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University of Otago

# Graduation Ceremonies

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2024  
1PM AND 4PM





## Coat of Arms

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The University's coat of arms was granted by the Lord Lyon King of Arms (Scotland's premier officer of arms) on 21 January 1948. Its design is based on that of the unauthorised arms which appeared on the University's seal in use by September 1870.

The blazon (technical description) of the arms is:

Azure, on a saltire cantoned between four mullets of six points Or, a book, gilt-edged and bound in a cover Gules charged with a mullet of six points of the second [i.e. Or] and a book-marker of the third [i.e. Gules] issuant from the page-foot, and in an Escrol under the same this Motto "Sapere Aude". (Lyon Register vol.36, p.102)

In ordinary language, the shield is blue, with a gold saltire (Saint Andrew's cross) between four gold six-pointed stars. On the centre of the saltire there is a closed red book, gilt-edged and with a red book-marker protruding, bearing another gold six-pointed star on its cover.

The motto may be translated as 'dare to be wise' or 'have courage to be wise'.

[otago.ac.nz/about/history/#coatofarms](https://otago.ac.nz/about/history/#coatofarms)

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*The front cover depicts the University of Otago's pou whenua. Named after Tāwhaki, who is known for his pursuit of knowledge and the many challenges he encountered on his journey, the pou whenua is situated on the lawn between the St David Complex and the Ōwheo Water of Leith.*

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# University of Otago Office Holders

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<b>Chancellor</b>	P. A. Oakley BCom(Otago) CFInstD
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Education	V. R. Anderson BEd(Cant) PhD PGDipArts(Otago) DipTchg(ChchCE)
Law	S. E. Griffiths BCom LLB(Hons) MA(Otago) FCA
Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies	P. P. Vakaoti MA(S Pac) PhD(Qld)
Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences	E. A. Hargreaves BSc(Hons)(Glas) PhD(Wales)
Surveying	A. B. Moore BSc(Hons)(Portsmouth) MSc(Leic) PhD(Plym)
Medicine	T. J. Wilkinson MB ChB MD PhD(Otago) MClInEd(NSW) FANZAHPE FRACP FRCP FAMEE (Acting)
Dentistry	P. R. Cooper BSc(Hons)(Leeds) PhD PGCILTHE (Birm)
Pharmacy	B. R. Russell BPharm(Hons) PhD(Otago)
Physiotherapy	L. A. Hale BSc(Cape Town) MSc(Physio) PhD(Witw) FNZCP
<b>Registrar</b>	D. S. Clark BA BTheol (Hons) PhD (Otago) MinstD



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# Ceremony One: 1:00pm

Degrees to be conferred and diplomas to be awarded in Arts, Music, Theology, and the BAsC.

# The order of the Ceremony

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The Chancellor will preside and with the Council and representatives of the staff, graduates and students will enter at 1:00pm.

The audience is requested to rise as the procession enters.

Speeches of welcome from the Chancellor and Ko te Kaiwhaikōrero mō te Tangata Whenua (Māori Orator).

The National Anthem, in Māori and English (*printed inside the back cover of the booklet*).

Conferment of degrees and presentation of diplomas by the Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor will present candidates for doctoral degrees.

Pro-Vice-Chancellors and Deans will present candidates for other degrees and diplomas.

INTERLUDE:           Cameron Monteath – piano  
                              *April in Paris – Charles Trenet*

Graduation address by Keegan L. Wells BAsc MPlan(Otago)

Gaudeamus (*printed inside the back cover of the booklet*).

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<b>Māori Orator</b>	Emeritus Professor John R. Broughton CNZM ED JP(rtd) BSc(Massey) BDS PhD PGDipComDent DipGrad(Otago)
<b>Mace Bearer</b>	Emily J. Williams
<b>Organist</b>	David C. Burchell MA(Oxon)
<b>Piper</b>	Jack K. Broomfield

# Degrees to be conferred and diplomas to be awarded in person

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## Doctor of Philosophy

Tema Lepani Masei Alailima-Eteuati  
Daniel Edgardo Basubas  
Rachel Anna Billington  
Grace Imogen Clare  
Deborah Tania Davies  
Rachel Lynn Fleener  
Ashley Jayne Galbreath  
Joshua Jensen James  
Kalika Anne Kastein  
Zijian Lyu  
Sonja Annelise Mueller  
Tamara Ophelia Pletzer  
Jonathan Hamilton Atimalala Mariota Seiuli  
Jaimee Karen Alexandra van Gernerden  
Michelle Jane Walker  
Chathrie Upeka Wimalasooriya

## Master of Arts (Thesis)

Neve Maria Beens: Anthropology, with Distinction  
Lilli Koko Muller-Murchie: Anthropology, with Distinction

## Bachelor of Arts with Honours and Bachelor of Arts

Stella Eve Dickie: Bachelor of Arts with Honours: Anthropology, First Class  
Jana Dorana: Bachelor of Arts with Honours: Psychology, First Class  
Ella Lorene Kalmakoff: Bachelor of Arts with Honours: Theatre Studies, First Class  
Hannah Grace Laugesen: Bachelor of Arts with Honours: History, First Class  
Joshua Anthony Prager: Bachelor of Arts with Honours: History, First Class  
Rosie Mary Grogan Simmons: Bachelor of Arts with Honours: Philosophy, First Class  
Payton Greer Yimloy: Bachelor of Arts with Honours: Classics, First Class

## Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Georgiana Kate Anderson: Psychology, First Class  
Evelyn Rose Ballantyne: English, First Class  
Max James Robert Balloch: Philosophy, First Class  
Olivia Grace Belt: History, First Class

Kate Jocelyn Benjes: Communication Studies, Second Class (Division I)  
Grace Elizabeth Brebner: Psychology, First Class  
Selena Nikki De Weyer: Psychology, First Class  
Ruby Christiana Dyke: Classics, First Class  
Julia Stephanie Feehan: Classics, First Class  
Margaret Jane Gorman: History, First Class  
Charlotte Ellena Emens Hamblin: Classics, First Class  
Tayler Beth James: History, First Class  
Amasio Samuel Jutel: Film and Media Studies, First Class  
Annelies Atareta MacDuff: Anthropology, First Class  
Talisa Anjani Pelser: Anthropology, First Class  
India Irene Quedley: Classics, First Class  
Holly Erica Read: Psychology, First Class  
Oliver Brian Sutherland: Psychology, First Class  
Adam Thomas Tait: Psychology, First Class  
Samuel Kane Woodward: History, Second Class (Division II)

## Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Performing Arts

Caitlin Mia Brennan

## Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Laura Maree van Lindt

## Bachelor of Arts and Diploma for Graduates

Samantha Jayne Reeves: Diploma for Graduates (Endorsed in Psychology)

## Bachelor of Arts

Ferris Azrai Bin Abdul Aziz  
Molly Fay Adams  
Aseel Ahmad Aiel Al-Azzawi  
Zara Maria Alexander  
Ahad Abdul Aziz Azan Ali Al-Ismaily  
Ashleigh Grace Allum  
Ella Jean Ashley  
Anaida Austin  
Sammie Anna Bean



Ellarose Maree Louise Bennett  
Ellie Lauren Bennett  
Ngaroma-Urupekengarangi Bennett  
James Greville Henderson Biss  
Emma Jordan Black  
Charlotte Ann Blackburne  
Ryan John Fraser Blackie  
Janna Blong  
Kate Sanne Borsboom  
Harriette Mary Carolyn Boucher  
William Toby Brandrick  
Hannah Mae Cant  
Kiringaua Campbell Tamati Cassidy  
Olivia Sophie Charles  
Brittany Delta Checkley  
Keyu Chen  
Awanthika Chetty  
Kapri Monaro Giani Erina Clark  
Sam Cleverley  
Xanthe Catherine Clyne  
Anthea Marie Wilson Coleman  
Kailani Jane Creighton  
Jared David John Davies  
Pia Ariana Verave Davis  
Raveena Dayama  
Julia Marie-Henriëtte Deen  
Clara Rose Donne  
Evangeline Dunedin Douglass-Dobson  
Zara Jane Doyle  
Justine Judith Elsmore  
Emmanuel Devanté Fa'avae  
Kayla May Farr  
Mia Victoria Flannery  
Ciara Alexandra Watt Foley  
Aimee Ann Freeman  
Marika Fukuzawa  
Frederick Kevin Galbraith  
Laura Grace Gale  
Ruby Grace Gane  
Blossom-Kate Garbutt  
George Cavell Garry  
Nicki Anna Graham  
Sophie Elizabeth Green  
Jamie Griffin  
James Michael Kenneth Hanlon  
Roman Wolfgang Hardie-Lyne  
Sarah Grace Hartley  
Mia Louise Helliwell-Clarke

Amy Rose Hema  
Hana Sage Hollister  
Gus Franklin Higham Holt  
Summer Lilley Hopkin  
Sean Edmund Donnelly Hughes  
Aidan Ling-Sen Hung  
Meghan Ashley Ironmonger-Whyte  
Emma Jackson  
Mia Mae Jackson  
Kiera Ann Jenkinson  
Keely Mikara Jones  
Olivia Kate Jowsey  
Tansy Jay Kerrisk  
Meg Rose Kilbride  
Natcha Kimsang  
Jeremy Paul Kinley  
Bale Batila Kito  
Emma Jane Knowler  
Emily Olivia Sunderland Koller  
Callum James Kubala  
Holly Jean Landreth  
India May Lang  
Brianna Anh Mai Le  
Kate Hazel Lewis  
Gabriel Marama Liddell  
Olivia Rose Lonsdale  
Joshua Blake Lovely  
Laurinda Jayne Lowen  
Joshua Shane MacDonald  
Maita Helen Mackenzie  
Lily Grace Mae Cottage Maley  
Daniella Marie Manansala  
India Mason  
Briar Lee Matthews  
Ella Kathryn Taiaroa McDonald  
Anna Lois McIntyre  
Belinda Jane McKie  
Ella Grace McKissock  
Caitlin Rose McLellan  
Holly Elizabeth McNaught  
Jessica Lesley Mennell  
Aidan Rubens Mercer  
Kristina Augusta Kerrigan Miles  
Rosanna Aimee Patricia Mirfin  
Linda Olivia Morgan  
Anna Ruby Elise Morris  
Amy Jane Mains Morrison  
Tyler Jean Muir



Regan James Neville  
Kate Mhairi Newson-Adams  
Sophia Louise Fairmaid Niblock  
Georgina Isabel Nicholls  
Honor Rose Nolan Rundle  
Lydia Rose Tate O'Callaghan  
Ivy Grace Rose Osborne  
Purapurawhetu Panapa-Galbraith  
Elliot George Paterson  
Jiayu Peng  
Jermaine Robert Lockeyer Pepe  
Holly Jessica Lucy Petrie  
Catherine April Portelli  
Petra Joy Prekopa  
Portia Meijerink Prescott  
Elizabeth Rose Purvis  
Hayden James Rae  
Syrah Morgaine Ranta  
Wendy Margaretha Sophia Rapp  
Erin Rose Redmond  
Jake Stuart Remon  
Johnny Edward Richardson  
Sokneang Rik  
Lindsay Thomas Roberts  
Lena Meline Sakalian  
Jacob Patrick Scannell  
Maia Hinemoa Athena Schwarz  
Keegan Teresa Scott  
Benjamin Patrick Sidon  
Sophie Rose Jackman Silcock  
Zanthie Rose Smith  
Nanimakamae Agnes-Ruth Soon  
Ruzél Stegen  
Eliza-Jean Ann Stevenson  
Shawna Lea Stewart  
Talia Charlotte Story  
Gabrielle Sian Summerfield  
Skye Ella Rose Symmers  
Arabella Grace Mejorada Talbot  
Daniela Tapper  
Lusia Tapui  
Claudia Ann Tate  
Claire Olivia Taylor  
Kheelan Jay Tia-Mai Thompson-Tonga  
Emma Catherine Trench  
Finn Peter Tubby  
Alyssa Grace Tweedy  
Zara Faye Van Koppen

Annemieke Belle van Uden  
Salanieta Talei Basenikau Fanny Vugakoto  
Brilea Ann Kate Wadsworth  
Rose Dorothy June Wallington  
Greer Isabella Webber  
Nicholas George Wedderburn  
Rawiri James Pirikahu Wereta  
Emma Kate Westenra  
Meadow Grace Whatson  
May Elizabeth Wheeldon  
Caitlin Tui Wheeler  
Nicole Maree Whelan  
Ashley Rose Wilson  
Stella Mary Wispinski  
Abigael Rita Lammers Wolfe  
Leni Nicole Wright  
Pippa Jane Wyllie  
Wing Yeung

#### **Master of Archaeological Practice**

Jessica Helen Delman, with Distinction

#### **Master of International Development and Planning**

Hannah Brittany McCarlie, with Distinction

#### **Master of International Studies and Bachelor of Arts**

Lily Rakaya McKenzie Stock: Master of International Studies, with Distinction

#### **Master of Peace and Conflict Studies**

Bridget Ellen Crisp, with Distinction

#### **Master of Planning**

Keegan Lily Wells, with Distinction

#### **Master of Politics**

Bradley Joshua Hartnell, with Distinction

#### **Bachelor of Music with Honours, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music**

Cameron Jack Monteath: Bachelor of Music with Honours: Composition and Musical Performance (Combined), FirstClass; Bachelor of Music (Endorsed in Performance and Composition)

### **Bachelor of Music and Diploma in Language**

Rosie Mae Brayshaw McAllister: Bachelor of Music (Endorsed in Performance); Diploma in Language (Endorsed in French)

### **Bachelor of Music**

Jakira Ebony Brophy (Endorsed in Performance and Music Production)

Michelle Nancy-Mae Brown (Endorsed in Performance)

Kieran Michael Stayner Kelly (Endorsed in Performance)

Phoebe Rose Otila Aiomanu Osborne (Endorsed in Performance)

Ethan Leonard Trembath (Endorsed in Composition and Music Production)

### **Bachelor of Performing Arts**

Tama Bertram Lund Hodgson

Emily Mary-Kate Rangadevi McLennan

Hazel Shirley Simes

Emma Given Suzana

Jorja Helen Tatham

Emma Kate Thomas

### **Bachelor of Social Work with Honours**

Shivani Geeta Dahya, First Class

Zara Ashleigh Forgie, First Class

Lainie Olivia King, First Class

Emma Paige Smith, First Class

### **Bachelor of Social Work**

Gemma Kate Anderson

Aria Ballard Bibby

Khata Rose Pearce

Liya Mary Thomas

Millie Elizabeth Tremaine

Shawna Anne van Abs

### **Master of Social and Community Work (Applied)**

Alice Lucy Bates, with Distinction

Emily Jane Brace-Mallett, with Distinction

Yasemin Franz, with Distinction

Amelia Kate Crocker Greet, with Distinction

Claire Julia Hamilton, with Distinction

Kimberly May Inglis, with Distinction

Finau Penita Lisa Mafi

Rebecca Anne Charlotte Murray, with Distinction

Samantha Lee Richards, with Distinction

### **Bachelor of Theology**

Andrew Pieter Butcher (Endorsed in Christian Thought and History)

### **Master of Chaplaincy**

Cyril Phillip Pawley, with Distinction

### **Master of Ministry**

Rosemary Anne Fleming, with Credit

### **Master of Science and Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology**

Issac Tyrone Jamieson: Master of Science: Psychology, with Distinction

### **Master of Science**

Alexander Nicholas Boardman: Psychology, with Distinction

Kiri-Moana Leah Burich: Biochemistry, with Distinction

Alfred Efe Çelik: Neuroscience, with Credit

Mae Louise Gilmour: Microbiology, with Distinction

Zhua Li Lim: Ecology, with Distinction

Celine Jane McGarvey: Microbiology, with Distinction

### **Bachelor of Science with Honours and Bachelor of Science**

Hannah Elizabeth Acheson: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Neuroscience, First Class

George Samuel Alexander: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Physics, Second Class (Division I)

Hannah Mary Tolks-Robinson: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Psychology, First Class

### **Bachelor of Science with Honours**

Cole Jonathan Barnes-Wilkie: Physics, First Class

Samantha Nicole Barrett: Psychology, First Class

Eugenie Rose Valentine Calder: Neuroscience, First Class

Aleisha Grace Chalmers: Neuroscience, First Class

Guantian Chen: Psychology, First Class

Reuben Alexander Cook: Physics, First Class

Matthew David Cowles: Energy Management, First Class

Petra Alexandra Fisher: Physics, First Class  
Lily Eden McLellan Harvey: Marine Science,  
First Class  
Tira John McLachlan: Biochemistry, First Class  
Lili Gabriela Ovendale: Sport, Exercise and  
Health, First Class  
Georgia Louise Peattie: Neuroscience, First Class  
Anna Rose Petersen: Physics, First Class  
Aaron Isaac Thomas Taylor: Physics, First Class  
Ariana Manaia Tuson: Neuroscience, First Class

### **Bachelor of Science**

Emma Maud Ahlezon  
Nziwa Rebecca Anainga  
Andrew Bryan Baynham  
Maximus Vladimir Bear  
Duncan McIntyre Beere  
Laura Marie Bowater  
Aroha-Mae Rangiaho Bunner  
Liam Alexander Cade  
Boston Max Canton  
Eila Elizabeth Chirnside  
Lily Grace Collier  
Lachlan William Cronin  
Rose Phoebe Darby  
Portia Joy D'Ath  
MacKenzie Jane Duff  
Chloe Diana Dunn  
Daisy Eliza Eaglesome  
Peyton Willow Fields  
Braden Hone Fowell  
Adi Lina Nicola Garnett  
Riley James Arnard Green  
Daniel James Griebel  
Monique Elaine Davison Groenendal  
Carter Jacob High  
Luke Alexander Hopkirk  
Jessica Margaret Hydes  
Benjamin Ross Ivory-McCullum  
Abigail Jenkinson  
Riley Allan Johnston  
Oak Ammon Jones  
Bangama Arachchige Asenka Thiara  
Kularathna  
Lisa Leung  
Alexandra Ruby MacDonald  
Cassandra Catherine Muldrock  
Tahlia Rosena Anker Murray  
Simbarashe Junior Muwunganirwa

Shalini Patel  
Elsie Camelyn S Polosovai  
Anya Susan Powell  
Ella Diane Price  
Jessica Margaret Slimin  
Andrew Carl Sporke  
Niccole Cailin Tatarzycki  
Hollie Maree Thomas  
James Emerson Jappy Tucker  
Ronan Joseph Bryant Veza  
Jasmeen Virk  
Sophie Amanda Waddell  
Kira Le-Āna Watson  
Hannah Olivia Whelan  
Laura Ruth Whelan  
Sui Yin Wong  
Samantha Aiyanna Yelseth  
Maia Valerie Yi

### **Bachelor of Commerce**

Cameron John Dickie

### **Bachelor of Arts and Science and Diploma for Graduates**

Madeleine Sofia Frear: Diploma for Graduates  
(Endorsed in Management)

### **Bachelor of Arts and Science**

Kaye Daffon Daleon  
Willow Diedricks  
Gemma Ellen Douglas  
Tayla Cate Eaton  
Catherine Lois Fairbairn  
Emma Ruth Hutchinson  
Isobel Catherine Grace Wheen Keiller  
Paige Annie Hart Kilduff  
Edan Maree Lacey  
Esther Mary Lampen-Smith Kozyniak  
Tabitha Katie McMillan Littlejohn  
Jorja Paige MacKenzie  
Jennifer Jayne Marsh  
Stella Emma Murray  
Katiana Ngawini Ngata  
Kayleigh O'Reilly  
Alex William Parks  
Hamish Kavanagh Phillips  
Brandon Jacob Michael Pritchard  
Isabelle Mae Ralston  
Mia Dioleta Sacro Segun

Linea Grace Simons  
Alexandra Kerri Rowland Taylor  
Ellie Rose Taylor  
Maggie Ngaio Taylor-Lacey  
Zoe Helene Thompson  
Harry Benjamin Watt  
Amelia Kate Weir  
Ruby Chenoweth Werry  
Tessa Lily Worthington

#### **Postgraduate Diploma in Theology**

Sione Tangi Mausia Ma'u: Christian Thought and  
History

#### **Postgraduate Diploma in Science**

Toby Alexander Pryer: Anatomy, with Distinction  
Josiah Jerome Talosaga: Physiology, with  
Distinction

#### **Diploma for Graduates**

Grant Stuart Bowater (Endorsed in Biblical  
Studies)  
Carol Anne Taurua-McCready

# Degrees to be conferred and diplomas to be awarded in absentia

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## Doctor of Philosophy

Shona Te-Pare Kapea-Maslin  
Khin Khin Lwin  
Walter Noteboom

## Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Jodie Alice Simpson: Psychology, First Class  
Sophie Sutherland: Psychology, Second Class  
(Division I)

## Bachelor of Arts

Kaydin Sheffield Alexander Ryan  
Shion Alizadeh  
Rory Elsie Augustson  
Jasmine Faith Byfleet  
Kayleigh Ann Forsyth  
Ffion Gwendolyn Jones  
Annalise-Jade Margaret Keable  
Milly Helen Kerr  
Helena Lara Mayer  
Gregory Stuart Nimmo  
Hà Thu Phan  
Noah Benjamin Scott

## Bachelor of Music

Sage Ngaroimata Kennedy Macdonald  
(Endorsed in Composition and Music Production)

## Bachelor of Theology

Amanda Mary Mark (Endorsed in Pastoral Studies)  
Alicia Dawn Odhiambo (Endorsed in Pastoral  
Studies)

## Master of Science

Winter Rae Sheridan Miller: Zoology, with  
Distinction  
Eunseo Na: Anatomy, with Distinction

## Bachelor of Science with Honours

To'oa Tofamamao Brown: Microbiology, First Class  
Sienna Olive Evans: Forensic Analytical Science,  
First Class  
Naomi Elsa Grambin: Microbiology, First Class

Sam Edward McCullough: Forensic Analytical  
Science, First Class

Emma Kate Pettigrew: Marine Science, First Class

## Bachelor of Science

Fathima Shakeenathul Ilma Aminudeen  
Cara Allison Busse  
Harrison Luke Carman  
Azariah Opal-Rose Drummond  
Campbell Francis Hall  
Peter Joseph Hill  
Isla Madeleine Kolien  
Hannah Ayumi Liyanarachchi  
Tilly Pritchard  
Dante Angelo Vannini

## Bachelor of Applied Science

Max Wilkie Chu

## Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science

Garima Panta, with Distinction

## Bachelor of Arts and Science

Tobias Wing Kai Brennan

## Postgraduate Diploma in Science

Reilon Jerome Dagoldol Flores: Neuroscience,  
with Distinction

## Diploma for Graduates

William Alexander Henderson Biss (Endorsed  
in Criminology)  
David Phillip Kay (Endorsed in Religious Studies)  
Yunyi Liu (Endorsed in Gender Studies)  
John Allan McWatters  
Ella Jane Taylor (Endorsed in Politics)

## Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy

Shaun Timothy Baker  
Joseph John Martin





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# Notes on Doctoral Graduands



## **Tema Lepani Masei Alailima-Eteuati, PhD**

Taeao lē leoa: The muted history of indigenous Samoans in the arrival of Methodism in Samoa

## **Daniel Edgardo Basubas, PhD**

A critical examination of the 'green economy' concept as a vehicle for inclusion: a qualitative case study of the Agulhas Plain, South Africa

The researcher spent 11 months in rural South Africa examining if and how 'green economy' policies improved the lives of marginalised communities. The findings showed that many people's lives were unchanged, contradicting dominant global narratives. A core issue was that these policies tended to ignore systemic factors contributing to poverty, such as wealth inequality, while embracing 'business-as-usual' free market ideologies which have historically exacerbated inequalities. As the adage goes, "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." This research argues that if green economy policies are to reduce poverty and tackle climate change, decision-makers must meaningfully engage with marginalised communities and prioritise their voices in political discussions.

## **Rachel Anna Billington, PhD**

"Social media gave me my life." Recognition, adolescence, and political identity in the algorithmic era: Coming of age online in Aotearoa New Zealand

In a socio-cultural moment characterised by culture wars and post-truth politics, largely facilitated by the filter effects of modern technologies, researchers are increasingly turning their attention to the role of social media in political belief formation, rising populism, and polarisation. Understanding how these dynamics inform the developing political identities of young people coming of age online is, however, under-explored.

This research fills this gap by examining the ways that young New Zealanders' develop their political identities through experiences of recognition and non-recognition in their online and offline worlds. These formative experiences are mediated by social media insofar as these technologies play a vital role in the lives of adolescents, as tools for self-discovery, interpersonal connection, and information seeking.

This thesis was formally recognised by the Division of Humanities as being of exceptional quality.

## **Grace Imogen Clare, PhD**

### **A social impact evaluation of food rescue organisations in Aotearoa New Zealand**

Food rescue organisations have emerged as a critical response to the global issues of food waste and hunger by redistributing surplus food to people in need. Despite their significant social, environmental, and economic impacts, these organisations remain underfunded and undervalued. Social impact assessment provides a systematic method for non-profit organisations to understand the social value their activities create and put it into a language funders and investors can understand.

This research employed an innovative approach to conduct a multi-case Social Return on Investment (SROI) analysis for food rescue organisations. The SROI analysis revealed that for every dollar invested in food rescue, \$4.50 of social value was generated. Additionally, results showed that food rescue contributes to reducing environmental waste, improving access to food, enhancing well-being, and strengthening social connectedness for individuals and communities receiving the food.

## **Deborah Tania Davies, PhD**

### **Kainga, kura and kai: Sustainable gardens as a mechanism to enhance educational and cultural outcomes**

With the emergence of edible gardens in schools in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally, there has also been a marked decline of mahinga kai and associated mātauranga within kāinga. The customary practice of manaakitanga, not least kaitiakitanga, koha and sharing of kai and onward transmission of mātauranga via whanaungatanga are also being eroded. As a result, these foundational values of kāinga identity and wellbeing have been interrupted.

This study examined a triadic relationship between kāinga, marae and kura in Te Taitokerau, grounded in Māori research methods underpinned by a whakapapa framework. Results demonstrated clearly how sustainable gardens can be used as a mechanism to enhance educational and cultural outcomes, strengthening community connections and reclaiming customary knowledge.

## **Rachel Lynn Fleener, PhD**

**Inclusive governance in exclusive landscapes: A critical analysis of integrated landscape approaches to conservation in the Agulhas Plain, South Africa**

This research examined how integrated conservation and development projects are coordinated in South Africa through multistakeholder platforms. These platforms aim to include diverse groups in decision-making processes, including marginalised groups, to promote equitable project outcomes. Drawing on a 9-month field study in the Agulhas Plain, the research found that marginalised groups were largely excluded from decision-making processes and included inequitably in the outcomes of projects. Despite the platforms' goal of inclusivity, they failed to address the deeper, systemic barriers to meaningful participation. The study suggests that for true inclusivity, conservation and development efforts must go beyond these platforms and tackle the root causes of inequity that prevent full participation.

## **Ashley Jayne Galbreath, PhD**

**Making peace inevitable: How communities create peace and avoid war every day**

## **Joshua Jensen James, PhD**

**"We're here, we're queer, we're fascist! Get used to it." Identity conflict in the homosexual radical right**

The homosexual radical right (far right) is often seen to be oxymoronic. It seems incomprehensible to many that a marginalised group within society—homosexuals—can support a political movement which is both homophobic and oppressive to others. It has been suggested that being both homosexual and politically radical right are so fundamentally opposed that there cannot be a synthesis between these two identities. This juxtaposition and incongruence of these identities is identity conflict. This research studies this identity conflict and suggests different identity conflict resolution techniques that are present in a range of texts from the homosexual radical right. The primary technique is creating such a threat to both of their identities that any conflict is nullified.

## **Kalika Anne Kastein, PhD**

Positioning silence in peace and conflict studies: Corpus-based research and qualitative content analysis of peace and conflict studies journals

## **Zijian Lyu, PhD**

From reason to intuition: Human knowledge and its value

## **Sonja Annelise Mueller, PhD**

Exploring rural community-led resilience to natural hazards: A participatory scenario approach to Hokitika's community resilience through a future Alpine Fault earthquake disaster and recovery

All over the world there are communities exposed to multi-hazard risks. Each community has unique local knowledge, culture, resources, capabilities, and social networks to help them prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Resilient communities use their unique combination of resources and capabilities to survive a disaster and thrive after.

This research used a scenario to explore community resilience in Hokitika, New Zealand. Community members identified existing resources and capabilities, and co-designed hazard and impact maps of a Mw 8 Alpine Fault earthquake. Participants envisioned resources and capacities that could be useful during earthquake response and recovery. This scenario approach empowered participants, and the outcomes and benefits can be applied toward mobilising ongoing resilience efforts for community-led resilience.

## **Tamara Ophelia Pletzer, PhD**

**Hydrometeorological modelling of glacial melt and streamflow in the McMurdo Dry Valleys, Antarctica**

The glaciers in the McMurdo Dry Valleys are on the threshold of change, thus a key challenge is to understand the atmospheric drivers of glacial melt and streamflow. To do so, a novel hydro-meteorological model was adapted to simulate cold-based glacial melt and streamflow and tested over several melt seasons. The model was then used to investigate the sensitivity of streamflow to possible future scenarios of higher air temperatures and increased snowfall. Increasing air temperatures resulted in an exponential increase in total runoff, while increasing snowfall resulted in either a decrease of streamflow due to a higher albedo or an increase in streamflow because of greater mass turnover. These findings demonstrate the complex sensitivity of glaciers to changes in weather.

## **Jonathan Hamilton Atimalala Mariota Seiuli, PhD**

**Re-reading Romans 13:1-7 and other New Testament texts from the perspective of law and the contextual tax issue in Samoa (2017-2022)**

A legislative change to Samoa's taxation laws in 2017 created an unprecedented crisis in relations between the government and the religious ministers of Samoa. Christian ministers in Samoa have traditionally been exempted from paying income tax but new legislation required that they should now pay taxes.

Whilst the issue has now been resolved by the induction of a new government and the abolition of the tax law, the credibility of the government's appeal to Romans 13:1-7 and disagreement on how these verses should be interpreted remain unresolved.

This research thesis the controversy over the tax law changes in Samoa as a vantage point for a deeper investigation of what Paul meant in Romans 13:1-7, particularly from a law perspective.

## **Jaimee van Gernerden, PhD**

**No longer an object: The faithfulness of self-realisation**

Drawing on work in existentialist philosophy and feminist theology, this research considers how self-realisation could function as a remedy for objectification and allow women to truly flourish in relationship with God. What is offered in this work is a reclamation of the Christian view of kenosis understood through the lens of the potential Being offered by nothingness, in the existentialist tradition. In addition, constructive practices of naming and narrating one's lives, pursued in dialogue with Others and with God, offer avenues for self-realisation. This research posits that the self is not something to lose or hide, but that there is an encouragement to self-realisation as part of a faithful relationship with God.

## **Michelle Jane Walker, PhD**

**Aotearoa's postpartum psychiatric 'problem': Exploring New Zealand's hidden 'epidemic of suffering,' 1850 to 1980**

## **Chathrie Upeka Wimalasooriya, PhD**

**Towards improving the quality of mobile apps**

# Thesis topics of doctoral graduands in absentia

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## **Shona Te-Pare Kapea-Maslin, PhD**

Kākahu: The threads that bind them all

## **Khin Khin Lwin, PhD**

Women's multiple identities and peacebuilding agency: Myanmar women's room to manoeuvre as peacebuilders in the face of challenges

## **Walter Noteboom, PhD**

Beyond justice: A study in reconfiguring providence along Thomistic paths





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## Ceremony Two: 4:00pm

Degrees to be conferred and diplomas to be awarded  
in Science.

# The order of the Ceremony

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The Chancellor will preside and with the Council and representatives of the staff, graduates and students will enter at 4:00pm.

The audience is requested to rise as the procession enters.

Speeches of welcome from the Chancellor and Ko te Kaiwhaikōrero mō te Tangata Whenua (Māori Orator).

The National Anthem, in Māori and English (*printed inside the back cover of the booklet*).

The Public Orator will present a candidate for an honorary degree.

Conferment of degrees and presentation of diplomas by the Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor will present candidates for doctoral degrees.

Pro-Vice-Chancellors and Deans will present candidates for other degrees and diplomas.

INTERLUDE:           Cameron Monteath – piano  
                              *April in Paris – Charles Trenet*

Graduation address by Distinguished Professor Sir Richard Faull KNZM BMedSc MBChB(Otago)  
PhD DSc(Auckland) FRSNZ

Gaudeamus (*printed inside the back cover of the booklet*).

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<b>Public Orator</b>	Associate Professor Karyn A. Paringatai MA PhD(Otago)
<b>Māori Orator</b>	Emeritus Professor John R. Broughton CNZM ED JP(rt) BSc(Massey) BDS PhD PGDipComDent DipGrad(Otago)
<b>Mace Bearer</b>	Keegan L. Wells BAsc MPlan(Otago)
<b>Organist</b>	David C. Burchell MA(Oxon)
<b>Piper</b>	Jack K. Broomfield

# Degrees to be conferred and diplomas to be awarded in person

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## Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science

Richard Lewis Maxwell Faull

## Doctor of Philosophy and Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology

Emma Pax Veltman

## Doctor of Philosophy

Jessica Rose Calverley

Namrata Arishma Chand

Kieran Collienne

Jack Rhys Hill Cooper

Bridget Alice Lamont

Jingjin Li

Edward Cato Moody

Matthew Grey Robb

Poramaporn Ruksasakchai

Samuel William John Smith Bell

Ayla Faine Brienne Stenning

Jai Dylan Palmer Whelan

Melanie Jane Young

## Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Tobias Pierre Devereux

Imogen Te Rangimarie McNeill

## Bachelor of Arts

Georgia Louise Ellis

Amelia Jayne Grufferty

## Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Science

Joshua Peter Charlie Elkin: Bachelor of Theology (Endorsed in Biblical Studies)

## Master of Science

Rebecca Elizabeth Averill Dunn: Psychology, with Distinction

Jake Conall Edwards-Ingle: Marine Science, with Distinction

Logan Alan Valmont Faulkner: Chemistry, with Distinction

Iona Rose Lunjevich Grigor: Toxicology, with Distinction

Liam Michael Hewson: Chemistry, with Distinction

Laura Megan Keighley: Genetics, with Distinction

Connal Eideard Thomson Kirk McLean: Zoology, with Distinction

Ella McLeod-Edwards: Psychology, with Distinction

Lana Kate Moree: Chemistry, with Distinction

Jessica May Wright Morris: Biochemistry, with Distinction

Gina Maria Mouat: Neuroscience, with Distinction

Samantha Nie: Pharmacology, with Distinction

Henry Martin Niemi: Biochemistry, with Distinction

Lauren Jessica Cherie Over: Genetics, with Distinction

Aimee Sarah Elizabeth Pritchard: Botany, with Distinction

Hajie AJ Panganiban Tamorite: Chemistry, with Distinction

Jordan Tauai Taylor: Microbiology, with Distinction

Gabrielle Louise Trotter-Dunn: Sport, Exercise and Health, with Distinction

Katelyn Olive Wallbank: Psychology, with Distinction

Dayna Joyce Williams: Botany, with Distinction

## Bachelor of Science with Honours and Bachelor of Science

Christopher Thomas Egnot: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Neuroscience, First Class

Max Lewis Farmer: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Psychology, First Class

Maggie Alice Jones Hames: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Neuroscience, First Class

Andrew Habin Lee: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Neuroscience, First Class

Blake Eric Sluyter: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Microbiology, First Class

Jenna Marguerite White: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Neuroscience, First Class

## **Bachelor of Science with Honours**

Travers Lucian Bloemsaat: Mathematics, First Class  
Callista Mae Booth-Richards: Chemistry, First Class  
Charlotte Christina Boyle: Psychology, First Class  
Daniela Bühn: Psychology, First Class  
Maxwell Toru Busby: Physics, First Class  
Kate Alice Chibnall: Botany, First Class  
Hamish Douglas Church: Psychology, First Class  
Caitlin Emma Cuncliffe: Microbiology, First Class  
Georgina Ruby Dempster: Geology, First Class  
Akalanka Dinudaya Bandara Ekanayake: Plant Biotechnology, First Class  
Ben David Elkinson: Anatomy, First Class  
Linus David Fromm: Statistics, First Class  
Charlotte Mary Vere Greenaway: Genetics, First Class  
Benjamin James Anthony Hamlin: Genetics, First Class  
Nicola Sierra Holdsworth: Microbiology, First Class  
Ethan Campbell James: Psychology, First Class  
Caleb Mitchell Jopson: Psychology, First Class  
Lauren Sarah Kruger: Physiology, First Class  
Allegra Thérèse Logan: Chemistry, First Class  
Alexander Robert Hunter Matthews: Neuroscience, First Class  
Ronan John McNeill: Neuroscience, First Class  
Chantelle Therese Monteith: Biochemistry, First Class  
Nikkita Jacqueline De La Cruz Murray: Physiology, First Class  
Kirsten Amber Rutten: Anatomy, First Class  
Nicole Marie Samuel: Genetics, First Class  
Eszter Yelena Scarlett-Herbert: Microbiology, First Class  
Tamatea Steppinwolf Schweikert: Physiology, First Class  
Kira Anjali Singh: Physiology, First Class  
Shannon James Sutton: Mathematics, First Class  
Luke Tang: Computer Science, First Class  
Tausi Fusialofa Tausi: Physiology, First Class  
Janelle Mary Tinker: Psychology, First Class  
Daniella Twina Tuhairwe: Neuroscience, Second Class (Division I)  
Anna-Catharina Sophia Veer: Physiology, First Class  
Katie Walker: Genetics, First Class  
William Alexander Waters: Mathematics, First Class  
Andrew Robert William Wilson: Chemistry, First Class

Kai Shira Woolf: Physiology, First Class  
Ryan James Youmans: Psychology, First Class

## **Bachelor of Science and Postgraduate Diploma in Science**

Israa M M Abosaleek: Postgraduate Diploma in Science: Physiology, with Distinction

## **Bachelor of Science and Diploma for Graduates**

Benjamin Michael Addison: Diploma for Graduates (Endorsed in Creative Marketing)

## **Bachelor of Science**

Mia Beau Abercrombie  
Jatarla Valerie Te Ipuwhakatara Absolum  
Amelia Lily Adriaens  
Sebastián Ignacio Alcayaga Rojas  
Dean John Allan  
Tomas Zane Alston-Spence  
Sammi Saad Jr Ammar  
Andrea Ferreira Amundsen  
Hayley Cate Anderson  
Lily Kate Anderson  
Matthew Steven Anderson  
Katie Jane Andrew  
Ekaterina Astashkina  
Tasneem Aung  
Connor Rawiri Bacchus  
Joseph David Bache  
Leilani Ruth Baeumer  
Hans Leander Bahlsen  
Emma Catherine Bantang  
Olivia Grace Barclay  
Margaret Elizabeth Barnes  
Jessica Rose Bassett  
Abby Louise Beatson  
Mason Lee Bell  
Charlotte Ngairé Bonis  
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Charlie Brinkhurst  
Alison Rose Brown  
Daniel Christopher Campbell  
Kaleb Thomas Cant  
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Ellen Catley Carter  
Jayden Anthony Cartier  
Ella Ruby Rose Chafer  
Nicole Zoe Chan

Shonika Rejina Chandra  
Chloe Wing Yee Cheung  
Isabella Keaolani Keesing Chow  
Janice Choiyi Chung  
Nadia Belen Cisterna Baeza  
Anita Jessie Clark  
Victoria Emma Clark  
Jordan Skye Cohen-Ronen  
Rochelle Gael Cole  
Emily Maria Cook  
Hayley Rose Cook  
Callum Paul Cooper  
Sarah Christie Cordes  
Joe Travers Cunningham  
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Daniel Lloyd Dachs  
Rachael Mary Dalmer  
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Fares Fawzi  
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Matilda Highfield  
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Claire Beatrice Hodgman  
Margret Jerosemely Nisha Hofeni Kanofou  
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Isabel Amelia Horgan  
Holly Shelley Horo  
Jasmin Tyler Horsley  
Amelia Johan Houston  
Laoisa Kaoimhe Dayna Huckle  
Emily Bridget Hughes  
Samuel Christoph Hulbe Pulver  
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Rosa Maria Jack  
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 Katie Kang  
 Alexis Jesse Karl  
 Nyasha Kawara  
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 Dylan Francis Kharpal  
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 Stella Grace Geange McCurdy  
 Siobhan Rachel McGhee-Turnock  
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 Josh Robin McLellan  
 Hayley Ann McMillan  
 Dominic Brendon McPhee  
 Zoe Gillian Mills  
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 Robert William Morgan  
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 Amelia Rose Myatt  
 Zara Naeem  
 Sherise Naidoo  
 Charlotte Alexandria Narbey  
 Emma Jacqueline Neale  
 Charlotte Mary Neill  
 Reuben Gregory Neilson  
 Maire Katherine Neilson  
 Connor John Nicholls  
 Lucy Kate Margaret Nind  
 Anne Loretta Akisha Nonis  
 Kristin Emma Normanton  
 Emelie Skye Nyman-King  
 Delicia Jane Rebecca O'Brien  
 Mary Anne O'Leary  
 Nuala Frances O'Malley-King  
 Anna Stacey Onuma  
 Amberly Grace Orr  
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 Meleana Toe Pouono Pani  
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 Sharnia Mukesh Parsotam  
 Janki Hemantkumar Patel  
 Dené Patricio  
 Thomas Michael Finlayson Patten  
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Olivia Jane Simmonds  
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Subina Siwakoti  
Natalya Rhianna Iri Skelton  
Francesca Lilian Slight  
Hannah May Soper  
Amber Claire Sowden  
Sophie Annabelle Speirs  
Amber-Jade Alice Spence  
Julia Helen Spring  
Lucia Boyes Stallard  
Ruby Isabella Stevens  
Mitchell James Stewart  
Leah Angela Storey  
Corban Hamilton Surtees  
Madison Rose Sutherland  
Madaline Mary Symes  
Daniel Bo Kang Tan  
Niamh Eden Tasker  
Harrison William Taylor  
Ella Louise Violet Telford  
Dylan Anthony Tesoriero-Smith  
Jedidiah Frederick Walter Thompson-  
Fawcett  
Tanapol Thongngam  
Chelsea Adriana Whitburn 't Hooft  
Zoe Isabella Mary Tibbutt  
Karyse Emma Tomlin  
Sophie Louise Kriste Tunncliffe  
Jessica E Tyrrell  
Lily Lauren Valentine  
Cailin Vorster  
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Stevie Lana Rose Wakeling  
Mahina Ruth Walle  
Georgia Kate Walsh  
Milla Walton-France  
Richard Wang  
Yikai Wang  
Niklas Leon Wanke  
Arran Watt Harris Wells

Amber Mary Werensteyn  
Ingrith Cristina Werner Burgos  
Emily Laura Wilkinson  
Joseph Alan Wilkinson  
Emily Jade Williams  
Danielle Georgie Ellen Willsman  
Aaron Thomas Withy  
Sophie Jane Worner  
Alexandra Rose Wright  
Keegan Paige Wright  
Grace Alexandra Wyllie  
Madeline Reece Young

#### **Master of Science Communication**

Sarah Rose Cawthorne, with Distinction  
Nathan James Hollows (Endorsed in Science in Society), with Distinction

#### **Master of Wildlife Management and Postgraduate Diploma in Wildlife Management**

Elizabeth Carol-Ann Franklyn: Master of Wildlife Management, with Distinction; Postgraduate Diploma in Wildlife Management, with Distinction

#### **Master of Wildlife Management**

Nadika Chamath Hapuarachchi, with Distinction

#### **Bachelor of Arts and Science**

Kameron Joseph Masoner

#### **Postgraduate Diploma in Science**

Camlyn Kathleen Allen: Anatomy, with Distinction  
Taylor McCall Duff: Ecology, with Distinction



# Degrees to be conferred and diplomas to be awarded in absentia

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## Doctor of Philosophy

Anna Katharina Manon Doehring

## Master of Science

Thomas Zico Fischer: Physics, with Distinction

Avi Roberts: Marine Science, with Distinction

## Bachelor of Science with Honours and Bachelor of Science

Raheel Hussain: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Physiology, First Class

## Bachelor of Science with Honours

Tobias Martin Dawn-Sugrue: Biochemistry, First Class

Lydia Hannah Fay: Neuroscience, First Class

Noah Ethan Kelly-Foleni: Genetics, First Class

Georgia Holly McKendry: Genetics, First Class

## Bachelor of Science

Cody John Airey

Delta Rebecca Marie Cox

James Dene Elford-McArthur

Aimee Goddard

Mikey Owen Little

Lara Grace Pearson

Caitlin Paige Revell

Gabriel Robchinsky

Hayley Grace Searancke

Lora Lynn Wylie

Sujung Yoon

## Postgraduate Diploma in Science Communication

Rhys Hugh Latton

## Postgraduate Diploma in Wildlife Management

Isabelle Annie Potbury, with Distinction

## Diploma for Graduates

Amelia Grace Blockley (Endorsed in Information Science)

## Postgraduate Certificate in Science Communication

Greta Merle File

Alba Nicola Jelichich

Kate Abigail Mora

Jay Paul Queenin (Endorsed in Creative Non-Fiction Writing in Science)

Allanah Maria Robinson



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# Notes on Doctoral Graduands

## **Emma Pax Veltman, PhD & PGDipCIPs**

Elucidating successful manifestations of psychopathy

This thesis was formally recognised by the Division of Sciences as being of exceptional quality.

## **Jessica Rose Calverley, PhD**

Understanding prehab behaviour: Capability, opportunity, and motivation for pre-operative physical activity in osteoarthritis patients

Supporting physical activity (PA) is important for the health of pre-operative patients with osteoarthritis, particularly with current surgical wait-times. Patients reported perceived capability (e.g., knowledge), opportunity (e.g., logistics), and motivation (e.g., maintained functionality) as influencing pre-operative PA decision-making/participation. They identified inadequacies in the current hospital pre-operative resource, and three clinical timepoints for intervention. Clinician-perceived challenges to successful PA conversations were capability (e.g., knowledge), opportunity (e.g., time/resources), and motivation (e.g., patient receptiveness). A patient-centred PA booklet was developed, incorporating this information with behaviour-change techniques to increase patients' PA and PA-related capability, opportunity, and motivation. A four-week pilot showed the booklet's success. Overall, findings elucidate patients' needs for pre-operative PA support, clinicians' challenges, and support the feasibility of a brief behaviour-change intervention.

## **Namrata Arishma Chand, PhD**

*Adamsiella angustifolia* as an ecosystem engineer in soft sediment macroalgal habitats

Seaweed beds provide critical ecosystem services in coastal habitats, supporting human well-being. While the role of seaweed on hard substrates is well-studied, less is known about seaweed beds on soft sediments like sand and mud.

*Adamsiella* is an endemic, perennial, red seaweed, that could play a significant role in soft sediment habitats across Aotearoa. This research focused on *Adamsiella* beds in Otago Harbour, Ōtepoti. Biomass and diversity of seaweed beds were examined, together with primary productivity and nitrogen uptake of *Adamsiella*. Findings show *Adamsiella* can efficiently utilise light and nitrogen, contributing to primary productivity and biomass accumulation across all seasons, which support habitat provision. *Adamsiella* thus acts as an ecosystem engineer, playing a vital role in soft sediment coastal environments around Aotearoa.

## **Kieran Collienne, PhD**

Machine learning models for complex trait prediction

## **Jack Rhys Hill Cooper, PhD**

Living your best life: Exploring the interplay of sleep quality, physical activity, and dietary choices on wellbeing in young adults

## **Bridget Alice Lamont, PhD**

Culture and cell cycle investigation of *Cryptosporidium*

The intestinal parasite, *Cryptosporidium parvum*, causes the diarrheal disease cryptosporidiosis in humans and livestock. In developing nations, this infection can cause death, particularly in children under 5 years old. Interestingly, New Zealand has comparatively high rates of cryptosporidiosis than other countries in the developed world mainly due to the size of New Zealand's livestock industry. Current drug treatments are ineffective and therefore this research focussed on investigating methods for continuously growing the parasite within a laboratory environment, to then be utilised to screen a library of peptoids, with the potential to have *Cryptosporidium* killing abilities. Our findings demonstrated that peptoids can kill the parasite and that further research is warranted to determine their suitability as a treatment for this disease.

## **Jingjin Li, PhD**

### **Harnessing machine learning for identifying raw EEG signatures of chronic pain**

By utilizing machine learning to identify objective biomarkers of chronic pain, this study demonstrates that simple, cost-effective, and clinically relevant neural signatures of chronic pain can be extracted from raw EEG data. These findings lay the groundwork for an AI-based approach to developing improved neuromodulation treatments for chronic pain, which could significantly enhance pain management strategies and patient care.

## **Edward Cato Moody, PhD**

### **Deletion of a Pax1 sex-associated genomic region associated with adolescent idiopathic scoliosis leads to disc degeneration, instability, and vertebral rotation in mice**

Scoliosis, a 3-dimensional structural deformity of the spine, affects around 4% of the world population. Adolescent idiopathic scoliosis (AIS) is the most common form, arising over puberty, with unknown cause. There is a striking sexual bias with 9 out of 10 severe cases arising in females. Previous studies identified a region near the Pax1 gene as having an association to AIS in females.

This research investigated the association of this region with scoliosis in mice, looking at sex differences in gene expression over development and resultant disc degeneration and instability in the spine. This degeneration affects the structural integrity of the spine, making it more susceptible to curvature due to increased biomechanical forces travelling through the spine during pubertal growth.

## **Matthew Grey Robb, PhD**

### **Towards dual functional spin crossover complexes**

Spin crossover (SCO) complexes, discrete molecules that are capable of reversible switching between two spin states, show promise as components of future computing devices, sensing devices, and solid-state cooling materials. Designing spin crossover active molecules with the desired properties for these applications however is non-trivial. Additionally, incorporation of new spin state reporting mechanisms, such as fluorescence, is important for future use cases.

Significant steps were made, through thoughtful molecular design, towards the goal of incorporating a fluorescent spin state reporting functionality into these complexes. Along with this, steps were made to combine ligand-centred redox with SCO enabling a new, electrochemical, switching mechanism.

## **Poramaporn Ruksasakchai, PhD**

Entanglement enhanced magnetic field measurement with two “hot” atoms

## **Samuel William John Smith Bell, PhD**

Transcriptional control of CAR T cell activity to improve safety and efficacy

CAR T cells are genetically modified immune cells that are reprogrammed to fight cancer. Despite showing incredible results in the treatment of haematological cancers, significant improvement is needed to translate the therapy to solid tumours.

This research focused on the use of activation-responsive (AR) gene expression systems to improve both the safety and effectiveness of CAR T cells, particularly in breast cancer. It was shown that CAR T cells bearing AR gene expression systems demonstrated tumour-specific activity and allowed for the effective clearance of primary tumours in a mouse model, comparable to that of established clinical products.

This research provides a platform for developing new AR CAR T cell therapies for the treatment of non-haematological cancers.

## **Ayla Faine Brienne Stenning, PhD**

The spatiotemporal development and evolution of intraplate volcanism at the Dunedin Volcano, New Zealand

Understanding ancient volcanic systems is crucial for gaining insight into currently active volcanoes. The igneous rocks of eastern Otago record unique volcanism, active millions of years ago. Initially scattered volcanic activity (e.g., dispersed, short-lived, small-volume volcanoes) suddenly shifted towards concentrated volcanism (e.g., focused, long-lived, larger-volume eruptions) that formed the complex Dunedin Volcano, preserved as the hills surrounding the city of Dunedin and the Otago Peninsula. Despite this, the Dunedin Volcano remains under-researched. Using a variety of geological methods (mapping, petrography, geochemistry, geochronology, and paleomagnetism) to investigate the growth and evolution of the Dunedin Volcano, enhances understanding of analogous volcanoes elsewhere throughout New Zealand and worldwide.

## **Jai Dylan Palmer Whelan, PhD**

An exploration of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) use in Aotearoa New Zealand

3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), commonly known as ecstasy, is a popular drug recognised for its stimulating, pleasurable, and socialisation-promoting effects. While MDMA is associated with less harm compared to many other substances, there are still risks related to its use and criminalisation. Despite relatively high consumption in Aotearoa, little research has examined MDMA use in detail.

Drawing on survey and focus group data, the findings highlighted primarily positive MDMA experiences and lasting benefits, although instances of harm from MDMA or other drugs mistaken for MDMA were also noted. Various harm reduction behaviors were common, though only a minority of consumers used drug checking services. This research has implications for the expansion of harm reduction efforts and the development of drug policy.

## **Melanie Jane Young, PhD**

Coping with nutritional stress: diet, dispersal and plasticity in the foraging strategies of hoiho (*Megadyptes antipodes*)

This thesis was formally recognised by the Division of Sciences as being of exceptional quality.

# Thesis topics of doctoral graduands in absentia

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Collective storytelling to improve freshwater ecosystem health through catchment community knowledge sharing





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# The University of Otago

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## History

The University of Otago, founded in 1869 by an ordinance of the Otago Provincial Council, is New Zealand's oldest university. The new University was given 100,000 acres of pastoral land as an endowment and authorised to grant degrees in Arts, Medicine, Law and Music.

The University opened in July 1871 with a staff of just three Professors, one to teach Classics and English Language and Literature, another having responsibility for Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, and the third to cover Mental and Moral Philosophy and Political Economy. The following year a Professor of Natural Science joined the staff. With a further endowment provided in 1872, the syllabus was widened and new lectureships established: lectures in Law started in 1873, and in 1875 courses began in Medicine. Lectures in Mining were given from 1872, and in 1878 a School of Mines was established.

The University was originally housed in a building (later the Stock Exchange) on the site of John Wickliffe House in Princes Street but it moved to its present site with the completion of the northern parts of the Clocktower and Geology buildings in 1878 and 1879.

The School of Dentistry was founded in 1907 and the School of Home Science (later Consumer and Applied Sciences) in 1911. Teaching in Accountancy and Commerce subjects began in 1912. Various new chairs and lectureships were established in the years between the two world wars, and in 1946 teaching began in the Faculty of Theology. The School of Physical Education was opened in 1947.

A federal University of New Zealand was established by statute in 1870 and became the examining and degree-granting body for all New Zealand university institutions until 1961.

The University of Otago had conferred just one Bachelor of Arts degree, on Mr Alexander Watt Williamson, when in 1874 it became an affiliated college of the University of New Zealand.

In 1961 the University of New Zealand was disestablished, and the power to confer degrees was restored to the University of Otago by the University of Otago Amendment Act 1961.

Since 1961, when its roll was about 3,000, the University has expanded considerably (in 2020 there were over 21,000 students enrolled) and has broadened its range of qualifications to include undergraduate programmes in Surveying, Pharmacy, Medical Laboratory Science, Teacher Education, Physiotherapy, Applied Science, Dental Technology, Radiation Therapy, Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy (now combined in an Oral Health programme), Biomedical Sciences, Social Work, and Performing Arts, as well as specialised postgraduate programmes in a variety of disciplines.

Although the University's main campus is in Dunedin, it also has Health Sciences campuses in Christchurch (University of Otago, Christchurch) and Wellington (University of Otago, Wellington) (established in 1972 and 1977 respectively), an information and teaching centre in central Auckland (1996) and a dental facility in Manukau (2020), and a Schools' Liaison office in Wellington (2001). The Dunedin College of Education merged with the University on 1 January 2007, and this added a further campus in Invercargill, which also supports Health Sciences activities.

# Governance

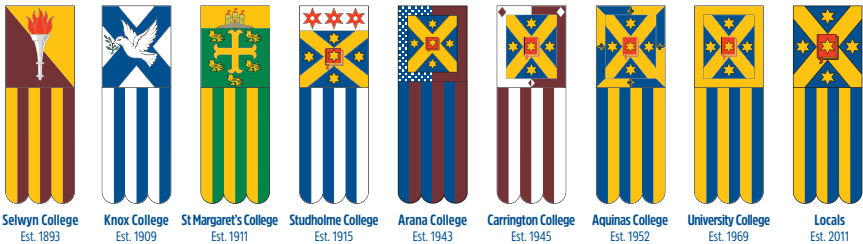
The supreme governing body of the University is the Council, presided over by the Chancellor. When it was first established its members held office for life. Its constitution was progressively amended in 1891, 1911 and 1946 to provide for the representation of certain local bodies and educational groups, the graduates, the student body and non-professional staff. The present structure of the Council was laid down in the Education Amendment Act 2015.

The Council is advised on academic matters by the Senate, the membership of which is drawn mainly from the Heads of academic departments, but with representatives of other teaching staff and students. The Vice-Chancellor, who was designated as Chief Executive of the University by the Education Amendment Act 1990, convenes the Senate, which, in turn, is advised by the Divisional Boards and other Committees and Boards on matters which fall within their particular terms of reference.

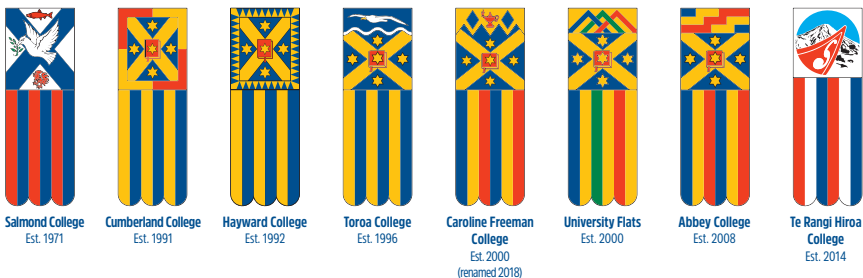
In 1989 the internal governance of the University was reformed by grouping the existing departments, faculties, and schools into four academic Divisions (Commerce, Health Sciences, Humanities, and Sciences). Each academic Division is headed by a Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Further changes to the executive group resulted in the appointment of two Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Academic, and Research and Enterprise) in 1994, a Chief Operating Officer in 2005, and a third Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement) in 2015.

There are several non-teaching Divisions and Offices with responsibility for administrative, financial, and property and facilities matters, and for the provision of other services for staff, students and alumni.

## Residential College Gonfalons



These are gonfalons of the 15 residential colleges, Uni Flats and the Locals Programme of the University of Otago. These were made to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the University. The originals are held in each college and used for graduation processions and inter-college events.



# The Ceremony

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The essential structure of graduation ceremonies at the University of Otago took its present form in the 1920s. Elements of Māori ceremonial were introduced in 1995.

Members of the Council and staff of the University, preceded by the President of the Otago University Students' Association carrying the University Mace, enter in formal procession and take their places on the stage. The Chancellor and a representative of the Tangata Whenua greet the graduands and other members and friends of the University, and the National Anthem is sung, in both Māori and English, as an affirmation of the role of the University in the life of the nation.

Candidates for degrees and diplomas are presented by the Public Orator (in the case of honorary degrees), the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, and Deans to the Chancellor who formally "caps" those who are receiving degrees and congratulates those who are to receive diplomas. Degree and diploma certificates are presented by the Registrar and Secretary to the Council.

A Graduation Address is delivered by a senior member of the University or a distinguished visitor, the Chancellor formally welcomes the new graduates to permanent membership of the University, and proceedings conclude with the medieval Latin academic anthem *Gaudeamus*.

# The Mace

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The mace, a symbol of institutional authority, is carried at the head of the procession of staff and Council members as it enters and leaves the ceremony. It was presented to the University by the Otago Division of the British Medical Association as a mark of appreciation for the use of the Medical School buildings for the annual conference of the association's Dominion branch in 1948.

The mace is made of mahogany and hand-carved bronze, with gun-metal cap and heel. The head of the mace, topped with interlocking letters O and U, has a circle of clematis flowers above four shields – two enamelled shields (made in England) of the University's arms, one listing the faculties of the University in 1872 and 1948, and one commemorating the presentation – separated by New Zealand flax flowers, and is supported by stylised flax leaves.

Weighing almost nine kilograms and just over 1.2 m long, the mace was designed by Mr Eric Moller and made in Dunedin by Mr D.E. Davidson of Musselburgh.

# Academic Dress

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The academic dress worn by most of the participants in the ceremony is descended from the daily dress of students and teachers of universities in the Middle Ages.

The black gowns worn by most Otago graduates are of the same design as those worn by Bachelor of Arts or Master of Arts graduates of the University of Cambridge. The hood worn around the shoulders is no longer a practical garment but indicates the wearer's degree: the colour of the lining of the hood shows the discipline of the degree; the hood for an ordinary Bachelor's degree is bordered with white fur, the hood for an Honours degree with white corded ribbon, and that for a Master's degree has either no border or a border of coloured ribbon.

Otago doctoral graduates wear gowns of maroon (Doctor of Philosophy and doctors in professional programmes) or scarlet (all other doctors), colours which were anciently reserved for peers, judges, and other high officials. Doctors' hoods are made wholly of coloured silk. Most graduates wear black trenchers ('mortarboards') but doctoral graduates wear velvet caps as worn by doctors of Scottish universities. Distinctive robes are also prescribed for senior officers of the University and members of the University Council.

There is no uniformity amongst universities in the style of academic gown or headgear or colours used, and the academic dress of American and European universities is markedly different from that of most Commonwealth universities, so there is rich variety in the regalia worn by members of the staff.

Hood Colours at the University of Otago for ordinary Bachelors' and Related Degrees:

## Humanities

Arts – rose pink  
Music – white  
Performing Arts – dusk  
Social Work and Social and  
Community Work – sulphur  
Māori Traditional Arts – fawn  
Laws – powder blue  
Teaching – flame  
Education Studies – rustic brown  
Education – coral  
Theology – kingfisher blue  
Divinity – violet grey

## Sciences

Physical Education – mistletoe  
Science – lido blue  
Applied Science – straw gold  
Mineral Technology – rust  
Surveying – reseda

## Commerce

Commerce – tangerine  
Tourism – purple brown

## Health Sciences

Dental Surgery – spectrum violet  
Dental Technology – parma violet  
Oral Health – amethyst  
Health Sciences – magenta  
Radiation Therapy – purple grape  
Biomedical Sciences – fuchsia  
Medical Laboratory Science – petunia  
Medicine and Surgery – lilac  
Medical Science – crocus mauve  
Pharmacy – spectrum green  
Physiotherapy – peacock green

## Interdivisional

Arts and Science – jet black with lido blue  
and rose pink  
Arts and Commerce – jet black with  
tangerine and rose pink  
Commerce and Science – jet black with lido  
blue and tangerine

## Graduate Women Otago

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In May 1921 the University of Otago's University Women's Association amalgamated with the International Federation of University Women which was formed following the First World War, with a mission to support education and equality for women, human rights, social justice and lifelong learning. In 1928 the Otago Branch began to make and hire regalia and its dedicated group of cutters, sewers and pressers thrived and continues to this day. By 1935 the Branch owned 19 hoods, 11 trenchers and one gown; today it owns 3,990 hoods, 1200 trenchers and 1395 gowns.

The Otago Branch of Graduate Women (formerly New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women) has made a major contribution to the gowning of graduates and staff over many decades. Revenue raised from hire goes towards the provision of scholarships, awards, study grants, conference travel, research and community-based projects.

## Town Hall and Organ

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The Town Hall, which is noted for the quality of its acoustics, has been used for most Graduation ceremonies since 1930, although some Ceremonies have been held in the Town Hall Concert Chamber (now the Glenroy Auditorium), the University Union Hall, and the Regent Theatre.

The foundation stone of the Town Hall was laid on 3 March 1928 and the completed building, which cost about £86,000, was opened in February 1930. The entire Town Hall complex was extensively modernised and refurbished between 1985 and 1988, and further upgrading and refurbishment was carried out between 2011 and 2013 at a cost of \$44 million.

The organ, which has 3,500 pipes of which the largest is almost 12 metres long, was built in London in 1921-1922 by William Hill & Son and Norman and Beard. Despite its bulk it was at first transported around England for performances in provincial towns and cities. It was also played at the British Empire Exhibition held at Wembley in 1924-1925 after which it was installed in the opera house at Tunbridge Wells. The organ was bought for £16,000 by Mr and Mrs A.S. Paterson, enlarged before being sent to New Zealand, and installed in time for the official opening of the Town Hall. Between October 1993 and October 1995 it was completely overhauled and restored.

# Staying Connected

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## A Permanent Member of the University

Graduation is a wonderful celebration. Its formalities mark the culmination of much hard work and the beginning of an exciting new phase of life.

Graduation also marks the beginning of a new status as a full and lifelong member of the University of Otago. A graduate is one of a community of over 100,000 who have their Otago achievements as a common bond.

The University welcomes today's graduates to this community. We very much value maintaining contact with alumni and hope that they too will appreciate an ongoing relationship.

The Development & Alumni Relations Office coordinates contact with graduates, to keep them updated on what's new at the University, and especially what's new for alumni. Graduates receive the *University of Otago Magazine* twice a year, and invitations to events which take place for Otago alumni in New Zealand and around the world. Our schedule is published in the *Magazine*, and posted on the Otago alumni web pages, which also includes web pages featuring highlights from graduations, and information on alumni networks in New Zealand and abroad.

We encourage all graduates to keep in touch with their university.

So that we can be sure that we send information relevant to their location, we ask graduates to keep their contact details updated by emailing the Development & Alumni Relations Office with their new addresses or by using the change of address form on our web pages.

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*Alumni n pl/(lúmni)/graduate or former pupil of school, college or university*

## Distance Learning

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While graduation may mean leaving Dunedin, continued learning is available from the University of Otago through Executive Education and Professional Development short courses as well as the many Distance Learning programmes. For more than 25 years, Otago has provided fully supported Distance Learning study of individual papers or entire programmes at a distance. For further information visit the University website: [otago.ac.nz](http://otago.ac.nz)





# God Defend New Zealand

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E Ihowa, Atua  
O Ngā Iwi Mātou rā  
Āta whakarongona;  
Me aroha noa.  
Kia hua ko te pai;  
Kia tau tō atawhai;  
Manaakitia mai  
Aotearoa.

## TRANSLATION

O Lord Jehovah,  
God of all,  
Listen to our humble plea  
As we meet in love.  
May your grace be upon us;  
May good things abound;  
Defend and protect  
New Zealand.

God of Nations, at Thy feet  
In the bonds of love we meet;  
Hear our voices, we entreat  
God defend our free land!  
Guard Pacific's triple star  
From the shafts of strife and war,  
Make her praises heard afar,  
God defend New Zealand!

# Gaudeamus

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Gaudeamus igitur juvenes dum sumus  
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Post jucundam juventutem, post  
molestam senectutem  
Nos habebit humus, nos habebit humus

Vivat Academia, vivant professores!  
Vivat Academia, vivant professores!  
Vivat membrum quodlibet, vivant membra quaelibet,  
Semper sint in flore! Semper sint in flore!

## TRANSLATION

Let us rejoice therefore, while we are young  
Let us rejoice therefore, while we are young  
After the pleasure of youth, after the burden of old age,  
The earth will have us, the earth will have us.

Long live the University, long live the professors.  
Long live the University, long live the professors.  
Long live each member, long live every member  
May they ever flourish, may they ever flourish.



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