

Engagement Australia Awards 2021

Biographies of Judges



Kerry O'Neill (Chair)

Current Position: Board of Director, Engagement Australia and Director, Precincts Strategy and Development, Victoria University

Kerry O'Neill (Chair) is the Board of Director for Engagement Australia and the Director, Precincts Strategy and Development at Victoria University. As Associate Director, Engagement Initiatives and manager of the Footscray University Town initiative, Kerry was responsible for fostering collaborations and partnerships with local government, industry and community organisations, extending Victoria University's outward focus and engagement in Melbourne's west. Kerry has extensive cross sector experience related to community and stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning, in state and local government, university and community contexts.

Kerry holds a Master of Urban Policy and Planning from RMIT, a Bachelor of Education from La Trobe University and a Bachelor of Arts (Politics and History) from the University of Melbourne.



Professor Ekant Veer

Current Position: Professor of Marketing and the Director of the Christchurch Knowledge Commons, University of Canterbury, NZ

Ekant Veer is a Professor of Marketing and the Director of the Christchurch Knowledge Commons at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch. He is a multi-award winning teacher and researcher having been named in the Top 40 under 40 Business School Professors worldwide; an Ako Aotearoa Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award winner; UC's Teaching Medal awardee in 2017 and five times winner of a UCSA Lecturer of the Year award. His work looks at the role that marketing can play in both driving social change and community wellbeing as well as what impact digital technology plays in consumer interactions and their sense of identity. His research has been published in numerous international journals, such as the Journal of Marketing Management, The European Journal of Marketing, and The Journal of Public Policy and Marketing. Ekant has recently taken on the role as Director of the Christchurch Knowledge Commons which looks to support the University of Canterbury's commitment to kotahitanga [partnerships] and engagement between tertiary sector and businesses, community, and the public sector.



Professor Marie Wilson

Current Position: Chief Academic Services Officer, University of South Australia

Professor Marie Wilson is Chief Academic Services Officer for the University of South Australia. Professor Wilson is a member of the Executive Leadership Team of the University, with responsibility for student services, student administration, student equity and engagement, and UniSA International.

Professor Wilson has a track record of delivering in both industry and university leadership. In her former role as leader of the UniSA Business School, the University received national and international awards for innovation and student services and was repeatedly commended for its enterprising service culture.

Professor Wilson has studied and worked across the globe and has been a senior manager in strategy and HRM for seven public companies, including one of the world's largest IT firms. Professor Wilson's specialities include the management of performance (with a focus on professionals and knowledge work), and judgment and decision-making in professional settings. Her most recent work has established new insights into clinical decision-making and the intersection of commercialisation and researcher careers.

Professor Wilson holds a Juris Doctor in contract and employment law, and a PhD in management, and has over twenty years of university leadership experience, including senior roles at Griffith University and the University of Auckland. She also has extensive experience in high technology ventures and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Professor Wilson is also a member of the State Advisory Council (SA/NT) of the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) and sponsor of CEDA's Women and Leadership program for over ten years.



Ben Roche

Current Position: Vice President (Engagement), Southern Cross University

Ben Roche is the Vice President (Engagement) at Southern Cross University. In this executive position he has overarching responsibility for a suite of portfolios that focus on connecting the University's research and teaching strengths with the sustainable development needs of its communities, to optimise mutual benefit, impact and exchange. Ben's contribution to community engagement in higher education, specifically service learning in built environment disciplines, has been recognised through a national Carrick Citation. He has also been the recipient of the Edith Cowan Authentic Learning Award from the Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia. In 2019, Ben received the Australian Financial Review Higher Education Award for Best Industry Engagement and the Business Higher Education Roundtable Award for Excellence in Community Engagement - both for the national pilot program Farming Together. Ben is the Immediate Past President of Engagement Australia.



Ken Gideon

Current Position: Director (Alumni), University of Southern Queensland

Ken Gideon is currently the Director (Alumni) at the University of Southern Queensland. Prior to this role, he ran the Queensland University of Technology alumni program from March 2012 to May 2019 and he was also the inaugural Alumni Manager at the University of Queensland School of Medicine from October 2008 to February 2012. In addition, Ken is the co-founder and current co-chair of the Australian Universities Alumni Professional Group (AUAPG), which is designed to bring all Australian university alumni professionals together. For the past 12 years he has been a volunteer for CASE Asia Pacific (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education), where he has been a track chair twice for their international Asia Pacific Conference, and he has been a

judge on their Platinum Awards Judging Panel. Ken has also given more than 25 presentations at national and international conferences on alumni relations over the past 10 years.



Angela Barney-Leitch

Current Position: Pro Vice Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy), QUT

Ms Angela Barney – Leitch is the QUT Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy). A position she commenced in February 2019. Ms Barney-Leitch is a Woppaburra Guami Enkil whose country is the Keppel Islands off the coast of central Queensland, Australia.

As Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy) she is responsible for providing leadership in developing the strategic direction of the university regarding Indigenous matters, including institutional policy, strategy and advice in relation to all aspects of Indigenous higher education at QUT. The position plays a critical role in engaging within the university, external stakeholders and Indigenous communities, to establish effective and productive relationships. Ms Barney-Leitch ensures alignment of all related Indigenous initiatives and activities with the university's overall strategic direction.

She has significant experience in Indigenous Australian education and strategic policy. Prior to joining QUT, Ms Barney-Leitch was the Director of Indigenous Policy and Strategic Innovation for the Queensland Department of Education. In that role she was responsible for leading the strategic development of education policy on Indigenous issues within Queensland where she was successful in aligning the needs of Indigenous young people with government strategies and objectives. She has been the Chair and Queensland representative on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Advisory Group, where she provided strategic policy advice to the National Education Council.

Ms Barney-Leitch holds a Bachelor of Administration, a Graduate Certificate in Employment Law and a Masters of Education and Professional Studies Research from Griffith University.



Professor Eric Pawson

Current Position: Professor Emeritus, University of Canterbury, NZ

Eric Pawson is Emeritus Professor of Geography, University of Canterbury, New Zealand. He is a past president of the Ako Aotearoa Academy of national tertiary teaching award winners, and a recent executive member of the Australasian Council of Undergraduate Research. He developed pedagogical interests in problem-based and community-based research in post-earthquake Christchurch, and is now working with a range of agencies to develop an ambitious living laboratory in the city's red zone, probably the largest area of managed retreat in an urban area internationally. Publications include *Seeds of Empire. The Environmental Transformation of New Zealand* (Bloomsbury 2020, with Tom Brooking), and 'Into the Anthropocene: environmental history and the morality of climate change', in the *International Review of Environmental History*, as well as two essays in the forthcoming *Cambridge Handbook of Undergraduate Research*.



Professor Williams Locke

Current Position: Director of the Centre for the Study of Higher Education, University of Melbourne (Melbourne CSHE)

Professor William Lock is Director of the Centre for the Study of Higher Education, University of Melbourne (Melbourne CSHE). Prior to this, he was Director of the Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES) and the MBA Higher Education Management programme at the UCL Institute of Education, University College London. He was also Deputy Director of the ESRC/OFSRE Centre for Global Higher Education (CGHE), and remains an International Co-Investigator with the Centre. He is Founding Joint Editor of the Society for Research into Higher Education (SRHE) journal *Policy Reviews in Higher Education*. William was formerly Head of Learning and Teaching policy at the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), Assistant Director of the Open University Centre for Higher Education Research and Information (CHERI) and Deputy Director of Policy Development at Universities UK.

His research interests include the governance and management of HEIs; the changing academic profession; the teaching-research nexus; HE policy and policy-making; the impact of marketisation (including league tables and other forms of ranking) on HEIs and systems; and international higher education. He is Co-Editor of *Changing Higher Education for a Changing World* (Bloomsbury, 2020) with Claire Callender and Simon Marginson, and is currently working on the manuscript for *Challenging Approaches to Academic Career Making* with Co-Authors Celia Whitchurch and Giulio Marini (Bloomsbury forthcoming 2022). He has a wide range of other publications and has given keynote presentations at international conferences in North America, Australia, China, Japan and throughout Europe.



Dr Manisha Amin

Current Position: CEO, Chief Strategist and Visionary at Centre for Inclusive Design

Manisha is the chief strategist and visionary at Centre for Inclusive Design. With a background in strategic marketing, communication, transforming cultures and creativity she is a thought leader in the power of thinking from the edge. Manisha has a unique talent for seeing beyond the horizon to emerging trends, defining them and building powerful communities to bring them in to being. The Centre connects industry, community, government and academia to ensure that we have a world that is inclusive for all. The Centre for Inclusive Design is supported by the Centre for Social Justice at UTS



Bronte Neyland

Current Position: Vice-President (Future Students and Marketing), Victoria University

As Vice-President (Future Students and Marketing) Bronte is focused on executing Victoria University's student recruitment strategies; further developing the recruitment operations (including through exploiting synergies between domestic and international student operations); and building the University's brand and reputation.

Prior to her appointment to this role, Bronte led the University's international student recruitment activities for four years as Director, Victoria University International (VUI). During this time she was instrumental in driving strong international student load and revenue growth, and more broadly in growing the University's international reputation.

A well-known and respected figure with almost twenty years in the Australian international education, Bronte is a regular presenter at international conferences and industry workshops on key topics relating to international education. In 2019, she was Chair of the Australian Universities International Directors' Forum (AUIDF) and in September 2019 became the inaugural International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) Fellow, in recognition of her commitment to giving back to the international education sector. This commitment also saw her awarded the 2015 Tracy McCabe Future Leader Fellowship.



Dr Annelies Kamp

Current Position: Head of School of Educational Studies and Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education, Health and Human Development), University of Canterbury, NZ

Associate Professor Annelies Kamp is Head of the School of Educational Studies and Leadership and Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education, Health and Human Development) at the University of Canterbury in Aotearoa New Zealand. As Head of School, she has overseen the development and implementation of UC's unique Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership.

Annelies has over 25 years of experience in senior leadership roles in Crown agencies, industry training and the not-for-profit sector, including for the Brotherhood of St Laurence and Mission Australia. She has been a Ministerial Board appointment in the post compulsory education sector in both Australia and New Zealand, and Deputy Director at the Higher Education Research Centre at Dublin City University in Ireland. Her books include *Rethinking Learning Networks: Collaborative Possibilities for a Deleuzian Century* (Peter Lang, 2013), *A Critical Youth Studies for the 21st Century* (Brill, 2015), *Re/Assembling the Pregnant and Parenting Teenager: Narratives from the field(s)* (Peter Lang, 2017) and *Education Studies in Aotearoa: Key Disciplines and New Directions* (NZCER, 2019). Her next book – *Leading Educational Networks: Theory, Policy and Practice* is co-authored with Professor Toby Greany and will be published by Bloomsbury in 2021.



Chris Robinson

Current Position: Co-Founder and Director, Capire Consulting

Chris Robinson is the Co-Founder and Director of Capire Consulting. Chris has over 25 years' experience in stakeholder engagement and execution, partnership development and planning/management for complex infrastructure, urban development, community and business initiatives.

Prior to co-founding Capire in 2007, Chris was General Manager at Lend Lease's not for profit Hornery Institute. For over 11 years Chris was senior management / planning consultant and shareholder at GHD Pty Ltd. During this time, he founded and then for 3 years was Service Line Leader for GHD's new global Sustainability Consulting practice. Earlier in his career, Chris worked as a strategic planner / urban designer and led multidisciplinary projects as diverse regional sustainable development plans in Borneo (Sarawak, Malaysia); coastal reserve masterplans in Tasmania; airfield masterplans for the Australian Defence Force; post war reconstruction initiatives in Bosnia; Tokyo river renewal projects in Japan and sustainability software tool development in California USA. In 2018 Chris also created www.yourmantime.com, a global movement for men and

their supporters dedicated to providing inspiration, support and tools to get men physically and mentally healthier by sharing ideas, stories and tips about getting busy on their own healthy 'man time'.

Chris has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Planning) with Distinction from RMIT, Strategic Planning from Monash Mt Eliza Business School, Master of Planning Design (Urban Design) from University of Melbourne and a Master of Science (Environmental Impact Assessment & Management) from Oxford Brookes University and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Leadership Victoria. He is a member of the Institute of Management Consultants, Australian Institute of Company Directors and the International Association of Public Participation.



Colette Rogers

Current Position: Partner, National Education Sector Lead, Deloitte

Collette Rogers is a Deloitte Partner and their National Education Sector Lead as well as a member of the Committee for Melbourne's Future Skills Steering Committee. Ms Rogers has worked with Universities and TAFE institutes on a range of complex programs and initiatives in response to strategic change and policy reform impacting the sector. She has led the redesign and implementation of service delivery models that have enhanced the customer experience and improved the efficiency of operational processes and supporting structures including governance arrangements. Ms Rogers holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Public Administration, both from the University of Melbourne.



Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Current Position: Chief Executive Officer of Skyline Education Foundation Australia

Jane is Skyline Education Foundation Australia's Chief Executive Officer. She is a strategic and hands on leader, with a commitment to collective impact and innovative commercial practice for social outcomes – particularly in education, engagement and equity.

Skyline provides intensive support for high ability Students who are gifted and/or academically talented, with a growth mindset, leadership potential, and resilience in the face of social and economic challenges, supporting pathways to further study and employment – becoming leaders for change. The unique VCE two-year Skyline Program includes residential and masterclass components, financial reimbursement and personal support, consolidated by lifelong connection in an inclusive, respectful and supportive Alumni network.

Jane has been Skyline's inaugural CEO since 2018. She has held leadership and management positions in government, corporate and not-for-profit settings and has rich experience and relationships with diverse cross-sections of the academic, philanthropic, not-for-profit, business and community sectors.

Most recently Jane was CEO at Freemasons Victoria, and previously she held senior roles at Fed Square, Southgate Arts and Leisure Precinct, Kidney Health Australia and VicHealth.

Initially, she trained as a Registered Nurse and in Post Graduate Psychiatry. She has Masters and Honours degrees from Monash University and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Leadership Victoria.

She has been appointed to various community leadership positions on Boards and Committees and as Vice Chair of the Victorian Tourism Awards and has been a member of the BHERT and Engagement Awards Judges Panels for three years. She is currently Chair of Tradeswomen Australia and is a Director of Tradeswomen Australia Community Foundation and Urban Camp.



Genevieve Reid

Current Position: Director Strategic Partnerships, Industry and Government, Deakin University

Genevieve leads Deakin's Strategic Partnership team and is responsible for strengthening and growing collaborative and impactful industry research engagement. Prior to joining Deakin in 2019, Genevieve was Vice President Industry Engagement RMIT University; her sales and marketing career spans more than 25 years working in the technology sector and has taken her to North America, Europe and APAC.

She has a strong track record of creating positive and enduring government and industry engagement across a range of markets and technologies having enjoyed leadership roles with Oracle Corporation, and Australian tech companies Computershare and Aconex.

Genevieve is part of a growing tech community of women dedicated to establishing and maintaining professional contacts to ensure women and girls expand their knowledge of industry trends and build the confidence and leadership skills needed for career success in the tech sector.

Ms Reid has worked extensively in the non-profit sector as non-executive director of philanthropic organisations ShareGift Australia and Chair of arts institution Craft Victoria. She is a member of the Public Relations Institute of Australian (PRIA) and the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).



Clare Russell

Current Position: Director, Research Partnerships & Initiatives, RMIT

Clare Russell leads RMIT's Research Partnerships and Major Research Initiatives functions at RMIT University and is key to facilitating long standing partnerships underpinned by applied research.

Clare is an experienced leader in the higher education sector, having held roles across student experience, marketing, business development and research engagement. Clare also brings a wealth of experience to the sector, leveraging previous experiences in management and technology consulting.

Passionate about SDG 17, Clare supports strategic university-industry engagement collaboration. Clare is an experienced negotiator and facilitator building collaborations across sectors, disciplines and complex environments. She has an impressive track record in securing funding for industry and research and is focused on creating lasting impact through partnering and collaboration.

Clare is an Accredited International Partnership Broker through the Partnership Brokers Association.



Dr Megan Fisher

Current Position: Pro Vice Chancellor (Industry Engagement), La Trobe University

Megan has over 20 years' experience in executive management and leadership positions in higher education and research-based organisations in the public and private sector, most recently as Director of Research, Innovation and Commercial Engagement at The University of Melbourne. In this position Megan led a large team of business development, intellectual property and commercialisation professionals responsible for partnering with university stakeholders to support industry engagement and increase industry related revenue.

Megan has a PhD in Organic Chemistry and a Bachelor of Science (First Class Honours) from the University of Sydney, as well as qualifications in business and executive management. She has held previous roles as Director of Business Development and Commercialisation within the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and as Vice President of Research and Development for an ASX and NASDAQ listed Australian biotechnology company. Megan has extensive experience in leading and advising on a broad range of commercial transactions, including establishing relationships with global venture capital, spin outs and licensing with local and global companies.

Megan's appointment as PVC (IE) comes at a critical time for La Trobe as we intensify our efforts to develop the Research and Innovation Precinct as part of our vision to be a University City of the Future. Megan sees industry engagement and commercialisation as pathways connecting academics and institutions to the communities and sectors where they can have most impact. Her connections to government agencies, local and international organisations and her understanding of the nexus between the higher education, community and commercial sectors will be invaluable in leading and improving La Trobe's Industry Engagement activities.



Jess Bulger

Current Position: Director, Engagement at CareerTrackers

Jess Bulger is Wiradjuri from Tumut and Brungle in Country NSW and is Director, Engagement at CareerTrackers Indigenous Internship Program. Jess began her career as a teacher and has worked in the Higher Education and Non-Profit sectors for the past 12 years. Jess' career focuses on her passion to empower young people to build rewarding careers, leading fulfilling lives, and enable change for their families and communities. Jess comes from a long line of strong Wiradjuri women and is driven by the belief that as Indigenous peoples we have the solutions for our communities and that our work must be informed by the teachings of our Elders.



Dr Michelle Evans

Current Position: Associate Professor of Leadership, Management and Marketing, University of Melbourne

Dr Michelle Evans is inaugural Director of Dilin Duwa Centre for Indigenous Business Leadership, a research, teaching and Indigenous business engagement centre co-founded by the Faculty of Business and Economics and Melbourne Business School. Michelle Evans holds an Associate Professorship of Leadership at the University of Melbourne and is co-Founder of Australia's number one Indigenous Business Master Class program, MURRA, based at Melbourne Business School, founder of the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at the Faculty of Victorian college of the Arts and Music, and founder of WALAN MAYINYGU Charles Sturt University's Indigenous entrepreneurship Pop Up innovation hub program (2017/8).

Michelle, a Fulbright scholar, has a unique combination of professional experience in management, community engagement and facilitation coupled with her excellent track record in research. Michelle has attracted three highly competitive Australian Research Council grants, one of which is focused on investigating Australian Indigenous entrepreneurial leadership. Michelle has personally taught and mentored over 250 Australian Indigenous business people through various Indigenous business programs and serves on a number of committees nationally and internationally that focus on Indigenous advancement and rewarding excellence in engagement.



Professor Margaret Jones

Current Position: Director of Research Services at Edith Cowan University

Margaret has been the Director of Research Services at Edith Cowan University for almost 10 years.

Margaret earned her PhD in Molecular Biology at the University of Massachusetts and has worked at Monash University, Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research, The University of Western Australia and in the Middle East. An internationally successful medical researcher, she published more than 70 journal articles before transitioning into research administration and governance. She is a graduate of the AICD's Company Directors and University Governance courses and has served on ECU's University Council for three years, as well as on a number of Boards and state and national committees. Her passion for research leadership drives her to deliver best practice across portfolios that include Research Governance, Administration, Systems, Graduate Research Students and importantly, Research Engagement and Impact.



Professor Myriam Amielh

Current Position: Dean, Innovation & Industry Engagement, Australian Catholic University

Professor Myriam Amielh is Australian Catholic University's inaugural Dean, Innovation & Industry Engagement, having commenced this role in February 2021. With deep understanding of and numerous engagements with industry over her career, Professor Amielh is planning and implementing extensive industry engagement strategies across ACU.

Professor Amielh has worked in senior roles in the Higher Education sector in Australia since 2016, and prior to this held leading roles in Research and Development for the commercial sector. Professor Amielh holds a PhD and Masters in Computer Sciences and Mathematics, which she studied in France and Canada.

Career highlights include the establishment of UTS' prototyping unit (UTS Rapido), which has delivered research translation to multiple UTS industry partners, and the creation of the Wanago program to address STEM gaps for over twenty NSW High Schools. Professor Amielh also coordinated the development of UTS' strategy for 'Precinct, partners and community', delivered new Work-Integrated-Learning programs as well as a large industry and government consortium for future secure research facilities in NSW. Additionally, Professor Amielh is credited with the creation of numerous patents, through leading teams in both Philips and Canon.