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Ms Anita George

2012 John Monash Scholar General Manager, Policy and Advocacy, Jesuit Social Services

Anita is a lawyer, public policy specialist and expert consultant to international government organisations including the OECD, UNICEF and the World Health Organisation. She has a background in social justice policy and advocacy and is internationally recognised for her work on the interrelationship between overweight and obesity prevention, sustainable development and international law. She is a Board Director of Plan International Australia and holds first class honours degrees in Law and Arts (Psychology) from the University of Tasmania. She was awarded a 2012 John Monash Scholarship to complete a Master of Public Affairs at Sciences Po Paris, graduating summa cum laude in 2014.



Dr Fernando do Campo

2014 Australian Cultural (Tim Fairfax AC and Australia Council of the Arts) John Monash Scholar *Artist*

Fernando was the artistic director of Sawtooth ARI from 2009-2013. He has curated freelance exhibitions and projects for Ten Days on the Island, Junction Arts Festival, Devonport Regional Gallery, Contemporary Arts Tasmania (CAT), Schloss Laudon (Vienna), Carnegie Gallery (Hobart), The Paper Mill (Sydney) and 25 East Gallery, New York. He was the curatorial assistant for The New School Art Collection from 2014-2016 as well as a member of the CDRL (Curatorial Design Research Lab). His writing has appeared in Art Monthly Australia Magazine, Art Almanac and numerous artists' publications internationally.



Dr Lauren Ward

2015 BHP John Monash Scholar Technology Lead, RNID

Lauren completed her John Monash funded PhD in 2020 (University of Salford, UK) whilst working for BBC Research & Development. Her PhD created novel technology to improve the accessibility of broadcast media which was trialled by BBC Studio's 'Casualty'. For this she won an EPSRC Connected Nation Pioneer Award (2018) and was Runner Up at the European Broadcasting Union's 'Technology and Innovation' Awards (2020). She has a B.Eng (Hons) in Electronics and Communications Engineering (2014) and a B. Phil (2015), from University of Tasmania. Lauren also worked for CSIRO developing speech recognition technology for assessing speech disorders in children. Outside of research you can find her kayaking whitewater, throwing axes (as Manchester's 2018 League Champion), crocheting or baking.



Bridget Hickey

2017 Zelman Cohen John Monash Scholar Senior reporter, FundFire

Bridget is a journalist based between New York and Australia. She writes about business and the environment. Currently, Bridget covers pension funds for the Financial Times' FundFire publication. Previously, she worked with a team of reporters from Columbia Journalism Investigations on a story about how climate change is killing Americans, published by the Center for Public Integrity and The Guardian. Her work was supported by a grant from the Fund for Investigative Journalism. Bridget has also worked as a freelance investigative reporter and researcher for The New York Times, where she wrote about the consulting firm McKinsey and Company's secretive \$12.3 billion dollar hedge fund and contributed reporting to stories on McKinsey's illegal contract in South Africa and entanglement in a bribery case against a Ukrainian oligarch. She provided research for a story about McKinsey's role in raising the stature of authoritarian governments. Bridget has an M.S. in Journalism from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in Asian Studies from the University of Tasmania.



Dr Ling San Lau

2017 Helen and Michael Gannon John Monash Scholar Senior program officer, Care and Protection of Children (CPC) Learning Network

San is working as a senior program officer at Care and Protection of Children (CPC) Learning Network. She is a global health professional and pediatric doctor with professional experience spanning medicine, research and public health. She has gathered extensive field experience in Zimbabwe, Jordan, Nepal and remote indigenous Australian communities. San is dedicated to improving the health and protecting the rights of marginalised populations, including children and families affected by forced displacement, violence and communicable diseases.



Jarrah Dale 2018 Chairman's Circle John Monash Scholar DPhil, Zoology, University of Oxford

Jarrah (he/they) has a deep passion for diverse ecological systems, and using emerging technology to understand and protect ecosystems. At Oxford Jarrah studies biological interactions between species (rodents in the UK; and Tasmanian Devils in Australia) using novel mathematical modelling and novel RFID technology. Jarrah plans to return to Australia to lead research initiatives to protect Australia's carnivores, including the Tasmanian Devil and Eastern Quolls. These native Australian animals play a vital role in Australia's food chains and their extinction would unbalance supporting populations with serious implications for Australian ecology. Jarrah is a vocal advocate for equality and diversity in STEM. Being trans and queer they have organised many events (including the Oxford Zoology Departments First LGBTQI+ socieity) to promote gender diversity and inclusion within workspaces, as well as supporting other minorities through empowering seminars and visiting academic talks. They are also invested in decolonising ecological teaching and practice through education on land management across Australia.



Peter Clark 2021 Judith Neilson Foundation John Monash Scholar *Violinist*

Peter first performed in New York's Carnegie Hall with the Australian Chamber Orchestra at the age of twenty. As a passionate and celebrated leader in the arts, Peter has a deep commitment to arts access which has led him to perform in more than 120 regional towns and cities across Australia. He has represented Australia whilst in residence at Lincoln Center Education (New York), and at the annual 'Americans for the Arts Convention'. Close to his heart is a beloved music program he developed at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital, now in its fifth year. Peter has a steadfast belief in the importance of new Australian music and has been engaged as concertmaster for such significant premieres as 'Oscar and Lucinda' (Sydney Chamber Opera) and 'Lorelei' (Victorian Opera). He has also appeared as concertmaster with New Zealand Opera and the Darwin Symphony Orchestra. Peter studied at the University of Melbourne, ANAM, and the Sibelius Academy (Finland).



Cassandra Joore-Short 2022 Australian Universities' John Monash Scholar PhD candidate, University of Oxford

Cassandra completed a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) in Art History from the University of Melbourne and graduated with the University Arts Medal and the National Gallery of Victoria Art History Prize. In 2018, Cassandra was awarded an Ertegun Scholarship in the Humanities from the University of Oxford. She completed a Masters of Studies in Women's Studies with a dissertation on the French modernist artist Suzanne Valadon, and graduated with Distinction. As a John Monash Scholar, Cassandra is pursuing a DPhil in History of Art at the University of Oxford with a focus on feminist art history and women's history.



Ms Eve Poland

2023 Universities' Consortium John Monash scholar DPhil in Inorganic Chemistry, Univerity of Oxford

Eve graduated from the University of Tasmania with a Bachelor of Science in 2021, majoring in Chemistry and Statistics. She was the 2021 valedictorian for the College of Sciences and Engineering. Throughout her undergraduate studies, Eve has contributed to several chemistry projects within Organometallics and Catalysis, a field concerned with the development of chemical catalysts to improve reaction efficiency and unlock new chemical processes. Eve has coauthored two peer-reviewed publications and presented her work at national chemistry conferences. Eve has a deep concern for the environment and aspires to use her career in chemistry to contribute to solving sustainability issues such as plastic pollution and heightened levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide. Eve plans to undertake a DPhil in Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Oxford, developing bimetallic catalyst systems for the activation and upcycle of carbon dioxide.



Bridget Dunne

2023 Zelman Cohen John Monash Scholar MSc in Criminal Justice Policy, London School of Economics

Bridget is a lawyer and human rights advocate with a strong interest in criminal law and social justice and was awarded a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws and a University Medal from the University of Tasmania. Bridget has worked in a wide range of roles developing her understanding of local and global justice systems, as a criminal defence lawyer for Legal Aid in Canberra, as an associate to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tasmania and to Justice Bell on the High Court of Australia, and as a war crimes researcher at the International Criminal Court in the Hague. Since 2020, Bridget has worked in Myanmar as a lawyer and human rights advocate, working as Head of Programmes for a local NGO which is committed to developing a robust and fair justice system in Myanmar. She is strongly committed to reforming criminal justice systems so that they are more just and humane, particularly for the most vulnerable members of society.

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