichske.

During 2000, CAPPE secured a three month Australia-China Council Fellowship for Zhang Xiaoming from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). He will pursue a project entitled Professional and Business Ethics in Australia. He will visit Melbourne and Canberra in 2001. This particular project is part of one that Zhang is currently conducting in China. The title of this project is Professional and Business Ethics in China: Current Developments. Zhang's work involves the cooperation of CAPPE, CASS, and major business and professional organisations in China, including multinationals.

Another major activity in this program was a workshop on Professional Ethics jointly held with the Program on Professional Ethics, and involving invited overseas participants from China, Hong Kong, and Germany.

John Hanafin was invited in November 2000 by the editor of the prestigious *The Journal of Chinese Philosophy* to guest edit a special edition on virtue ethics in Chinese philosophy to be completed and presented to the publishers by September 2001. The object was to investigate the relevance of traditional Chinese ethics for contemporary virtue ethics. John Hanafin is also writing a chapter for a book on New Confucianism edited by John Makeham of Adelaide University.

CAPPE is currently involved with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in a translation series into Chinese of important Western works on economic, business and professional ethics. The chief editors of the series are Tony Coady, Seumas Miller and Zhang Xiaoming. The executive editors are John Hanafin and Zhang Jiangang. Negotiations are currently being carried out with authors and publishers for translation rights.

In November 2000 CAPPE convened a workshop on the "Unity of the Virtues in Western and Chinese Philosophy". This was a reflection of the current interest in the function of virtues in applied ethics particularly on the notion of moral

exemplars or virtuous agents. Papers were given by Chinese, American and Australian scholars. They included Tony Coady, John Hanafin, Tan Sor Hoon, Chong Kim Chong, Ray Cassin, John Makeham, David Chan, Chin Liew Ten, Karyn Lai, Dean Cocking, Jeanette Kennett, and Arthur Kuflik.

In 2000, CAPPE was successful in gaining funding for a research project under the Melbourne University International Collaboration Research Grant Scheme. This will involve the participation of Gu Su of Nanjing University who, in conjunction with CAPPE researchers, will be conducting research from May to July 2001 on a comparative study of liberalism in China and the West.

[Program in Ethical Issues in Political Violence](#)

Coady spent three months at the start of 2000 on leave in Washington DC as a Senior Fellow of the United States Institute of Peace. There he worked on "The Ethics of Armed Humanitarian Intervention" and as a consequence of this has written a draft of 14,000 words for publication by the USIP as part of their *Peaceworks* publication series. Coady has also been commissioned to write a chapter on the ethics of armed humanitarian intervention for an edited book on Ethics and Foreign Intervention (forthcoming Cambridge University Press (UK)). Michael O'Keefe prepared a number of papers on aspects of Australia's defence forces and security, including for *Pacifica Review: Peace, Security and Global Change* (Oxford). And there have been a number of other publications including by Alexandra on pacifism, Barton on revenge, Coady on the ideal of peace, Miller on collective responsibility for armed intervention, and Walsh on mercenaries.

Coady has completed entries on "Dirty Hands" and on "Terrorism" for the international publication *Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Second Edition, eds. Laurence and Charlotte Becker,

Routledge, (forthcoming, 2001). Coady, Miller, O'Keefe were joint editors with Steve James (of the Criminology Department, University of Melbourne) of the book *Violence and Police Culture*, Melbourne University Press (2000). This book involved research on violence and dirty hands; Coady's and Alexandra's articles in the book were specifically on dirty hands issues.

Program in Computer Ethics

CAPPE was the main sponsor and organising body for AICE2000, the Second Australian Institute of Computer Ethics Conference held in Canberra October, 2000. AICE2000 was run in cooperation with the Australian Institute of Computer Ethics and was endorsed and financially supported by the Australian Computer Society.

Collaborative research has commenced with a number of research centres overseas and discussions are proceeding with others including The Research Center on Computing and Society (RCCS), Southern Connecticut State University and the Centre for Philosophy of Information and Communication Technology (FICT), Erasmus University, Rotterdam. John Weckert spent three weeks as a visiting research fellow at RCCS in 2000. Three CAPPE staff (Seumas Miller, Dean Cocking and John Weckert) visited FICT during 2000, and the FICT director, Jeroen van den Hoven, visited CAPPE and gave the keynote address at the AICE conference hosted by CAPPE (see above).

Members of the Computer Ethics Programme are actively involved with the Australian Computer Society (ACS). As previously mentioned, the ACS endorsed the AICE2000 conference, and is funding the resulting publication. The ACS also partially funded John Weckert to attend a meeting on Information Technology in Developing Countries, organised by the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP), held in Cape Town in 2000. He is also Chair of the Computer Ethics Taskforce of the Economic, Legal and Social Implications of Computers

Group, ACS.

The Computer Ethics Programme also has established relationships with another international group, the Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR). John Weckert was appointed a Member of the AoIR Research Ethics Working Group, which is developing policies and guidelines for research on the Internet. In 2000 John Weckert was also elected a Board member of the International Society for Ethics in Information Technology (INSEIT)

Andrew Alexandra gave a refereed paper on the ownership of academic texts and the internet at a computer ethics conference held at Dartmouth College, and Dean Cocking gave a paper at a computer ethics conference at Erasmus University. Dean Cocking and Steve Matthews' paper, "Unreal Friends", has been published by the international journal, *Ethics and Information Technology*.

John Weckert was invited to give the following presentations: "Future Directions in Computer Ethics" Australian Computer Society's *Information Technology in the New Millennium: The Information Outlook Conference* Canberra, November 2000; talk on ethical issues in quantum computing at the Horizons of Science Forum "Small things, big science: nanotechnology", November, 2000, Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo (Organised by UTS and the Department of Industry, Science and Resources). Weckert's talk was reported in *The Age* (27/11/00, p. 6), *Australian Innovation Magazine* (13/12/00, pp. 7-10), *The Sydney Morning Herald* (11/12/00, p. 13). David Ardagh gave an address, "Ethics, Empowerment and Education", at the 2000 National Vocational Education Research Conference held at Coffs Harbour.

The main project in the programme is Internet ethics. This research is progressing with the current emphasis on the issue of developing trust in the Internet. The research received a boost

when a \$100,000 tender by Seumas Miller, Peter Roberts and John Weckert to the Independent Commission Against Corruption for research on e-corruption was successful. Much of the conceptual work on trust has been completed, and now this will be related to practical questions of policies and practices on the Internet, and the relationship between trust, crime and corruption.

Research is being conducted by a research team comprising John Weckert, Jeremy Moss, Andrew Meyenn and Megan Laverty on ethical issues raised by the use of information technology in schools. A grant from Montclair State University in the US has been obtained to conduct a workshop at the University of Melbourne in late 2001.

Program in Ethics in the Professions

Dean Cocking completed his authored book on professional roles for Cambridge University Press. The book is due out in 2001. Other publications included: Margaret M. Coady *Research Ethics in Doing early childhood research: theory and process. An international perspective*, edited by Glenda MacNaughton, Sharne Rolfe and Iram Siraj-Blatchford to be published by Allen and Unwin; Andrew Alexandra and Seumas Miller's previously published paper on professional roles has been anthologised in an American collection.

An international workshop was held in July at the University of Melbourne. The workshop was entitled, Professional Ethics: Chinese and Western Philosophical Perspectives, and is part of an ARC Large Grant Project. Papers presented included: Margaret Coady, "The Nature of the Professions"; Chin-Liew Ten (National University of Singapore) "The Idea of a Professional"; Zhang Xiaoming and Qun Gong (Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences) "The Status of the Professions in China"; John Hanafin "The Ethics of Soldiering in the Chinese Tradition"; Seumas Miller "Authority in Australian Policing"; Mao Yu "Ethics and Police Practice in China"; Paul

Unschuld "Physicians and Pharmacists in China: The Heritage of Professionalisation and Medical ethics"; Gerhold Becker (Hong Kong Baptist University) "The Moral Basis of Medicine: Human Dignity and its Implications from a Western Perspective". Margaret Coady, Tony Coady, Dean Cocking and Jeanette Kennett gave invited addresses to a conference in Singapore in 2000 on Chinese and Western Perspectives on Ethics.

Another major activity of the Professional Ethics programme has been the establishing of a Graduate Certificate in Professional Ethics within the Philosophy Department at the University of Melbourne. This involves courses taught at Melbourne and at CSU. The first students have been enrolled in February 2001. Seumas Miller gave an invited address on teaching professional ethics, and Steve Curry presented a paper on moral dilemmas, both to the 2000 Conference of the American Association of Professional and Practical Ethics held in Washington DC, and Bernie Henderson delivered a paper at an international conference on Philosophy and Education in Utah, USA.

Program in Media Ethics

In this program a number of meetings were held with members of various media groups, and one result is that planning has commenced on a joint CAPPE/Fairfax international conference on media ethics to be held in Canberra in 2002.

In addition, there are a number of forthcoming publications including Seumas Miller's "Tabloid Journalism" and John Weckert's "Sexual Content in Films and Television" in the *Encyclopedia of Ethics in the Media and Politics*. And Ed Spence secured a contract with Prentice Hall, USA, to author a book on advertising ethics.

Ed Spence gave an address on philosophy and theatre at the 2000 Conference of the American Association of Professional and Practical Ethics held in Washington DC, and

a paper entitled, "Philosophy Plays", at the Australasian Aesthetics and Literature Society Conference at the University of Sydney, July 2000. Ed Spence has also continued to run his hugely successful Philosophy Nights at Steki Taverna in Newtown, Sydney. These nights of philosophy and theatre in a restaurant have been going for four years, and have been widely reported, including in the Higher Education Supplement of *The Australian*, as an important community outreach activity.

Program in Business Ethics

Work in the Business Ethics was for the most part joint work with projects in other program areas, including Computer Ethics, Ethics in the Professions, and Presuppositions of Public Morality: The Australian/Asian Context. The above mentioned Computer Ethics Conference had an important business ethics strand, as did the international workshop on professional ethics. And as mentioned above, CAPPE is currently involved with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in a translation series into Chinese of important Western works on economic and business ethics.

In 2000 Bruce Langtry completed an ARC small grant project on accountability by reading a paper on this topic as his Presidential Address to the AAPAE, and by publishing two papers, including "Accountability in Business" in the refereed journal *Interface*. There were a number of other publications in this program, including David Ardagh and Rob Macklin "Ethical Dilemmas for Human Resource Managers" *Executive Excellence*, and Seumas Miller and John Weckert "Privacy, the Workplace and the Internet" *Journal of Business Ethics*

Will Barrett is Convenor and Lecturer for the subject "Management and Society" in the postgraduate MBA course at the Swinburne Graduate School of Management, Swinburne University of Technology.

Program in Ethics of Reproductive Technology

In this program area there were a number of activities and outcomes.

Access to Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) programs by single and gay women has been much in the news in Victoria following Justice Sundberg's judgment in the Federal Court in *McBain v State of Victoria* [2000] FCA 1009. Loane Skene has written several articles on this case and its implications which have been or are being published (*Monash Bioethics Review*; Issues Paper, *Australian Institute of Health Law and Ethics*) and she has appeared many times on radio programs and at public meetings on this issue. Skene is also undertaking work on the use of genetic test information by life and disability insurers. She has a forthcoming article in *Medicine Today*. Skene also presented a CAPPE staff seminar on the ownership of stored tissue, and a conference paper at the University of Tasmania.

Leslie Cannold was: an invited speaker on abortion for Marie Stopes International, Australian office in St Kilda, Victoria, December 2000; an invited speaker on abortion service providers in November 2000 for Family Planning Association of New South Wales; and a Keynote Speaker at the New Zealand Abortion Providers Conference, November 2000 in Auckland. Neil Levy has had a number of articles accepted for publication including, "Reconsidering Cochlear Implants" in *Bioethics*.

Arthur Kuflik and Tony Coady gave papers at the Third Menzies Scholars Symposium, "Human Genome Research: how Far Should We Go? The Post Genomic World" convened by the Menzies Foundation in association with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute in Melbourne in November 2000.

Margaret M. Coady's invited paper, "The Welfare and Interests of the Child", was read at the

Seminar on Welfare and Interests of Persons Born as a Result Of Assisted Reproduction in July 2000. Proceedings of this seminar will be published by the Infertility Treatment Authority, a statutory authority set up under Victorian legislation.

Program in Public Sector Ethics

Tony Coady's edited volume, *Why Universities Matter?* (Allen & Unwin) was published in 2000. It consisted of a number of essays by prominent philosophers and practitioners including Bruce Langtry, Ray Gaita, Stuart Macintyre, Janet McCalman, Simon Marginson, Seumas Miller and Peter Karmel on ethical issues concerning an important public sector institution in Australia, namely, the university. Ed Spence gave an address, "The Ring of Corruption", at the Annual Conference of the Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics in Brisbane, October, 2000.

Work has just commenced by Peter Roberts, Anna Corbo-Crehan, Michael O'Keefe and Tracey Green (Director, Centre for Investigative Studies and Crime Reduction at Goulburn) on a two year research project (jointly with the Police Ethics Program) which will assess the effectiveness of the Employee Management arrangements in the NSW Police Service, with a particular focus upon the handling of complaints against police. The project is being undertaken by a partnership between the NSW Police Association and CAPPE, Charles Sturt University with assistance from the NSW Ombudsman and the NSW Police Service. CAPPE has agreed in principle to participate in the National Integrity Systems Audit project being sponsored by Transparency International. CAPPE's involvement will be to build upon the work done by the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance at Griffith University by assessing the effectiveness of national integrity mechanisms. CAPPE researchers here include Peter Roberts, Irene Blonder, Edward Spence and Seumas Miller.

In a continuing program of raising awareness about CAPPE, Seumas Miller and Peter Roberts have been meeting with key public sector agencies in Canberra. Those meetings have resulted in strong interest in engaging CAPPE from the ACT Public Sector and the Commonwealth Department of Finance and Administration. Meetings have also been held with the Commonwealth Ombudsman, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Health and Aged Care, the Department of Defence and the Australian National Audit Office. In 2000 CAPPE was engaged to conduct short public sector ethics workshops for the ACT Alcohol and Drug Unit, the Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Greater Murray Area Health Service.

Seumas Miller, Peter Roberts and Ed Spence have signed a contract with Prentice-Hall, USA, to author a book on corruption.



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INCOME

ARC	1,003,786
Charles Sturt University committed cash contribution	117,542
Charles Sturt University other cash contributions	9,078
University of Melbourne committed cash contribution	150,000
University of Melbourne other cash contributions	85,919
Other Grants	138,318
Miscellaneous	16,864
Total	1,521,507
EXPENDITURE	
Salaries and salary related	415,378
Equipment	68,577
Travel	102,997
Consumables	4,332
Other Expenditure	160,534
Total	751,818
Balance brought forward from 1999	53,997
Balance as at 31 December 2000	823,686

ARC SRC Grant

INCOME	
ARC	1,003,786
Total	1,003,786
EXPENDITURE	
Salaries and salary related	256,934
Equipment	32,340
Travel	94,792
Consumables	4,332
Other Expenditure	132,841
Total	521,239
Balance brought forward from 1999 ¹	47,807
Balance as at 31 December 2000	530,354

¹-\$22,165 from old CSU centre and +\$69,972 from old UM centre and Symposium