

Notes on Contributors

Taha Chaiechi

Taha Chaiechi completed her PhD in Economics in 2009 at the University of Newcastle during which time she developed substantial expertise in econometric techniques specifically shock-response modelling. Taha joined James Cook University in 2009 and continues to serve in discipline of Economics- School of Business as a senior lecturer while also active in research. With her background in applied economics, econometrics and modelling, Taha, has considerable skill at systematically modelling dynamic relationships between economic, environmental, and / or social variables.

Phillemon Chigeza

Dr Phillemon Chigeza is broadly interested in representation and systems of representation in mathematics education in physical, blended and virtual learning spaces. Phillemon's earlier research focused on developing capacity building pedagogies that affirm students' lived languages, experiences and knowledge in their learning. His work explores the notion of agency and students' negotiation of language and culture in mathematics and science classrooms. Much of his present research is focused on emerging technology-based curriculum innovation designed to enhance engagement and learning, particularly for blended and virtual spaces.

Susan Ciccotosto

Discipline of Accounting, School of Business, James Cook University, Cairns Campus. Susan Ciccotosto undertook her undergraduate programme at James Cook University's Cairns Campus, studying a combined degree in Commerce and Computing, graduating in 2003. Her studies continued when she undertook her Honours in Commerce. Her thesis considered how small corner stores understood and accounted for the Goods and Services Tax. Sue has received a Faculty Medal for Excellence in Honours from the Law, Business and Creative Arts Faculty; an Honours Scholarship; and a PhD Australian Postgraduate Award Scholarship. Sue continues her interest in how individuals perceive accounting numbers.

Shaneen Fantin

Dr Shaneen Fantin is a Designer, Thinker and Writer. She is Director of POD (People Oriented Design) – a multi-disciplinary architecture, design, research and community engagement practice based in Cairns. Shaneen is also the Chair of the FNQ committee for the Australian Institute of Architects and is an Adjunct Associate Professor at James Cook University. Shaneen has spent much of the last twenty years working in remote and regional areas with multi-cultural clients and she has a penchant for observing how people use space and create home in the places they live.

GudjGudj Fourmile

Seith Fourmile. Director of Abiculture and Indigenous Construction and Training Company, Cairns. Seith is a leader of the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji Clan. He is an artist, electrician, educator, project manager, design manager and Director of two companies: Abiculture, a company developed to make bush foods more accessible to local people, and Indigenous Construction and Training Company (ICTC), a project management, construction and training company.

Heron Loban

Heron is a Torres Strait Islander woman and Senior Lecturer in the School of Law at James Cook University, Cairns. Her research interests are consumer law and communications law. Heron's Loban's current research includes assisting Professor Chris Cunneen, a Tropical Leader at JCU, with a project to evaluate the Remote JP Magistrates Courts, after being successful in winning a tender with the Department of Justice and Attorney-General. She is also the recipient of a 2011 Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues Research grants looking into the regulation of "book up / book down" and its impact on Torres Strait Islander people. She has recently been appointed a member of the 2011–12 Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee, instituted by the Australian Communications and Media Authority to review telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia.

Felecia Watkin Lui

Dr Felecia Watkin Lui is a Torres Strait Islander woman with ancestral and family links to Erub, Mabuiag and Badu in the Torres Strait. She is a Senior Lecturer and Director of Research Education, Australian Indigenous Studies at JCU. As the Director of Research Education, Felecia is responsible for the Indigenous Studies postgraduate program. In 2009, the program won an award in teaching excellence from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (now OLT). In the same year, Felecia was awarded JCU's Supervisor of the Year (Early Career Supervisor); and the Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence. She is currently the Principal Investigator of an ARC Indigenous Discovery Project which will bring together researchers and Indigenous community members to develop a collaborative framework for measuring research benefit.

Noela McNamara

Noela McNamara completed a Masters of Indigenous Studies by research at James Cook University, Cairns and is now undertaking a PhD. Her research field is literature and its potential to impact on cross-cultural relations at the interface of Australian society. Current research investigates how Indigenous writers use the literary imagination to focus on transgenerational memories of trauma and success to respond to and repel social and physical displacement. Her poetic memoir *Echoes of the Past* was published in 2011, poetry and short stories appear in several Tropical Writer Anthologies, and book reviews appear in literary journals LINQ, and Otherland.

N. Neuendorf

Nalisa Neuendorf, BSoSc Honours (Graduate). Nalisa is currently undertaking an Honours degree at James Cook University, in the field of Social Sciences and Anthropology. Her thesis will report original research, focused on the understandings and implications of PNG-expatriate interactions in PNG, her country of birth. As an early career researcher, a major motivation for her is to provide a PNG voice in research practice and support appropriate research outcomes specific and beneficial to the people of PNG.

Linda Wainmarie Nikora

Linda Wainmarie Nikora is an Associate Professor in Psychology at the University of Waikato, New Zealand. Linda's training is primarily in social, community, cross-cultural, ethno and indigenous psychology. She has taught at the University of Waikato in all of these areas since 1989. She also designed and taught four courses in Maori development, initiated an innovative and successful Maori student academic support system and established the Maori & Psychology Research Unit. Her research interests are in the area of Maori development and how psychology can contribute to Maori survival, Maori uniqueness, and an improved legacy for future generations. Projects over the last 3 years include, Tangi : Maori ways of mourning, traditional body modification; ethnic status as a stressor; Maori identity development; cultural safety and competence; Maori mental health and recovery; social and economic determinants of health; homelessness; relational health; and social connectedness.

Josephine Price

Discipline of Human Resources, School of Business, James Cook University, Cairns Campus. Josephine (Jo) Pryce has a PhD in Organisational Behaviour. Her PhD extended understanding of service predispositions and organisational culture to address the construct of occupational culture. This notion has driven her interest in the idea of 'developing professionals' and consideration of how to bridge the gap from learner to practitioner. In particular, Jo is undertaking work which examines the nexus between student and Human Resource Management Professional. Jo continues to pursue her interest in the working lives of people with the focus now shifting from people working in service industries to the quality of worklife for workers more broadly, e.g. FIFO workers, tradespeople, and youth. Through this, Jo feels that she can contribute to sustained labour markets in the region and beyond. Jo is a committee member of the local AHRI (Australian Human Resources Institute) committee; and, Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service (CRDVS), currently serving as Secretary. Jo has substantial business and management experience, with her portfolio including management of a post office on an RAAF base for nearly five years. Jo turned that business from a non-profitable one into a thriving enterprise that was a focal hub for that Defence Force community. In addition, Jo has over ten years' experience working in the hospitality industry, especially in the Tropical region of Far North Queensland.

Valda Wallace

Valda Wallace is an Aboriginal woman from the Gugu Badhun Traditional Owner group of the land of the upper Burdekin River of north Queensland. She is a Lecturer with the Australian Indigenous Studies at JCU and lectures in the undergraduate and postgraduate Indigenous Australian Studies program. For the past 6 years Valda has coordinated the Tertiary Access Course and is currently a Chief Investigator on an ARC Grant and an NH&MRC Grant.

Hilary Whitehouse

Associate Professor Hilary Whitehouse is an environmental educator and science educator with a strong commitment to research. She has had a long career in education, working in Australia and overseas. She lives in Cairns because she loves rainforests and reefs. Dr Whitehouse's hobby is tropical gardening and she works with schools to facilitate learning discussions on sustainability and climate change, as well as volunteering her expertise on frogscapeing.
