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BIO

Growth and agility are the underlying passions that drive my academic expertise and innovative spirit. In my role as the Head of External Relations and Development I strategize, lead and grow the student-industry engagement for my school and, more recently, have led the creation of our innovative new Master of IT Project Management where I teach the Team Facilitation for IT Projects paper and supervise students undertaking a range of project management and agile related research projects.

Mine is an agile mindset that likes to take a team approach, focuses on alignment, and is constantly building a culture of success. With a background in group facilitation, user-centered design and technology, I integrate domains of technology and collaboration in bringing together communities of students, alumni and industry. I bring a unique skill set to the implementation of strategy-aligned initiatives harmonized with the university's vision of great graduates.

Research interests include: online team effectiveness, group facilitation, virtual worlds, second order project management, e-Government, as well as in IT governance, and data management. Some of my recent work includes a co-authored paper with Dr Glyn Thomas (2018) on Enhancing the Facilitation of Online Groups in Higher Education, published in the prestigious Q1 Interactive Learning Environments

<https://doi.org/10.1080/10494820.2018.1451897>.

In 2015 my team's efforts were recognised by the Vice Chancellor's Award for Professional Excellence, having demonstrated a highly significant and sustained contribution to the strategic development of the University as a whole. In 2016 I was awarded the Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies Award for Contribution to the Research Environment. Last year I was awarded the Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies Leadership Excellence Award for raising the profile of our school's disciplines and promoting STEM.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **Programme Leader - Master of IT Project Management**

Auckland University of Technology, School of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences, Auckland, New Zealand

1 Jan 2019 - 31 Mar 2021

- **Head of Department: External Relations and Development**

Auckland University of Technology, School of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences, New Zealand

1 Feb 2014 - 31 Jan 2020

- **Deputy Head of School**

Auckland University of Technology, School of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, New Zealand

1 Feb 2012 - 31 Jan 2014

- **Programme Leader, Academic Advisor and Lecturer**

Auckland University of Technology, School of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, New Zealand

1 Feb 2011 - 31 Jan 2012

- **Academic Advisor and Lecturer**

Auckland University of Technology, School of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, New Zealand

19 Jul 2010 - 31 Jan 2011

DEGREES

- **PhD**

Auckland University of Technology, Auckland, New Zealand

1 May 2002 - 1 Dec 2009

- **Bachelor of Business with Honours (First Class)**

Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand

5 Mar 2002

AVAILABILITY

- Collaborative projects

- Industry Projects
- Masters Research or PhD student supervision

TAGS

Group Theory and Generalisations Software Engineering Educational Technology and Computing
Corporate Governance and Stakeholder Engagement
Sociology and Social Studies of Science and Technology

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