Hugh Logan

Hugh recently decided to return to University and undertake study for a PhD. He chose the Department of Environmental Management at Lincoln because he wanted to study at an institution that had connections to environmental management and land based issues. His thesis, entitled “Servants, stewards or slaves? How do forces within government influence the effectiveness of New Zealand's environmental agencies?”, seeks to explore the multitude of internal factors that affect environmental management practices in this country.

Hugh will be examining a suite of environmental issues and investigating how they have fared over time. Policies are shaped by wider forces in society and worked on through political processes. The very nature of the political system, however, means there are forces within government itself which have their own effect. The intention of this study is to illuminate the effect of these internal forces in order to help the formulation of successful environmental policy and action in the future. On a personal level, Hugh hopes that his research will also give him an opportunity to reflect on his experience in public environmental management and, more importantly, to measure this against the large body of theory and literature.

Ann studies natural resource politics; more specifically, she studies the politics, law, and administration of publicly-held natural resources. At present she is working on a project focused on the comparative politics of state-owned land in the United States, New Zealand, and Australia. Together with a property law lecturer at the University of New Zealand, Australia, she has co-authored a recent paper called “The Cowboy, the Southern Man, and the Man from Snowy River: the symbolic politics of property in the US, NZ, and Australia”. Ann is also researching the politics of property law reform in China with a property law lecturer at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China.

Before moving to New Zealand Ann studied at a number of universities in the United States. She completed a Bachelors of Arts in political science and French literature at Pomona College; a Masters of Forest Science at Yale University; a Masters of Arts in political science at the University of California, Berkeley; and a PhD in environmental science, policy and management, also at Berkeley. Ann came to New Zealand on a Fulbright grant to undertake post-doctoral research on the law, politics, and economics of New Zealand South Island high country tenure review. Despite her extensive academic experience Ann maintains that her best jobs have been next to the water: first lifeguarding at Eastwood Lake in North Carolina and then as swim coach for the Strawberry Canyon Aquatic Masters team in Berkeley, California.