

# Curriculum Vitae

**Full name:** Mary Elizabeth (Libby) LEE

**Current Position:** Senior Lecturer, Early Childhood Education, Murdoch University

## EDUCATION, QUALIFICATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT

Bachelor of Education Queensland University of Technology 1995

Doctor of Philosophy Queensland University of Technology 2001

## Awards

In 2001, I was awarded the prestigious *Western Australian Institute for Educational Research (WAIER) Early Career Award* for my PhD thesis titled Teachers' conceptions of gifted young children: Perspectives through the lens of gender.

## Professional Development & Leadership

**2006 28 -29 March** Represented Murdoch University at the Council for Social Sciences and Humanities at the *HASS on the Hill: Expanding Horizons* event held in Canberra.

Expanding Horizons was an event held for early career researchers and professionals who shared an interest in cross-disciplinary collaborations. The event included meetings with members of the parliament to discuss cross-disciplinary research in Australia.

**2007, March** *Commonwealth Study Conference*, India

Sponsored by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, CSC is a commonwealth leadership development opportunity and delegates are selected who are regarded by the selection committee as having the potential to take up positions of significant influence in their communities.

## Refereed Publications

- Lee, L. (1998). Book Review: Out of our minds: Anti-intellectualism and talent development in American Schooling, *High Ability Studies*, 8 (2) 259.
- Lee, L. (1999). Teachers' conceptions of gifted and talented young children. *High Ability Studies*, 10 (2).
- Lee, L. (2000). Teachers' conceptions of giftedness: What does it mean for young gifted girls and boys? *The Australasian Journal of Gifted Education*, 9(2), pp. 24-32.
- Lee, L. and Bailey, J. (2002). "Rethinking practices for gifted young children: A collaborative action learning project". *Curriculum Perspectives* 10, pp.1-7.
- Lee, L. (2002). "Young gifted girls and boys: Perspectives through the lens of gender" *Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood* 3(3), pp. 383-399.
- Schibeci, R and Lee, L. (2003). "Portrayals of science and scientists, and 'science for citizenship'" *Research in Science & Technological Education*.
- Lee, L. and O'Rourke, M. (2006). Information and Communication Technologies: Transforming views of literacies in early childhood settings. *Early Years*, Vol. 26, No.1, March 2006, pp. 49-62.
- Lee, L. (2006). Curriculum in early childhood in Australia. In R. New & M Cochran (Eds.). *Early Childhood Education. Vol 3. ( pp. 894-897), Westport,CT: Greenwood*.
- Lee, L. & Thompson, A. (2007) Working productively with Indigenous Communities: The Mungullah Best Start Playgroup. *Australian Journal of Indigenous Education*, 36, pp. 32-38
- Lee, L. & Wilks, A. (2007). Documenting the early literacy and numeracy practices of home tutors in distance and isolated education in Australia. *Australian Journal of Early Childhood* 32 (2), pp.28-36.
- Millei, Z. & Lee, L. (2007). 'Smarten up the Parents': whose agendas are we serving? Governing Parents and Children Through the Smart Population Foundation Initiative in Australia. *Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood* Vol 8 (3).
- Down, B. Ditchburn, G. & Lee, L. (in press) Teachers' ideological discourses and the enactment of citizenship education. *Curriculum Perspectives*.
- Yelland, N. Lee, L., O'Rourke, M. & Harrison, C. (in press 2008). *Rethinking learning in early childhood*. London: Oxford University Press.

## Conference Papers

- 2007 Lee, L. *From problem to promising*. Paper presented at Northern Europe's Indigenous minorities - pointers for Australia? Conference, Centre for European Studies at UNSW, Sydney, 19-22 July 2007.

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- 2005** Lee, L. *Reflecting, reviving and reclaiming early childhood*. Opening Address  
Early Years in Education Society Spring Conference, Perth Western Australia
- 2005** Lee, L. Looking up close at education from a distance. Learning Conference,  
Granada Spain, July 11-14
- 2004** Down, B., Ditchburn, G. and Lee, L. *Teachers ideological discourses and the enactment of citizenship education*. Australian Association of Research in Education Conference, Melbourne, November.
- Policies, practices and parent perceptions: Gifted young children in Australia*. Research in Early Childhood Education Conference, Frankston, January.
- Searching for play in WA*. Early Years in Education Society Conference, Scarborough WA, September.
- 2003** *Teachers and young children in disadvantaged communities using high end technologies*. Young Children and Technologies Conference, Sydney, July 13-17.
- 2001** *Reflecting, refocussing and rethinking practices for young gifted children*. The Australian Early Childhood Association Biennial Conference, Sydney, July 2001
- 2000** *Teachers' conceptions of giftedness: What does it mean for young girls and boys?* Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented Conference, Brisbane, July, 2000.
- 1999** *"Mapping teacher perceptions of gifted and talented: A basis for future directions in gifted education"*. Queensland Association of Gifted and Talented Children Ninth Annual Conference 13 and 14 March, 1999

#### Other Relevant Publications

Completion of Ph.D. thesis "*Teachers' conceptions of gifted young children: Perspectives through the lens of gender*" (April, 2001)

#### Funded Projects

Awarding Body	Date	Project	Role
Agriculture WA	November 2000	Kalgan and Beyond	Early Childhood Consultant With Schibeci and Lake
Education Department of Western Australia	April 2001	Facilitation of Action Research: Discovering Democracy Program	Early Childhood Consultant With Martin and Robison

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Murdoch University	October 2001	Gifted Young Children in Australia: policies, practices and parent perceptions	Chief Investigator
DETYA	November 2001	Project to develop a poster and brochures promoting awareness of the importance of numeracy to parents	Early Childhood Consultant With Powell
Department of Education, Western Australia	November 2001	Design for and implementation of an assessment program for teachers and teacher assistants	Project Director with McKenzie and Aveling as consultants
Australian National Schools Network	January 2002 August 2002 2003	ANSN and IBM National Kidsmart Program	Project Director
Pilbara Public Health Unit	April 2002	Rewriting Stock Route Challenge Materials in line with the Curriculum Framework	Early Childhood Consultant with Williams
DEST	March 2002	Project to investigate improving of literacy and numeracy outcomes of distance education students in the early years of schooling	Consultant (consortium)  With Yelland and Dole RMIT
Australian Research Council – Linkage Grant With Industry partners ABC, Channel 9, Nickelodeon and DET WA.	2002-2004	Enhancing the content and experience of Interactive Children’s Television	Chief Investigator with Varan, Turk, Broderick, Richardson and Innes.
The Le@rning Federation Field	2003-2004	The Le@rning Federation Field	Early Childhood Consultant with

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Review		Review	Lake, Schibeci, Cummings, Phillips and Lowe
Australian Research Council – Linkage Grant With Industry partners IBM, ANSN, Global Multimedia, Dept. of Education WA, DET NSW, Vic. Schools Innovations Commission and others.	2003	A pedagogy for multiliteracies in early childhood education.	First Chief Investigator With Yelland (RMIT) and Harrison (UWS), O'Rourke (ANSN) With Industry partners IBM, ANSN, Global Multimedia, Dept. of Education WA, DET NSW, Vic. Schools Innovations Commission and others.
Department of Education, Science and Training	2006-2009	Community and school working together for improved Indigenous student learning outcomes: The Mungullah-East Carnarvon Primary School Project	Project Director Consultant

## University and Community Service

**2007- present** Academic Group Leader, Curriculum, School of Education, Murdoch University.

**2007- present** Invited member, Deans Advisory Committee, School of Education, Murdoch University.

**2000-present** Member, Initial Teacher Education Committee, School of Education, Murdoch University.

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**2000-present** Member, School of Education, School Committee, School of Education,  
Murdoch University.

**2007, July-December** Chair, Western Australian Department of Education and Training  
Early Childhood Syllabus Advisory Committee

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