

## Curriculum Vitae

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**Name: Cathie Harrison**

### **Educational Qualifications**

2003 D. Ed - University of Western Sydney  
1994 M. Ed - University of New South Wales  
1979 B. Ed - (Early Childhood) Sydney University

### **Other Educational Experiences and Relevant Qualifications**

2004-2006 Adjunct Senior Research Fellow UWS  
2004 Participation in Study Tour to early childhood centres in Scandinavia – Finland, Denmark and Sweden  
2003 Award for Outstanding Educational Research from NSW Institute of Educational Research  
2003 -2006 ARC Research Project - A pedagogy for multiliteracies with ICT in the knowledge society -Member of National Research Team with Dr Libby Lee (Murdoch, WA,) Professor Nicola Yelland (RMIT, Vic), Dr Maureen O'Rourke (Global Futures, Australia)  
2003 Participation in Study Tour to early childhood centres in Reggio Emilia, Italy  
1999 Participation in Study Tour to early childhood centres in Reggio Emilia, Italy

### **Teaching/Professional Experience**

2007 Acting Co-ordinator Gowrie Inclusion Services  
2006 Curriculum Advisor Moriah and Mount Zion Pre-Schools  
2005 Professional Development Co-ordinator KU Children's Services  
2004 Professional Development and Research Co-ordinator SDN Children's Services SCAN (Supporting Children with Additional Needs) Project  
1990 – 2005 Lecturer in Early Childhood Education at the University of Western Sydney, Bankstown Campus  
1989 Director Release Teaching position KU Children's Services  
1987 Special Needs Educator KU Children's Services  
1986 Casual teaching KU Children's Services  
1981-1983 Director Gynea Community Kindergarten  
1979 – 1980 Director Villawood East Pre-School

### **University Experience - 1990 - 2005**

- Designing and teaching units – such as Play, Development and Learning, Contexts for Learning, Curriculum, Pedagogy and Professional Experience, Contemporary Perspectives of Childhoods, Creative Arts, Diversity and Difference, Language and Literacy, Multiliteracies for Learning, Communication, Philosophy and History of Early Childhood Education, Observation and Documentation in Early Childhood Services, Engaging

Young Children's Curious Minds, Reflective Practice, Inquiry, Reflection and Analysis.

- Participation in three course re-development processes for B.Ed (EC) – involving subject and practicum design, including assessment tasks and field visit components.
- Co-ordinator of Early Childhood Resource Centre at UWS Bankstown 1994 – 2005 involved the selection, purchase and management of teaching, curriculum and play resources and interactive teaching space for Early Childhood students.
- Practicum and Field Visit Supervision and liaison
- Supervision of Honours and Master's Students
- Participation in School of Education and Languages Assessment and Progression Committee
- Participation in UWS Professional Development Program (Study Leave) – 2003
- Conference presentations at International, National and Local Conferences

### **Consultancies**

#### 1995-2008 Early Childhood and Gifted Education Consultant

- Consultant to early childhood services, schools and individual children and families

#### 1999-2004, 2007-2008 ABC television *Play School* Early Childhood Advisor

- Early childhood advisor for 14 series of programs for children's television

#### 2000 Australian Museum: Kid's Island

- Early childhood consultant for development of interactive exhibition space for under 5's.

#### 2001 - National Maritime Museum: Play – Children + Water = Fun!

- Educational consultant for the development of interactive exhibition space for children.

#### 2001-2003 Australian National Schools Network - IBM Kidsmart Project

- participation in project and writing of Case Study and Final Report.

#### 2002-2003 Victorian Schools Innovation Commission

- the preparation of briefing papers on the provocation of the Reggio experience and the scoping of early childhood pedagogies project

#### 2003-2004 The Illawarra Grammar School

- Support with the proposal for the development of gifted classes Stage 1 & 2
- Professional development for staff
- Development of identification procedures
- Presentation of two parent information seminars

#### 2003-2004 Australian Film Council Broadband Production Initiative 'Fluffy Farmyard'

- Early childhood consultant to creative team developing a prototype for a highly interactive site and associated television program for children - 2-6 years. Submitted February 2004

#### 2003-2006 Exploring Learning Stories as a form of documentation of play and learning within Australian early childhood contexts

- A three year research project with 3 early childhood settings and a museum based learning context. Project involved children families and educators in the use and evaluation of the learning stories framework for documentation of learning and subsequent planning.

2005 – Evaluation of K2-Investigations - St Catherine’s Waverley

2006 – 2008 Action Research Facilitation – ELLI Project for KU Children’s Services

2006 – 2008 Evaluation and Action Research KU Supported Play Groups Project

2006 -2008 Loan Boxes for Under Fives – The Australian Museum

- Project involves the development of four new loan boxes for borrowing by early childhood centres and pre-schools

### **Professional Involvement**

Member of the Australian Early Childhood Association

Member of the Australian Gifted and Talented Children’s Association

Member of Centre for Innovation and Equity in Early Childhood

Member of Reggio Emilia Information Exchange Australia

Member of the Parramatta Catholic Education Office Early Childhood Committee

### **Publication Record**

#### **Authored Books /Chapters**

Harrison, C. (1995). *Giftedness in early childhood: An annotated bibliography*. Sydney: GERRIC.

Harrison, C. (1995). *Giftedness in early childhood*. Sydney: KU Children’s Services.

Harrison, C. (1999). *Giftedness in early childhood*. Sydney: GERRIC.

Harrison, C., and Tegel, K. (1999). Play and the gifted child. In E. Dau, (ed) *Child’s Play. Revisiting play in early childhood settings*. Sydney: MacLennan and Petty.

Harrison, C. (2003). *Giftedness in early childhood*. Sydney: GERRIC.

Harrison, C. (2005). *Young gifted children - Their search for complexity and connection*.

Sydney: Inscript Publishing.

Yelland, N., Lee, L, O’Rourke, M., & Harrison C. (in press) *Rethinking learning in early*

*childhood education*. Oxford University Press.

#### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Harrison, C. (1999). Visual representation and the gifted child. *Roeper Review*, 21(3), 189-194.

Harrison, C. (2000). But three year olds can’t: Glass ceilings in early childhood. *Australian Journal of Early Childhood*, 25(2), 22-27.

Harrison, C. (2000). Out of the mouths of babes: Spiritual awareness and the young gifted child. *Journal of Advanced Development* 9, 31-43.

Arthur, L. Beecher, B. Harrison, C. (2003). Sharing the lived experiences of children. *Australian Journal of Early Childhood*, 28 (2), 8-13.

Harrison, C. (2004). Giftedness in early childhood- The search for complexity and connection. *Roeper Review*, 26, (2) 78-84.

Harrison, C. (2004). Excellence in television for children – Entertainment,

engagement, empowerment. *Australian Journal of Early Childhood*, 29 (2) 50-57.

Harrison, C. & O'Rourke, M. (2004). The introduction of new technologies – New possibilities for early childhood pedagogy. *Australian Journal of Early Childhood*. 29 (2) 11-18.