CV for Merle Hearns

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

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 Kitely 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 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

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

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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