

CV for Merle Hearn

Interests

- Education
- Blended, online, & activity-based learning
- Teacher education
- All arts, music, & dance
- Virtual worlds
- Technology for the future
- Cultural differences
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Family history & NZ history



Education history

Doctor of Philosophy at University of New England (NSW)

2012 - February 2020

US11551/US11552 (Unit Standards) at MIT

2020

Graduate Certificate in Activity-based Learning at Manukau Institute of Technology

2017 - 2018

LINK.OEx: Introduction to Open Education at EDX, INC.

2017 - 2017

NCALE(Workplace) at MIT

2009 - 2009

Web Graphics & Multimedia (Certificate) at IWA-HWG

2006 - 2008

Web Technologies (Certificate) at IWA-HWG

2006 - 2008

Graduate Certificate in Applied eLearning (Post-Graduate at MIT

2005 - 2006

Certificate in Tertiary Teaching at MIT

2005 - 2006

Treaty of Waitangi at Work 1 & 2 (Certificates) at MIT

2005 - 2005

Microsoft Office User Specialist (Certificates) at MIT

2002 - 2003

LSB (Licentiate Diploma) at New Zealand Speech Board

1992 - 1993

LTCL (Licentiate Diploma) at Trinity College of Music, London

1992 - 1992

ATCL (Associate Diploma) at Trinity College of Music, London

1991 - 1992

DipTchg at Christchurch Teachers' College
1987 - 1987
MA at University of the Witwatersrand
1984 - 1986
BA(Hons) at University of South Africa, UNISA
1983 - 1983
BA at University of the Witwatersrand
1979 - 1982

Employment history

Self-employed, Kaleidoscope Essential Education Services
May 2020 – current
Academic Contract, University of Auckland, New Start
August 2021 - current
Academic Contract, University of Auckland, Te Puna Wānanga
April 2021 - current
Online Facilitator, TANZ eCampus
February 2020 - current
Senior Lecturer at Manukau Institute of Technology
2000 - February 2020
Chairperson, Whānau Komiti at Te Reo Rangatira ki Whaiora te Kohanga Reo
2000 - 2000
Treasurer, Whānau Komiti at Ngati Otara Marae te Kohanga Reo
1997 - 2000
Speech & Drama Teacher Self-employed
1995 – 1999
Ran PD sessions for local businesses Self-employed
1995 – 1999
Teacher at James Cook High School
1991 - 1993
Teacher at Melville High School
1988 - 1990

Certifications, accreditations and awards

UNE Chancellor's Doctoral Research Medal
2020
Ako Aotearoa/MIT funding for Kately Literacy Game
2013
MIT Academic Excellence Award winner
2012
Lead educator for SLENZ (Second Life Education NZ) TEC funding
2009
ITPNZ eCDF Minor Project
2003

MIT Developmental funding grant
2003

Books and publications

Vision - A space for digital learning and exploring pedagogies: Virtual world education
2019

Me, us and IT: Insiders views of the complex technical, organisational and personal
elements in using virtual worlds in education
2017

A review of the National Association of Enabling Educators of Australia
2017

Exploring virtual world innovations and design through learner voices
2016

New applications, new global audiences: Educators repurposing and reusing 3D virtual and
immersive learning resources
2015

The food processors of education – the normalisation of virtual worlds
2014

Literacy game in a virtual world
2014

Rhetoric and reality: critical perspectives on education in a 3D virtual world
2014

Virtual worlds in Australian and New Zealand higher education: Remembering the past,
understanding the present and imagining the future
2013

Sustaining the future through virtual worlds
2013

Facilitating Art Education: The UWA Arts Challenges
2012

The University of Western Australia 3D Art Challenges: Virtual Promotion of an Art
Community
2012

Bridging and Scaffolding – From Powerlessness to Proficiency
2012

VWs are not just cars – Literacy journeys in VWs
2011

He ara hou ka tū mai: NZ institutions of higher learning unpacking demands and facilitating
change
2011

MUVE to a better alternative – the scaffolding of Bridging Students in SL
2009

Laying Second Life foundations: Second chance learners get first life skills
2009

Professional memberships

Member of NAEEA (National Association of Enabling Educators, Australia)
2014 - Current

Member of ascilite (Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education)
2011 - Current

Member of the VWWG (Virtual Worlds Working Group)
2010 - Current

Member of Kiwi Educators & the SLENZ Project (Second Life Education NZ)
2008 - 2010

Member of the VLENZ Committee (Virtual Life Education NZ)
2010 - Current

Member of the NZ Association of Bridging Educators
2007 - 2008

Member of TESOLNZ
2004 - 2006

Member of IWA-HWG
2004 - 2007

Personal skills

Compassionate & caring
Charitable
Patient
Honest
Tolerant

Work skills

Good team player
Hard working
Ability to teach a range of skills & subjects
Skilled organiser
Ability to produce professional results within deadlines

Academic goals

To incorporate technology into my teaching when it can be used to facilitate student learning objectives
To keep setting new educational goals & work to achieve them.
To continue to develop myself professionally

Academic skills

Quick to learn
Flexible
Excellent memory
Skilled critical thinker
Open-minded

Personal goals

To make appropriate changes to improve health & well-being
To encourage & motivate my students & to pursue their dreams & aspirations
To facilitate learning, the development of an Education Survival Mind-set, & an appreciation of difference in lifelong learners

Career goals

To ensure students/trainees that I work with discover their potential & work to achieve their goals
To extend myself by taking on new challenges

To always keep abreast of technological changes & embrace them to motivate & engage learners

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