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ECU is committed to reconciliation and recognises and respects the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures and histories. ECU acknowledges and respects the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as the traditional custodians of the land. ECU acknowledges and respects its continuing association with Nyoongar people, the traditional custodians of the land upon which its campuses stand.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF RESEARCH



The School of Science has world leading researchers with state-of-the-art facilities. Our researchers aim to improve the sustainability of our natural environment on both land and in the water. They use omics approaches to provide solutions that improve the health and well-being of the our communities. They also strive to make our technological environment better and safer through innovative approaches. Our research is strengthened through our links to industry, government agencies and the communities to ensure that outcomes are socially and environmentally meaningful.

We pride ourselves on high quality postgraduate training and mentorship, based on dedicated and experienced researchers who focus on quality research and training. We strongly believe that the learning experiences and the outcomes of postgraduate studies are enhanced through engagement, particularly with industry, government

and other research organisations. Also, the diversity of research areas and skills in the School provides enviable opportunities to capitalize on this diversity and develop interdisciplinary research.

If you are inspired to take the next step and undertake postgraduate studies, I invite you to explore opportunities in the School of Science. This brochure provides a good starting point, so explore our research areas, researchers, and existing research projects. I then encourage you to contact the relevant people to discuss opportunities for postgraduate studies in my School.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR UTE MUELLER
ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

ECU RESEARCH THEMES & PRIORITY AREAS

Research at ECU is focused on 4 main research themes:

- Health: Prevention, detection and management of disease and injury
- Society and Culture: Impacting and supporting social change through ensuring diversity, creativity, cultural identity, education, personal and organisational success and social justice
- Natural and Built Environments: Understanding, harnessing, building and protecting environments for sustaining people, place and planet
- Securing Digital Futures: Enabling a safe, secure, productive and enterprising digital environment

ECU's research is characterised by its fundamental commitment to the pathway from basic research to translation to innovative implementation (including practice, service delivery, and industry adoption).

ECU's commitment to this research pathway is reflected in its cross-cutting approach to research across each of its research themes and priority areas. These cross-cutting approaches are:

- A strong research–practice interface, including research–led practice and practice–led research, that involves and engages the professions, service–delivery agencies and other end– users (patients, clients, consumers, industry).
- Strengthening the evidence base by responding to the needs of high–end practitioners, policy–makers, guideline developers, activists, companies and governments, thereby ensuring they have access to expert advice and robust data for decision–making.
- Assessment, evaluation, advocacy, policy–making throughout all stages of planning, measurement and monitoring as well as the early stages of innovation.
- Indigeneity and diversity to reach a fuller understanding of aboriginal knowledge, practice, and belief and the diversity of the cultures among which we live and research.



RESEARCH AREAS

Our research is highly diverse. This not only provides a wide range of opportunities for postgraduate studies, but also the opportunity to adopt interdisciplinary and innovative approaches to solve real-world problems.

Research in the school is led by highly qualified, dedicated and internationally-recognised researchers, supported by state-of-the-art technology and strong links with industry and government to create research that makes a difference. Our researchers and facilities provide a supportive and rewarding experience for research students.

A taste of the diversity and types of research are highlighted by examples for each of our research areas.

Researchers in the School of Science are at the cutting edge of omics research. Our research is underpinned by world-class analytical facilities that can be applied to solve complex problems in the field of biological, environmental, forensic and medical sciences, just to name a few.

Our researchers, through the exciting emergence of metabolomics technology, are examining complex biochemical processes that form the building blocks for life, and determining how this knowledge can be applied to solve issues in both health and the environment.

Our research capability in transcriptomics, proteomics and computational systems biology can define the pathways involved in plant protein synthesis, the effects of the environment on agricultural systems, and understand how food processing impacts protein. Our expertise has enabled us to examine the link between protein expression and human health. For instance, understanding those proteins that cause allergy and intolerance and developing innovative methods for safeguarding the health of those afflicted by these conditions.

In a world of rapidly changing digital technologies, our computing researchers are innovative and committed to enhancing the lives of our communities through creating better and safer computing environments. Through artificial intelligence and computer visualization, they create intelligent solutions in various domains such as computer games and biometrics. Our researchers are also improving business decisions through the use of web-based intelligent decision support systems.

Never before has cyber and digital security been more important. Our researchers are leaders in digital security and forensics. They deliver immediate and high impact outcomes in the areas of computer and digital forensics, network and wireless security, information warfare, physical security, risk management and aviation security.



The school's research in biological and environmental sciences has been ranked as world class, focusing particularly on the interactions among different forms of flora and fauna, the environment and humans. Working in a range of environments from woodlands to wetlands and the ocean, our ecologists aim to protect vulnerable native species and improve the sustainable use of our natural environment in the face of urban development and climate change.

Our marine researchers are at the forefront of research into blue carbon, showing that seagrasses are the most effective ecosystem at sequestering carbon from the atmosphere. They are also using novel approaches to understand connections among different marine ecosystems that underpin marine park management.

Our state-of-the-art facilities provide the perfect environment to undertake research in microelectronics and photonics. Through close links with industry, government and environment sectors, our researchers develop novel, integrated intelligent structures for applications in a range of areas.

This has led, for example, to the development of a highly innovative photonics-based weed sensor that will allow for an accurate approach to weed control in agriculture, and a better outcome for the environment and our health.



ECU SECURITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

With a reputation as one of the leading cyber security and digital forensic groups in the world, the ECU Security Research Institute (ECUSRI) has emerged as one of Edith Cowan University's most vital research groups, delivering immediate and high impact outcomes in the areas of digital forensics, cyber security, critical infrastructure security and human security.

The ECUSRI was formed in 2012 to fully integrate security research at ECU and provides a platform for delivering cutting edge, contemporary security research and technology development. Currently the Institute's members are working with government agencies and industry partners to develop tangible research outcomes in the broader security environment.

Our research themes at the ECUSRI include:

- Digital Forensics
- Cyber Security
- Critical Infrastructure Security
- Human Security

The ECUSRI delivers multi-disciplinary research outcomes, regularly drawing on expertise from within the School of Science, as well as the Schools of Arts and Humanities (Psychology), Engineering and Business and Law. The Institute has a significant support infrastructure and skilled technical support base providing the foundation for a productive research team that prides itself on quality and timely output.

We encourage enquiries from students and researchers wishing to pursue research activities with the ECUSRI and welcome enquiries from industry partners who are seeking solutions or collaborations in relevant research areas through Research and Development.

For more information, visit: www.ecu.edu.au/schools/science/research-activity/ecu-security-research-institute

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ELECTRON SCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Electron Science Research Institute (ESRI) carries out fundamental and applied research in microelectronics and photonics and ventures into related areas of nano-technology to develop novel integrated intelligent structures for applications in the ICT, Health, Agri-bio, Security, Sensing, Defence and Environment sectors.

Electron science is based on the revolutionary marriage of microelectronics and photon based sciences with that of nano- and bio-technologies. It underpins developments in, information and communications technologies (ICT), health, environment and energy, which will allow the creation of an entirely new range of products and services.

The Electron Science Research Institute (ESRI) was established at ECU in 2003. Our aim is to excel in fundamental and applied research in microelectronics and photonics and to venture into related areas of nano-technology to develop novel integrated intelligent structures capable of adaptively processing ultra-wideband signals for key global market applications as well as creating a new platform for low-power system-on-chip integration.

Building on its excellence in micro/nano-photonic and electronic research, ESRI is currently extending its expertise and knowledge base into new areas such as advanced precision agriculture, bio-photonics, high-efficiency solar cells, security and defence laser intruder detection systems for security and national defence.

ESRI has built strong links through close interaction with the WA government and communities, as well as with national and international institutions and industries. ESRI has attracted industry research contracts for the development of micro-photonics-based prototypes, namely, laser-based weed identification and discrimination; magnetic-based telemetry for core level indication; laser arrays for airborne radar; board-to-board optical interconnects; opto-VLSI-based tuneable lasers; near infrared breast scanning; and magneto-photonics micro-displays.

For more information, visit: www.ecu.edu.au/schools/science/research-activity/electron-science-research-institute

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CENTRE FOR ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

ECU's Centre for Ecosystem Management has made a longstanding contribution to ecological research within Australia. Established in 1995, the Centre continues to adopt a comprehensive approach to ecosystem research, with members of the Centre fostering an awareness and understanding of the environment, and demonstrating a commitment to the maintenance of biodiversity, sustainability, and the improvement in the quality of life through their research interests.

Our dedicated Centre members, research fellows, postgraduate students, and adjunct researchers work closely with national, state, and local government, conservation groups, and community, industry, consultants, and other research institutions with the aim of achieving effective ecosystem management, conservation and ecological research.

Our researchers seek an understanding of the ecological processes associated with human activities. We actively encourage our members to communicate our research progress with the wider community

The Centre provides opportunities in postgraduate studies, and welcomes visiting researchers, interns, and volunteers to be part of a professional and successful research centre.

The members of the Centre for Ecosystem Management are involved in both the collection of environmental data to facilitate ecosystem and biodiversity management, and the application of research findings within environmental and societal contexts.

Research within the Centre contributes to a diverse range of topics, including freshwater ecosystems, ecological water requirements, resolving problems of habitat degradation, mine site rehabilitation, pollution, the ecology of forests and woodlands, conservation, and cultural perceptions of (valuing) the environment.

Our approach develops a partnership between ecology and management. We believe the best solutions for environmental problems can only be achieved through an interdisciplinary approach. The Centre's research is largely conducted under four major themes:

- Ecology and Ecophysiology (including ecohydrology, landscape ecology)
- Conservation Biology and Biodiversity (including biogeography, systematics)
- Ecological Restoration (including mine site rehabilitation)
- Sustainability and Health (including sustainable NRM, agriculture, environmental exposures).

For more information, visit: www.ecu.edu.au/schools/science/research-activity/centre-for-ecosystem-management

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CENTRE FOR MARINE ECOSYSTEMS RESEARCH

At the Centre for Marine Ecosystems Research (CMER) we use applied and fundamental research to improve our understanding of the ecological processes of coastal marine systems, and how these respond to both natural and human induced pressures.

The Centre for Marine Ecosystems Research (CMER) has built a solid reputation with its collaborative approach in coastal marine research in Australia and worldwide.

The Centre conducts research across the themes of:

- Habitat Connectivity and Trophic Interactions
- Management of Human Impacts
- Conservation and Fisheries Biology
- Blue Carbon & Paleo Reconstruction
- Marine Radioactivity & Tracers
- Marine Microbial Ecology

These themes encompass a wide range of ecosystems in both tropical to temperate environments.

Comprising a highly talented leadership team, postdoctoral research fellows, postgraduate students and adjunct researchers from CSIRO, state government and several international universities and research organisations, our approach in investigative research will continue to influence the management of existing and potential concerns in the marine environment.

Past graduates and members of the Centre are currently employed in a wide range of academic, regulatory and industry positions around the globe. We welcome and provide opportunities for visiting researchers, exchange and postgraduate students, interns, and adjuncts to become part of a respected international marine research Centre.

For more information, visit: www.ecu.edu.au/schools/science/research-activity/centre-for-marine-ecosystems-research

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CENTRE FOR INTEGRATIVE METABOLOMICS AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

The Edith Cowan University Centre for Integrative Metabolomics & Computational Biology (CIMCB) is a newly established multi-million dollar facility founded on an innovative collaboration between ECU and the multinational biotechnology company Thermo Fischer Scientific, who are world leaders in the provision of mass-spectrometry based analytical instrumentation and integrated informatics solutions.

As a sponsored "proof of concept" facility, CIMCB has preferential access to Thermo equipment, training and expertise, whilst also partnering in the development of new innovations to the benefit of the scientific community.

CIMCB is based at the School of Science, Joondalup Campus. It aims to revolutionise phenomic research by providing a unique data-centric collaborative research facility. The centre will provide state-of-the-art mass spectrometry analytical facilities supported by a comprehensive computational biology capability for the provision of reproducible data, mathematical modelling, and biological interpretation. It will pool university expertise in small molecule analytical chemistry, experimental design, biostatistics, and machine learning.

The core of the facility is a trio of high-resolution mass spectrometers: (1) Thermo Q Exactive™ LC-MS/MS, (2) Thermo Q Exactive™ GC-MS/MS, (3) Thermo Quantiva™ QQQ LC-MS, which will enable the centre to provide comprehensive coverage of the metabolome at a resolution only available through the Thermo Orbitrap™ technology.

The centre's vision is to provide a centralised incubator for rigorous world-class systems-biology research, linking scientists and students from a broad range of scientific disciplines within ECU and across WA, combined with establishing long-term collaboration with centres of excellence across the globe. Our focus on robust workflows, quality control, and intuitive data integration, will allow vibrant and innovative research to flourish, encouraging stimulating interactions between biological, medical, and computational scientists.

For more information, visit: www.cimib.info

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PROTEOMICS

Food and Agricultural Proteomics is a newly established multi-million-dollar facility that complements and builds on the expertise in Analytical Chemistry and Metabolomics at ECU. The laboratory undertakes fundamental and translational research in agriculture and food with a focus on proteins, the functional molecules of life.

Based at the School of Science on the Joondalup Campus, the ECU Proteomics laboratory provides access to ECU researchers, collaborators and partners to cutting-edge mass spectrometers and associated equipment.

The laboratory provides state-of-the-art mass spectrometry analytical facilities supported by bioinformatics capability for the detection, characterisation and measurement of key proteins and the interpretation of their roles within systems biology. The facility houses a high-resolution SCIEX TripleTOF 6600™ mass spectrometer equipped with a nano/micro-flow HPLC for comprehensive protein identification and global quantitation. Additionally, it houses a SCIEX QTRAP 6500™ LC-MS system for targeted quantitative proteomic analyses.

Our primary research vision is to oversee the adoption of innovative, next generation proteomics tools and workflows that enable the delivery of excellent science and impact for ECU and its partners. In the post-genomics era, proteomics and mass spectrometry (MS) can validate the predictions made by genomics/transcriptomics, but moreover can identify key proteins involved in regulating biological systems.

The group have vast expertise in grain science, having investigated yield, quality and health aspects. The tools within the laboratory are well suited for food analysis including applications in allergen detection and food intolerance.

For more information, visit: www.ecu.edu.au/schools/science/research-activity/research-support/proteomics

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND OPTIMISATION RESEARCH GROUP

The Artificial Intelligence and Optimisation Research Group (AIORC) brings together researchers with specific interest in the development of applied and basic research involving interdisciplinary concepts from artificial intelligence, optimisation and simulation, games and mobile technology, image and signal processing. We create intelligent solutions in various domains such as computer games, health information technology, resource mining, software engineering, security and biometrics.

Since 2002, members of the groups have collaborated in the co-supervision of research students, grant applications, publication of journal and conference papers and in various research projects. Together with collaborators from Edith Cowan University, The University of Western Australia and Curtin University of Technology, they have attracted research funds totalling over \$2.5 million and have achieved high publication outputs.

Our members have been involved in collaborative research projects with national and international academic collaborators as well as industry personnel.

For more information, visit: www.ecu.edu.au/schools/science/research-activity/artificial-intelligence-and-optimisation-research-group

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Professor David Broadhurst is an internationally recognised metabolomics researcher with particular expertise in translational biomarker discovery, experimental design, biostatistics, data visualisation and machine learning. He is currently the Director of the Centre for Integrative Metabolomics & Computational Biology at Edith Cowan University (www.cimcb.info).

Professor Broadhurst has spent a significant part of his career developing personalized medicine platforms for pregnancy related diseases. Whilst at University of Alberta (Canada) he was part of an international team that developed the technology to measure a pre-symptomatic metabolic signature of onset Preeclampsia, which has resulted in an international patent and spinout company (www.metabolomicdiagnostics.com). Professor Broadhurst's current research has focused on P4 systems medicine (predictive, preventive, personalized and participatory), which aims to harness the intersection of three emerging dominant research sectors: systems biology, artificial intelligence, and personalized technology. He works closely with the Telethon Kids Institute (Perth Children's Hospital), the WA Human Microbiome Collaborating Centre (Curtin University), the ORIGINS project, the WA Health Translational Network, Bioplatforms Australia, and two leading Australian and Canadian medical devices companies. Professor Broadhurst's publications have over 10,000 citations and he has been part of multiple large grants in three continents, which have brought in over \$12m in funding.

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- 2018 - 2022 Towards a diagnostic test for rheumatic fever. National Health and Medical Research Council, Total Budget: \$2,131,000



Research Interests

- Artificial Neural Networks, Machine Learning and Evolutionary Algorithms.
- Data Science applied to Systems Biology
- Bioinformatics & Chemometrics for Mass Spectrometry based Metabolomics
- Multi-omic data integration

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Professor Michelle Colgrave is known globally for her research in the food and agricultural domains. She is specifically recognised for her work in detecting gluten and other anti-nutritional proteins in food related to coeliac disease and non-coeliac gluten sensitivity. She is currently using mass spectrometry (MS) and proteomics to explore grain biology and help identify key proteins that will enhance agriculture and food industries and improve human health. Her research has already directly informed the development of food labelling policy in the United States.

Professor Colgrave has published over 100 scientific papers in prestigious journals including *Nature Chemical Biology*, *PNAS* and *Plant Biotechnology Journal*, and has given numerous plenary lectures at International Conferences. She is the editor of the book "Proteomics in Food Science: From Farm to Fork" aimed at introducing the application of MS and proteomics to the food science and agricultural research communities. She is a committee member of the Australasian Proteomics Society (APS) and on the organising committee for the Human Proteome (HUPO2019) conference. She is also currently the editor of a Special Issues in *Frontiers in Plant Science*.

Professor Colgrave has won many awards including 'Runner-up' in the Scopus "Women in Research Award" in 2017, the CSIRO Chairman's Medal in 2016, the Payne-Scott Award in 2014, the John Philip Award in 2012 and Julius Career Award in 2009.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

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- 2017 Progressing the gluten detection technology. CSIRO Strategic Grant, \$94,000
- 2009-2013 Discovery and applications of circular proteins. Australian Research Council, Discovery Grant, \$1,280,000



Research Interests

- Proteomic studies of agriculturally important grains and crops
- The application of proteomics to detect allergens and anti-nutritional proteins
- Food safety assessment and the development of novel LC-MS methods

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A/Prof Boyce is an analytical chemist with over 20 years of experience. Her research activity is in two distinct areas: research in the development of novel and improved methods of analysis; and applied research in collaboration with scientists from a broad range of disciplines.

She has considerable experience in the development and advancement of chromatographic techniques including capillary electrophoresis, and more recently liquid/gas chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry for metabolomics studies in both the clinical and environmental fields. Her analytical chemistry skills has seen her collaborate on a diverse range of projects including environmental exposure, wetland ecology and fish microbiome in the environmental area; exercise and dietary interventions, and gut health in the human health field; and bee health, sandalwood forestry management and truffle chemistry in the broadly agricultural field.

A/Prof Boyce is an experienced educator having received the Office of Learning and Teaching award for Sustained Excellence in Motivating, Inspiring and Influencing Science Students' learning (2015). She has supervised 8 PhD and 6 Masters by Research students to successful completion.

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Journal Articles

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- Chemistry/Proteomics, Chemistry Centre WA T/A ChemCentre, Research Fellowship Grant, 2017 - 2021, \$470,000.
- ECU-Thermo Research Facility Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific Australia Pty Ltd, Grant, 2017 - 2019, \$267,603.



Research Interests

- Targeted LC-MS methodologies for nutrition, biological and environmental fields
- Extraction methodologies for complex biological tissues and plant samples
- SPME-GC-MS methodologies in the environmental fields
- Developing targeted and untargeted LC-MS workflows for lipid and metabolomic studies
- Sandalwood chemistry

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Dr Juhász is a computational biology analysis expert in cereal genomics and grain allergen research. She uses the tools of comparative genomics, transcriptomics and proteomics to describe the complex nature and expression profiles of grain proteins with immune response characteristics in agronomically important crop species. She is involved in various genome annotation works and has a significant role in the precise annotation of the grain allergens with a primary focus on the prolamin superfamily genes, the major contributors of gluten in wheat and related species.

Dr Juhász is known for her research in wheat genomics and grain allergen research. She is the developer of the largest cereal prolamin database and epitope analysis tool. She is a member of the International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium and the group leader of the Allergen subgroup of the Expert Working Group for Wheat Improvement for Processing and Health of the International Wheat Initiative.

Dr Juhász has published her research in highly prestigious journals including *Science Advances*, *Science*, *PNAS*, *Plant Journal* and *Scientific Reports*. She regularly gives lectures as an invited speaker on International Conferences related to grain science. In 2019 she is the co-chair of the Grain Satellite Meeting of the Australian Society of Plant Scientists.

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GRANTS

- Non-responsive Coeliac Disease – Understanding the Grass Roots Cause for Gluten Free Diet Failure, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), CSIRO – Fellowship, 2020 – 2023, \$381,361.
- Application of proteomics methods to monitor the ability of GluteGuard to detoxify ATIs, Edith Cowan University, ECU Industry Engagement Grant, 2019 – 2020, \$112,397.



Research Interests

- Genomic characterization of immune-responsive proteins in cereal grains with a major focus on food allergies and coeliac disease
- Effect of environmental changes on allergen content and composition
- Genomic analysis and functional characterization of cereal prolamin-superfamily proteins
- Grain transcriptomics and proteomics
- Seed development programs and regulatory mechanisms of seed storage protein expression under various nutritional and stress conditions
- Bioinformatics
- Dough rheology, kernel hardness and cereal quality

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Stacey is a Senior Research Fellow with the Centre of Integrative Metabolomics & Computational Biology (CIMCB) in the School of Science. She received her PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Alberta (Canada, 2011) and held a Postdoctoral Fellowship, from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, at the Karolinska Institute (Sweden) before being recruited to Perth in 2016. During her PhD and subsequent postdoctoral training, Stacey developed considerable expertise in the area of clinical and biomedical metabolomics, including biochemistry, analytical chemistry, large-scale cohort studies, statistics, and data science. She has applied these skills to several biological contexts, including mitochondrial and central energy dysfunction, neonatal asphyxia, neuroinflammation, and respiratory disease. Her current research focus is two-fold: applying metabolomics and systems biology approaches to inform disease mechanisms and biomarker discovery in early-life contexts, and enhancing the field of clinical and biomedical metabolomics through methodological advancement (high quality high-throughput workflows, quality assurance, data analysis).

Dr Reinke is an active member of the international Metabolomics Society, having served on the Board of Directors, the Early-career Members Network Committee, the Conference Committee, and International Organising Committee for the Annual Conference of the Metabolomics Society. In 2019, she was appointed to the Scientific Editorial Board of the journal *Metabolomics*.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

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- Broadhurst, D., Goodacre, R., Reinke, S., Kuligowski, J., Wilson, I., Lewis, M., Dunn, W., (2018), Guidelines and considerations for the use of system suitability and quality control samples in mass spectrometry assays applied in untargeted clinical metabolomic studies. *Metabolomics*, 14(6), article no.72, DOI: 10.1007/s11306-018-1367-3.
- Naz, S., Gallart-Ayala, H., Reinke, S., Mathon, C., Blankley, R., Chaleckis, R., Wheelock, C., (2017), Development of a Liquid Chromatography-High Resolution Mass Spectrometry Metabolomics Method with High Specificity for Metabolite Identification Using All Ion Fragmentation Acquisition. *Analytical Chemistry*, 89(15), 7933–7942, DOI: 10.1021/acs.analchem.7b00925.

GRANTS

- Active lung disease in survivors of preterm birth? Can we treat it?, National Health and Medical Research Council, Project Grants, 2018 - 2021, \$79,000.



Research Interests

- Clinical and biomedical metabolomics
- Systems biology
- Personalised medicine

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Glenn's research focuses on marine ecology and fisheries science, specifically on the: (1) trophic connectivity within and between habitats in the marine environment; (2) interactions of fauna with coastal habitats, such as seagrass meadows and surf zones; and (3) fisheries interactions with the environment and management. His major focus on connectivity seeks to understand the importance of the movement of material from one habitat to another in coastal seascapes. This program is directed towards examining the movement of nutrients via detritus from reefs to seagrass meadows and detritus from reefs and seagrass meadows to surf zones and beaches. A large part of his research focuses on using stable isotopes as a tool for understanding ecological interactions, including enriched stable isotopes to test for flow of nutrients through food webs. More recently, he has focused on grazing pressure by herbivorous fishes in reef ecosystems, and the potential effects of tropical grazers moving into temperate seagrass meadows as a consequence of global ocean warming.

Glenn has published 70+ articles in ISI journals and been an investigator on research grants valued at >\$7M. During that time, he has supervised 26 HDR students to completion, and is currently supervising 6 HDR students.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Tarquinio, F., Hyndes, G.A., Laverock, B., Koenders, A., Säwström, C., (2019). The seagrass holobiont: understanding seagrass-bacteria interactions and their role in seagrass ecosystem functioning. *FEMS Microbiology Letters* 366, fnz057.
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- Hyndes, G., Lavery, P. and Doropoulos, C. (2012). Dual processes for cross-boundary subsidies: incorporation of nutrients from reef-derived kelp into a seagrass ecosystem. *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 445: 97–107.

GRANTS

- Integrated state-wide survey of recreational fishing Phase 2: boat- and shore based activity , Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Grant, 2015 - 2020, \$3,761,142.



Research Interests

- Marine Ecology
- Fisheries biology
- Stable isotope ecology

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Paul Lavery has over 30 years experience working in applied marine science. He has worked in the Government sector in Australia and the USA and on some of the major marine research projects in Australia and overseas, including the Peel-Harvey Management Programme, the Boston Harbor Cleanup Programme and the Perth Coastal Waters Study. He was a contracted expert assisting in the development of the State's first State Environmental Policy and has assisted in marine park planning through his involvement in several scientific reference groups. He was a member of the working group revising the ANZECC Water Quality Guidelines (biological monitoring). He is a past Head of School and Associate Dean of Research and Higher Degrees.

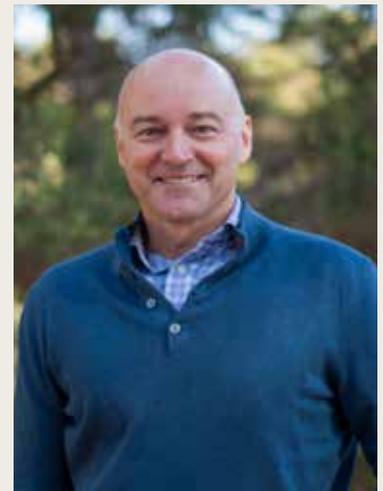
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Journal Articles

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GRANTS

- Genetic diversity and resilience of estuarine seagrasses, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (WA), Scholarships to Support Industry Engagement PhD Projects, 2018 - 2021, \$55,500.
- RESEARCH TOPIC: Resilience of tropical seagrasses, University of Western Australia, McNamara World Heritage PhD Top-Up Scholarship, 2018 - 2020, \$150,000.
- Pilot Malting Plant, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Grant, 2010 - 2020, \$415,000.



Research Interests

- Marine ecology and management (seagrass and estuarine ecosystems)
- The role and lifecycle of wrack in marine ecosystems
- Impacts of dredging on benthic marine ecosystems
- Carbon capture and storage in seagrass ecosystems
- The development of monitoring indicators and protocols for marine ecosystems

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Pere Masqué joined Edith Cowan University in 2015 from the Department of Physics and the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain). His research focuses on the use of both natural and artificial radioactive isotopes as tracers of environmental processes, mostly in the oceans. Current working areas include the Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic, Antarctic and Arctic Oceans and coastal vegetated ecosystems worldwide. He serves as the president of the South Pacific Environmental Radioactivity Association (SPERA) and collaborates with the Technical Cooperation Department of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

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- Rodellas, V., Garcia-Orellana, J., Masqué, P., Feldman, M. and Weinstein, Y. (2015). Submarine groundwater discharge: a major source of nutrients to the Mediterranean Sea. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, 112 (13), 3926-3930.
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GRANTS

- 2017-2018 A multi-institutional environmental radioactivity research centre. ARC-Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities. \$885,000.
- 2018-2019. Reconstruction of historical bush fire time-series using black carbon in coastal marine sediments deposited from the King Edward River catchment. Western Australia Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. \$110,951.



Research Interests

- Ocean's role in global climate change as a source or sink of atmospheric CO₂
- The impact of submarine groundwater discharge (SGD) on nutrient and trace metal biogeochemistry in the ocean
- Reconstruction of the historical patterns of climate, pollution and other natural and anthropogenically-driven processes

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Kathryn is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Science and Deputy Director of the Centre for Marine Ecosystems Research. She teaches in the areas of environmental investigations and monitoring, coastal and marine management and origins and evolution of life. She is involved in research projects on understanding the impacts of human activities in seagrass ecosystems and the biology and ecology of these habitats. She is a member of the Australian Marine Sciences Association and the Coastal & Estuarine Research Federation.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- McMahon, K., Sinclair, EA., Sherman, CD., Van Dijk, K., Hernawan, UE., Verduin, J., Waycott, M., (2018), Genetic Connectivity in Tropical and Temperate Australian Seagrass Species. *Seagrasses of Australia: Structure, Ecology and Conversation*, 155-195, Switzerland, Springer, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-71354-0_6.
- Marsh, H., Creche, A., McMahon, K., (2018), Dugongs: Seagrass Community Specialists. *Seagrasses of Australia: Structure, Ecology and Conversation*, 629-661, Cham, Switzerland, Springer, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-71354-0_19.

Journal Articles

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- Wu, PP., Mergersen, K., Caley, MJ., McMahon, K., Rasheed, MA., Kendrick, GA., (2019), Analysing the dynamics and relative influence of variables affecting ecosystem responses using functional PCA and boosted regression trees: A seagrass case study. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 10(na), 1723-1733, DOI: 10.1111/2041-210X.13269.
- Abdolahpour, M., Ghisalberti, M., McMahon, K., Lavery, P., (2018), The impact of flexibility on flow, turbulence, and vertical mixing in coastal canopies. *Limnology and Oceanography*, 63(6), 2777-2792, DOI: 10.1002/lno.11008..

GRANTS

- Conserving Critical Seagrass Habitat for Iconic Wildlife: An Integrated Assessment across the Pilbara, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions WA, Scholarships to Support Industry Engagement PhD Projects, 2016 - 2021, \$20,500.
- Genetic diversity and resilience of estuarine seagrasses, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (WA), Scholarships to Support Industry Engagement PhD Projects, 2018 - 2021, \$55,500.
- Keep Watch - Seagrass Health Monitoring 2017-2021, Geographe Catchment Council Inc, Grant - Geocatch, 2017 - 2021, \$90,250.



Research Interests

- Human impacts and resilience in coastal ecosystems
- Connectivity and diversity in seagrass habitats
- Seagrass-grazing interactions

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Ute Mueller is an applied mathematician with research interests in the application and development of geostatistical methods for applications in mining, and natural resources more generally. Most of her research is collaborative, with collaborators from ECU, research institutes and industry. Collaborators include staff from the Department of Fisheries, the Helmholtz Institute for Resources Technology Freiberg, the Canadian Geological Survey, and Geoscience Australia. Her current projects include the geostatistical modelling of data from geochemical surveys and the spatiotemporal characterisation of recreational fishing data.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Talebi, H, Mueller, U, Tolosana-Delgado, R, van den Boogaart, KG (2019) Geostatistical Simulation of Geochemical Compositions in the Presence of Multiple Geological Units: Application to Mineral Resource Evaluation, *Mathematical Geosciences*, 51(2), 129-153, DOI:10.1007/s11004-018-9763-9
- Tolosana-Delgado, R., Mueller, U. and van den Boogaart, K.G. (2019) Geostatistics for Compositional Data: An Overview *Mathematical Geosciences* 51: 485. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11004-018-9769-3>
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GRANTS

- Integrated state-wide survey of recreational fishing Phase 2: boat- and shore based activity, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Grant, 2015 - 2020, \$3,761,142.
- CodaBlockCoEstimation, Edith Cowan University, Australia-Germany JRC Scheme (UA-DAAD), 2016 - 2018, \$19,000.
- Boat-based recreational boat fishing activity in Western Australia: a long term profile, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Grant, 2010 - 2015, \$2,407,195.



Research Interests

- Geostatistics
- Spatiotemporal modelling
- Compositional data analysis

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Assoc. Prof Chandra Salgado Kent has dedicated her work to marine wildlife research and conservation over the last twenty years. Her area of expertise includes data science in marine ecology, habitat modelling of marine mammals, population assessment, the impacts of human activities on the marine wildlife, and the application of scientific knowledge to conservation. She has been on a range of national and international scientific and government panels assessing the current status of whales and dolphins and the establishment of marine parks; such as the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and the Camden Sound Marine Park Expert Panel. She has authored/co-authored over 50 peer reviewed scientific papers, 80 technical reports, and over 40 conference presentations. She has been a lead scientist in several large industry & community-based citizen science projects that use technologies to facilitate data collection for the conservation and management of marine wildlife.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Gibbs, S., Salgado Kent, C., Slat, B., Morales, D., Foudra, L., Reisser, J. 2019. Cetaceans in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. *Marine and Freshwater Research*.
- Marley, S., Salgado Kent, C.P., Erbe, C. and Parnum, I. 2017. Effects of vessel traffic and underwater noise on the movement, behaviour and vocalisations of bottlenose dolphins in an urbanised estuary. *Scientific Reports*. DOI:10.1038/s41598-017-13252-z.
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GRANTS

- BRAHSS 2010-2015 (>\$6 Mil project) – Behavioural Response of Australian Humpback Whales to Seismic Surveys (co-investigator)
- APPEA 2014-2015 (\$112 k)– Review and evaluate research over the past 10 years in Australia on Underwater Sound and Vibration from Offshore Petroleum Activities and its Potential Effects on Marine Fauna (PI)
- Dolphin Watch 2016-ongoing (~\$90 k): a citizen science research program on bottlenose dolphins in the Swan River (Principle investigator)



Research Interests

- Data science in the area of marine ecology
- Marine mammal ecology and behaviour (including vocalisation)
- Impacts of human activities on marine fauna (including marine debris [plastics], underwater noise, industry activities & tourism, etc.).
- Marine wildlife habitat, ecological and behavioural modelling
- Conservation and marine protected areas

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Ray Froend is a Professor in Applied Ecology in the Centre for Ecosystem Management and Associate Dean of Science. Ray's research focuses on the ecology of plant-water interactions, ecophysiology of phreatophytic plants, water requirements of groundwater dependent ecosystems and ecohydrology. He leads a research group recognised for work on impacts of altered groundwater regimes on wetland and terrestrial vegetation. Ray advises natural resource agencies in Australia and internationally on groundwater dependent ecosystems and his research continues to inform the identification and protection of groundwater dependent ecosystems.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- Froend, R., Horwitz, P., Sommer, B., (2018), Groundwater Dependent Wetlands Ecosystems. The Wetland Book II: Distribution, Description, and Conservation, 2(24), 335-355, Dordrecht, Springer.
- Froend, R., Horwitz, P., (2018), Groundwater Dependent Wetlands. The Wetland Book I: Structure and Function, Management, and Methods, 1(159), 1149-1154, Dordrecht, Springer.
- Catford, JA., Roberts, J., Capon, SJ., Froend, R., Windecker, SM., Douglas, MM., (2017), Wetland Vegetation of Inland Australia. Australian Vegetation, 490-515, Cambridge, UK, Cambridge University Press.

Journal Articles

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GRANTS

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- Environmental monitoring and investigations for the Gnangara and Jandakot Mounds - Jandakot wetlands vegetation monitoring, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (WA), Tender, 2019 - 2020, \$21,833.



Research Interests

- Hydroecology
- Management of aquatic and groundwater dependent ecosystems
- Groundwater dependent vegetation
- Ecology and biology of wetland plants

PROFESSOR PIERRE HORWITZ

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Professor Horwitz has research interests and expertise in the links between ecosystems, health and sustainability, and his work has made an impact at local, state, national and international levels. His work on southern Australian wetlands has led to understandings of, and policy responses to, natural resource management and climate change. The research highlights the impact of drought, drying and cracking anaerobic sediments, resulting in a myriad of effects that ultimately have human exposure consequences: the acidification of waterways and heavy metal mobilisation in groundwater, fire in wetland peats and the health effects of peat smoke. Professor Horwitz's work on ecosystem approaches and human health has been directed towards policy guidance for international conventions (the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Convention on Biological Diversity and World Health Organisation). He was a Theme Convenor (Wetlands and Human Health) for the Ramsar Convention (for the period 2009-2015). Some of his recent research has focused on the roles of narratives and metrics for sense of place, and for the useability of greenspaces in urban landscapes, drawing on cultural ecosystem services as a framing device; the work has application in areas of urban renewal, ecosystem restoration, and peri-urban landscape planning.

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Journal Articles

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GRANTS

- WISH Fiji—Securing health in Fiji through strengthened health systems and integrated water management to tackle the Three Plagues: typhoid, dengue and leptospirosis. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. \$375,179
- Predicting and Managing the Impacts of Wildfire and Prescription Burns on Water Quality and Water-Related Assets. Water Corporation (Western Australia). \$1,587,150.



Research Interests

- Wetland ecology
- Sense of place
- Ecosystem approaches to human health
- Fire and water quality
- Sustainable natural resource management

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Angus Morrison-Saunders specialises in environmental impact assessment and its contribution to sustainable development. His teaching and research revolve around the translation of policies, legislation and administrative practices into environmental and/or sustainability behaviours and outcomes with a particular focus upon the role of impact assessment. Sustainable mining and tourism are also research interests. He is a long term member of the International Association for Impact Assessment and has held roles as editor of leading impact assessment journals.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Morrison-Saunders A (2018) *Advanced Introduction to Environmental Impact Assessment*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Journal Articles

- Morrison-Saunders A, M Hughes, J Pope, A Douglas and J-A Wessels (2019) Understanding visitor expectations for responsible tourism in an iconic national park: differences between local and international visitors, *Journal of Ecotourism*, 18(3): 284–294.
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Research Interests

- Efficacy and effectiveness of environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedures and practice
- Applications of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and sustainability assessment
- EIA follow-up and adaptive environmental management
- Environmental education to promote environmentally appropriate behavioural change
- Mine closure planning and sustainable post-mining land-use

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Annette Koenders is an Associate Professor and Course Coordinator for Y39 BSc (Environmental Management) and Beijing University of Agriculture Program Coordinator at Edith Cowan University in the School of Science. Annette is a conservation biologist with research interests in biogeography and molecular evolution, conservation and authentic learning. Annette leads research on molecular evolution and taxonomy in the School. Her primary research focus is on invertebrate fauna, environmental DNA and metabolomics. Annette contributes to the teaching program of the School in molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics and evolution and animal physiology. Annette also contributes to the University as an active member of selected committees, including Academic Board.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Lette MD, Lawler NG, Burnham QF, Boyce MC, Duffy R, Koenders A, Broadhurst DI. (in press) Metabolomic profiling of marron haemolymph uncovers phenotypic differences between *Cherax tenuimanus* and *Cherax cainii*. *Freshwater Crayfish*
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Research Interests

- Conservation biology
- Phylogeography
- Environmental DNA for species detection
- Metabolomics of reproduction in invertebrates

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Mark Lund began his career in wetlands research after completing my biology degree at Murdoch University in 1987. He completed his Ph.D. in 1993 at Murdoch with Dr Jenny Davis, researching the ecology and rehabilitation of Lake Monger (a large eutrophic urban wetland in Perth).

In 1993, Mark commenced at Edith Cowan University and is currently a tenured Associate Professor in the School of Science. Mark was Head of the School of Natural Sciences (2006–2012), Program Leader for Biological Remediation in the Centre for Sustainable Mine Lakes (a State Government Centre of Excellence 2004 to 2009), and is now the Principal of the Mine Water and Environment Research Centre. Mark has chaired or co-chaired two Australian Society for Limnology conferences (Margaret River and Mandurah), and the International Mine Water Association Congress in Bunbury in 2012.

He has been awarded 17 nationally-competitive grants from the Australian Coal Association Research Program (ACARP), Australian Research Council (ARC), and Land and Water Australia worth over \$3.1 M, as well as industry grants (e.g., Mining companies, city councils, government departments) worth over \$2.7 M. Mark has published 75 peer reviewed papers, conference proceedings and book chapters, and 80 reports and articles.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

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GRANTS

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Research Interests

- Closure and ecology of mine pit lakes
- Ecology, assessment and management of mine waters
- Rehabilitation of wetlands
- Treatment and management of acid mine drainage and acid sulfate soils
- Wetland ecology and management

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Dr Leisa Armstrong is a Senior Lecturer in the computer science discipline within the School of Science. She is the leader of the eAgriculture Research Group, a member of Centre for Environmental Management, and the Centre for Innovative Practice. She has expertise in computer science, agriculture and environmental sciences and brings a multidisciplinary approach to her research. She has been focused on computer science related research in the area of agriculture, medical, education and tourism based industries, and the application of these technologies to solve real world problems. Before joining ECU, she worked as analyst programmer on a number of projects for WA state government, as well as owned a computer software consultancy company. She has also worked at a number of universities in Western Australia and Queensland as a lecturer in computing, agricultural and biological sciences.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Thavornam, W., Tantemsapya N. and Armstrong L. J (2015) A Combination Of Meteorological And Satellite Based Drought Indices In A Better Drought Assessment And Forecasting In Northeast Thailand. *Natural Hazards Journal*
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GRANTS

- Digital methods for decision making when using semi-autonomous machinery in Australian agriculture, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Scholarships to support Industry Engagement PhD projects, 2018 - 2023, \$17,500.
- Digital methods for decision making when using semi-autonomous machinery in Australian Agriculture, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, WA Science Industry PhD Fellowship Program, 2020 - 2022, \$30,000.



Research Interests

- Digital Agriculture
- Image Processing
- Geospatial Technologies
- eLearning Technologies

DR DAVID BLAKE

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Dr Blake's expertise lies in the application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing technologies to the study of environmental issues. Early work focused on the modelling of environmental factors and air quality. Over the past decade, Dr Blake's research interests have expanded to encompass a range of environmental management issues including peat fires, fire and water resource protection, agricultural, population health, urban and regional development, and spatial modelling of fire related impacts on the landscape. Dr Blake's current projects include evaluation of high temporal resolution geostationary satellite data to measure air quality; developing geospatial models of post-fire erosion potential in drinking water catchments; evaluation of UAV technologies for mammal counts in remote areas; and the use of UAV technologies to measure evapotranspiration rates in forested areas.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- Perkins, T., Blake, D., 2016. Understanding Cycling Behaviour in Boomtown Perth, in: Biermann, S., Oлару, D., Paul, V. (Eds.), *Planning Boomtown and Beyond*. UWA Publishing, Crawley, Western Australia, pp. 331–356.

Journal Articles

- Zijlema, W. L., Stasinska, A., Blake, D., Dirgawati, M., Flicker, L., Yeap, B. B., Heyworth, J. (2019). The longitudinal association between natural outdoor environments and mortality in 9218 older men from Perth, Western Australia. *Environment International*, 125, 430–436. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envint.2019.01.075>
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Research Interests

- Cross discipline application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing technologies.
- Spatial Ecology (Climate change and population distribution)
- Environment and Human Health (Population health)
- Geospatial modelling
- Fire, air and water quality

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Rob's prime research interests are wildlife ecology, threatened species recovery, island ecosystems and disturbance ecology including fire, climate change and other impacts on fauna and their habitats. After many years of running his own fauna consultancy business in a past career, Rob is comfortable working on all animal groups to address ecological questions of importance. He aims to address the ongoing decline of biodiversity by applied research to address knowledge gaps.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Doherty, T., Davis, R.A., van Etten, E., Algar, D., Collier, N., Dickman, C.R., Edwards, G., Masters, P., Palmer, R. and Robinson, S. (2015). A continental-scale analysis of feral cat diet in Australia. *Journal of Biogeography*. 42: 964-975.
- Davis, R.A., Gole, C. and Roberts, J.D. (2013). Impacts of urbanisation on the native avifauna of Perth, Western Australia. *Urban Ecosystems*. 16: 427-452.
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GRANTS

- Impacts of feral fauna predation on ground-dwelling native species at Charles Darwin Reserve, Edith Cowan University, ECU Industry Collaboration - Grant, 2011 - 2012, \$146,984.
- Dampier Salts sites and ponds and their importance for migratory and other shorebirds, Dampier Salt Limited Perth Division, Grant-Dampsalt, 2010 - 2015, \$394,997.
- Impacts of Fire on Reptiles in King's Park, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions WA, Botanic Parks and Gardens - Grant, 2009 - 2020, \$60,976.



Research Interests

- Bird Conservation and Ecology
- Urban Ecology
- Island Ecology
- Amphibian and Reptile Ecology
- Climate Change Impacts on Fauna

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David's research combines molecular genetics with ecological experiments and mathematical models to address fundamental questions in evolutionary biology: for example, how do new species form? What is the genetic basis of adaptive traits and what maintains spatial patterns of genetic variation? An important part of his work involves quantifying crucial evolutionary parameters in natural populations (e.g. fitness, selection, heritability, dispersal), which is of immense importance for evolutionary and conservation biology, and to plant breeding and global food security. A major focus is a long-term collaborative project on hybrid zones between snapdragons with different flower colours (in the Spanish Pyrenees), which combines detailed measurements of plant functional traits with genetic data to directly quantify fitness landscapes. Other research topics include mating system evolution, plant-pollinator interactions, polyploidy and genetic rescue in changing environments. David is also actively involved in the development of methods and programs for population genetic and genomic analyses. His research covers model and non-model plant systems (e.g. Eucalypts, Snapdragons) with ongoing collaborative projects based in Australia, North America and Europe. He is a member of the Genetics Society of Australasia and the European Society of Evolutionary Biology. His teaching revolves around genetics, evolution, molecular biology, ecology and bioinformatics.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Tavares, H., Whibley, A., Field, DL., Bradley, D., Couchman, M., Copsey, L., ... Coen, E. (2018). Selection and gene flow shape genomic islands that control floral guides. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 115(43), 11006–11011. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1801832115
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- Bradley, D., Xu, P., Mhorianu, I.-I., Whibley, A., Field, D., Tavares, H., ... Coen, E. (2017). Evolution of flower color pattern through selection on regulatory small RNAs. *Science*, 358(6365), 925–928. doi: 10.1126/science.aao3526
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- Ellis, T.J., Field, DL. (2016). Repeated gains in yellow and anthocyanin pigmentation in flower colour transitions in the Antirrhineae. *Annals of Botany*, 117(7), 1133–1140. doi: 10.1093/aob/mcw043
- Field, DL., Pickup, M., Barrett, SCH. (2013). Comparative analyses of sex-ratio variation in dioecious flowering plants. *Evolution*, 67(3), 661–672. doi: 10.1111/evo.12001

GRANTS

- Austrian Science Fund (€ 403,856 EUR, Stand-alone grant, P32166): The maintenance of alternative adaptive peaks in the face of gene flow in Snapdragons (Chief Investigator. 2019–2022).



Research Interests

- Population genetics, genomics and bioinformatics
- Plant mating system evolution and plant-pollinator interactions
- Speciation and hybridization
- Conservation biology and genetic rescue
- Theoretical evolutionary modelling and method development in population genetics and genomics

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Anna is a lecturer in the School of Science and is the Course Coordinator for postgraduate coursework degrees in the Science and Mathematics Discipline. She teaches in the areas of biology, ecology, environmental science and science communication.

Anna has more than 15 years' experience in research and postgraduate supervision in projects relating to conservation biology and fungal ecology, with experience working with soil microbes, plant-fungal-fauna interactions and fungal plant pathogens in native ecosystems, plantation forests and agriculture in both Australasia and Scandinavia.

More recent research interests include understanding the impact of disturbances (such as drought, fire and urbanisation) on microbial ecology and ecosystem health, and using molecular tools to answer broad ecological and management-based questions. In 2017 Anna received the ECU Athena SWAN Advancement Scheme Kick-Start Science Prize for her research in microbial ecology.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Birnbaum, C, Hopkins, AJM, Fontaine, J, Enright, N. (2019). The effects of experimental warming on rhizosphere fungal composition in Mediterranean-type ecosystem. *Science of the Total Environment*. 683:524-536. DOI: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2019.05.222
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- Tay, NE, Hopkins, AJM, Ruthrof, KX, Burgess, TI, Hardy, GESTJ, Fleming, PA. (2018). The tripartite relationship between a bioturbator, mycorrhizal fungi, and a key Mediterranean forest tree. *Austral Ecology*. DOI: 10.1111/aec.12598.
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- Klapwijk, MJ, Hopkins, AJM, Eriksson, L, Schroeder, M, Lindelöw, Å, Rönnerberg, J, Keskitalo, ECH and Kenis, M. (2016). Reducing the risk of invasive forest pests and pathogens: Combining legislation, targeted management and public awareness. *Ambio*. 45(2): 223-234.

GRANTS

- Understanding soil microbial community shifts in response to fire and weed invasions in urban banksia woodlands, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions WA, Scholarships to Support Industry Engagement PhD Projects, 2018 - 2021, \$129,500.
- Harnessing the microbes associated with soil water repellency to enhance plant survival and growth, Edith Cowan University, ECU Industry Collaboration Scheme - 2016 Open Round, 2017 - 2019, \$88,626.



Research Interests

- Impact of disturbance (e.g. drought, fire, urbanisation) on microbial ecology and ecosystem function
- Molecular tools and their ecological applications (especially diet analysis and eDNA).
- Interactions between mycorrhiza, plant hosts and ecosystem function (especially mycophagous fauna and digging mammals)
- Ecology, management and biosecurity of forest pathogens
- Soil microbial ecology and alternative farming methods

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Dr Kristina Lemson is a botanist specializing in Plant Systematics and Evolution. She worked in agriculture and conservation before joining ECU, and currently supervises diverse research projects that intertwine evolutionary biology, plant science, conservation and computing. These include research on germination cues in Ericaceae, conservation of rare and endangered flora, micropropagation and evolution within Ericaceae and Proteaceae. Her personal research aims to enhance knowledge of the Australian flora, through discovering and describing new species and understanding their evolutionary relationships.

Dr Lemson has wide experience in community-engaged teaching and research. She is a member of the multi-award-winning “Old Ways, New Ways” indigenous science program, and works with Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander communities to build understanding of Indigenous knowledge systems in science, and support the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander students to study in the field. She is a past member of the councils of the Ecological Society of Australia and the Australian Systematic Botany Society, and currently holds a number of community positions. She curates of the Robert Brown Herbarium (ECU) and previously was Courses Coordinator for the Science discipline.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

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- Wagstaff SJ, Dawson MI, Venter S, Munzinger J, Crayn DM, Steane DA and Lemson KL. 2010. Origin, Diversification, and Classification of the Australasian Genus *Dracophyllum* (Richeeae, Ericaceae). *Annals of the Missouri Botanical Gardens* 97: 235-258.

GRANTS

- Making headway with Ericaceae – a contribution toward a Flora of Australia account of Epacridoideae, Department of the Environment and Energy, National Taxonomy Research Grant Programme, 2019 - 2021, \$1,880.



Research Interests

- Plant systematics and evolution, with a focus on species boundaries and phylogeny reconstruction in the Australian flora
- Indigenous plant knowledge

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Dr Johnny Lo has occupied a teaching and research lecturing position at ECU since the completion his PhD in early 2012. His area of expertise lies in applied statistics. Dr Johnny Lo has extensive experience as a statistician and has been involved in a number of industry projects, including those with Roc Oil Company Limited, Water Corporation, Woodside Energy, and more recently, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. Since joining ECU, he has been actively involved in a number of inter-disciplinary projects within and outside of ECU. Most of his recent collaborations are in health domain; including mental health, nutrition, drugs and melanoma studies. He is also currently collaborating with the research teams at Fremantle and Fiona Stanley hospital.

Dr Johnny Lo is a co-recipient (as a chief investigator) of 6 research grants totalling over AU\$11 million, which included an NHMRC grant. His career total of publications to date includes 29 refereed journal articles and one book chapter. He has supervised 4 PhD, 3 Masters, and 1 Honours students to completion, and is currently co-supervising 6 PhD and 1 Masters candidates.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Genoni, A., Christophersen, C.T., Lo, J., Coghlan, M., Boyce, M.C., Bird, A., Lyons Wall, P., Devine, A. (2019). Long term Paleolithic diet is associated with lower resistant starch intake, different gut microbiota composition and increased serum TMAO concentrations. *European Journal of Nutrition*, doi: 10.1007/s00394-019-02036-y.
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- Zaenker, P., Lo, J., Pearce, R., Cantwell, P., Cowell, L., Lee, M., Quirk, C., Law, H., Gray, E. and Ziman, M. (2018). A diagnostic autoantibody signature for primary cutaneous melanoma, *Oncotarget*, 9(55):30539-30551, doi: 10.18632/oncotarget.25669.
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- Genoni, A., Lo, J., Lyons-Wall, P. and Devine, A. (2016). Compliance, palatability and feasibility of Paleolithic and Australian Guide to Healthy Eating diets in healthy women: A 4-week dietary intervention, *Nutrients*, 8(8):481, doi: 10.3390/nu8080481.
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GRANTS

- Liquid biopsy for personalised monitoring of melanoma patients, NHMRC, Development Grants, 2017 - 2020, \$950,389.
- Integrated state-wide survey of recreational fishing Phase 2: boat- and shore based activity, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Grant, 2015 - 2019, \$3,297,050.
- A Blood Based 'Liquid Biopsy' to Improve Healthcare for Metastatic Melanoma Patients, Department of Health WA, SHRAC Research Translation Projects, 2016 - 2018, \$4,075,030.



Research Interests

- Applied statistics
- Biostatistics

DR EDDIE VAN ETTEN

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Dr Eddie van Etten is a plant ecologist with extensive research experience across a range of Western Australian ecosystems, including arid spinifex grasslands, semi-arid shrublands, Banksia woodlands and jarrah forests. His research interests span from vegetation ecology and mapping to fire ecology and management, plant-animal interactions (including pollination and seed dispersal), restoration ecology and invasive plants. He has successfully supervised 16 postgraduate students (9 PhD and 7 Masters) to completion over the last 10 years. Over the last 5 years he has published 35 peer-reviewed papers with co-authors.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- Van Etten, E.J.B. & Burrows, N.D. (2018). Fire regimes and ecology of arid Australia. Chapter 10 in Lambers, H (ed.), *On the Ecology of Australia's Arid Zone*. Springer, Dordrecht, NL.

Journal Articles

- Calviño-Cancela, M. & van Etten, E.J.B. (2018). Invasive potential of *Eucalyptus globulus* and *Pinus radiata* into native eucalypt forests in Western Australia. *Forest Ecology & Management* 424: 246-258.
- Van Etten, E.J.B. & Fox, J.E.D (2017). Vegetation - environment relationships of the Hamersley Ranges, a mountainous desert of north-west Australia. *Folia Geobotanica* 52: 161-173.
- Doherty, T.S., van Etten, E.J.B., Davis, R.A., Knuckey, C., Radford, J.Q. & Dalgleish, S.A. (2017) Ecosystem responses to fire: identifying cross-taxa contrasts and complementarities to inform management strategies. *Ecosystems* 20: 872-884.
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- Van Etten, E.J.B. (2013). Changes to land tenure and pastoral lease ownership in Western Australia's central rangelands: implications for co-operative, landscape-scale management. *The Rangeland Journal* 35: 37-46.
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- van Etten, E.J.B. (2009). Inter-annual rainfall variability in arid Australia: greater than elsewhere? *Australian Geographer* 40: 107-118.

GRANTS

- 2016 – 2020: Improving conservation outcomes for the threatened species *Conospermum undulatum* and the threatened ecological community SCP20a. Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions WA & ECU Industry Engagement PhD Scholarships; \$139,000.
- 2017 – 2019: Assessing restoration success using reptiles and small mammals. Gundawa Regional Conservation Association Small Grant Scheme; \$34,000 (with Dr R. Davis, ECU).
- 2011 – 2016: Ecohydrological habitat characterisation and modelling to improve restoration prioritisation and outcomes within former pine plantation areas of the Gngangara Mound, Western Australia. Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions WA; \$146,314 (with Profs W. Stock and R. Froend).



Research Interests

- Vegetation ecology, including classification and mapping
- Restoration ecology, including mine closure and rehabilitation
- Fire ecology and management
- Arid zone and rangeland ecology and management
- Invasive plant species – impacts and control

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Dr Wajrak's main area of research is electrochemistry, more specifically, development of infield voltammetric methods for low level detection of heavy metals, such as arsenic, lead, cadmium, copper and mercury in water, soil samples and gunshot residues. Dr Wajrak is also part of ESRI research group, developing novel miniature pH sensors for use in complex matrixes such as body fluids and foods. In addition Dr Wajrak has a strong interest in chemical education, in particular, designing multimedia chemistry teaching resources, new experiments and lecture demonstrations to help students understand abstract chemical concepts.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Chandler, G., Khan, Nazim, Wajrak, M., 'Neutron Diffraction Structures of Water in Crystalline Hydrates of Metal Salts', *Acta Cryst.* (2015), B71, 275,
- Lonsdale, W., Maurya, D. K., Wajrak, M., Tay, C. Y., Marshall, J. B. and Alameh, K, Wajrak, M. 'Rapid measurement of urease activity using a potentiometric RuO₂ pH sensor for detection of *Helicobacter pylori*', *Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical* (2016).
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- Robertson, F., Barrow, J., Wajrak, M., Nunnup, N. and Bishop, C., "Participatory action and dual lens research" (QRJ-12-2016-0075.R1) *Qualitative Research Journal*, May 2017.
- Lonsdale, W, Wajrak, M and Alameh, K, "RuO₂ pH Sensor with Super-Glue-Inspired Reference Electrode", *Sensors*, 17, 2036, 2017.
- Lonsdale, W., Shylendra, S. P., Brouwer, S., Wajrak, M. and Alameh, K., "Application of ruthenium oxide pH sensitive electrode to samples with high redox interference", *Sensors & Actuators: B. Chemical* 273 (2018) 1222–1225.
- Lonsdale, W, Wajrak, M., Alameh, K, "Manufacture and application of RuO₂ solid-state metal-oxide pH sensor to common beverages", *TALANTA* 180 (2018) 277–28.
- Lonsdale, W., Shylendra, S. P., Wajrak, M. and Alameh, K., "Application of all solid-state 3D printed pH sensor to beverage samples using matrix matched standard", *TALANTA*, 196 (2019) 18–21.

GRANTS

- 2019 \$1,983. ECU Teaching and Learning Grant. Implementation of electronic lab books in first year chemistry lab classes.
- 2019 \$99,784. Curtin/CleanSubSea Industry Collaborative Grant. Detection of copper in ship's hull cleaning water.
- 2015–2019 \$200,636. HEPPP Grant. Old Ways New Ways Outreach Program.



Research Interests

- Electrochemistry
- pH Sensors
- Quantum Chemistry
- Chemical Education

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Professor Kamal Alameh is the Director of the Electron Science Research Institute (ESRI) at Edith Cowan University. He has over 20 years of research experience in photonics, optoelectronics and Opto-VLSI. At ECU, he established world-class Photonics and Electronics Labs as well as a 256m² cleanroom equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for the design, fabrication, characterisation, programming and testing of integrated micro and nano photonic structures, devices and systems.

He has authored or co-authored 320 technical articles at prestigious journals, including Nature Communications, key international conferences, and workshops, filed 25 patents and received a total research support in excess of \$20 million.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Vasiliev, M., Alam, MN., Alameh, K., (2019), Initial Field Testing Results from Building-Integrated Solar Energy Harvesting Windows Installation in Perth, Australia. *Applied Sciences*, 2019(9), 4002, Basel, Switzerland, DOI: 10.3390/app9194002.
- Vasiliev, M., Alameh, K., Alam, MN., (2019), Analysis, Optimization, and Characterization of Magnetic Photonic Crystal Structures and Thin-Film Material Layers. *Technologies*, 7(3), 49, Switzerland, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/technologies7030049>.
- Vasiliev, M., Alam, MN., Alameh, K., (2019), Recent Developments in Solar Energy-Harvesting Technologies for Building Integration and Distributed Energy Generation. *Energies*, 12(6), article no. 1080, Switzerland, DOI: 10.3390/en12061080.
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- Vasiliev, M., Alameh, K., Badshah, MA., Kim, S., Alam, MN., (2018), Semi-Transparent Energy-Harvesting Solar Concentrator Windows Employing Infrared Transmission-Enhanced Glass and Large-Area Microstructured Diffractive Elements. *Photonics*, 5(3), article no.25, Basel, Switzerland, MDPI AG, DOI: 10.3390/photonics5030025.
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- Kotov, V., Shavrov, V., Vasiliev, M., Alameh, K., Alam, MN., Balabanov, D., (2018), Properties of magnetic photonic crystals in the visible spectral region and their performance limitations. *Photonics and Nanostructures: fundamentals and applications*, 28(February 2018), 12-19, DOI: 10.1016/j.photonics.2017.11.003.
- Wajrak, M., Lonsdale, W., Alameh, K., (2018), Manufacture and application of RuO₂ solid-state metal-oxide pH sensor to common beverages. *Talanta*, 180(1 April 2018), 277-281, DOI: 10.1016/j.talanta.2017.12.070.

GRANTS

- Hybrid RF/optical catheter for effective Atrial Fibrillation (AF) ablation, Australian Research Council, Grant - Linkage (Projects), 2017 - 2021, \$1,510,587.
- Design and development of an automatic roadline marking system, Supalux Pty Ltd, Grant, 2019 - 2020, \$250,000.
- New Optical Wireless Frontier: Design Challenges of Multi Gigabit Wireless, Australian Research Council, Grant - Discovery Projects, 2017 - 2020, \$60,000.



Research Interests

- MicroPhotonics
- Opto-VLSI
- NanoPhotonics
- Plasmonics
- Photonics-based sensors
- Nano-bio
- Renewable energy
- Security and Defence

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR STEVEN HINCKLEY

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Steven Hinckley worked for the Telecom Research Laboratories in Melbourne from 1984 to 1990, as a Research Scientist. This included work on thin-film photovoltaics and electrochemical power sources (RAPS). He was with the Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) Division of Applied Physics from 1990 to 1993, as an Experimental Scientist. This work was on thin-film materials and photovoltaics, and magnetron sputtering of thin films. He has been a Lecturer with Edith Cowan University since 1993. He has been a Senior Lecturer since 2003, and an Associate Professor since 2009. Dr. Hinckley is an active member of the Australian Institute of Physics, the Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), the American Vacuum Society, the Society of Photo-Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE), the Optical Society of America, and the Electrochemical Society.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- G. Wild, S. Hinckley, (2008), Acousto-ultrasonic optical fiber sensors: Overview and state-of-the-art, *IEEE Sensors*, 8(7), 1184-1193, IEEE Press, DOI: 10.1109/JSEN.2008.926894.
- G. Allwood, S. Hinckley, G. Wild, (2016), Optical Fiber Sensors in Physical Intrusion Detection Systems: A Review. *IEEE Sensors Journal*, 16(14), 5497-5509, IEEE Sensors Council, DOI: 10.1109/JSEN.2016.2535465.
- I. Brouk, Y. Nemirovsky, S. Lachowicz, E.A. Gluszk, S. Hinckley, K. Eshraghian, (2002), Characterization of crosstalk between CMOS photodiodes, *Solid State Electronics*, 46(1), 53-59, Pergamon. DOI: 10.1016/S0038-1101(01)00268-4
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- G. Allwood, G.Wild, A. Lubansky, S. Hinckley, (2015), A highly sensitive fiber Bragg grating diaphragm pressure transducer. *Optical Fiber Technology*, 25(1), 25-32, Maryland Heights, USA, Academic Press Inc., DOI: 10.1016/j.yofte.2015.06.001.
- P. Jansz, S. Richardson, G. Wild, S. Hinckley, (2014), Characterizing the resolvability of real superluminescent diode sources for application to optical coherence tomography using a low coherence interferometry model. *Journal of Biomedical Optics*, 19(8), Article no. 085003, SPIE, DOI: 10.1117/1.JBO.19.8.085003.
- C. Angelos, S. Hinckley, R. Michalzik, V. Voignier, (2004), Simulation of current spreading in bottom-emitting vertical cavity surface emitting lasers for high-power operation, *SPIE Proc. Photonics: Design, Technology, and Packaging*, Vol. 5277, 261-272, International Society for Optics and Photonics, DOI: 10.1117/12.522899.
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GRANTS

- Next Generation Small Angle X-Ray Scattering Facility, Australian Research Council, Grant - Linkage (Infrastructure), 2014, \$1,725,000.
- Nanoscale Characterisation Centre for Western Australia (NCC WA), WA Centre of Excellence, 2006 - 2011, \$9,761,000
- Wireless acoustic sensor for the detection, identification and monitoring of biological hazards in grain silos and storage systems, Grains Research & Development Corporation, Protecting Your Crop, 2014 - 2016, \$344,334.



Research Interests

- Optical fibre sensing, including interferometer-based systems
- Optically-based imaging, such as biomedical imaging
- Acoustic sensing, including acoustic emissions, structural health monitoring and insect acoustic signatures
- Microelectronic materials and devices, including CMOS imaging array structures, solar cells and photovoltaic systems
- Security detection and defence technology

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Dr Steven Richardson is a senior lecturer in the School of Science at Edith Cowan University. He obtained a Bachelor of Science (first class honours) in applied mathematics in 2002, and a PhD in applied mathematics in 2008, both from the University of Western Australia. Dr Richardson has conducted research in a number of areas including the optimisation of maintenance scheduling, optical systems such as Optical Coherence Tomography and Fibre Bragg gratings, and the estimation of heat flux on buildings/structures in bush fires.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Penney, G. & Richardson, S. (2019). Empirical wildfire modelling of non-uniform vegetation fuel beds and the impact of urban development. *Fire*, 2,4, doi:10.3390/fire2010004
- Jansz, P.V., Richardson, S., Wild, G. & Hinckley, S. (2014). Characterising the resolvability of real superluminescent diode sources for application to optical coherence tomography using a low coherence interferometry model. *Journal of Biomedical Optics*. 19(8), 085003. doi:10.1117/1.JBO.19.8.085003
- Richardson, S., Kefford, A. & Hodkiewicz, M. (2013) Optimised asset replacement strategy in the presence of lead time uncertainty, *International Journal of Production Economics*, 141(2), 659-667P4
- Wild, G. & Richardson, S. (2013). Numerical Modelling of Intensity based Optical Fibre Bragg Grating Sensor Interrogation Systems. *Opt. Eng.* 52 (2), 024404-1 – 24404-9.
- Richardson, S. & Hodkiewicz, M. (2011) Modelling tool to support budgeting and planning decisions for pump overhauls, *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management*, 137(4), 327-334.
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- Richardson, S. & Wang, S. (2006). Numerical solution of Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equations by an exponentially fitted finite volume method, *Optimization*, 55(1-2) p.121-140.



Research Interests

- Mathematical Modelling

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Professor David Suter and his team at ECU conduct world-leading research in computer vision and big-data analysis. His special expertise includes robust statistical fitting, computational geometry and machine learning.

Professor Suter served as a member of Australian Research Council College of Experts (2008-2011) and has held a number of prestigious editorial positions including Editorial Board member "International Journal of Computer Vision" (2004-2013) (currently on the Honorary Editorial Board), Editorial Board member "Pattern Recognition" (Aug 2017 – present), Editorial Board member "IPSN Transactions on Computer Vision and Applications" (2008- 2013), Editorial Board member "Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision" (2007-2010) and Editorial Board member "Machine Vision and Applications" (2006- 2008).

Professor Suter has been awarded more than \$10m in national competitive research funding and his consultancy work has included forensic image analysis, automated power transmission line visual inspection, and visual odometry for automating port container tracking.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books:

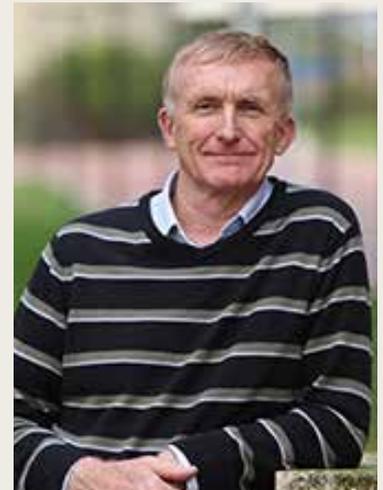
- Chin, Tat-Jun and David Suter (2017). The Maximum Consensus Problem: Recent Algorithmic Advances. Synthesis Lectures on Computer Vision (Eds. Gerard Medioni and Sven Dickinson). Morgan & Claypool, pp. 194-194.

Journal Articles

- Wang, H, Xiao, G, Yan, Y & Suter, D (2019), 'Searching for Representative Modes on Hypergraphs for Robust Geometric Model Fitting', IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, vol. 41, no. 3, pp. 697- 711.
- Xiao, G, Wang, H, Yan, Y & Suter, D (2018), 'Superpixel-Guided Two-View Deterministic Geometric Model Fitting', International Journal of Computer Vision. DOI: 10.1007/s11263-018-1100-8.
- Chin, T. J., P. Purkait, A. Eriksson, and D. Suter (2017). "Efficient Globally Optimal Consensus Maximisation with Tree Search". In: IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence 39(4), 758-772.
- Lai, T., H. Wang, Y. Yan, G. Xiao, and D. Suter (2017). "Efficient guided hypothesis generation for multi- structure epipolar geometry estimation". In: Computer Vision and Image Understanding 154, 152-165.
- Purkait, P., T. J. Chin, A. Sadri, and D. Suter (2017). "Clustering with Hypergraphs: The Case for Large Hyperedges". In: IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence pp.(99), 1-1.
- Bustos, A. Parra, T. J. Chin, A. Eriksson, H. Li, and D. Suter (2016). "Fast Rotation Search with Stereographic Projections for 3D Registration". In: IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence 38(11), 2227-2240.
- Tennakoon, R.B., A. Bab-Hadiashar, Z. Cao, R. Hoseinnezhad, & D. Suter (2016). "Robust Model Fitting Using Higher Than Minimal Subset Sampling". In: IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence 38(2), 350-362.
- Xiao, G, Wang, H, Lai, T & Suter, D (2016), 'Hypergraph modelling for geometric model fitting', Pattern Recognition, vol. 60, pp. 748 - 760.

GRANTS

- 2016-2019 Visual intelligence for safe vehicle operation in industrial environment. Australian Research Council, Linkage Projects, \$285,000
- 2016-2018 Space-based space surveillance with robust computer vision algorithms. Australian Research Council, Linkage Projects, \$275,000
- 2016-2018 Optimal robust fitting under the framework of LP-type methods. Australian Research Council, Discovery Projects, \$268,000



Research Interests

- Computer Vision
- Image Processing
- Machine Learning
- Data Mining
- Artificial Intelligence
- Robust Statistical Model Fitting

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GRANTS

- Evolutionary Algorithms for Real Time Strategy games, Defence Science and Technology Group of the Department of Defence, Grant, 2018 – 2019, \$53,373.
- Evolutionary Algorithms for Complex Multi-Agent Simulation of Air Operations, Defence Science and Technology Group of the Department of Defence, Grant, 2017 – 2018, \$97,846.
- Co-Evolutionary Algorithms for Multi-Agent Simulation of Air Operations, Defence Science and Technology Group of the Department of Defence, Grant, 2016 – 2017, \$44,339.
- Establishing a 3D sensing, visualisation and analytics lab, Edith Cowan University, School of Science 2017 Strategic Initiative Fund, 2017, \$115,368.



Research Interests

- Software Testing
- Health Information Technology
- Search-based Software Engineering
- Data Mining
- Computational Intelligence
- Image Processing
- Search-based Software testing
- Mobile phone remote health diagnosis
- Data mining
- Bioinformatics
- Computational red teaming

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Book Chapters:

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GRANTS

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- Evolutionary Algorithms for Real Time Strategy games, Defence Science and Technology Group of the Department of Defence, Grant, 2018 - 2019, \$53,373.
- Evolutionary Algorithms for Complex Multi-Agent Simulation of Air Operations, Defence Science and Technology Group of the Department of Defence, Grant, 2017 - 2018, \$97,846.



Research Interests

- Computer vision and image processing
- Artificial intelligence and machine learning
- Applications of games technology

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

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- ECU School of Science Strategic Initiative Fund, 2017 (AUD 135,368), Islam et al., Establishing a 3D sensing, visualisation and analytics lab.
- ECU Industry Engagement Scheme 2019 (\$71,664), Dermody G., Janjua J. and Islam SMS, The Implementation of Health-Assistive Smart Home Technology in Independently-Dwelling Older Adults. Industry partner: Bethanie.



Research Interests

- Artificial Intelligence
- Computer Vision/Pattern Recognition
- Machine learning and deep learning
- Medical Image analysis
- 2D/3D image and video data analysis

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- Economically Efficient Green Logistics through Cyber Physical Systems, Australian Research Council, Grant - Linkage (Projects), 2016 - 2019, \$1,755,951
- The Implementation of Health-Assistive Smart Home Technology in Independently-Dwelling Older Adults, Edith Cowan University, ECU Industry Engagement Grant, 2019 - 2020, \$87,664



Research Interests

- Semantic Web
- Argumentation
- Cloud Computing
- Decision Support Systems
- Software Architecture

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Book Chapters

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GRANTS

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- Intelligent strategies and parallel algorithms for spatial data clustering and join processing, Edith Cowan University, ECU Early Career Researcher - Grant, 2004 - 2006, \$14,000.



Research Interests

- Database and applications
- Data mining and web mining
- Decision support Information system and forecasting
- Network application
- Internationalisation

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GRANTS

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- Academic Centre of Cyber Security Excellence, Department of Education and Training, Academic Centres of Cyber Security Excellence, 2017 - 2021, \$950,287.
- Honeypot Deployment Architecture, Cyber Security Research Centre Ltd, Cyber Security Research Centre MBR Scholarship, 2019 - 2021, \$130,000.



Research Interests

- Network Security and Forensics
- Honeypots
- Intrusion Detection Systems
- Internet Misuse
- Computer Clustering (Beowulf)
- Computer Forensics
- Wireless Security
- SCADA Security

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Paul, together with colleagues at Plymouth University, co-invented ICAAlert – a managed platform that monitors Internet access targeting users in high-risk environments (e.g. schools) attempting to access inappropriate/illegal content (including radicalisation/terrorist content).

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Journal Articles

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- Measuring and Mitigating Vigilance Decrement in Cyber Network Defence Tasks, Cyber Security Research Centre Ltd, Cyber Security Research Centre PhD Scholarship, 2019 - 2022, \$225,000.
- Academic Centre of Cyber Security Excellence, Department of Education and Training, Academic Centres of Cyber Security Excellence, 2017 - 2021, \$950,287.
- Intelligent Building Security: An investigation into Vulnerabilities, Current Practice and Security Management Best Practice, ASIS International, ASIS - Grant, 2017 - 2018, \$79,339.



Research Interests

- Information Systems Security
- Security Education
- Learning & Learner Technologies/Analytics

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters:

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GRANTS

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- Academic Centre of Cyber Security Excellence, Department of Education and Training, Academic Centres of Cyber Security Excellence, 2017 - 2021, \$950,288.
- Vulnerabilities in Ship Control Systems, Defence Science and Technology Group of the Department of Defence, Grant, 2017 - 2018, \$400,000.



Research Interests

- Network Forensics
- Resilient Systems
- Critical Infrastructure Security
- Security of IoT devices
- Secure Development Methodologies

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He is currently exploring blockchain for ensuring security of healthcare devices securing the prestigious ECU Early Career Researcher Grant. Mohiuddin has edited a book on Data Analytics published by CRC press, USA. Previously, he has worked in the areas of text mining and predictive analytics in the artificial intelligence division at MIMOS, Malaysia. Currently, Mohiuddin is editorial advisory board member of Cambridge Scholars Publishing Group in UK and Associate Editor of the International Journal of Computers and Applications (Taylor & Francis Group).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

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- Ahmed, M., Mahmood, A., Islam, MR., (2016), A survey of anomaly detection techniques in financial domain. Future Generation Computer Systems: the international journal of grid computing: theory, methods and applications, 55(1 February 2016), 278-288, DOI: 10.1016/j.future.2015.01.001.

GRANTS

- Securing Internet of Medical Things against False Data Injection Attacks Using Blockchain, Edith Cowan University, ECU Early Career Researcher Grant - 2019, 2019 - 2020, \$25,000.



Research Interests

- Cyber Security
- Data Analytics
- Machine Learning
- Blockchain
- Healthcare

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Research Interests

- Cybersecurity
- Health Informatics
- Sensor Networks
- IoT/Internet of Health Things
- Disaster Recovery Networks

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Dr Ahmed Ibrahim holds a PhD in the area of Cyber Security, a Master of Computer Security, and a Bachelor of Science First Class Honours in Computing. He is a Lecturer in the Computer and Security discipline in the School of Science where he teaches units related to Network Security. He is also the coordinator for the Bachelor of Science (Cyber Security) course.

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He currently supervises several PhD candidates in Cyber Security centric topic areas such as: Internet of Things, Cyber Physical Systems, OT Security, NLP, Sentiment Analysis, and Cryptography.

Dr Ahmed Ibrahim has a keen interest in research and projects aligned with industry. He has worked in the industry at various capacities and some of his notable industry engagements include vulnerability assessments, security architecture reviews, security audits, website security assessments, desktop reviews, and critical infrastructure evaluations for the federal/state/local government and critical infrastructure providers.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

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Research Interests

- Internet of Things (IoT) and Industrial Control Systems (ICS) Security
- Cyber Security and Risk Assessment Frameworks
- Threat and Intrusion Detection (SIEM and IDS)
- Detection of Radical Content on Social Media and Internet
- Investigation of Covert Communication and Steganography

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Research Interests

- Cybersecurity
- Digital Forensics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Science

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Research Interests

- Digital forensics
- Information Security
- Human Computer Interaction (HCI) - Security
- Cyber security challenges and education
- Cyber security usability

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