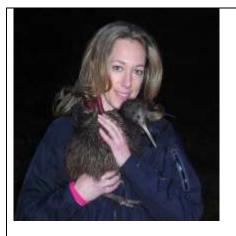




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Helen Blackie

Lincoln University

Helen Blackie is the Associate Director of the Centre for Wildlife Management and Conservation at Lincoln University. Her research is focused on developing novel technologies for wildlife management and conservation purposes, and includes the coordination and management of nationwide research programmes and teams of experts in engineering, creative design, animal behaviour and industry partners.

Helen is a graduate of Auckland University where she completed her BSc, MSc and PhD. She worked for the Department of Conservation for several years before moving to Christchurch and starting her research at Lincoln University. In 2010 she helped establish the Centre for Wildlife Management and Conservation of which she was made Associate Director.

She is involved in promoting science and conservation through her continuing work with Forest and Bird, the Department of Conservation and several community trust groups. She is a member of the Wildlife Society (USA), the Australasian Wildlife Management Society and is a member of Lincoln University Research Strategy Group.

In her spare time Helen competes at trial running and horse-riding. She is also a keen gardener and enjoys good food and wine.

Elaine Rush

AUT University

Elaine Rush, Professor of Nutrition at AUT University has research expertise in the areas of body composition, physiology, energy expenditure, physical activity, nutrition and lifecourse health. Her research projects include Project Energize, a through-school physical activity and nutrition programme in the Waikato, the health and growth of children whose mothers had gestational diabetes, the longitudinal Pacific Island Families study and longitudinal studies in India. She supervises a number of PhD and Masters students.

Elaine also serves on the Councils of a number of nutrition and obesity organisations and is the New Zealand representative for the International Association for the Study of Obesity, IASO. She has been an expert consultant for the World Health Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency in Nutrition and Health. She is scientific director of the NZ Nutrition Foundation.

Elaine is married with 2 sons, a daughter-in-law and an 18 month granddaughter. She enjoys walking and talking, gardening, and reading. Her addictions include Sudoku and a "good" cup of coffee in the morning.



Sonia Mazey

Canterbury University

I am the Associate Dean and Academic Manager of the College of Business & Economics at the University of Canterbury. The role is both strategic and operational. As a member of the College Executive, I am centrally involved in strategic planning and decision-making within the College. In addition, I have overall responsibility for managing academic administration and student-related matters within the College. I have been in this post for 3 years, having moved to New Zealand with my husband and two daughters in January 2008. Prior to this, I held senior academic and administrative posts for several years at the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford in the UK.

In my spare time I enjoy gardening, walking, DIY and reading.



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Renée Boyer-Willisson

Waikato University

I started at the University of Waikato on a fixed-term contract in June 2009, and was permanently appointed to the Academic Administration team (within the Student and Academic Services Division) later that year. I was promoted to Manager, Academic Administration in July 2011 and have also been the elected general staff representative on the University of Waikato Council since January 2011.

I was born in Auckland, and did my undergraduate study (in Theatre Studies and English) at the University of Otago. One year after graduation I moved to the UK where I lived, worked and (briefly) studied for almost seven years, including two years as programme administrator at Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts. My husband and I decided to return to New Zealand after the birth of our daughter in 2008, and we now live in beautiful Raglan.

Outside of work I particularly enjoy writing, reading and acting, and have achieved some success with short plays and in writing for children. I am currently finishing my last paper towards a Graduate Diploma in Writing Studies, and hope to commence my Master of Arts in 2013.

Jo Smith

Victoria University of Wellington

Jo Smith (Kāi Tahu, Kāti Māmoe and Waitaha) is Senior Lecturer and Programme Director in the Media Studies Programme at Victoria University of Wellington. Her research examines the socio-political power of media technologies with a primary focus on how colonial histories inform contemporary media practices. Her home discipline is Film and Media studies; however, she researches across three interrelated fields (Indigenous, Postcolonial, and Settler Colonial Studies) to ask new questions about the ways in which media technologies, institutions and aesthetic practices help shape notions of identity, nationhood and community.

Jo is a graduate of Otago University graduating with a PhD in 2002. After two years as a lecturer in the Film and Media Studies department at Otago, Jo took up a lectureship at the University of Auckland and worked for four years in the Film, Television and Media Studies department. In 2007 she moved to Wellington to take up a lectureship at the Media Studies programme at Victoria. Recent research projects include a 2008-2009 Fast Start Marsden project on post-2004 New Zealand media and a 2012-2014 Standard Marsden project on Māori Television.

In her free time Jo likes to mountain bike, surf and play music.

