

Patricia Mary McLean
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Profile

Patricia has a PhD in English Literature and has worked for over 30 years in academia and the public, private and not-for-profit sectors in New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

As an editor she has a rare talent for skilfully capturing her client's voice, quickly grasping complex theories and concepts and translating them into English that is appropriately geared to her client's audience.

Patricia's values are commitment, energy and enjoyment. She has a reputation for honesty and integrity and instilling trust and credibility.

Professional Qualifications

PhD in English Literature, Victoria University of Wellington, 2005

Bachelor of Arts Hons (First Class) in Women's Studies with English, University of North London, 1993

Areas of Expertise

Proofreading and copy editing	Pre-press preparation	Research dissemination
Writing coaching	Academic writing	Cross cultural translation
Social housing	Machinery of government	Stakeholder engagement

Recent Experience

Waxeye Writing

2004-current

Freelance Writer (part-time)

- QEII National Trust – copy editing and proofreading Annual Report and Open Space magazine, ongoing since 2010
- Range of freelance contracts reviewing and copy editing conference papers and academic articles in preparation for publication, ongoing since 2004
- Copy edited and proofread academic manuscripts in preparation for publication, including two books: one on the Parthenon; the other on contemporary Chinese cinema:
 - Background research to gain familiarity with topic/s
 - Copy editing and re-writing translated text into English suitable for re-translation
 - Working closely with and advising authors on how to address flaws in structure and argument
- Coaching post-graduate students on structuring and writing their theses, 2005-2006.

Housing New Zealand Corporation **2006-2012**

Principal Designer, Government Solutions, Strategic Design & Innovation, June 2011-present

Senior Policy Analyst, Strategic Policy, September 2008-June 2011

Senior Analyst, Government Relations Unit, March 2007-September 2008

Contractor, Housing Innovations, 2006

Key achievements

- Design lead and state housing adviser for the sector-wide Social Housing Reform Programme
- Led a current state analysis to understand tenant debt and design solutions
- Developed high level business processes to inform operational policy across a range of business improvements and new programmes

- Reviewed the Social Allocation System and drafted recommendations to Cabinet
- Researched and wrote an internal discussion document on forming strategic partnerships
- Led the strategic policy work to extend the Welcome Home Loan, including the design of Kainga Whenua
- Led a joint project with Te Puni Kokiri to increase Maori home ownership
- Co-designed the KiwiSaver home ownership features
- Designed a contributory maintenance model for addressing substandard rural housing
- Contributed to policy advice on Right of First Refusal on Corporation-owned land
- Advised on the design of the revised Home Ownership Education programme
- Represented HNZC on the Retirement Income Steering Committee, and other inter-agency groups to design products and services to address population ageing
- Undertook policy work on Home Equity Scheme.

Previous roles

Victoria University, Wellington, 1999-2006

PhD candidate, School of English, Film and Theatre
 Tutor, Academic Writing and Research, English Literature
 Lecturer, English Literature
 Reviews Editor, Kōtare: New Zealand Notes and Queries
 Programme Director, Foundation Studies
 Executive Officer, Schools of Architecture and Design

Parliamentary Services, Wellington, 1994-1999

Executive Secretary

Soho Housing Association, London, 1994

Housing Officer, Tenancy Management

Verso Books and New Left Review, London, 1993-1994

Editorial Assistant

Notting Hill Housing Trust, London, 1992-1993

Project Coordinator, Assets

London Borough of Haringey, 1987-1992

Office Manager, Mid Tottenham Area Neighbourhood Unit
 Project Coordinator, Housing Supply Initiatives Group
 Executive Adviser, Housing Directorate

Conference papers

"Man Alone in Maurice Gee", AULLA XXXII Knowledge and Nation Conference, Victoria University of Wellington, February 2003

"The demise of the Man Alone in the fiction of Maurice Gee", "Inside the Whale": The Postcolonial and Globalisation Conference, University College Northampton, July 2003

"The Prior family romance; a Kristevan reading of Maurice Gee's *In My Father's Den*:" International Postgraduate Conference, Victoria University of Wellington, 31 August – 1 September 2004

"Male duality and the myth of mateship in the novels of Maurice Gee", Mateship: Trust and exclusion in Australian History Conference, Monash University, February 2006

Published articles

"Man Alone: the demise of a cultural icon in the fiction of Maurice Gee", *World Literature Written in English*, 39:2, (2002)

"How Buchi Emecheta's *The Joys of Motherhood* resists feminist and nationalist readings", http://www.otago.ac.nz/deepsouth/2003_01/motherhood.html

"The Prior family drama: a Kristevan reading of Maurice Gee's *In my Father's Den*", *The Journal of New Zealand Literature*, No. 23, Part 2 (2005)

Relevant professional development

Partnerships for social & affordable housing, University of Otago, 2012

Building a Resilient Workforce, VUW, 2012

Coaching for Motivating Performance, in-house, 2011

Innovate and do more with less, VUW, 2011

Urban Intensification Symposium, Wellington School of Medicine, 2010

Using Statistics for the Public Sector, VUW, 2010

Housing People, Housing Communities Conference, AHI, 2009

Strategic Thinking, VUW, 2009

Intervention Logic, VUW, 2009

Project Management, VUW, 2009

Referees available on request
