Katrina L. Robertson

MSc Thesis Student - Psychology | Teaching Assistant

I am a passionate, hard-working, and dedicated individual with strong ambitions to gain my PhD in Psychology, engage in research projects within this field, and eventually become a full-time lecturer and researcher. I aim to utilise the theoretical and practical skills I have learned during my studies and work experience to become a standout and respected team member. I am seeking a role to utilise and further my teaching and academic skills.

Employment History

Research Assistant- Psychology, University of Canterbury
February 2025 - April 2025

I recently concluded a fixed-term role conducting a literature review of research on theory of mind. My role was to work one-on-one with a senior academic to investigate at what is currently known about theory of mind and mentalising in the psychology literature and synthesise this information in order to make recommendations for future research directions in this domain. I also utilised AI research tools to assist me in conducting this review.

Head Tutor Liaison - Psychology, University of Canterbury
July 2023 - November 2024

I assisted in creating this role in the School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing at UC in order to facilitate better training of teaching assistants, as well as creating a clearer channel of communication between the teaching assistants and the administrators, and providing an avenue for concerns and complaints to be submitted to senior staff members anonymously. My duties included consulting on training materials, hosting drop-in sessions, and handling queries, concerns, and complaints from teaching assistants.

Teaching Assistant and Marker - Psychology, University of Canterbury
February 2022 - February 2025

I have contributed significantly to various teaching teams for nine different courses in the Psychology department at the 100, 200, and 300 level. These roles demanded that I have strong presentation and teaching skills, as well as in-depth statistical and scientific research knowledge. My main duties include both in-person and online teaching of lab materials, grading assessments, and responding to student queries via email, forum, and Zoom meetings.

Teaching Assistant Coordinator - Psychology, University of Canterbury
November 2022 - June 2024

I have held the position of teaching assistant coordinator in three courses. My responsibilities include assisting with the development of distance student lab content, delivering labs online and in-person, managing and coordinating teaching assistants, developing marking rubrics, responding to student queries and issues, and occasionally delivering lectures.

Seafood Assistant - Northlands Pakn'Save, Christchurch
February 2018 - January 2021

Waitress - Commodore Airport Hotel, Christchurch
February 2017 - February 2018

Data Administrator - Northpower Ltd., Auckland
June 2014 - October 2015

Shop Assistant & Keyholder - Storage Box Mt. Wellington, Auckland
September 2012 - June 2014

Details

Christchurch, Canterbury

New Zealand Citizen by Birth

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Links

LinkedIn

Website

Skills

Research Skills

Teaching and Demonstrating

Statistical Literacy

Computer Literacy

Scientific Literacy

Verbal and Written Communication

Time Management

Problem Solving

Languages

Native English Speaker

Solomon Island Pidgin

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Education

Masters of Science, University of Canterbury

March 2023 - February 2025

Jesting Boundaries: The Impact of Context on Offensive Humour and Censorship

Supervised by Dr. Andrew Vonasch

Bachelor of Arts with Honours, University of Canterbury

March 2017 - November 2022

Double Major in Psychology and Political Science

Honours in Psychology

The relationship between perceived and measured body size among Pacific adolescents in New Zealand: findings from the Pacific Islands Families Study

Supervised by Prof. Philip Schluter

Certificate of University Preparation, University of Canterbury

November 2015 - March 2017

Pakuranga College, Auckland

February 2007 - November 2012

NCEA Level 3 and University Entrance

Publications

Lousich, K. L., Tautolo, E. S., & Schluter, P. J. (2023). Relationship between perceived and measured body size among Pacific 14-year-olds in Aotearoa| New Zealand: Findings from the Pacific Islands Families Study. *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*

Guest Lectures

PSYC382 - Culture and Cognition - *Semester 2 2024*

Morality and Punishment

PSYC344 - Research Methods and Statistics - *Semester 2 2023*

Philosophy of Science - Parts 1, 2, and 3

Co-Curricular's and Extra-Curricular Activities

UCSA Pacific Advisory Group (PAG) Member

March 2024 - November 2024

UCSA Postgraduate Advisory Group (PGAG) Member

March 2023 - November 2024

Postgraduate Society for Psychology, Auditory, Speech, and Therapies (PAST)

March 2024 - November 2024 - President

June 2023 - March 2024 - Communications Officer

Masters of Science Review Panel - Faculty of Science, University of Canterbury

November 2023 - Student Representative

References Available on Request

Research Interests

Pasifika Health Psychology

Political Psychology

Humour Psychology

Moral Psychology