

MY STORY

Within the broader field of communication management my core skills are writing, editing research and teaching.



I commenced professional life as a primary school teacher in regional NSW and Sydney having graduated from what is now Charles Sturt University. After successfully completing the three year teaching requirement for full certification, I migrated to Canada. I lived and worked for three years in a remote village in the Canadian Arctic teaching Inuit children and adults. On moving to southern Canada at the end of this period, I taught in an adult migrant English program in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

After returning to Australia I combined raising four children with part-time teaching in NSW schools and delivering English language classes in the NSW Adult Migrant Education Scheme.

I returned to full-time study in 1986, completing a BA in Applied Communication Studies at what is now Western Sydney University. I remained within the university sector for about 12 years teaching and researching in Social Sciences and communication at Western Sydney, Charles Sturt and Sydney Universities and completing a Master of Communication & Cultural Studies at Western Sydney University. My PhD research (Faculty of Education, University of Sydney, 1998), investigated collaborative practice as a way of democratising knowledge production.

I've applied these skills in public, private, not-for-profit or Aid organisations in Australia and the Asia-Pacific in roles encompassing strategic planning, management, business and policy development.

Since 2008, when I relocated to Canberra to undertake a Master of Environment at the Australian National University my focus has been on issues of environmental sustainability.

Collaborative approaches based on understanding, respecting, and celebrating all forms of difference are central to my personal ethos and way of working.