

University of Otago

# Graduation Ceremonies

SATURDAY 14 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'.

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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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# Ceremony One: 1:00pm

Degrees to be conferred and diplomas to be awarded in Commerce, Law, the BCom, and the BComSc .

# 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*).

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:            Performance by  
                              *Te Tira Waiata o Te Rōpū Māori Group*

Graduation address by Stephen J. Higgs BCom(Otago) CFinStD

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

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**Public Orator**            Mr David S. Clark BA BTheol (Hons) PhD (Otago) MInstD

**Māori Orator**            Emeritus Professor John R. Broughton CNZM ED JP(rtd) BSc(Massey) BDS PhD  
PGDipComDent DipGrad(Otago)

**Mace Bearer**            Keegan L. Wells BASc MPlan(Otago)

**Organist**                David C. Burchell MA(Oxon)

**Piper**                     Jack K. Broomfield

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

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## Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws

Stephen James Higgs

## Doctor of Philosophy

Jenny Chia-Chen Hsu

Ling Liao

Woramat Malasart

Noel Jung Woo Park

Daniel Alejandro Zamorano Castillo

Yifan Zhang

Yufei Zhu

Yushuai Zou

## Doctor of Business Administration

Tao Li

Yongqiang Xing

Fu Xu

Steven Cheng Xue

Danlei You

Xiaodong Zhang

## Master of Arts (Coursework)

Rosa Berry Vaughan: Philosophy, with Distinction

## Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Blaise Robert Barham: Theatre Studies, First Class

Rachel Xi-Ai Ngan Clark: Anthropology, First Class

Hannah Kate Moffat: Anthropology and Classics  
(Combined), First Class

## Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of

### Commerce

Flynn Matai Bryant Rosie

Myfanwy Mary Stuart

## Bachelor of Arts and Diploma for

### Graduates

Sophie Eva Victoria McConnel: Diploma for  
Graduates (Endorsed in Creative Marketing)

## Bachelor of Arts

Aisha Az-Zahra Reza Abdul-Jabbar

Cambell William Booth

Tegan White Brady

Le Shana Christine Braid

Michaela Eve Clark

Charlotte Eve Cross

Emma Louise Cunningham

Thomas Henry John Downing

Manaia Faleupolu Fagaio

Honor Bercinkas Gauld

Caleb Andrew Griffith

William Albert Hancock

Andrew John Lieng

Sophie Jane Lucas

Jessica Denise McDonald

Ruby May McFadgen

Fibi Arilie Morgan

Rosie Jo Pilgrim

Lily Jane Reed

Fredericka Rose-Zondag

Zach Allan Ryan

Daniel Ari Scott

Iris Moana Sim

Distance Dynasty Paige Takamori

Morgan Riley Trainor

Peresetene SSMay Tuauu

## Master of Peace and Conflict Studies

Anna-Marie Stewart, with Distinction

## Master of Politics

Lukas Christian Hakansson, with Credit

## Bachelor of Music

Amelia Molly Ross (Endorsed in Performance)

Hamish Ethan Waddell (Endorsed in  
Performance and Music Production)

## Bachelor of Performing Arts

Grace Danelle Jane Guthrie

Pui Fong Kelly Siu

## Master of Social and Community Work (Applied)

Charmaine Doratheia Crawford Masina, with  
Distinction

Zoe Marlies Stonex, with Distinction

### **Master of Indigenous Studies**

Elizabeth Jayne Hamilton, with Distinction

### **Bachelor of Laws with Honours and Bachelor of Arts**

Samantha Michelle Ashley: Bachelor of Laws with Honours: First Class

Holly Lawson MacKenzie Elson-Fisher: Bachelor of Laws with Honours: First Class

Sophie Jane Hursthouse: Bachelor of Laws with Honours: First Class

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

Eleanor Clare Lester: Bachelor of Laws with Honours: First Class

### **Bachelor of Laws with Honours and Bachelor of Commerce**

Conor Gregor Evans: Bachelor of Laws with Honours: First Class

Leo Alderton McKay: Bachelor of Laws with Honours: First Class

### **Bachelor of Laws with Honours**

Samuel Hamish Blackwood, First Class

### **Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts**

Rose H Abdul Aziz

Isabella Ingram Aldrich

Logan David Bell

Jemma Rohan Chester

Adrian Roy Douglass Crampton

Lauren Grace Foster

Georgia Ellen Francis

Libby Charlotte Girvan

Caleb Paora William Grant

Tessa Kathleen Hadfield

Sophie Ella Hanrahan

Brooke Jade Harrison

Emily Eleanor Hurdle

Zulfiah Elizabeth Kitson

Piripi McIntyre Clere

Hetal Sanjaykumar Patel

Carlieann Olive Mandy Rua

Simran Jessica Sadler

Ella Kaye Heatley Steel

Kahn Douglas Stevenson

Katelyn Sarah Twiss

Amelia Grace Willis

### **Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science**

Abigail Jayne Pool

Greta Mary Rowan-Paul

Victoria Louise Stanbridge

### **Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce**

Madeleine Rose Schnackenberg

Vanshika Gautami Singh

### **Bachelor of Laws**

Lily Beth Alderton-Armstrong

Manar Anwar Mohammed Al-Rashdi

Jason Kevin Bracegirdle

Joshua Laidlaw Burnett

Brooke Sian Cederwall

Ella Jennifer Coggan

Lorraine Dunn

Isabella Anne Gibson

Emma Spencer Lloyd

Kate Elizabeth Loveridge

Morgane Elodie Mitchell

Rhea Leigh Mulholland

Holly Christina Robyn Rayne

Melanie Louisa Beverley Redfern

Joshua Daniel Rivett

Georgia Ineke Schokking

Kylie Maree Stevens

Rebecca Catherine Stewart

Tyla Brooklyn Stewart

Alexander Christopher James Stoddart

Mila Alijse Strand-Saseve

Samuel Trevor Walker

Savanna Alexis Westgate

Ying Xin Rita Zhong

### **Master of Science**

Octavian Batasan: Environmental Science, with Distinction

Callum Ross Robert Boyd: Geography, with Credit

Aneesa Menoli Delpachitra: Marine Science, with Distinction

Dylan Mungo Goodwin Lynch: Genetics, with Distinction

Ronny Austin Rowe: Geographic Information Systems, with Credit

Te Kahurangi Skelton: Sport, Exercise and Health, with Distinction

Danielle Louise Turner: Zoology, with Distinction



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

Holly Olivia Wakelin: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Microbiology, First Class

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

Charles Arthur Cox: Geology, First Class

Marc Jacob Grupp: Genetics, First Class

Georgia Lily Lee Jones: Neuroscience, First Class

Bethany Ellen Plant: Energy Management, First Class

### **Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Commerce**

Mikayla Rae Crozier

Jade Franzoni

Samuel John Ryan

Nicholas James Smith

### **Bachelor of Science**

Corban Jackson Agar

Jessica Leah Aucott

John Ralph Austin

Jorja Maree Boaz

Dane Karel Brooks

Lars Gabriel Dalley

Harrison Riley Dery

Bella Cordelia Devereux

Anusha Dhar

Henry James Dickson

Anthony Zhi Hua Dong

Jacob Peter Rohan Evans

Eli Tainui Flett-Stewart

Laura Anne Frances Freeman

Glen Marco Ogorida Garcia

Carinn Barbara Roselyn Gaspar

Thomas Muir Gold

Kalyan Gujju

Thomas Edmund Hall

Clara Gaye Hardy

Blake Thomas Hassall

Jack McPherson Johnstone

Jessica Claire Kightley

Blake Christopher Leahy

Ka Fung Lo

Baden Jaxen Mareroa

Jackson David McBreen

Samuel Emerson Meikle

Tafaogalupe Cassandra K Muliaga

Benjamin Craig Nicholson

Rosie Marilyn Parry

Heli Hetvi Patel

Alexander Glenn Penty

Uaita Saumalu Poutu

James Callum Ranson

Jasmine Jennifer Rixon

Jacquelyn Cara Ruth

Annabelle Judith Schneideman

Henry William Scott

Angus Erskine Smith

Leah Rose Thompson-Looij

### **Bachelor of Commerce**

Molly Elizabeth Archer

Sarah-Joy Oghoghochukwu Aruwa

Callum Richard Barry Austin

Annabelle Lucy McLean Baken

Nathan James Beaton

Reneé Nicole Bird

Joseph James Benjamin Black

Naomi Madeline Bridger

Madelynn Joyce Butler

Brooke Callon

Caitlin Grace Campbell

Megan Lavinia Carlton

Andrew Paul Carr

Rose Maree Catto

Aimee Brianna Clark

Kelsey Sydney Clark

Sabian Lola Clarke

Tom Colbourne

Harry Hauraki Cooper

Nate Michael Coyne

Hadi Rami Daoud

Emma Nicole Jade Davies

Robert Thomas Gordon Davis

Georgia Mae Donaldson

Megan Jane Donlevy

Emmyrson Liah Donnelly-Davey

Paige Millie Edelston

Cameron George Elliott

Allie Jane Falconer

Emily Grace Fau-Goodwin

Jocelyn Ann Fellowes

William John Raphael Ferrar

Alexander John Finlayson

Lachlan McKenzie Fleming

Benjamin IV Fouche

Amber Frances Fraser-Mackenzie  
Lucy Jean Frizzell  
Daiju Fujiwara  
Jack Phillip Gordon  
Mya Lily Grant  
Olivia Patricia Gray  
Charlie Harvey Grey  
Mingxuan Guo  
Billy Martin Gutschlag  
Georgia Jane Hague  
Chloe Jayne Hamilton  
Julia Rose Hamilton  
Alyssa-Rose Colleen Harrison  
Amy-Nicole Katherine Hartley  
Athanasia Anita Tzirtzilakis Hay  
Benjamin Joel Hazlewood  
Nicholas Alexander Healy  
Lucille Anne Heather  
Beatrice Richards Hessell  
Kaleb James Hill  
Justin William Hindle  
Alice Rose Howard  
Luella Mae Howe  
Peiwen Huang  
McKenzie David Hunter  
Ryan Blair Johnston  
Tayah Isobel Kean  
Samantha Jane Rose Keeler  
Gabriella Keng  
Isaac George Lester  
Yueyi Li  
Jun Ye Lim  
Katelyn Elizabeth Loose  
Jack Bezian Lord  
Jun Lu  
Skyla Charlotte Anne Ludemann  
Robbie Wiremu Peter MacGregor  
Liam Fletcher Maitland  
Annika Catherine Hoult Marriner  
Jade Francesca Matthews-Wanden  
George Jason Mavor  
Rylee Marie May  
Benjamin Douglas McCall  
Erica Nicole Alexandria McDiarmid  
Angus Barnaby Hamish McGregor  
Charlie McKean  
Siena Jade McLean  
Harrison Blake McMillan

Zhaoxu Mei  
Kolopafaava Mikaele Pupualii  
Nicole Erin Moree  
Natalie Jane Morgan  
Charlotte Helena Murray  
Riley John Murrell  
Laura Elizabeth Nelson  
Grace Juliet Newland  
Stephen Nikou  
Brooke Demelza Noble  
George Ritchie Oliver  
Sophie Gem Oliver  
Marionne Rae Trocino Pala  
Isabella Caroline Palmer  
William Richard George Palmer  
Phạm Thị Cẩm Tú  
Griffin David Pillar  
Abigail Rose Prusas  
Tavira Darin Pureau-Pukeiti  
Jiawen Qian  
Molly Annie Quinn  
Kate Ann Ramsden  
Robert Peter Reid  
Caitlin Isobel Reilly  
Caleb Brendon Rothus  
Holly Anne Rutherford  
Finlay MacDonald Saint  
Tarah Duggan Shirley  
Madeleine Rose Simmons  
Max Creighton Titchener Sinclair  
Elle Louise Smith  
Jackson James Smith  
Jayden Daniel Smith  
Charlize Ngaire Soanes  
Vincent Alexei Steeghs  
Michael Christoffel Strydom  
Nattapat Suvarnpikul  
Megan Ashleigh Talbot  
Luke Richard Tamblын  
Ariana Kateia Tarapi  
Jaymie Mya Tervoort  
Xiaotian Tian  
Kyra Marlene Tombs  
Ethan Bruce Van Staden  
Cooper John Dayton Vincent  
Lachlan Craig Voyce-McCulloch  
Harrison James Whibley  
Lachlan Rangim Kim Williams

Lisa Samantha Wragge  
Ella Rosa Wylie  
Zongyi Xu  
Yaxuan Xue  
Zhengru Yang  
Jessica Paige Yates  
Yue Yu  
Nicholas Yung  
Pengpeng Zhang

#### **Master of Business Administration**

Dawood Ali  
Jeremy Joseph Anderson  
David William Broad  
Lydia Katharine Charteris  
Samuel John Cook  
Anthony Ryo Deane  
Zoe Ronay Tietze Fisher  
Michael Desmond Gibbs  
Jocelyn Chua Griffith  
Martin Griffiths Hume  
Jiaju Li  
Myles John McLean  
Natalie Anna Mounsey  
Natasja Paulson  
Jone O'Neal Robertson  
Scott Thomas Waddell  
Michael Patrick Wilson

#### **Master of Business Data Science**

Tin Shing Kwan, with Distinction

#### **Master of Entrepreneurship**

Sharina Jasmine Mahutariki, with Distinction

#### **Bachelor of Entrepreneurship**

Atticus Christopher Cooper Jaggard  
Abby Jane Green  
Alex Ewen Livingstone  
Kaiah Rose Sherriff  
Anna Kate Williams  
Ying Zou

#### **Master of Sustainable Business**

Zion-Elijah Cheyne Davis, with Distinction  
Alice Jean Rule, with Distinction

#### **Bachelor of Arts and Commerce**

Luke Christopher Bernie Bennett  
Gabrielle Monica Anne Bird  
Sylvie Margaret Bunt Brosnahan  
Tyler Reid Gibbs  
Tāne-Pōtiki Darcy Gilbert  
Anna Rachel Harris  
Amber Adrienne Harrison  
Benjamin John Jennings  
Susmita Khattri  
Sophie Grace Kirk  
Nicola Alexandra Korck  
Jack Digby McLean  
Nicola Jane McLellan  
Zoe Maree Rendall  
Zara Rose Stevenson  
India May SurrIDGE

#### **Bachelor of Commerce and Science**

Olivia Poppy Andrew  
Isabelle Margaret Cunningham  
Jade Ling-Hui Kong  
Alisha Kate McKinney  
Grace Amy Medicott  
Jude Patrick Maley Molloy  
Olivia Madeleine Munn  
Matthew Alexander Rooney  
Jacob Logan Scherf  
Joshua Kinsey Sheridan  
Jessica Louise Smith  
Mitchell Zack Smith  
Phoebe Grace Yorston

#### **Diploma in Language**

Rachel Joyce Eliason (Endorsed in Spanish)

#### **Diploma for Graduates**

Sarah Ruth Barham (Endorsed in Theatre Studies)  
Shanae Yvonne Barton (Endorsed in Marketing)  
Abigail Rose Gay (Endorsed in Criminology)  
Christine Maureen Joubert (Endorsed in Human  
Resource Management)  
Rachel Anne Rodger (Endorsed in Christian  
Thought and History)

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

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## Doctor of Philosophy

Marte Gé Hofsteenge  
Arung Gihna Mayapada  
Sonia Mobassem  
Haewan Park  
Yit Fun Yap

## Doctor of Business Administration

Brandon Michael Wood

## Master of Arts (Thesis)

Joshua Thor Johnston Stewart: Māori Studies,  
with Distinction

## Master of Arts (Coursework)

Angus John Sinclair-Thompson: Sociology, with  
Distinction

## Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Rebecca Mary Hodson: Theatre Studies, Second  
Class (Division I)

## Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Louisa Mathilda Mason

## Bachelor of Arts

Jarrod Stephen Bain  
Fransina Magdalena Sophia Breedt  
Eva Jane Deihl  
Macey Jane Dobson  
Morgan Louise Horner  
Heather Marie Kathleen Laing  
Annabelle Lee  
Georgia Bernadette Reynolds  
Rebekah Jean Rolleston  
Alfred Nicolaas Smeele  
Georgia Grace Thomson  
Vu Anh Vu

## Master of International Studies

James William Young, with Credit

## Bachelor of Social Work

Danielle Marie Walsh

## Master of Indigenous Studies

Waata Paora Mete Papalii-Smith, with  
Distinction

## Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts

Michael Pushenko

## Master of Science

Eva Cooper De Jong: Ecology, with Distinction  
Kate Lily Hodgson: Geography, with Distinction

## Bachelor of Science with Honours

Marco Reeve Lars Davis: Food Science, First  
Class

Yoshiki James Ferry: Energy Management, First  
Class

Matthew Oliver Johnston: Psychology, First Class

Rakshith Krishna Nanda Gopal Ponnuchetty:  
Psychology, First Class

## Bachelor of Science

Grace Awhina Arnott-Hill  
Ailie Sarah Ellen Bawden-Anderson  
Evan Lewis Blyth  
David Thomas Carey  
Ivan Vitaly Chevtchenko  
Scott Richard Cliff  
Chloe Iris Davis  
Helene Maire Kathleen Harvey  
Jayden Anthony Mitchell Heywood  
Heloise Peta Hildreth  
Benjamin Tianci Liu  
Ro Kalolaini Rosi Mataitini  
Conor John McCarthy  
Ebony Alan Kikila Sihamau

## Master of Commerce

Christopher Paul Alderson: Accounting, with  
Distinction

## Bachelor of Commerce

Isabella Grace Burnett  
Weizhuo Chen  
James Robert Kyle Craig

Joanne Racheal Donaldson

Jingjing Guo

Kea Eve Hansen

Charlie Oscar Hawkins

Bochen Liu

Jackson James Miles

Joseph Tai Milio

Benjamin John Colin Newton

Elliot Michael Quinn

Lucy Nicole Schaaf

James Erasmus Simpson

Howard Henry Stott Smith

Shizheng Wang

Yuying Wu

### **Master of Business Administration**

Stephanie-Anne Gatanela Croft

### **Master of Business Data Science**

Isaiah Arthur Grant, with Credit

### **Master of Entrepreneurship**

Welly Tandoko, with Distinction

### **Master of Marketing**

Iwan Junaedi, with Distinction

### **Master of Sustainable Business**

Prasad Nagasubramanian, with Distinction

Fiona Helen Warburton, with Distinction

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Arts Subjects**

Bethany Jay Foster: Sociology, with Distinction

### **Diploma in Theology**

Hamish William Dick

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Science**

Jestena Raj: Zoology, with Distinction

Monica Georgia Vallender: Genetics, with Credit

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Science**

#### **Communication**

Iszabella Le Roux

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Business Research**

George Makapatama

Mary Nancy McCutcheon

### **Diploma for Graduates**

Vittoria Harvey Dexter (Endorsed in Psychology)

Nakita Sheau Ming Horne (Endorsed in Human  
Resource Management)

Chia-Wei Hsu (Endorsed in Biblical Studies)

### **Postgraduate Certificate in Executive Management**

Kaye Robyn Ah Sam

Bret Charles Burrows

Craig David Chambers

Matthew James Morris Franklin

Michael John Johnston

Colin George Klenner

Riki Edward Kramers

Jeffrey Barrie Lund

Barbara Judit Olah

Edward William Frederick Randall

Hayden Richard Robinson

Pati Salanoa

Rupert John Netley Searle

### **Postgraduate Certificate in Digital Health**

Eva Andrea Basler

Adam Louis Kloos

Yueqing Zhao





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# Notes on Doctoral Graduands

## **Jenny Chia-Chen Hsu, PhD**

An exegetical approach to the Nestorian controversy: A comparative study of Nestorius' and Cyril's exegeses and Christologies in light of their soteriological presuppositions

## **Ling Liao, PhD**

Carbon risk, pricing and markets

This research explores how carbon disclosure and risk impact stock returns in Australia, the interplay between climate-related markets, like carbon and green certificate markets, and the effects of these markets on emissions. This study finds that companies disclosing carbon information tend to see higher returns, likely due to reduced information uncertainty. Within the energy sector, carbon and green certificate markets show limited connection, allowing them to serve as valuable diversification tools for investors. Additionally, green certificates demonstrate potential to curb emissions, though they fall short on reducing emissions intensity. These findings highlight the intricate roles of climate policies and markets in shaping investment returns and environmental outcomes, offering insights for policymakers and investors aiming to drive sustainable change.

## **Woramat Malasart, PhD**

The Dhammakāya Gāthā from core text to commentary: Textual circulation, manuscript transmission and Buddhist practices in traditional Buddhism in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia



## **Noel Jung Woo Park, PhD**

### **Virtual tele-co-presence to support Māori Practices**

Māori are exploring ways to maintain an ongoing connection with their marae to strengthening their identity. In the past, transferring cultural knowledge was mainly achieved through oral traditions in the marae. However, many of the marae community members are now dispersed around the world which makes it challenging to practice their oral traditions. Although social media and video calling systems allow some connection with their marae, engagement and interactions are restricted to the screen and cannot fully support Māori values of “being-there” in-person, or *kanohi ki te kanohi*. With a tele-co-presence system, it is possible to support Māori principles and practices using virtual reality technology that enables a 3D communication experience in a shared environment with others over distances.

## **Daniel Alejandro Zamorano Castillo, PhD**

### **The long, the short and the twist: Three novel experiments assessing metacommunity processes in stream periphyton**

In streams, microscopic algae species live attached to streambeds, producing oxygen and providing food for invertebrates and fish. These algal communities can be imagined as tiny forests growing underwater on the surfaces of stones. This research investigated how these algal communities disperse and interact through three main chapters: The first focused on how far these algae can travel downstream, the second examined how algal communities change over time depending on the origin of the initial colonizers, and the third explored how the thickness of these algal “forests” modulates environmental changes. This research provided insights crucial for both ecological studies and freshwater management.

## **Yifan Zhang, PhD**

### **Exercise and emotion regulation**

When people interact with specific situations, a diverse array of phenomena will arise and can be affected by current goals, resulting in unique meanings. Such a diverse array of phenomena typically refers to emotion. Some emotions could be helpful, others are unhelpful. Sometimes emotions are helpful regarding one's goal, but sometimes they could be barriers.

This research focused on exercise and emotion regulation and proposed a fundamental framework and regarding why and how exercise may benefit emotion regulation.

## **Yufei Zhu, PhD**

### **A theoretical study of spin-orbit coupled superconductors**

Superconductors are ideal materials for power transmission due to their unique properties. The well-known Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (BCS) theory, which successfully explains the mechanism of conventional superconductivity, is based on a simplified system. This thesis focuses on the theoretical study of unconventional superconductors, going beyond the traditional framework.

By starting with minimal models, this research uncovers new physics arising from multiple degrees of freedom. These findings offer new explanations for how the pairing of electrons can be influenced by different crystal symmetries. Additionally, the study provides a detailed description of impurity-induced effects in unconventional superconductors.

## **Yushuai Zou, PhD**

### **Navigating dietary shift: Strategies for promoting plant-based diets in China**

## **Tao Li, DBA**

Research on the impact of network location and compositional capability on cross-channel integration - The moderating mechanism of co-opetition balance

## **Yongqiang Xing, DBA**

An empirical study on influencing factors of community members' engagement under brand community marketing mode

As a new social media, WeChat has been widely used in the marketing field in recent years. WeChat community marketing is the product of the accumulation of a certain number of WeChat users and the basic function of WeChat group. Maintaining the high participation of community members is the key to the operation of WeChat community. Based on this, this research explores the reasons why community users continue to pay attention to and participate in WeChat community marketing activities. This leads to a series of research questions: What factors will affect the participation of WeChat community members in community marketing activities? Further, how will these factors affect the consumption behaviour of community members? What is the motivation behind this consumption behaviour of community members?

## **Fu Xu, DBA**

Research on enhancing customer value in Chinese family tourism consumption

Family tourism in China has gradually become an essential component of everyday life, playing a pivotal role that is increasingly acknowledged. However, given its relatively short development span, Chinese family tourism is transitioning from spontaneous market growth to a stage requiring market cultivation. Unfortunately, research on consumer demands for family vacations has not received adequate attention. The result is a challenge for businesses to accurately understand the objectives of family vacationers, leading to a mismatch in the supply and demand of tourism products and services. Simultaneously, family tourism represents a distinctive form of consumer behavior with nuanced expressions in both Eastern and Western cultural contexts. Hence, investigating the customer value of family tourism consumption in China holds significant practical relevance.

## **Steven Cheng Xue, DBA**

When Kiwis and Pandas encounter: Culturally responsive pedagogy for Chinese immigrant families in home-based early childhood education settings in New Zealand

## **Danlei You, DBA**

Study on critical quality information identification and sharing mechanism for supply chain of new energy

## **Xiaodong Zhang, DBA**

Research on optimization of China non-performing asset valuation based on game theory

When the economic environment deteriorates and non-performing financial assets increase in the market, what can be done to steer the non-performing financial asset market towards a positive direction? This study begins with the practical aspects of disposing of non-performing assets in Chinese finance, focusing on the phenomenon of low transaction rates and high discount rates in the real estate finance non-performing asset trading market. Addressing this practical and urgent issue, this research constructs a valuation model for non-performing financial assets, ensuring non-performing financial assets are presented at a more reasonable valuation in the non-performing financial asset market, thereby optimizing the valuation of these assets and injecting liquidity into the non-performing financial asset trading market.

# Thesis topics of doctoral graduands in absentia

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## **Marte Gé Hofsteenge, PhD**

Meteorological controls on the mass balance of glaciers in the McMurdo Dry Valleys of Antarctica

## **Arung Gihna Mayapada, PhD**

Three essays on charity accounting: Evidence from the United Kingdom

## **Sonia Mobassem, PhD**

Temperature and thermal noise in hybrid devices for quantum computers

## **Haewan Park, PhD**

Maltreatment in sport: An institutional approach

## **Yit Fun Yap, PhD**

Accounting for economic reality

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

## **Brandon Michael Wood, DBA**

Cause-related marketing and purchasing behavior in the home service industry





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## Ceremony Two: 4:00pm

Degrees to be conferred and diplomas to be awarded in Applied Science, Surveying, Biomedical Sciences, Health Sciences, Education and Teaching.

# 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:            Performance by  
                              *Te Tira Waiata o Te Rōpū Māori Group*

Graduation address by Emeritus Professor Helen D. Nicholson BSc(Hons) MB ChB MD(Brist)

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

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<b>Public Orator</b>	Professor H.R. Campbell MA(Otago) PhD(C Sturt)
<b>Māori Orator</b>	Emeritus Professor John R. Broughton CNZM ED JP(rtd) 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 Laws

Helen Diana Nicholson

## Doctor of Philosophy

Mandana Baharlou Houreh

Thomas Michael Bergen

Sally Fraser Carson

Alice May Cox

Krista Lynn Dawson

Cassandra Rose Glanfield

Alexander George Hayward

Matthew Thomas Howes

Rosalie Frances Jackson

Rebecca Meng-Jou Lee

Rebecca Alexandria Lord

Rui Ma

Sofia Magalhães Moreira

Adriu Tikovakaloloma Naduva

Hwei Min Ng

Leigh Ann O'Brien

Panagiotis Papaioannou

Sasini Nilakshika Polwatta Polwatta Lekamlage

Hussain Raissi

Alice Rogan

Alina Tetereva

Justin Factoran Tirados

Hannah Anne Van Der Woude

Ruth Ianthe Warren

Victor Gar-Ho Zhong

## Master of Arts (Thesis)

Anna Phae Britz: Psychology, with Distinction

Bellanavidanalage Gothami Ayanthie Visaka

Jayasinha: Psychology, with Distinction

## Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Ben William Heaps: Anthropology, First Class

Ella Jayne Mitchison: Classics, First Class

Natalie Sherman: Philosophy, First Class

## Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Health Sciences

Erika Eveline Roulston Stargard

## Bachelor of Arts

Kayla Eleanore Batcheler

Reuben Fill Benzie

Erica Borthwick-Taylor

William Alden Jones Butler

Maria Erena Pipiriki Davis Tini

Madeleine Elizabeth Edlund

Charlee Rose Hakes

Christopher Ryan Madrid Jones

Alisa Katenia Tuatagaloa

Lydia Pearl Aroha Tucker

## Bachelor of Music with Honours

Erin Amanda Connelly-Whyte: Musical Performance, First Class

## Bachelor of Performing Arts

Jyra Emerose Gamboa Luna

## Master of Social and Community Work (Applied)

Ariella Glocer, with Credit

## Bachelor of Teaching

Reyna Gene Albo (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Beth Louisa Anderson (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Jayla Ella Rose Ayers Bezett (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Kathryn Ann Beasley (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Ruby Claire Beckett (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Nicola Maree Bell (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Lily Isabella Brabant (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Scarlett-Rose Michele Brain (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Elise Joan Breen (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Danielle Nicole-Rose Brownlie (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Ondrea Cori Caddy (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Simone Jane Caughey (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Nathanan Chanthasen (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Grace Jessica Chilton (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Hannah Lavinia Chisholm (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Thomas James Collinson (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Nicole Gemma Cope (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Erina Jayne Cribb (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Zamira Anisa De Montgomery (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Tanaia Aroha Donovan (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Jessica Rose Dungan (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Jessica Thelma Nicola Evans (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Hagen Joseph Ferguson (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Tylee-Kardell Fiebig (Endorsed in Primary Bicultural Education (Te Pūkai Mātauranga o Te Ao Rua))

Aria Heather Grace Ford-Squires (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Hannah Cherie Frandi (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Jason Charles Fraser (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Emily Mary Fricker (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Chelsea Alexandra Gabites Greenall (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Jacob Richard Greer (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Brianna April Guttery Edwards (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Lucy Ellen Hall (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Hope Margaret Hamilton (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Naomi Honor Jean Hamilton (Endorsed in Primary Bicultural Education (Te Pūkai Mātauranga o Te Ao Rua))

Holly Mary Ann Hammond (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Madeline Grace Hammond (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Brooke Paige Hart (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Sophie Rae Henderson (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Victoria Louise Hills (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Emma-Rose Elizabeth Hollander (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Hannah Jayne Horton (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Natasha Fay Humphrey (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Phillippa Jane Hunter (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Ellie Valerie Joy Jones (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Emily Jane Xiang Yao Kelsall (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Ene Junior Lam Cheung (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Paige Katelyn Lane (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Samantha Lee Leighton (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Abby Jayne Lennon (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Sienna Summer-Mae Lodge (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Bryce Victor Lott (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Emma Charlotte Lysaght-Dodson (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Sophie Helen MacRury (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Bethany Jayde Manson (Endorsed in Primary Bicultural Education (Te Pūkai Mātauranga o Te Ao Rua))

Holly Emma Rose Mason (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Alec James Mathieson (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Jorja Frances McCarthy (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Ashleigh Marie McIntosh (Endorsed in Primary Bicultural Education (Te Pūkai Mātauranga o Te Ao Rua))

Emma Rose McKay (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Ethan John McKinlay (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Shauna Leah McLean (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Renee Leah McLellan (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Sacha Marie McLeod (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Emily Jane Paterson (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Ella Michelle Perkins (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Toni Renee Wikitoria Perriam (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Hannah Rose Pollock (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Sidney Amber Poole (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Ruth Ellen Margaret-Ngaitemate Prattley (Endorsed in Primary Bicultural Education (Te Pūkai Mātauranga o Te Ao Rua))

Farrin Mae Quin (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Trelise Yasmin-Lee Reed (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Jordan Eruera Turupa Reedy (Endorsed in Primary Bicultural Education (Te Pūkai Mātauranga o Te Ao Rua))

Ashleigh Elizabeth Reihana (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Riley Paige Rickerby (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Paige Mary Robb (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Jacob Matthew Roberts (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Paige Nicole Rowley (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Samantha Jade Schofield (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Brianna Alice Shaw (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Abbey Bethany-Rose Smith (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Kate Elizabeth Styles (Endorsed in Early Childhood Education)

Hannah Elizabeth McKinlay Thomas (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Malin Jane Taulaga Toa (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Martha Toghill (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Sarah Kate Van Asperen (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Paige Elise Van Gorp (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Paige Jacoba van Leeuwen (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Ally Grace Ward (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Amy Melissa Wheeldon (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Jessica Annabelle Catherine Wilson (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Sophie Brankica Wispinski (Endorsed in Primary Education)

Christina Lois McRae Woods (Endorsed in Primary Education)

**Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts**  
Ella Sisiliatupou Rooney

**Bachelor of Laws**  
Joshua Christine Santiago Acosta  
Eliza Guinevere May Meekings

**Master of Science**  
Briar Catherine Mills: Human Nutrition, with Distinction  
Joseph James Muldoon: Marine Science, with Distinction

**Bachelor of Science with Honours and Bachelor of Science**  
Emma Maree Downer: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Genetics, First Class

**Bachelor of Science with Honours and Bachelor of Applied Science**  
Lauren Emily Officer: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Forensic Analytical Science, First Class

**Bachelor of Science with Honours and Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences**  
Jonty Patrick Small: Bachelor of Science with Honours: Physiology, First Class

**Bachelor of Science with Honours**  
Zeta Audley Morgan: Physiology, First Class  
João Victor Tompson Da Silva Konno: Mathematics, Second Class (Division I)

**Bachelor of Science**  
Emmylou Annelies Richter Abbott  
Jeryco Dominic Sonalan Aguilar  
Thomas Robert Owen Cairns  
Lachlan John Crowle  
James Ashworth Dick  
Aidan Cabral Dougherty  
Katherine Julia Grant  
Theodore Leonard Harland  
Michael Joseph Kelly  
Sian Janine Mair  
Raaid Taha  
Portia Aiorangi Karaitiana Tokona  
Faye Jordan Willoughby  
Xinyi Zhen

**Master of Applied Science and  
Postgraduate Diploma in Science  
Communication**

Madeleine Rose Dowden Crang: Master of Applied Science: Science Communication, with Distinction

**Master of Applied Science**

Abirami Baskaran: Geographic Information Systems, with Credit

**Bachelor of Applied Science**

Niamh Maree Avery  
Rebecca Jane Benington  
Eliza Ruby Boyne  
Jackson Earl Cathie  
Sophie Alice Chapman  
Katie Jane Clarke  
Lealia Felicity Baillie Devereux  
Isobella Ianthe Errington  
Ciara Aislinn Fenwick  
Olivia Rose Ferris  
Rebecca Kathryn Forsyth  
Mackenzie Frances Gale  
Shireen Gupta  
Liam Eric Harrison  
Grace Elizabeth Heavey  
Kaylah Paige Hood  
Isaac Nicholas Fletcher Jelbert  
Rose Jacqueline Jenkins  
Maksym Kryvonos  
Maggie Morgan Lane  
Geordan Thomas McCully  
Kelly Faith Morrison  
Francesca Margaret Moverley  
Charlotte Penelope Nicol  
Catrin Marama Roberts Ogilvie  
Leon Runhao OuChen  
Madelene Rachel Elizabeth Ozanne  
Courtney Jane Pedersen  
Rose Kate Smith Perkins  
Nadia Kinsella Prasetyo  
Natasha Elenora Prasetyo  
Kirsten Daisy Ann Roberts  
Brianna Sophie Robertson  
Petrina Britney Scherp  
Bohemia Ann Schollum  
Kim Elisabeth Shanks  
Tara Rose May Shepherd

Matthew Hayden Singers  
Isla Eve Spittal  
Teo Waniyetu Stohler  
Grace Marie Thomson  
Aria Lee Tomlinson  
Rachael Louise Turner  
Holly Marie Van Der Merwe  
Daniel Eberhart West  
Yuki Yoshiyasu

**Bachelor of Surveying**

Bruno Anton Garea Batistich

**Bachelor of Commerce**

Emily Philippa Marlow  
William James Pinckney McLauchlan  
Roberto Gregory O'Shannessey  
Phillip Paul Jr Bourke Papalii

**Master of Business Administration**

Janet Ann Fraser  
Ravinder Singh Sidhu

**Master of Health Sciences**

Tara Tin Wei Cheung (Endorsed in Nursing (Clinical)), with Distinction  
Grace Ruihi Diane Davies, with Distinction  
Calista Young-Young Wei-Min Fung (Endorsed in Rehabilitation), with Distinction  
Sally Louise Kidd (Endorsed in Rehabilitation), with Distinction  
Heather Anne McCurdy (Endorsed in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport), with Distinction  
Wendy Michelle Weir (Endorsed in Nursing (Clinical)), with Distinction

**Bachelor of Health Sciences**

Bronte Margaret Mary Allen  
Zainab Altaf  
Nana Amma Yeboaa Amoafu  
Rose Grace Jury Ansell  
Kate Gemma Flannagan  
Rebekah Jane Gray  
Tania Maile Guttenbeil  
Anna Jane Guy  
Claudia Isabel Halsall-Rae  
Cameron Peter Hassett  
Isabelle Grace McLean Hewett

Isabella Grace Hills  
Char'Lee Alana Darby Jones  
Keita Mere Theresa Koroheke  
Sunny Low  
Deana Keeley Rose MacDonald  
Anni Lolohea-Kulukulutea Rochelle Dunlop  
Makisi  
Grace Jennifer McHaffie  
Ariana Sylvia Mellish-Temple  
Shreya Mistry  
Rachel Kate O'Kane  
Ruby Christine Hine Patete  
Anita Beau-Jean Pownall  
Jasmin Ashley Best Rean  
Hannah Rose Rewiri  
Hayley Mae Sim  
Isha Singh  
Emily Grace Stodart  
Nicole Marie Taylor  
Siyu Wang  
Caroline Clare Yee  
Christopher Cayley Taylor (Posthumous Award)

### **Master of Biomedical Sciences**

Mackenzie Grace Flannery (Endorsed in  
Infection and Immunity), with Distinction  
Olivia Zhiou Li (Endorsed in Drugs and Human  
Health), with Distinction

### **Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences with Honours and Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences**

Joseph Joju Kalan: Bachelor of Biomedical  
Sciences with Honours: Functional Human Biology,  
First Class  
Ella Rose Keaney: Bachelor of Biomedical  
Sciences with Honours: Functional Human Biology,  
First Class  
Nina Ann Grogan Simmons: Bachelor of  
Biomedical Sciences with Honours: Molecular  
Basis of Health and Disease, First Class

### **Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences with Honours**

Raghdah Abdulsalam Abdulabbas Al-Ameri:  
Drugs and Human Health, First Class  
Tessa Kate Cloutman: Reproduction, Genetics  
and Development, First Class  
Logan James Dennis: Reproduction, Genetics  
and Development, First Class

Shunhua Ding: Drugs and Human Health, First Class  
Safia May Farry: Molecular Basis of Health and  
Disease, First Class  
Lauren Jane Goodman: Infection and Immunity,  
First Class  
Isobel Mary Gould: Drugs and Human Health,  
First Class  
Luca Krystian Cherry Gray: Reproduction,  
Genetics and Development, First Class  
Michelle Ropafadzo Kwangwari: Functional  
Human Biology, First Class  
Charlotte Casey Mahan McDonald: Drugs and  
Human Health, First Class  
Lanelle Cheyanne Millar-McArthur: Molecular  
Basis of Health and Disease, First Class  
Jamie Henry Ogilvie: Infection and Immunity, First  
Class  
Aimee Louise Pickford: Molecular Basis of Health  
and Disease, First Class  
Annapoorna Subhash Rajan: Functional Human  
Biology, First Class  
Eleanor Grace Reith: Drugs and Human Health,  
First Class  
Catherine Claire Schwabe: Infection and  
Immunity, First Class  
Ashmita Sharma: Functional Human Biology, First  
Class  
Joshua William Stannard: Infection and  
Immunity, First Class

### **Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences**

Fraser James Bailey  
Asha Jennu Bhakta  
James Bisset  
Cinthana Brabaharan  
Emma Rachel Casey  
Rajat Singh Chauhan  
Kimeshan Chetty  
Verona Jane Conole  
Alexander Maurice Cornille  
Benjamin Dale Cox  
Ariana Huia Tapsell Drabble  
Grace Praveena Ebenezer  
Cameesha Primrose Fernando  
Kristina Marie Hames  
Lauren Jin-Hui Heng  
Ella Rose Hussey  
Millie Rose Jamieson-Gough  
Jacob Pascoe Jones  
Johnny Li  
Megan Paula Lilly

Wee Xiang Lim  
Beracah Sirui Liu  
Sina Lotz  
Zoe Alexandra Lund  
Helen Luo  
Mickle Manavalan Jose  
Aparna Menon  
Joseph Michael Mortimer  
Isaac Wilson Mulcahy  
Jennifer Alexandra Sanders  
Phoebe Mei Yu Shing  
Hayley Chante Smith  
Julia Ashley Austen Smith  
Eul Jaan Su  
Maddison Joy Wait Thorley  
Tharusha Minduli Bandara Wewalage

#### **Master of Advanced Nursing Practice**

Melissa Hine Brett, with Credit  
Jill Marie Esser, with Distinction  
Vivian Jingyin Huang, with Distinction  
Alice May Van Zijl, with Distinction

#### **Master of Nursing Science**

Stephanie Louise De La Serna Abay, with Credit  
Bellee Jean Villaro Cardeño, with Credit  
Nicole Molloy Cave, with Distinction  
Madeleine Sophia Cooper-Forster, with Distinction  
Florence Paz Hadap Endrina  
Sajitha Ferry, with Credit  
Cong Gao, with Credit  
Kirandeep Kaur Jawandha, with Credit  
Livia Maria Johnston, with Credit  
Chifundo Alberta Kapindula, with Credit  
Harpreet Kaur  
Manpreet Kaur, with Credit  
Sophie Ella McAulay, with Credit  
Isabella Lucy Jane O'Donnell, with Distinction  
Rikeshkumar Atulbhai Patel, with Credit  
Elizabeth Hannah Roper, with Distinction  
Ellen Grace Craig Tisch, with Distinction  
Fiona Elizabeth Van Der Veldt, with Credit  
Mary Claire Fernandez Vargas, with Credit  
Joseph Varghese, with Credit  
Michiko Arcangel White, with Credit  
Ruksana Yahutty  
Lauren Marie Young, with Distinction

#### **Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science**

Flynn Cane James Finlay-Yates  
Lucy Steele

#### **Master of Bioethics and Health Law and Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics and Health Law**

Julia Ann Black: Master of Bioethics and Health Law: with Credit; Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics and Health Law: with Distinction

#### **Master of Bioethics and Health Law**

Miranda Alice Lang, with Distinction

#### **Master of Public Health**

Kirsten Fiona Fanning, with Distinction

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

Emma Elizabeth Rodda Hamilton  
Cameron Scott McMillan  
Lydia Claire McMillan  
Shamita Vaarthini C Sivaguru

#### **Bachelor of Arts and Commerce**

Thomas Robert Green

#### **Bachelor of Commerce and Science**

Nicholas Michael Johnson

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

Isabella Natasha Lewis

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

Imran Ali: Bioengineering, with Credit

#### **Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences**

Joanne Maurie Agua Calibugan, with Credit  
Brenda Maree Chettleburgh, with Distinction  
Zarah Kareema Hossain (Endorsed in Bioethics), with Distinction  
Rebecca Jane McNaughton (Endorsed in Occupational Health), with Distinction  
Emily Grace McRae (Endorsed in Nursing), with Credit  
Cristina Naidu (Endorsed in Nursing), with Credit  
Julie Denise O'Halloran (Endorsed in Nursing), with Distinction  
Mary Lou Olaivar-Caoyonan, with Credit  
Mark Phillip Paul (Endorsed in Mental Health), with Distinction

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Technology**

Shayal Narayan (Endorsed in Sleep Medicine), with  
Distinction

Stella Grace Owen-Brown (Endorsed in Sleep  
Medicine), with Distinction

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health**

Ma. Althea Ilaiel Teves Acuin, with Distinction

### **Diploma for Graduates**

Bex Eliot Canner (Endorsed in Biblical Studies)

Adrian Devon Nolan

Harry Tran (Endorsed in Pharmacology)

Lam Tran (Endorsed in Community Health Care)

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

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## Doctor of Philosophy and Postgraduate

### Diploma in Clinical Psychology

Ella Mary Dickison

## Doctor of Philosophy

Noor Nazahiah Bakri

Ari Hayati

Kotaro Kamata

Lee-Anne Morris

Nguyễn Thị Phương Thủy

Axel Erik Norberg

Lindsay Marie Wickman

## Doctor of Business Administration

Siqiao Tian

## Master of Arts

Oliver Samuel Trainor: English, with Distinction

## Master of Arts (Coursework)

Ingrid Alexandria Ireland-White: Film and Media Studies, with Distinction

## Bachelor of Arts with Honours

George Clement Morris: Classics, Second Class (Division I)

Bella Hinemoa Uhl: Anthropology, Second Class (Division I)

## Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Aaron John Hewson

## Bachelor of Arts

Georgia Anne Rose Avery

Lillian Tamara Beauvais

Jack Mackie Brazil

Ella Mary Green

Brannon Sebastian Hatfield

Daniel Tennyson Howie

Myah Gill Jones

Samantha Denise Larson-Sanders

Mara Seren McPhee

Julietee-Jennyfer Selu

Anna Leigh Stuart

Ella Josephine Wylie

## Master of International Studies

Si Jia Quek, with Distinction

## Master of Politics

Anton Jerome Aslund, with Distinction

## Bachelor of Music

Boudewijn Frederik Maarten Keenan  
(Endorsed in Performance)

## Master of Social and Community Work (Applied)

Lilly-Anne Elizabeth Adam, with Credit

## Bachelor of Theology

Sarah Elizabeth Britton

## Master of Indigenous Studies

Khalilah Ieishah Clelland-Lange, with Distinction

## Master of Teaching and Learning

Trey Gavin Russell (Endorsed in Secondary Education)

Michelle Claire Scott (Endorsed in Secondary Education), with Credit

## Bachelor of Teaching

Ceara Louise Ryan (Endorsed in Primary Education)

## Master of Education and Learning

Alyssa Ward Thompson (Endorsed in Digital Technologies), with Distinction

## Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts

Stephen John Jamieson

Isabella Grace Leddy

Thomas John Macfarlane

Laura Sophia Richter

## Bachelor of Laws

Maximilian Louis Benter-Lynch

Joshua Nathaniel Edward Griffiths

Sarah Dorothy O'Malley



### **Master of Science**

Corey James Denham: Ecology, with Distinction  
Amy Elizabeth Desvaux de Marigny:  
Psychology, with Distinction  
Ilaisaane Foli Fakapulia: Anatomy, with Credit  
Jessica Jiaxin Leong: Microbiology, with Distinction  
Xingcheng Li: Food Science, with Credit  
Louis Alfred Barber Martin: Geography, with  
Distinction  
Theresa Matheson-Grant: Biochemistry, with  
Distinction  
Tai Skoropada: Physics, with Credit  
William Peter Averill Warren: Biochemistry, with  
Credit  
Rachel Aline Worthington: Geology, with Credit

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

Baxter Kan Hugh Blair: Pharmacology, First Class  
Henry Emil John Chapman: Genetics, First Class  
Aliya Nicole Cross: Neuroscience, First Class  
Rachel Sloan Faulkenberry: Psychology, First Class  
Mikayla Renee King: Microbiology, First Class  
Kayla Rose Prendergast: Chemistry, First Class  
Susan Jane Roberts-Blyth: Geography, First Class  
Andrew Shanghua Yip: Biochemistry, First Class

### **Bachelor of Science**

Daryl Ngametua Areai  
Jay Arne Helene Barton  
Matthew James Cooper  
Nathan Luke Dockerty  
Kiera Eve Handley  
Cole Bennett Hickey  
George Hyink  
Oujirou Kurimura  
Georgia Molly Jean Oakes  
Will Bacchus Paterson  
Jaydn David Roberts  
Cody Robinson  
Leviticus Joseph Schimanski  
Joanne Cara Sinclair  
Emma Natalie Smith  
Dylan Philip Soutar  
Samuel Matts Stephen  
James Ray Thomas  
Jayben Alexander William Tohill  
Ben Ethan Williams

### **Master of Applied Science and Postgraduate Diploma in Science Communication**

Abigail Bathgate Liddell: Master of Applied  
Science: Science Communication, with Distinction

### **Master of Applied Science**

John Daniel Gerber: Bioengineering, with  
Distinction  
Alejandro Marcano: Artificial Intelligence  
Sue Kee Ng: Geographic Information Systems, with  
Distinction  
Molly Beatrice Oldershaw: Science  
Communication, with Distinction

### **Bachelor of Applied Science**

Kevin Jayasanthana Balu Albert  
Lauren Megan Buttery  
Tristan Phillip Goodhue  
Pearson Kyler Huyser-Graham  
Elizabeth Saji  
Justin Michael Slierendrecht

### **Master of Commerce**

Olkan Guler: Marketing

### **Bachelor of Commerce**

Samuel Neil Jamieson-Gough  
Yutong Lin  
Reid Charlie Livingston  
Huangbaihe Lyu  
Charlotte Laura Marris  
Vincent Haig McKay  
Laszlo Nicholas Vincent Yurisich

### **Master of Accounting and Finance**

Jonathan David Dias

### **Master of Business Administration**

Simon Philip Brunner Keenan  
David Patrick Ryan  
Brenda Stebbings  
Yingying Wu

### **Master of Entrepreneurship**

Lucy Ann Street, with Distinction

### **Master of Sustainable Business**

Valentin Paul Lorient, with Distinction

### **Master of Health Sciences**

Sara Louise Davies (Endorsed in Rehabilitation),  
with Distinction

### **Bachelor of Health Sciences**

Zoe Coberger-Taite  
Ihāpera Poppy Taraire Esson  
Sarah Margaret Jean Torrie

### **Master of Biomedical Sciences**

Alison Mary Aube (Endorsed in Reproduction,  
Genetics and Development), with Distinction

### **Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences with Honours**

Mathew James Anscombe: Functional Human  
Biology, First Class  
Gabriella Yee Davey: Reproduction, Genetics and  
Development, First Class  
Bree-Anne Jacqueline Kent: Molecular Basis of  
Health and Disease, First Class  
Phoebe Celia Lea: Infection and Immunity, First  
Class  
Alex Tylah McDonald: Drugs and Human Health,  
First Class  
Erin Elizabeth McKeivitt: Nutrition and  
Metabolism in Human Health, First Class

### **Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences**

Lauren Isabella McClean  
Grace Ella Scott

### **Master of Nursing Science**

Hannah Archana Wilson, with Distinction

### **Bachelor of Radiation Therapy**

Aidan Patrick McGregor Vale

### **Master of Bioethics and Health Law**

Michael James Smith, with Credit

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

Finn Garrett Pattenden  
Nethmi Amandha Peiris

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Arts Subjects**

Ruthie Emschel Rose Holmes: Pacific Islands  
Studies, with Credit

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy**

Stephen Peter Downey, with Distinction  
Philip Kin Fung Tsui, with Credit

### **Diploma in Global Cultures**

Aerin Elizabeth Li-Xian Chai

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Education and Learning**

Holly Louise Burridge: Digital Technologies, with  
Credit

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Science**

Charles Peter Danson: Pharmacology, with Credit  
Benjamin Middleton Davies: Ecology, with  
Distinction  
Blair David Ellett: Chemistry, with Distinction  
Jeremy Eamon McMillan Littlejohn: Ecology,  
with Distinction  
Fathima Zohara Rafi: Ecology  
Clare Frances Roxburgh: Energy Science and  
Technology, with Distinction

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

Karuna Mira Sah

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Wildlife Management**

Akaysha Lee Ervik, with Distinction  
Samantha Howarth, with Distinction

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Commerce**

Ropeti Benjamin Tupu: Management

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration**

Siteri Vanabale Katia

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Business Research**

Rong Gu  
Heguo Jiang  
Jingwei Wang

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences**

Ariel Patricia Abrams, with Distinction  
Alexander William Baker  
Warinthon Baker, with Credit  
Judith Katherine Button (Endorsed in Mental Health), with Distinction  
Kathryn Anne Campbell (Endorsed in Nursing), with Distinction  
Hin Yu Jeanie Cheung (Endorsed in Human Nutrition), with Credit  
Lucy Caroline Chote, with Distinction  
Rachel Daniela Els, with Credit  
Lisa Marie Friesen (Endorsed in Nursing), with Credit  
Nicole Emma Harding (Endorsed in Musculoskeletal Management), with Distinction  
Lorraine Leanne Hills, with Credit  
Morwenna Mary Hills (Endorsed in Mental Health), with Credit  
Freya Jayne Jackson, with Distinction  
Stephane Judith Kelly (Endorsed in Mental Health), with Credit  
Jordyn Alex Liddington, with Distinction  
Erin Rosalyn McDougall, with Distinction  
Sarah Bridget McLean (Endorsed in Mental Health), with Credit  
Lianne Jayne Miller, with Credit  
Desiree Anne Moyer (Endorsed in Human Nutrition), with Distinction  
Angelique Juliette Peyroux (Endorsed in Bioethics), with Credit  
Hilary Amelia Rae, with Distinction  
Neethu Rajesh (Endorsed in Nursing)  
Claire Rochelle Small (Endorsed in Human Nutrition), with Distinction  
Elva Trevathan (Endorsed in Nursing), with Credit  
Elizabeth Ruth Troughton (Endorsed in Mental Health), with Credit  
Simone Grace Turner, with Distinction  
Sophie Helen Van Der Linden (Endorsed in Bioethics), with Distinction  
Susan Lee Watson (Endorsed in Nursing), with Credit  
Taylah Jade West (Endorsed in Mental Health)  
Narae Yoon (Endorsed in Nursing), with Distinction

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Health Management**

Erika Eriksson, with Distinction  
Prableen Singh, with Credit

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Technology**

Cara Jayne Donaldson (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Credit  
Chelseigh Michaela Fransch (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Credit  
Jesse Rita Howarth (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Credit  
Kayeon Kim (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Credit  
Kirsty Ellen Knarston (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Credit  
Christopher Jeffrey Rocamora Lorilla (Endorsed in Sleep Medicine), with Distinction  
Kirsten Lee Marshall (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Credit  
Amy Megan McFelin (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Credit  
Kate Louise O'Reilly (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Distinction  
Rezvi Qays (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Distinction  
Yvonne Chi Wen Ruan (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Distinction  
Eivonne Joie Angulo Sampang (Endorsed in Sleep Medicine), with Distinction  
Rachel Karen Sullivan (Endorsed in Cardiology), with Credit

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Sport and Exercise Medicine**

Alex Jordan Barnsley, with Distinction  
Natasha Louise McKay, with Distinction  
Kyle Patrick Turvey, with Distinction

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics and Health Law**

Jonathan Arthur Selwyn Ball, with Distinction  
Caitlin Victoria Jane Shaw, with Credit

### **Diploma for Graduates**

Simone Hana Brighton (Endorsed in Biblical Studies)  
Kate Joanne Jaffray (Endorsed in Human Nutrition)  
Tanya Lee Jamieson (Endorsed in Human Resource Management)  
Brylee Elizabeth More (Endorsed in Sports Business)  
Campbell Grant James Nicholas (Endorsed in Computer Science)

## **Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Science**

Micaela Sara Kirby-Crowe: Geographic  
Information Systems

## **Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences**

Kathleen Maria Clark (Endorsed in Forensic  
Mental Health)

Stacy Delight Bayron Clifford (Endorsed in  
Nursing (Gerontology))

Helen Marie Dixey (Endorsed in Advanced Clinical  
Nursing)

Haeun Eom (Endorsed in Occupational Health)

Merope Maria Griffin (Endorsed in Clinical Ethics)

Clare Margaret Haydon (Endorsed in Advanced  
Clinical Nursing)

Charlene Serino Javier (Endorsed in Nursing  
(Gerontology))

Maira Lucila Adlaon Lagumbay (Endorsed in  
Nursing (Gerontology))

Zhiyun Liu (Endorsed in Advanced Clinical Nursing)

Sheryl Maafu (Endorsed in Mental Health)

Jennifer Margaret Morris (Endorsed in Nursing  
(Gerontology))

Yvonne Elizabeth Nieuwoudt (Endorsed in  
Advanced Clinical Nursing)

Clare Jane Randall (Endorsed in Pain and Pain  
Management)

Anoushka Singh (Endorsed in Occupational Health)

Laura Helene Snackers (Endorsed in Nursing  
(High Acuity))

Akira Stephenson (Endorsed in Pain and Pain  
Management)

Poh Suan Tan (Endorsed in Occupational Health)

Eric Glenn Adlaon Tering (Endorsed in Nursing  
(Gerontology))

Angela Maree Tiller (Endorsed in Advanced  
Clinical Nursing)

Erin Joy Tobin (Endorsed in Nursing (Gerontology))

## **Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education**

Rebecca Alice Day (Endorsed in Clinical  
Education)

Jennifer Nicole Schack



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# Notes on Doctoral Graduands

## **Mandana Baharlou Houreh, PhD**

Regulation of gene expression through bacterial promoters

## **Thomas Michael Bergen, PhD**

Actively advancing adolescent activity: Investigating promising interventions that may improve the current and future physical activity and wellbeing of Aotearoa New Zealand adolescents

## **Sally Fraser Carson, PhD**

Turning the tide of citizen science: From data donors to critical community questioners for marine environmental monitoring

This practice-based research focused on understanding critical components for developing citizen science to extend beyond the typical data donation model to one that supports deeper learning engagement to enable citizen involvement in hypothesis formation and testing for local environmental monitoring.

The Marine Metre Squared project was designed to provide opportunities for schools and communities to collect ecological data that facilitates understanding of coastal biodiversity, develop science skills, and provide a platform for investigation of local environmental questions. It aimed to both raise people's interest in their local shoreline, and to empower locally active roles in coastal management through monitoring and stewardship.

The value of a local issue-focused project to extend student learning beyond the classroom and grow environmental citizenship was clearly demonstrated.

## **Alice May Cox, PhD**

### **Complementary feeding and appetite regulation in New Zealand infants**

Novel methods for feeding babies solid foods – baby food pouches and baby-led weaning – have become popular in recent years. However, some health professionals worry that these feeding practices may influence how much infants eat and how well they grow. This research collected information from over 600 infants to examine how these newer feeding practices were related to energy intake, eating behaviours and growth. Results showed that there were no differences in energy intake or growth between infants who used baby food pouches frequently and those who did not, but there were some differences in eating behaviours. Infants who followed baby-led weaning ate more and had healthier eating behaviours compared to those who were spoon-fed, but there was no difference in growth.

## **Krista Lynn Dawson, PhD**

### **Dietary regulation of the colonic mucus barrier: Implications for health and disease**

## **Cassandra Rose Glanfield, PhD**

### **TET catalytic domain specificity in cells and ageing**

The genome not only holds the instructions for life in its sequence but also contains an additional layer of information, called DNA methylation, that helps cells determine their specific roles, such as becoming skin or blood cells. This “epigenetic memory” is passed down during cell division but can be erased by enzymes called TET. This research explored how TET selectively removes epigenetic memory and the rules that guide its activity. Activating the memory-erasure process led to significant changes in gene activity, even over short time frames (<6h), and correlated with DNA methylation removal. Also examined was TET’s preference for specific DNA sequences during aging, offering insights into how this process influences epigenetic memory and its potential role in age-related changes.

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

## **Alexander George Hayward, PhD**

The distribution, seasonality, and trends of phytoplankton groups in the Southern Ocean

## **Matthew Thomas Howes, PhD**

Utilising a liver-on-a-chip to determine the effects of fructose on steatosis of the liver

The role of diet, and specifically the sugar fructose, has been investigated as a driver of lipid/fat accumulation in the liver. Liver-on-a-chip presents an opportunity to address limitations of traditional lab-based experiments by culturing cells in microchannels of a device that is subject to microfluidic flow.

This work used both a range of methods including cell culture, analytical chemistry, and machine learning to address this research gap. In doing so, it was found that in both traditional, and the more complex liver-on-a-chip conditions, fructose did not induce lipid/fat accumulation in a commonly used liver cell line.

While further studies are still needed using a more complex set of human cells, this first use of the liver-on-a-chip in New Zealand is an important step forward.

## **Rosalie Frances Jackson, PhD**

Exploring the effects of sleep loss on children's eating behaviour and digital screen use

Children who have a short sleep duration are at increased risk of developing obesity, however the reasons for this increased risk are unknown.

This experimental research aimed to understand this relationship, by examining how getting less sleep can affect children's eating behaviours and digital screen use. The results of this research show that children appear to behave differently around food and engage in more overall digital screen-time when they are tired, suggesting that improving sleep in children may be a potential strategy to prevent or treat childhood obesity.

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



## **Rebecca Meng-Jou Lee, PhD**

### **Early cannabis use and its impact on the ageing brain: an MRI study of a New Zealand longitudinal birth cohort**

Cannabis is the most widely used illicit drug in New Zealand, and is known to impact learning, attention, and memory. Using a subset of the Christchurch Health and Development Study's longitudinal birth cohort, this research explored the impacts of past heavy cannabis exposure on brain structure and function using MRI. Compared to controls, past cannabis users had less grey matter volume in brain areas responsible for memory and emotions, but no further differences in grey matter, blood flow, white matter, or functional connectivity. These findings suggest that brain changes associated with cannabis use may be primarily transient and that the brain may recover from any acute structural or functional insult with extended periods of discontinued use.

## **Rebecca Alexandria Lord, PhD**

### **Re-evaluating the role of neural STAT3 signalling in puberty onset and fertility**

Signals in the brain control the onset of puberty, but it's still unclear how the brain decides when to initiate it. This research explored how leptin, a hormone that regulates body weight and fertility, might signal the brain to trigger puberty.

Results showed that a specific brain pathway involving the protein STAT3 is crucial for this process. When STAT3 was disrupted, mice experienced puberty delays and reduced fertility. Other brain pathways tested, like mTOR and ERK2, did not show the same effect. Results also found that specific brain cells called AgRP neurons play an important role in puberty timing.

These results suggest that while leptin uses different pathways to support reproduction, the STAT3 pathway is key for normal reproductive function.

## **Rui Ma, PhD**

### **Peer scaffolding for learning English as a foreign language with WeChat**

This study explores how second year students in China use WeChat to help each other learn English. By examining different types of interactions among students, the research identifies six ways they support each other's learning, ranging from sharing personal opinions to engaging in deeper, more critical discussions. Key factors like language skills and group dynamics influence how effectively students can work together. The findings suggest that using WeChat for these activities can boost students' confidence and improve their English abilities. This demonstrates the potential of social media to enhance language learning and provides insights for teachers on incorporating these methods into their classes.

## **Sofia Magalhães Moreira, PhD**

Structural and functional diversity of Rho in bacteria

## **Adriu Tikovakaloloma Naduva, PhD**

Mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse in Fiji: weaving a local context

## **Hwei Min Ng, PhD**

Impact of dietary fibre interventions on the gut microbiome, gut symptoms and psychological wellbeing in healthy individuals and those with constipation

Can bread and green kiwifruit improve gut health and wellbeing?

This research explored how two fibre-rich whole foods, defatted rice bran-fortified (DRB) bread and green kiwifruit, might make a difference. Over four weeks, participants had daily servings of DRB bread or green-fleshed kiwifruit. DRB bread increased fibre intake and potentially beneficial gut bacteria in healthy adults, while green-fleshed kiwifruit showed potential in increasing vitamin C, easing constipation, and enhancing quality of life in adults with constipation. The results suggest that something as simple as enjoying more fibre-rich foods can improve how we feel. This research reveals a fascinating connection between fibre, the gut, and wellbeing, paving the way for future studies on using whole foods to support our overall health.

## **Leigh Ann O'Brien, PhD**

Chronic diarrhoea in older adults: prevalence and dietary solutions

## **Panagiotis Papaioannou, PhD**

Uncovering sexual distinctions and lactational modifications in the network and single-cell activity profiles of neuroendocrine dopaminergic neurons in the rat

Tuberoinfundibular dopaminergic (TIDA) neurons in the hypothalamus are crucial for regulating the release of prolactin, a hormone essential for lactation. This research examined how TIDA neuronal activity differs between non-lactating conditions, when blood prolactin levels are low, and lactating conditions, when prolactin levels are high. Using ex vivo Ca<sup>2+</sup> imaging in rats, it was found that TIDA neurons become less synchronised, and show reduced rhythmic activity with more variation in their oscillation patterns during lactation, likely due to changes in cell-to-cell communication pathways. These lactational adaptations were found to reverse after lactation ends, potentially helping to reset prolactin levels to baseline. These findings suggest that TIDA neurons are highly adaptable, adjusting their activity to regulate prolactin release according to the body's needs.

## **Sasini Nilakshika Polwatta Polwatta Lekamlage, PhD**

The 133p53 path to cancer: A new role for the 133p53, p53 isoform in cell surface trafficking

This research investigates the  $\Delta 133p53$  protein, a variant of the well-known p53 protein, and its role in promoting cancer growth and spread. Specifically,  $\Delta 133p53$  was found to increase the presence of certain proteins on the cell surface that are known to support tumour growth and metastasis. By inhibiting these proteins' movement to the cell surface in experimental mouse models, tumour growth was significantly slowed, and survival times were extended. The findings suggest that targeting cell surface trafficking may offer a promising strategy for reducing the spread of  $\Delta 133p53$ -related cancers, advancing our understanding of how these cancers progress and identifying potential avenues for future treatment.

## **Hussain Raissi, PhD**

**Exploring senses of belonging: A multidimensional study of Muslim immigrant youth in New Zealand**

This research explores how Muslim immigrant youth in New Zealand balance their Islamic identity with Western cultural norms. By combining survey data from 258 Muslim immigrant and refugee youth and interviews with 20 participants across Aotearoa, the study highlights the concept of dual belonging. Findings indicate a positive correlation between belonging to the Muslim community and wider New Zealand society, while perceived discrimination negatively affects this sense of belonging. The findings challenge the assumption that religious faith hampers social inclusion, showing instead that it can foster a sense of belonging in both the Muslim community and wider society. The study aims to inform policies that enhance the well-being and integration of Muslim youth in multicultural settings.

## **Alice Rogan, PhD**

**Can the addition of biomarkers improve clinical pathways for adult patients who present to the emergency department with suspected traumatic brain injury?**

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a global public health issue and a common reason people attend emergency departments (ED) in New Zealand. ED doctors must perform an assessment to determine who needs a CT head scan to rule out more serious bleeding or swelling of the brain. TBI presentation numbers are increasing, increasing the use of CT head scanning, which is putting pressure on healthcare resources and sometimes causing delays in care.

This research investigated if a blood test to detect a protein released from injured brain cells could be used to rule out significant brain injuries rather than CT head scans in low-risk patients. Results indicate the blood test shows promise as a diagnostic test that theoretically could reduce CT head use by one-third, which may lead to other benefits such as earlier ED discharge.

## **Alina Tetereva, PhD**

**Using multimodal neuroimaging to predict individual differences in cognitive abilities**

## **Justin Factoran Tirados, PhD**

### **Unravelling the complexity of T cells within the human colorectal cancer tumour microenvironment**

T cells are immune cells that play a role in colorectal cancer patient survival. Cancer cells produce factors, like WNT signalling activators, that help tumours grow and escape the immune system. The exact effect of WNT signalling activation on T cells is not fully understood.

This research showed that activating WNT signalling on T cells reduces inhibitory receptors, which are targets of some immunotherapies. This may explain why many colorectal cancer patients do not respond to such treatments. A method to analyse archived patient samples was developed to better understand how T cell diversity affects cancer outcomes. Understanding T cell diversity could improve treatment and outcomes for cancer patients.

## **Hannah Anne Van Der Woude, PhD**

### **Investigating levonorgestrel and cannabidiol as non-surgical treatments for early-stage endometrioid endometrial cancer using a novel patient-derived explant model**

Endometrioid endometrial cancer (EEC) is a common form of uterine cancer, often treated by removing the uterus. However, increasing incidence rates and its association with obesity, which carries increased surgical risk, necessitate more research into non-surgical treatment options. This research explored alternatives, focusing on two treatments: levonorgestrel (LNG) and cannabidiol (CBD). A patient-derived explant model, developed from real human tissue, was developed to better replicate the tumour's natural environment compared to traditional cell culture techniques. Results showed variability in how EEC responds to both LNG and CBD treatment. CBD demonstrated promising anti-tumour effects with minimal impact on the immune cells investigated. These findings suggest that CBD, alongside LNG, could be further explored as a potential non-surgical treatment option for EEC.

## **Ruth Ianthe Warren, PhD**

### **Anatomy of a visit: Exploring visitor responses to the display of human remains**

This research examines the ethical and emotional complexities of displaying non-Indigenous human remains in anatomy museums, focusing on visitor experiences at the W. D. Trotter Anatomy Museum at the University of Otago. Through questionnaires and interviews, the study shows that the visiting public view human remains as a powerful means to connect with the human body, health, and mortality. However, the findings demonstrate that, for such displays to be acceptable, human remains must be treated with the utmost respect. Museums should be transparent about the origins of the remains and present them in a way that humanises rather than objectifies them. Curated this way, anatomy museums can encourage reflection and foster a deeper appreciation of the body and the human condition.

## **Victor Gar-Ho Zhong, PhD**

### **The role of the CP43 protein and the DE loop of the D2 polypeptide encoded in the psbD1:psbC operon in assembly and function of Photosystem II**

Photosystem II (PS II) is a crucial protein complex in photosynthesis. It enables plants, algae, and some bacteria to convert sunlight into energy. PS II plays a critical role in splitting water molecules to release oxygen and transfer energy through a series of reactions that eventually produce energy-rich molecules. This process is essential for life on Earth, as it provides the oxygen we breathe and forms the foundation of the food chain.

This research focused on the CP43 and D2 proteins in PS II, examining conserved amino acids critical for electron transfer and photoprotection. Mutations in CP43 affected photoprotection, while changes in the D2 DE loop impaired PS II assembly and disrupted electron transfer by altering a key bicarbonate-iron interaction.

# Thesis topics of doctoral graduands in absentia

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## **Ella Mary Dickison, PhD & PGDipCIPs**

Psychopathy and reinforcement sensitivity theory

## **Noor Nazahiah Bakri, PhD**

Workplace oral health promotion: Exploring interventions in the aged care setting

## **Ari Hayati, PhD**

Effect of pulsed electric fields on the processing of fish frames

## **Kotaro Kamata, PhD**

Coordinated anti-CRISPR deployments sustain bacteriophage survival

## **Lee-Anne Morris, PhD**

Cognitive and neural mechanisms underlying apathy in Huntington's disease and Parkinson's disease

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

## **Nguyễn Thị Phương Thuý, PhD**

Green nudges: Applications of behavioural insights in fostering energy- and water-saving practices in small and independent hotels in Viet Nam

## **Axel Erik Norberg, PhD**

Modular biofabrication strategies for temporal and spatial oxygen control in tissue engineering

## **Lindsay Marie Wickman, PhD**

Evaluating the long-term impacts of area-based protection on Hector's dolphins at Banks Peninsula, New Zealand

## **Siqiao Tian, DBA**

Exploration of the predictors of female purchase intention on private disease self-test product



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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

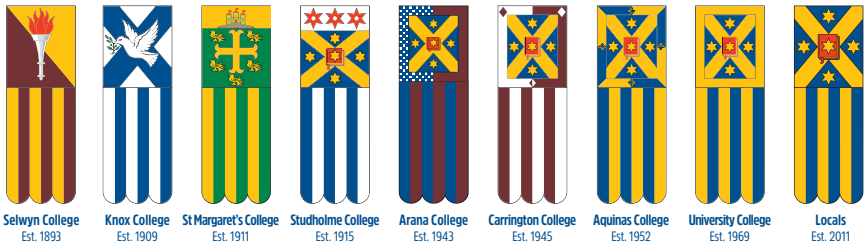
The supreme governing body of the University is the Council, presided over by the Chancellor. When it was first established its members held office for life. Its constitution was progressively amended in 1891, 1911 and 1946 to provide for the representation of certain local bodies and educational groups, 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.

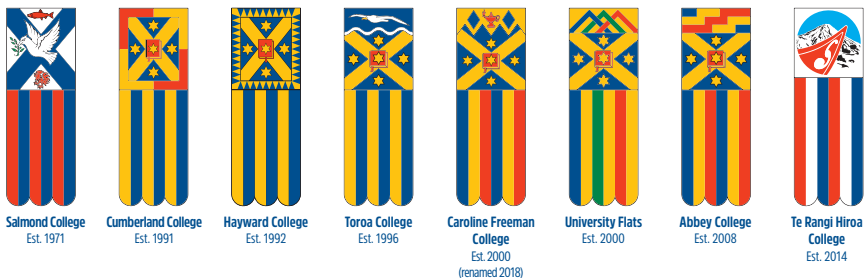
In 1989 the internal governance of the University was reformed by grouping the existing departments, faculties, and schools into four academic Divisions (Commerce, Health Sciences, Humanities, and Sciences). Each academic Division is headed by a Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Further changes to the executive group resulted in the appointment of two Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Academic, and Research and Enterprise) in 1994, a Chief Operating Officer in 2005, a third Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement) in 2015 and a DVC (Māori) in 2024.

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 Gonfalon



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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