

# Overview 2007

## School Organisation

In 2007 the School of Education was part of the Division of Arts at Murdoch University. A restructure planned for 2008 will incorporate two schools; the School of Education and the School of Social Sciences and Humanities within a Faculty of Arts and Education. The School of Education has a Dean's administrative office, an Education Research and Academic Programs office (ERAP), a School Experience office, a Curriculum Resource Centre and a Centre for Learning, Change and Development (CLCD).

Teaching and research in the School is administered by two Program Committees: the Initial Teacher Education Committee and the Research, Postgraduates and Centres Committee, whose members are drawn from within the School.

The formal decision-making body for the School is the School Committee which is comprised of all academic staff, administrative staff in continuous positions in the School, and student representatives.

## Personnel

### Professors of Education

- David Andrich BSc *W.Aust.*, DipEd *W.Aust.*, BEd *W.Aust.*, MEd *W.Aust.*, PhD *Chic.*, FASSA
- Simone Volet DipEd *Geneva*, LèsEd *Geneva*, PhD *Murd.*

### City of Rockingham Professor of Education

- Barry Down GradDipEd *W.Aust.*, Sec. Teach.C., BA *W.Aust.I.T.*, BEd *W.Aust.I.T.*, MEd *Murd.*, PhD *Murd.*

### Associate Professors

- Renato Schibeci BSc *Syd.*, DipEd *NSW*, MSc *NSW*, MEd *Syd.*, PhD *Murd.*, FRACI
- Irene Styles BSc(Hons) *Rhodes*, PhD *Rhodes*, DipEd *Murd.*, MAPS
- Helen Wildy BA *W.Aust.*, DipEd *W.Aust.*, BEd *W.Aust.*, GradDipEdAd *Hawthorn I.E.*, MEd *W.Aust.*, PhD *W.Aust.*

### Senior Lecturers

- Dr Nado Aveling DipTeach *W.A.C.A.E.*, BEd *Murd.*, MEd *Murd.*, PhD *Murd.*
- Dr Wendy Cumming-Potvin BA *Br.Col.*, GradDipEd *Br.Col.*, MA *Montr.*, PhD *Qld.*
- Mr Barry Kissane BSc *W.Aust.*, BEd *W.Aust.*, MEd *W.Aust.*, MACE
- Dr Libby Lee BEd(Hons) *Qld.UT*, PhD *Qld.UT*.
- Dr Judith MacCallum BSc(Hons) *NSW*, DipEd *Newcastle(NSW)*, BEdSt *Qld.*, MEd *Murd.*, PhD *Murd.*
- Dr Dorit Maor BSc *TelAviv(Israel)*, MEd *Pittsburgh*, PhD *Curtin*
- Dr Andrew McConney BSc *Toronto*, MS *Florida Tech.*, PhD *Florida Tech.*
- Dr Lindy Norris BA *ANU.*, DipEd *W.Aust.*, EdD *Murd.*
- Mr Robin Pascoe HCertTeach Ed.Dept.*W.Aust.*, BA(Hons) *W.Aust.*, DipEd *W.Aust.*
- Ms Beth Powell TeachCert *ClaremontTeach.C.*, H.TeachCert *ClaremontTeach.C.*, BA *W.Aust.*, MEd *Murd.*
- Ms Judy Robison BA *ANU.*, Hons *Murd.*, MEd Hons *Murd.*, Dip Ed *Syd.*
- Dr Peter Wright BA *NE.*, DipSocSci *NE.*, MEd *Newcastle(NSW)*, DipTch *R.C.A.E.*, MPsych *Newcastle(NSW)*, PhD *NE.*

### Lecturers

- Dr James Bell BA *Guilford*, PhD *N.Carolina*
- Ms Geraldine Ditchburn BA *La Trobe*, DipEd *La Trobe*, BEd *Melb.*, MEd *La Trobe*
- Mr Cal Durrant BA *PacificUnionC.Calif.*, BEdSt *Newcastle(NSW)*, BEd *AvondaleC.*, MEd *Syd.*, MEdSt *Newcastle(NSW)*.
- Ms Christine Glass DipTeach *ECU.*, BEd *Curtin*, MEd *Murd.*
- Dr Kai Fai Ho BSc *Oregon*, MA *Hull*, PhD *Nanyang*
- Dr Caroline Mansfield BA *W.Aust.*, GradDipEd *W.C.A.E.*, MEd *ECU.*, PhD *ECU.*
- Dr Susan McKenzie DipTch *ECE.*, BEd *ECE.*, MEd *Flin.*, PhD *Flin.*
- Dr Karen Murcia B.App.Sc *W.Aust.I.T.*, DipEd *Curtin*, MEd *Murd* PhD *Murd.*
- Dr Jane Pearce BA(Hons) *Liv.*, PGCE *Leeds*, MEd *Liv.*, PhD *Murd.*
- Dr Laura Perry BA *Michigan*, MA *Loyola Chic.*, PhD *Loyola Chic.*
- Dr Anne Price BA *W.Aust.*, DipEd *W.Aust.*, MEd (Hons) *Murd.*, EdD *Murd.*
- Mr Ross Williams CertTch Ed.Dept.*W.Aust.*, DipTch *W.Aust.Sec.Teach.C.*, BEd *Mt.Lawley CAE*, MEd *W.Aust.*

### Emeritus Professor

- Brian Hill BA *W.Aust.*, DipEd *W.Aust.*, BEd(Hons) *W.Aust.*, MA *Syd.*, PhD *Ill.*, FACE

### Emerita Professor

- Jan Currie BA *Purdue*, MA *Calif.*, PhD *Chic.*

### Emeritus Associate Professor

- Don Smart BA *NE*, DipEd *NE*, MA *NE*, PhD *ANU.*

## Adjunct Professor

- Guanzhong Luo GradDipMathsandMathsED SCNU., MSc *Jinan*, PhD *Murd.*

## Adjunct Associate Professor

- David Tripp T.Cert *St.Lukes*, Sp.DipPE *St.Lukes*, BEd *Exe.*, PhD *Camb.*

## Honorary Research Fellow

- Ralph Straton BA *Tas.*, DipEd *Tas.*, BEd *Melb.*, PhD *Minn.*, MAPS

## Administrative Positions

### Dean's Office

- Mrs Louise Dixon (Administrative Officer) to March 2007
- Mr Barry Kissane BSc *W.Aust.*, BEd *W.Aust.*, MEd *W.Aust.*, MACE (Dean)
- Ms Bronwyn Prothero (Administrative Assistant)
- Ms Alison Wells (Administrative Officer) from March 2007

## Education Research and Academic Programs Office (ERAP)

- Mrs Angelina Chillino (Administrative Officer)
- Ms Margaret Luck BA *Curtin* (Research and Programs Officer)
- Mrs Refat Murshed B.Com *Dhaka*, MBA *Deakin* (Administrative Assistant)

## School Experience Office

- Mrs Anushia Aravindhan BScEcons *Buckingham*, (School Experience Administrative Assistant) to Feb 2007
- Ms Geraldine Ditchburn BA *La Trobe*, DipEd *La Trobe*, BEd *Melb.*, MEd *La Trobe*
- Ms Maree Dollin (School Experience Administrative Assistant) from Sep 2007
- Ms Christine Glass DipTeach *ECU.*, BEd *Curtin*, MEd *Murd.*
- Ms Annie Hayes DipTeach *Alex. MackieT.C.Syd.*, (Primary Placement Officer, South Street)
- Ms Gillian Turner BA *Murd.*, Dip Ed *N.Dame*, (Placement Officer and Community Liaison, Rockingham)
- Ms Rosalind Tucker Dip Tch *ECE Curtin* (Secondary Placement Officer, South Street)

## Curriculum Resource Centre (CRC)

- Ms Leanne Munyard (Assistant)
- Ms Irene Paterson BA, ALAA *Murd.* (Librarian)
- Mrs Barbara Smith *ASM* (Library Assistant)

## Centre for Learning Change and Development (CLCD)

- Mrs Gillian Buckingham BA(Hons) *Cardiff* (Manager)
- Dr Susan McKenzie DipTch *ECE.*, BEd *ECE.*, MEd *Flin.*, PhD *Flin.* (Acting Director)
- Mrs Roselina Stone (Administrative Assistant)
- Mr Cameron Tero BATheology *Murd.* (Research Assistant)

## Secretaries

- Ms Karyn Barenberg
- Ms Tania Corbett

## New continuing appointments in 2007



**Ms Geraldine Ditchburn**  
BA *La Trobe*, DipEd *La Trobe*, BEd *Melb.*, MEd *La Trobe*



**Dr Kai Fai Ho**  
BSc *Oregon*, MA *Hull*, PhD *Nanyang*

## New and Continuing Academic Contract Staff

- Mr Jeff Baxter Dip Teach, BSc(Hons), Dip Ed, MEd *Flinders*
- Ms Geraldine Ditchburn BA *La Trobe*, DipEd *La Trobe*, BEd *Melb.*, MEd *La Trobe*
- Ms Rachelle Domansky BA *Curtin*, BAppSc(Hons) *Curtin*, MEd *Deakin*
- Ms Susan Harley BPsych *W.Aust.*
- Ms Elizabeth Matthews BEd/BA *Murd.*
- Ms Susanne Robilliard MEd *UWA*, DipTeach *Christchurch(NZ)* Teach.C, DipPhysEd *Otago(NZ)*

## New and Continuing Project Staff (Research and Administration)

### PIPS Project

- Ms Vivienne Pepper BSc *Curtin* (Project Manager).
- Mr Antony Gray ADPA *ECU*, BA(Hons) *W.Aust.* (Project Officer) to November 2007
- Ms Rosaria McCulloch BA *ECU*. (Project Officer) from November 2007

### RAISE Project

- Ms Annie Todd BA, *Murdoch* (Project Manager)

### School Research Assistants

- Ms Michelle Brooker BA(SciSec) *Massey*, BA(Hons) *Canterbury*, GradDipEd *W.Aust.*, PGDip PolStuds *Murd.*
- Ms Karen Kimmel Dipl.,-Paed *Germany* [equivalent BA(Hons)]
- Dr Lesley Payne BEd *Murd.*, MEd(Hons) *Murd.*, PhD *Murd.*
- Dr Mark Summers BAPsych(Hons) *Murd.*, PhD *Murd.*
- Ms Joanne Thurman BA *W.Aust.*

### Promotions in 2007



**Dr Wendy Cumming-Potvin**  
Lecturer to Senior Lecturer

## Resignations

- Mrs Anushia Aravindhan left the School of Education in February 2007 to take up a position as Admissions Officer in Murdoch University's Enterprise and International, Prospective Students and Admissions Centre.
- Mrs Louise Dixon left the School of Education in March 2007 to take up a position as Administrative Officer, in Murdoch University's Office of Legal and Governance, Secretariat.



### Professor David Andrich

*Professor David Andrich, front row, centre, with some of his Murdoch colleagues at a farewell function*

Professor David Andrich had a long and distinguished career in the School of Education at Murdoch University. He came to Murdoch from the University of Western Australia in 1985. Professor Andrich was the Dean of Education from 1988-1990 and again from June 2003 until the end of May 2005.

Professor Andrich is a leading international expert in educational assessment and measurement, in particular Rasch models. His research also spans across the integration of qualitative and quantitative methods in social and educational research, educational, psychological and social measurement, test construction and assessment, intellectual development and the philosophy of social science. He has held ARC Large and Discovery grants continuously from 1985 to 2006. His outstanding contributions to scholarship have been recognised by his election as an Australian Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. Professor Andrich has provided expert advice to the State government on educational measurement over many years, and he has written several reports for the Curriculum Council.

A further outstanding contribution was made by Professor Andrich to the University by his supervision of numerous research students in a

range of content and methodology areas.

Professor Andrich left Murdoch University to accept the inaugural Chapple Chair in Education at the University of Western Australia in February 2007.

## Retirement



### Associate Professor Irene Styles

After a distinguished career at Murdoch University, Associate Professor Irene Styles decided to retire in 2007. Professor Styles came to Murdoch University in 1986 as Lecturer in Educational Psychology. She had already had an impressive career as a clinical psychologist, lecturer in statistics, and director of numerous research projects in Zimbabwe. Professor Styles' research work at Murdoch University combined a depth of expertise at the highest level of scholarship with breadth of applied knowledge and empirical work across various other disciplines. Her work attracted numerous grants and national competitive funding from, amongst others: the ARC; the Commonwealth Attorney-General Office; the Nurses' Board of WA; Dr Raven from Edinburgh; Department of Education in Tasmania; and, the Telethon Institute of Child Health Research.

Another major contribution that Professor Styles made to the School of Education was in the area of supervision of research students, with numerous completions over her years at Murdoch. Professor Styles has been an outstanding supervisor in regard to quality of the support and guidance she provided to students. This was formally recognised by the University when she received the Inaugural Vice Chancellor's Excellence in Supervision in 2002. Professor Styles has maintained her association with the School of Education through continued supervision of doctoral students.

## Murdoch Committee Representation

### Murdoch University Committees

- **Honorary Awards and Ceremonial Committee (a Committee of Senate)**  
Simone Volet (Member)
- **Human Research Ethics Committee**  
Wendy Cumming-Potvin (Member)
- **Murdoch University, Heads of Schools**  
Barry Kissane (Deputy Chair)
- **Professorial Promotions and Probationary Review Committee (Advisory Committee to the Vice Chancellor)**  
Simone Volet (Member)
- **Research Degrees and Scholarships Committee of the Research and Development Board**  
Renato Schibeci (Member)
- **Research and Development Board**  
Simone Volet (Member)

### Murdoch University Division of Arts Committees

- **Division of Arts Board**  
Barry Kissane (Member)  
Barry Down (Member)
- **Division of Arts Marketing Committee**  
Anne Price (Ex officio Member)

### School of Education Committees

#### School Committee

- Chair (Dean – Ex officio) Mr Barry Kissane
- All academic staff
- All continuous administrative staff
- Margaret Luck (Secretary – ERAP office)

#### Initial Teacher Education Committee

- Cal Durrant (Chair and Academic Planner)
- Barry Kissane (Dean - Ex officio)
- James Bell
- Geraldine Ditchburn (Deputy Chair and Student Adviser, Secondary)
- Christine Glass
- Libby Lee
- Caroline Mansfield
- Libby Matthews
- Andrew McConney
- Lindy Norris
- Robin Pascoe
- Anne Price (Deputy Chair and Student Adviser, Primary)
- Ross Williams
- Margaret Luck (Secretary - ERAP Office)

#### Research, Postgraduates and Centres Committee

- Irene Styles (Chair and Academic Planner, Sem 1)
- Renato Schibeci (Chair and Academic Planner, Sem 2)
- Barry Kissane (Dean – Ex officio)
- Nado Aveling (Deputy Chair and MEd Coursework student adviser)
- Wendy Cumming-Potvin
- Barry Down
- Margaret Luck
- Dorit Maor
- Susan McKenzie
- Karen Murcia
- Laura Perry
- Susan Roberts (Student representative)
- Judy Robison
- Simone Volet
- Peter Wright
- Angelina Chillino (Secretary - ERAP Office)

#### Dean's Advisory Committee

- Barry Kissane (Dean - Ex officio)
- Barry Down (Sem 2)
- Libby Lee
- Renato Schibeci
- Simone Volet
- Helen Wildy (Sem 1)
- Peter Wright
- Alison Wells (Secretary - Dean's Office)

#### School Marketing Committee

- Margaret Luck
- Jane Pearce
- Anne Price
- Helen Wildy

#### School of Education Ethics Expedited Sub-Committee

- Wendy Cumming-Potvin (Chair)
- James Bell (Sem 2)
- Andrew McConney
- Lindy Norris
- Helen Wildy (Sem 1)