The brand new Faculty Academy for the Scholarship of Education (FASE) is delighted to present a series of lunchtime seminars with the aim of disseminating good practice in education across the Faculty.

Women In Engineering: Engineering Education and the Working Life of Female Engineers

Tuesday 16th November 2010
12.00pm – 1.30pm
Room G.11, Engineering - Civil and Mechanical Building

“None of the engineers interviewed had any doubts about the adequacy of their initial degree in terms of preparing them with the necessary skills for the technical work. However many engineers, and most particularly the women, did look for more understanding of the politics of the workplace and the development of strategies in order to position themselves more effectively and comfortably as colleagues. Several of the women saw their male colleagues as able to ‘naturally’ understand how to get on in work teams and to make themselves heard in meetings whereas their own experience was frequently frustrating”.


This lunchtime seminar will be led by
Sally Male
Sally is working on the Engineering Thresholds Project at The University of Western Australia. She is the Western Australian Convener of the Women in Science Enquiry Network. Previously, Sally was the Western Australian Representative for the National Women in Engineering Committee of IE Australia, as well as the Manager of Curtin’s Women in Computing and Engineering Project. Sally’s papers on women in engineering include ‘Think Engineer, Think Male?’ (European Journal of Engineering Education, 34 (5): 455-464, 2009).

Panel Members
Nadlele Brooks - Graduated with a Civil and Environmental Engineering degree from The University of Technology, Sydney in 2000. She is currently the Indigenous Water Services Program Manager in the Western Australia Department of Water.

Suzanne Brown - Has a Civil Engineering degree from The University of Western Australia and a Master’s degree in Environmental Impact Assessment from Murdoch University. She is currently Manager of the Environment Branch of the Water Corporation and is also Chair of the Water Corporation’s Women of Water Committee.

Melissa Marinelli - Is the Chair of the Western Australian Division of Women in Engineering. She has a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering and a Graduate Diploma of Oil and Gas Engineering from The University of Western Australia. After working in the oil and gas industry, she is now completing a PhD at the Maureen Bickley Centre for Women in Leadership at the Curtin Graduate School of Business.

Lidia Rabbone - Is an Electrical Engineer and a graduate of The University of Western Australia. She is currently working at SKM where she applies her knowledge on control systems, automation, SCADA and communications to the power industry.

Notes for participants
Numbers are limited so please register your attendance to Dr Rita Armstrong on 6488 3137 or by email at rita.armstrong@uwa.edu.au. Registration confirms your attendance at the seminars. You must provide a minimum of two days notice for cancellation.

Registration deadline
Friday, 12th November 2010