

JACKY BOWRING

Citation - Jacky's election as Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects

Jacky Bowring has made an extraordinary contribution to Landscape Architecture in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world. As Professor of Landscape Architecture at Lincoln University, she has been teaching, researching, designing and critiquing since 2013. Her leadership and reputation in the field of 'affective landscapes' has been internationally recognised as world class.

Arguably Jacky's greatest contribution to the discipline and the profession has been in the critique of design practice, supporting and developing design as a theoretically informed endeavour in the public realm. As a design juror, Jacky has judged a range of competitions including the Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial; Pacific Memorial; NZILA National Awards; Australian National Student Design Competition; British Council Student Award; and the Council for Educators in Landscape Architecture Awards. Jacky is also on Christchurch's Urban Design Panel, assessing planning and design proposals for the city.

Questions of memory, emotion and experience are core to Jacky's explorations of landscape and design. These ideas greatly enrich the relationships with our landscapes. Jacky's research explores these realms, contributing substantially to the discourse on place, memory and emotion. Alongside this, she has furthered the evolution of methodologies of critique, design and scholarship in Landscape Architecture. Her work on design-directed research has advanced this method in the academy, especially through using design as a research method. As the former co-leader of the DesignLab, Jacky has contributed considerably to the emergence of the design directed research approach internationally.

Jacky has worked as a practising landscape architect in London in the 1990s, and continues to practice as a registered landscape architect in Christchurch. During 2018 she was part of the team designing the memorial landscape for the Pike River Mine Tragedy on the West Coast of the South Island, as well as designing, advising and critiquing built environment responses to the Christchurch earthquakes over the past few years. Jacky has had a number of successes in design competitions of her own, including finalist in the Pentagon Memorial (with Room 4.1.3), winner of the Holy Trinity Memorial Garden competition (now constructed in Auckland), and one of five winners of journal LA+'s international competition to design an island (2017). Her next book is Landscape Architecture Criticism, due for publication early next year.

Jacky has been highly respected and highly esteemed by successive cohorts of students and colleagues since the 1980s. She is cherished as a postgraduate supervisor and scholar, having the ability to craft and develop fascinating and achievable PhD and masters projects with gentleness and encouragement. She gives freely of her time to those who request her assistance and is unstinting in her consideration of the feelings and equitable treatment of others. She is tireless in the pursuit of creative justice for families affected by tragedy. It is not surprising then that Jacky is the author of A Field Guide to Melancholy (2008), Melancholy and the Landscape: Locating Sadness, Memory and Reflection in the Landscape (2016), as well as the editor-in-chief of Landscape Review, an internationally peer reviewed journal of the highest quality.

Jacky has actively served on numerous committees and boards, including as Lincoln University Academic Board member, Head of the School of Landscape Architecture and NZILA 2019 Conference Committee member. Her standing within the community is demonstrated by constant requests for Jacky to share her extensive knowledge of heritage architecture, site design, art work and plantings with other university staff, practitioners and local community representatives. This is evidenced by the many invitations to be a keynote speaker at national and international conferences and co-author of book chapters and journal articles.

In conclusion, Jacky Bowring is a valued colleague, mentor, advocate and landscape architect. She represents the very best of this country's academic and professional practice through her outstanding contribution to Landscape Architecture nationally and internationally. We congratulate her on becoming a Fellow of Tuia Pito Ora (NZILA) and the acknowledgement of her diligence and integrity in advancing the knowledge and approaches of landscape architects around the world.