

Staff Profiles

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A number of contract and adjunct lecturers are currently working in the Department of Environmental Management at Lincoln University. Four of these staff members are integral to the delivery of planning-related courses; we have therefore included a profile of each of them in this issue.

JEAN DRAGE



Jean Drage teaches postgraduate students in Advanced Urban, Regional and Resource Planning, working alongside Karen Johnston.

Jean studied at Victoria University in Wellington, her postgraduate work focusing on aspects of local government and politics. She

completed her Masters with Distinction in Politics in 1996, and her Doctorate in 2004. A subsequent Henry Lang Fellowship resulted in this research being published by the Institute of Policy Studies in Wellington.

Jean's ongoing research, including some United Nations-led projects, have enabled her to work with people from around the world, particularly on projects associated with women in local government. She has also edited several books on aspects of local government. More recently, Jean spent three years working for the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority, with a brief secondment to the Christchurch City Council working on aspects of the recovery process. Today, Jean's research interests mainly focus on the impact that local government restructuring has on political representation and local democracy. She is currently coordinating a new book on New Zealand's local government, which will provide information on how local government works and the major issues of today given the changes of the last few decades.

In her spare time, Jean enjoys her two grandchildren and her two little Westies (Jesse and Skye) who make sure she gets plenty of exercise.

KAREN JOHNSTON



Karen Johnston teaches Advanced Urban, Regional and Resource Planning at postgraduate level.

Karen earned her Masters in Regional and Resource Planning from the University of Otago in 1985. Subsequently, she worked at the Palmerston North City Council where

she held a number of positions, starting as a research planning officer before moving on to become the policy manager and later a project manager.

In 1998, Karen decided to take a year off to travel through Asia, the Middle East, and the United Kingdom. Upon returning, she established her own consultancy in Dunedin, which she now operates from Christchurch. Karen focuses on research and policy work for a wide variety of clients in local and central government, as well as the education and community sectors.

More recently, Karen decided to embark full-time on a PhD to extend her research skills. In 2014, she completed a Doctorate in Resource and Environmental Planning at Massey University. Her main research interests are in local government planning, decision-making and politics. Other than her business and

teaching, Karen is also currently preparing a number of journal articles based on her PhD research, focusing on post-politics, planning under the Resource Management Act, urban revitalisation, young people and the night-time economy, and local governance and gender. One of her teaching goals is to produce planning graduates who think and act critically, and who become reflective life-long learners.

HUGH LOGAN



Hugh Logan is teaching two postgraduate courses in the Department of Environmental Management: Environmental Public Policy, and Integrated Environment Management. He is also teaching two third-year landscape

Design and Planning, and Landscape Assessment and Planning.

Hugh completed his Masters with first class honours in History from the University of Canterbury in 1978. More recently, he completed a PhD in Environmental Public Policy at Lincoln University in 2013. In addition, Hugh has also undertaken a wide range of management studies with organisations in New Zealand, and at Templeton College Oxford.

Hugh has had a long career in the New Zealand public service, mainly in the field of natural resource management. He headed the Department of Conservation for nine years, the Ministry for the Environment for two years and the New Zealand Antarctic Programme (now Antarctica New Zealand) for four years. He is currently serving on a number of committees/groups dealing with environmental research and nature conservation issues, including the Environment Canterbury Regional Water Management Committee. Hugh's research focuses primarily on the formation and implementation of environmental public policy and nature conservation management.

Hugh is an outdoor recreation enthusiast, especially alpine climbing, ski mountaineering, and rock climbing. He is currently the President of the Canterbury

Mountaineering Club. Hugh also researches and writes about New Zealand mountaineering history.

NICK TAYLOR



Nick Taylor teaches postgraduate students in Principles of Environmental Impact Assessment.

Nick completed a Masters in Resource Management from Lincoln University in 1975, and a PhD in Sociology from the University of

Canterbury in 1981. He was a Senior Research Officer at the Centre for Resource Management at Lincoln University in the 1980s, before going into private practice.

Nick's main research areas involve social impact assessment, natural resource management, rural development, rural tourism, collaborative and community based planning, and rural community formation and social change – especially as a result of agricultural intensification. He specialises in social assessment and community development in rural and urban settings, and has worked in New Zealand, Asia, and the Pacific Islands. He was the President of the International Association for Impact Assessment and is currently assisting the World Bank with their capacity building for environmental and social impact assessment of infrastructure projects in the East-Asia and Pacific Region. He is also serving as a technical expert to Environment Canterbury in social assessment on catchment planning under the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. In addition, Nick is the Principal and Director of Taylor Baines and Associates, a private social research firm.