

Staff Profiles

This issue we welcome the following new staff members who are involved in the Environmental Management and Planning fields to the Faculty of Environment, Society and Design.

Dr Shannon Page



Dr Shannon Page is a new lecturer in the Department of Environmental Management. This will be his first year as the examiner for ERST 368 – Energy, Transport and Environment. Dr Page obtained a B.Sc.(Hons) in Physics, and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Canterbury. His PhD topic was on hydrogen fuel cells for backup power systems, and he spent most of his time in industry, as well as a 9

month research period at the University of California at Irvine. After completing his PhD, Dr Page worked at the University of Canterbury on various energy related research projects, such as: analysis of carbon dioxide capture and storage for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the promise of the hydrogen economy, renewable electricity systems, transport fuel consumption, and urban resilience to fuel constraints.

Broadly speaking, Dr Page's research has been focused around energy services demanded by society, and how these demands can fit within renewable energy supplies. He has a particular interest in the energy consumption of different transportation systems, renewable electricity generation, and demand side management of electricity consumption. Currently Dr Page is researching issues with New Zealand's electricity system as renewable generation is increased, in particular, how electricity demands can be changed to fit within an increasingly variable supply. Two weeks into his new job at Lincoln University Dr Page shares that he is thoroughly enjoying it so far. Born and raised in Christchurch, Dr Page is currently living in Addington which he finds very handy to the hills for road biking and the park for running. He enjoys competing in the occasional biking and/or running race, and has already signed on to the Lincoln University team for the city to surf.

Dr Simon Lambert



Dr Lambert is a lecturer in Maori Environmental Planning and Development. This year he will be teaching three courses: MAST 206, 319, and 603. Dr Lambert has a Canterbury University Bachelor degree in Geography, where he also achieved a First Class Honours Masters with his thesis titled 'The Assessment of Pacific Island Environmental Vulnerability'. In 2007 he attended Manaaki Whenua/Otago University for a

Te Tipu Pūtaiao Fellowship before attending Lincoln University in 2008. At Lincoln he completed his PhD in Economic Geography, with his thesis 'The Expansion of Sustainability through New Economic Space: Māori Potatoes and Cultural Resilience'. Dr Lambert's main research interests are focused around indigenous economies, Maori agribusiness, water governance, technological innovation; customary fisheries and well-being, cultural diplomacy. He has just registered the domain name www.reindigenisinghumanity.org as an e-space for some ideas that several of us here at Lincoln and in Canada (Trent and Guelph) and the US (UC Davis) have been musing over. Currently the link is only a name and not fully operational as yet, but something worth keeping an eye on. Essentially these ideas are:

- seeking the re-establishment of a holistic interpretation of life processes;
- re-focusing of our relationships with each other and our surrounding lifeworlds to bring about this change;
- supporting like-minded individuals and communities to the practical implementation of what we learn.

Dr Lambert is married with 3 children and has recently moved to Leeston. He enjoys a Pale Ale, believes in family values and that everyone needs a big project to keep themselves occupied.

Dr. Ronlyn Duncan



Dr. Ronlyn Duncan is a lecturer in Water Management and is the new examiner for ERST 203 Environmental Monitoring and Resource Assessment and ERST 311 Monitoring and Management of River Systems. She completed her PhD in Environmental Studies from the University of Tasmania after receiving a Bachelor of Science majoring in Geographical Ecology as well as a Bachelor of Arts

majoring in Science & Technology Studies with a First Class Honours in Science & Technology Studies from the University of New South Wales.

Formerly an Associate Lecturer at the University of Tasmania in the School of Geography and Environmental Studies Dr. Duncan spent five years teaching environmental management and human geography. Her main research interests include the role of science in socio-ecological decision-making, collaborative water management and the development of knowledge governance models for water policy and management. Before moving from Tasmania to Christchurch to take up her new role at Lincoln University, Dr. Ronlyn Duncan was working on a research collaboration funded by the Australian Govern-

ment's Sustainable Tourism Co-operative Research Centre. The project involved a number of universities from across Australia and brought together the disciplines of economics, public policy, human geography and ecology as well as a range of water management, tourism and recreation stakeholders. They developed a research agenda for Australia's tourism and recreation sectors in the context of a water-constrained economy. This project has culminated in a book to be published by Resources for the Future Press in May this year- Water Policy, Tourism and Recreation: Lessons from Australia, edited by Lin Crase and Sue O'Keefe.

Ronlyn is currently working on settling into Lincoln University after arriving in New Zealand in February. She enjoys taking the time to grow her own food, then cooking it and eating it with New Zealand's wonderful white wines.
