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Vice Chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne | Curtin University



Originally from the United States, Professor Hayne received a BA from Colorado College and a MS and PhD from Rutgers University before spending three years as a post-doctoral fellow at Princeton. Professor Hayne has enjoyed an outstanding career in higher education leadership and academia, most recently serving 10 years as Vice-Chancellor of Otago University in New Zealand. Professor Hayne is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and of the Association for Psychological Science. In 2009 she was awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to scientific and medical research.

Kylie Percival | University Librarian | Curtin University



Kylie Percival joined Curtin in 2022 as University Librarian, leading the opening of the newly refurbished TL Robertson Library. Her most recent roles were with the University of Adelaide as Associate University Librarian of Academic Engagement, and Manager, Library Archives and Recordkeeping. Kylie was President of the Australian Society of Archivists (ASA) National Council from 2012-2016 and was presented with the Distinguished Achievement Award by the ASA in 2016.

Dr Katherine Firth | University of Melbourne



Dr Katherine Firth has been developing research writers for over 15 years. A co-founder of the award-winning Thesis Bootcamp program, she maintains a writing blog, *Research Degree Insiders*. She is co-author of the books *How to Fix your Academic Writing Trouble* (Open University Press 2018), *Your PhD Survival Guide* (Routledge 2020) and *Level Up your Essays* (New South 2021). Her next book is *Writing Well and Being Well for Your PhD and Beyond*, coming out with Routledge in September 2023.

Associate Professor Nick Timms | School of Earth & Planetary Sciences | Faculty of Science & Engineering



Nick joined Curtin as an Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage International Postdoctoral Fellow in 2004 and was part of an ARC Discovery Project investigating the effects of deformation on the geochemistry of accessory phases. Nick was project leader for the geology of the Perth Basin as part of the WA Geothermal Centre of Excellence (2010-2012). Prior to his arrival at Curtin, Nick held a Royal Academy of Engineering Fellowship in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Liverpool. He received an Honours degree in Geology from the University of Liverpool (1997) and a PhD in Geology from James Cook University (2002).

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Professor Julia Richardson | School of Management and Marketing | Faculty of Business & Law



Professor Richardson is the Head of School of Management and Marketing at Curtin. She is an internationally recognised expert in Careers and Human Resources Management and former chair of the Careers Division of the Academy of Management. She has enjoyed a global career in both the private and public sectors in the UK, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, New Zealand, and Canada. Professor Richardson is a member of the New Zealand Expert Business Performance Panel working with the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, and Associate Editor of two top tier academic journals. She has won multiple awards for her research and teaching.

Dr Kristen Seaman | Psychological and Counselling Services | Curtin University



Dr Kristen Seaman is a clinical psychologist at the Curtin University Psychological and Counselling Service, and previous PhD student at Curtin. She is passionate about helping people resolve their problems, identify their strengths, and develop skills to face future challenges. Given her own experience with a PhD, Kristen also has an interest in supporting HDR students and runs the PhD Support Group at Curtin University.

Hugh Kearns | Flinders University | iThinkWell



Hugh Kearns is recognised internationally as a public speaker, educator, and researcher. His areas of expertise include self-management, positive psychology, work-life balance, learning and creativity. He has coached individuals, teams, and executives in both the public and private sectors. Hugh lectures and conducts research at Flinders University. As a co-author with Maria Gardiner, he has published twelve books which are in high demand both in Australia and internationally and has had several articles published in the prestigious journal *Nature*.

Professor Loleen Berdahl | University of Saskatchewan



Loleen Berdahl is Professor of Political Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. She is the Executive Director of the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy and the former Head of Political Studies. After completing her PhD, she worked for ten years in the non-profit sector, returning to academia in 2008. Her most recent books include *Work Your Career: Get What You Want from Your Social Sciences or Humanities PhD* (with Jonathan Malloy). Loleen is also the author of University Affairs' *Skills Agenda* column and the popular Substack blog *Academia Made Easier*, which provides tips for teaching, productivity, and work-life balance in academia.

Dr Andrew Cameron | Student Assist | Curtin University

Andrew Cameron is a writer and academic at Curtin, where he lectures in Genre Fiction and Travel Writing. He also works at Student Assist, a free support and advocacy service on campus. This service is unbiased and confidential and independent of Curtin University, as it is run by Curtin Student Guild. It offers confidential advice related to academic, financial, and personal matters.