

**NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN EDUCATION**  
**TE HUNGA RANGAHAU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA**

***Te Tohu Pae Tawhiti Award 2016***

***Jenny Lee Morgan***  
***University of Waikato***

Assoc Prof, Dr Jenny Lee-Morgan (Waikato, Ngāti Mahuta) has extensive experience and expertise in Māori Education as a whanau member, practitioner, academic and researcher. She completed her BA, BEd, Dip. Tchg (secondary) at The University of Waikato, and graduated with her MA (First Class Hons) and EdD at The University of Auckland.

Her career began as a secondary school teacher where she was Head of a large bi-lingual unit and a marae-ā-kura (school marae) and in central Auckland. Her teaching and learning experiences were the impetus for much of her work, including: her book 'Jade Taniwha: Māori-Chinese identity and schooling in Aotearoa'; her TLRI project that investigated the pedagogical potential of marae-ā-kura and subsequent co-authored book 'Oho Ake: Rehu Marae, Ngā Puna o Waiōrea' written in te reo Māori; and her doctoral thesis entitled 'Ako: Pūrākau of Māori secondary school teachers'.

Dr Lee-Morgan's teaching and research has been dedicated to improving Māori student achievement and Māori educational outcomes in Aotearoa across educational settings. She has worked on numerous research projects for Te Wāhanga, NZCER TLRI, Ako Aotearoa, Ngā Pae o te Maramatanga, TEC, as well as university funded projects. Her recent co-edited book 'Decolonisation in Aotearoa: Education, Research and Practice' presents a kaupapa Māori and decolonized agenda for Māori education. The book not only represents the breadth of Māori education, but is indicative of the range and type of research Dr Lee-Morgan has been engaged in.

In the area of kaupapa Māori, Dr Lee-Morgan is a well-known teacher and researcher. She is widely acknowledged for her contribution to research related to pūrākau (storytelling), as well as the role of pūrākau in enhancing pedagogical practice. Her development of pūrākau in her doctoral dissertation has had a significant impact on kaupapa Māori methodology and methods and been utilised widely by researchers and educationalists across the sector. In the past few years, Dr Lee-Morgan has been actively engaged in research that progresses Māori students outcomes in the tertiary sector. She is the principal investigator on a project that investigates the improving Māori academic achievement in Māori-medium teacher education, as well as a the project called 'Te Tatua o Kahukura' which explores the capacity building needs and career pathways of Māori doctoral students and early career scholars.

Dr Lee-Morgan has recently been appointed to Associate Professor, and Deputy Director of Te Kotahi Research Institute, at Waikato University, where she is committed to advancing kaupapa Māori Māori educational research with whānau, hapū, iwi and communities, and disseminate this work at local, national and international levels.



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