

## Scholarly Activity

### Research

- 2017 - 2018 *Evaluation of the Sing With Me! pilot Better Beginnings family literacy program.* A mixed methods approach was used involving librarians, parents/carers, program partners and stakeholders across Western Australia to evaluate the development, implementation, sustainability and effectiveness of Sing With Me! [Chief Investigator]
- 2016 - 2017 *Longitudinal evaluation of the Better Beginnings family literacy program.* Building on the 2013 evaluation, this project drew on participants across 10 schools (6 metropolitan and 4 regional) to assess the impact of the Better Beginnings kindy program. [Investigator]
- 2016 Recipient of Early Childhood Australia (WA) research grant to investigate aspects of nature pedagogy in the early years. The grant was used to review an early childhood teacher's approach to including nature play in the kindy/pre-primary program as perceived by the teacher, colleagues, parents and the children themselves. [Chief Investigator]
- 2015 - 2016 *Evaluation of Child Australia's service delivery model.* This project included a detailed analysis of the process undertaken by staff at Child Australia to adopt an integrated service delivery model. [Chief Investigator]
- 2013 - 2014 *Developing the Child and Parent Centre Initiative in Western Australia.* An investigation into the newly developed model of integrated service delivery led by the Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning at the Department of Education and supported by the departments of/for Health, Communities, Child Protection and the Western Australian Premier and Cabinet. [Chief Investigator]
- 2012 - 2013 *Hairy Tales of Heroboy: A Better Beginnings reading and literacy program pilot for 6-9 year olds.* An evaluation of the program was funded by the State Library of Western Australia. Perspectives were sought from state librarians, members of school staff, children who participated in the program and their parents. [Co-Chief Investigator]

### Publications

#### Journal Articles

- Leitão, N.,** Barratt-Pugh, C., Anderson, K., Barblett, L., & Haig, L. (2015). Engaging Children in Reading for Pleasure: A Better Beginnings Project Linking Libraries with Primary Schools. *Libri. International Journal of Libraries and Information Services*, 65(1), 15-24.
- Anderson, K., Barblett, L., Barratt-Pugh, C., Haig, Y., & **Leitão, N.** (2013). Better Beginnings: Public Libraries Making Literacy Links with the Adult Community. *Libri. International Journal of Libraries and Information Services*, 63(4), 272-281.

Barratt-Pugh, C., Anderson, K., Barblett, L., Haig, Y., & **Leitão, N.** (2013). *Making a difference: Summary of the Evaluation of Four Better Beginnings programs*. School of Education, Centre For Research in Early Childhood, Edith Cowan University: Perth.

**Leitão, N.**, & Waugh, R, F. (2012). A Rasch measure of teachers' views of teacher-student relationships in the primary school. *Journal of Applied Measurement*, 13(4), 403-427.

Corrie, L., & **Leitão, N.** (1999). The development of wellbeing: Young children's knowledge of their support networks and social competence. *Australian Journal of Early Childhood*, 24(3), 25-31.

### ***Book Chapter***

**Leitão, N.**, & Waugh, R, F. (2010). A Rasch measure of student views of teacher-student relationships in the primary school. In R. F. Waugh (Ed.), *Applications of Rasch measurement in education* (95 - 117). New York: Nova.

### ***Reports***

**Leitão, N.**, & Barratt-Pugh, C. (2018). *Evaluation of the Sing With Me! Pilot Better Beginnings Family literacy Program*. School of Education, Early Childhood Research Group, Edith Cowan University: Perth.

**Leitão, N.**, Barratt-Pugh, C., & Barblett, L. (2016). *An investigation into the emergence and effectiveness of Child Australia's integrated service delivery model*. School of Education, Centre For Research in Early Childhood, Edith Cowan University: Perth.

**Leitão, N.**, Barratt-Pugh, C., & Barblett, L. (2013). *Developing the Child and Parent Centre Initiative in Western Australia. Perceptions from the coordinators 2013*. School of Education, Centre For Research in Early Childhood, Edith Cowan University: Perth.

Barratt-Pugh, C., Anderson, K., Barblett, L., Haig, Y., & **Leitão, N.** (2013). *Making a difference: Summary of the evaluation of four Better Beginnings programs*. Perth. WA.

**Leitão, N.**, & Barratt-Pugh, C. (2012). *Evaluation of the Reading Promotion Pilot Program for 6 to 9 year old children*. School of Education, Centre for Research in Early Childhood, Edith Cowan University: Perth.

### ***Conference proceedings***

International Symposium on Education and Social Sciences (ISESS), June 27-29, 2018, Okinawa, Japan.  
*This tree is prickly to climb.*

### ***Curriculum material***

**Leitão, N.** (2012). *Social justice curriculum, K-6*. One World Centre: Perth.

### **Peer reviewer of research papers**

SAGE Open (January 2021)

Scandinavian Journal of Educational Research (February 2018)

### **Research Student Supervision**

#### ***Principal Supervisor***

- 2018 Master of Education (Sheridan College), *Teacher's feedback as a strategy to encourage greater completion of science homework in a year 10 classroom*. (Current).
- 2018 Master of Education (Sheridan College), *Supporting a year two teacher to begin teaching STEM in the classroom*. (Current).
- 2018 Master of Education (Sheridan College), *Student perceptions of motivating factors that promote enjoyment and inhibiting factors that hinder enjoyment in physical education lessons*. (Current).
- 2018 Master of Education (Tabor College), *Peer assessment in a supported reading program; The impact on educational practices and prosodic reading outcomes of upper primary student*. (Completed).
- 2017 Master of Education (Tabor College), *Keeping kids in choir: Children's reported motivators for participation in or withdrawal from a primary school choir*. (Completed)
- 2017 Master of Education (Tabor College), *Developing 21<sup>st</sup> Century literacy practices: Year 4 students' perspectives regarding home and school reading materials*. (Completed)
- 2012 Bachelor of Arts (ECU), *Fostering creativity in Early Childhood*. (Completed)

### **Examiner**

2017 Australian College of Theology. Master of Arts research paper.

2014 Morling College. Master of Education thesis.

2013 Morling College. Master of Education major project.

### **Presentations**

#### ***Conferences/seminars***

- 2018 "This tree is prickly to climb" (ISESS Symposium Okinawa, Japan)
- 2017 "Nature Pedagogy: Inside, outside and beyond" Early Childhood Australia meeting
- 2017 "What to expect from children in my class" Adventurers Leadership Training seminar and workshop (Seventh Day Adventist Church).
- 2017 "Sustainability at the grassroots level" Joondalup Learning Community Conference (for Secondary staff)
- 2017 "Sustainability at the grassroots level" Joondalup Learning Community Conference (for Primary staff)

- 2016 Global Citizenship Education: What is it and how do we do it? (Christian Schools Australia WA State Conference)
- 2016 Introduction to Global Education (total of 5 lectures across campuses at ECU and UWA)
- 2016 Global citizenship: Challenges and strategies (Webinar segment for Know My World)
- 2015 Keeping the Balance – the place of play in the Early Years (Christian Schools Australia WA State Conference)
- 2014 Assessment in the Early Years (Christian Schools Australia WA Early Learning seminar)
- 2012 Love thy parents: Strengthening relationships with our school parents (Swan Christian Education Association Mind The Gap Christian Education Conference)
- 2012 What would Jesus play? How does a play-based approach support our teaching within a Christian framework? (Swan Christian Education Association Mind The Gap Christian Education Conference)
- 2008 3rd International Rasch Measurement Conference (University of Western Australia).
- 2007 Teachers' Views of Teacher-Student Relationships in the Primary School (37th Annual International Educational Research Conference, Australian Association for Research in Education)
- 2007 Students' Views of Teacher-Student Relationships in the Primary School (37th Annual International Educational Research Conference, Australian Association for Research in Education)
- 1998 Young children's knowledge of their support networks and social competence (3rd Edith Cowan Memorial Conference on Early Childhood)

***Professional learning for staff***

- 2020 "Being intentionally Christ-centred" (Sheridan College)
- 2020 "Quality Teaching, Learning & Research Framework (QTLRF)" (Sheridan College)
- 2020 "Home-based Learning" (Sheridan College)
- 2019 "Christian Worldview in Education" (The King's College)
- 2019 "Teaching and Research" (Sheridan College)
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- 2018 "Worldview revisited" (Grace Christian School)
- 2018 "God's Big Picture: Biblical literacy" (HillSide Christian School)
- 2018 "Worldview revisited" (Emmanuel Christian Community College)
- 2017 "God's Big Story" (Intensive workshop weekly for three weeks with key staff at Grace Christian School)
- 2017 "Christian Worldview in Education" (Austin Cove Baptist College)
- 2017 "An introduction to Christian Worldview" (Fremantle Christian College)
- 2017 "Christian Worldview in Education" (Mandurah Baptist College)
- 2017 "Christian Worldview in Education" (Grace Christian School)
- 2017 "Building Community in Christian Schools" (Grace Christian School)
- 2016 "Teaching Global Education in the Christian School" (Intensive workshop with key staff at Bethel Christian School)

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- 2016 “Transformed by the Truth” Staff Retreat: Christian Worldview, Building Community, Introduction to Connecting Learners with God’s Big Story (Goldfields Baptist College)
- 2016 Identity and Cultural Diversity (Dalkeith Early Learning staff)
- 2016 Living Library: Celebration of Easter in the Ukraine (Dalkeith Early Learning Centre)
- 2016 Global Education (Hannans Primary School, Kalgoorlie)
- 2014 Unpacking the Western Australian Curriculum (Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School workshop)
- 2014 Australian Curriculum General Capabilities (Whitford Catholic Primary School workshop)
- 2011 Social Justice Curriculum (Swan Christian College Junior School)
- 2009 HatBox Professional Development (Beechboro Christian School)

**Professional engagement**

- Chair, International Institute of Business and Technology Board of Examiners (2020)
- Chair, International Institute of Business and Technology Teaching and Learning Committee (2018 – present)
- Member, Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL) (present)
- Member, Sheridan Institute Academic Council (2016 – present)
- Member, Sheridan Institute Leadership Team (2018 – present)
- Member, Sheridan Institute Teaching and Learning Committee (2016 – present)
- Member, Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia (TRBWA) (2012 – present)