

### Dr Franca Jones – Director of Graduate Research



Dr Franca Jones did her undergraduate degree at the University of Sydney (with honours) before completing her PhD studies at the then Curtin University of Technology in collaboration with the AJ Parker Cooperative Research Centre for Hydrometallurgy.

After graduating she undertook a two-year postdoctoral stint at the Max Plank Institute for Colloids and Interfaces in Potsdam Germany before returning to Australia. She is currently at Curtin University working as a senior lecturer, researcher and the Director of Graduate Research for the school of Molecular and Life Sciences.

### Jonathan O'Donnell – The Research Whisperer



Jonathan helps people get funding for their research. To be specific, he helps the people in the Faculty of Science at the University of Melbourne in Australia (all opinions are his own). He has been doing that, on and off, since the 1990's (with varying degrees of success). He loves his job.

He loves it so much that he has enrolled in a PhD to look at crowdfunding for research. With Tseen Khoo, he runs the [Research Whisperer blog](#) and [@ResearchWhisper Twitter stream](#), about doing research in academia. His ORCID is [0000-0001-5435-235X](#).

### Associate Professor Susanna Castleden - Deputy Dean of Graduate Research (MCASI)

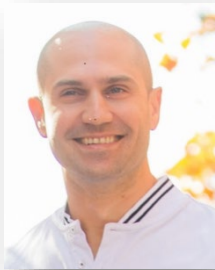


Susanna has a keen interest in supporting Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students and has been the Director of Graduate Research in the School of Media, Creative Arts and Social Inquiry (MCASI) for the past 2 years. She recently took on the role of Deputy Dean of Graduate Research in the Faculty of Humanities.

Susanna was awarded the Curtin University Galerie Dusseldorf Post Graduate Scholarship in 2003 and since that time has participated in many national exhibitions and has held four solo exhibitions.

Her work is included in many collections including the National Gallery of Australia, Art Gallery of WA, ArtBank, Bankwest, Royal Perth Hospital, Cruthers Collection, Kerry Stokes Collection and the City of Fremantle.

### Professor Daniel Gucciardi



Daniel is a Professor in the Curtin School of Allied Health. His research interests are in applied psychology with a particular focus on personal and contextual factors related to high performance, health behaviours and well-being in contexts such as sport, education and the workplace. Within this broad spectrum of research, Daniel is currently involved in several projects that lie broadly within the research fields of resilience, stress, and behaviour change.

Some of his research is currently supported by The Department of Defence, Government of WA (Defence Science Centre), and the Australian Research Council. Daniel currently serves as an Associate Editor for *International Review of Sport and Exercise Psychology*, and sits on the editorial boards of two other international journals (*Psychology of Sport and Exercise*; *Sport, Exercise and Performance Psychology*). You can follow Daniel's Twitter account (@DanielGucciardi) for news and information related to his research and areas of interest.

### Dr Andrew Cameron – Student Assist Officer

Dr Andrew Cameron is a Student Assist Officer at the Curtin Student Guild who specialises in postgraduate cases. He completed a PhD in Creative Writing in 2013, which gave him first-hand experience of the challenges and opportunities of postgraduate study. After serving as Curtin's postgraduate student president in 2012, he joined the Student Assist team and has been working there ever since.

### Associate Professor Narelle Lemon – The Wellbeing Whisperer



Associate Professor Narelle Lemon is an internationally recognised researcher in education and initial teacher education.

She is currently Associate Dean (Education) in the School of Social Sciences, Media, Film and Education at Swinburne University of Technology, leading the learning and teaching portfolio across 4 departments and 2 research centres.

Her particular research expertise and interest relate to fostering wellbeing literacy in K-12 teachers, preservice teachers, and higher degree research students and academics in the higher education sector. Narelle tweets and grams as @rellypops, blogs as the **Wellbeing Whisperer**, and can be found on Apple and Spotify with her various podcasts.

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## Thesis Fest 2022: Speaker Profiles

### Professor Julia Richardson – Head of School – Management and Marketing



Professor Julia Richardson 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 and Employment. She is an Associate Editor of two top tier academic journals. She has also won multiple awards for her research and teaching.

### Professor Amanda Salis - Writing



Amanda is a Senior Research Fellow, School of Human Sciences at the University of Western Australia. Professor Amanda Salis is a full-time researcher funded by a National Health and Medical Research Council fellowship.

She has a PhD from the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and leads a research team that aims to help people to attain and maintain an optimum body weight and composition.

She has over 175 publications in peer-reviewed research journals, and is the author of two full-length books for the general public.