

# Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand 2019 Elections

## Candidate Directory for Teacher Educators Sector

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**Beverley COOPER**

(University of Waikato, Hamilton)

**Academic Qualifications:**

BSc, MSc (Waik), DipT

**Current Position:**

Associate Dean Teacher Education, 2012-present.  
Responsible for the leadership of all Initial Teacher Education programmes within the Faculty

**Active Teaching Experience:**

Director Centre for Teacher Education - May 2009-2012  
Associate Director Centre for Teacher Education (Secondary & Conjoint degree programmes) - October 2007-July 2009  
Coordinator Teaching Practice - 1996-2009  
Senior Lecturer Science and Chemistry Education - 1999-ongoing  
Teacher: Chemistry, science and horticulture - 1982-1999  
Regional Facilitator NCEA 2000-2002  
Advisor School Support Services year 11 science 1994, Senior science 1995

**Governance Experience:**

Chair Teacher Education Forum Aotearoa New Zealand (TEFANZ), 2014-present  
Executive Member TEFANZ, 2009-present  
Secretary International Council Association of Science Educators 2010-2016  
Austra-Pacific Representative International Council of Associations of Science Educators 2006-2010  
President, New Zealand Association of Science Educators 2005-2007.  
Senior Vice President 2008-2010  
President Waikato Science Teachers Association 2000-2007  
Board of Trustees Chair and member 1991-2000 Hamilton East School Foundation Board Member and Chair Fairfield College Childcare Centre 1988-1993

**Personal Interests:** -

**PROFILE STATEMENT:**

I am currently Associate Dean Teacher Education at the University of Waikato, one of the largest ITE institutions in New Zealand. As Chair of the Teacher Education Forum Aotearoa New Zealand (TEFANZ) I am a national leader of ITE and have an excellent understanding of the policy levers that are influencing teaching and learning in the tertiary, schooling and ECE sector. I have led the design and implementation of innovative research informed ITE programmes at undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate level which feature exemplary school/centre partnerships. My research focus is on practicum, partnership, and programme design and innovation.

<https://www.waikato.ac.nz/php/research.php?mode=show&author=85846&mode=show&page=1>

I have had 20 years experience as a Teacher Educator and wide

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experiences as a secondary teacher, Board of Trustees Chairperson, and office holder in national and international educational organisations. If elected as a member of the Teaching Council Aotearoa New Zealand it will be a privilege to represent the ITE sector.



### **Jae MAJOR**

(Wellington)

#### **Academic Qualifications:**

PhD (Deakin), MApplied Linguistics (Griffith), DipSLT (Massey), BA (Canterbury), DipTch Primary (ChCh Colled)

#### **Current Position:**

Senior lecturer, School of Education, Victoria University of Wellington, since Feb 2017.

I teach primary literacy in initial teacher education programmes, am an Academic Mentor for students in the MTch programme, conduct teaching Practice supervision, and supervise Master and PhD students. I am Acting Programme Director for the Master of Teaching Primary programme.

#### **Active Teaching Experience:**

Primary teacher in Christchurch and London, 1984-1995. Lecturer and senior lecturer in multicultural and language studies at Christchurch College of Education, 1995-2007. Included Teaching Practice supervision, and Coordinator of BTch Primary and ECE, 2001-2005. Senior lecturer, Faculty of Education, University of Canterbury, 2007-2010, in initial teacher education and the GCertTESOL. Senior lecturer, School of Teacher Education, Charles Sturt University, NSW, Australia, 2010-2017, teaching primary literacy and supervising PhD students.

#### **Governance Experience:**

Associate Head of School, Teacher Education, Charles Sturt University (CSU), NSW, Australia, 2012-2015, including Chair of School Assessment Committee. Director of Postgraduate Studies in Education, SCU, 2015-2017. Member of Opawa School Board of Trustees, 1998-2001. Chair of Canterbury Teachers of ESOL committee, 1999-2003.

#### **Personal Interests:**

Reading, singing, gardening, yoga, hiking, cooking, visiting family.

#### **PROFILE STATEMENT:**

I have spent 35 years in teaching and teacher education, and I continue to be passionate about teaching and learning. I have remained a learner throughout, gaining higher qualifications and conducting research to continue learning. My teaching expertise encompasses, English literacy, English as an additional language, bilingualism, intercultural competence and culturally relevant and responsive teaching. I am committed to socially just outcomes in education.

I am also passionate about my own practice as a teacher, and constantly strive to innovate and improve. In 2015 I was awarded an Australian National Office of Learning and Teaching University Teaching Award for outstanding contributions to student learning. If elected I will work collaboratively to promote high quality teacher education as a key contributor to high quality teaching. I commit to building partnerships and cooperation across all teaching sectors and raising the status of teachers and teaching in Aotearoa.



**Jenny RITCHIE**

(Wellington)

**Academic Qualifications:**

DipNZFKU Hamilton, BSocSci, MEd(Counselling), PhD Waikato

**Current Position:**

Associate Professor, School of Education, Victoria University of Wellington.

Acting Deputy Head of School

**Active Teaching Experience:**

Beginning in childcare in the 1970's, kindergarten teaching in the 1980's, 17 years lecturing at the University of Waikato, 8 years at Unitec Institute of Technology, 4 years at Victoria University

**Governance Experience:**

Executive member of Teacher Education Forum Aotearoa NZ, 2008-2015 Council member (2011 onwards) and co-president (2017-2018) of the New Zealand Association for Research in Education

**Personal Interests:**

Concern for the environment

**PROFILE STATEMENT:**

Dr Jenny Ritchie has been involved in the early childhood care and education sector since the 1970s, as a childcare worker, kindergarten teacher, parent, teacher educator, education researcher, and more recently, a grandparent. She is an Associate Professor and currently the Acting Deputy Head of Te Puna Akopai, the School of Education, at Te Whare Wānanga o te Ūpoko o te Ika a Māui, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Her research and teaching has focussed on: understanding how to apply a commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within early childhood and teacher education; pedagogies that affirm and support children's cultural and emotional wellbeing; and exploring ways in which applying Māori conceptualisations can enhance pedagogies that support and care for our planet. She has written extensively in these areas. She is a member of the UNESCO network for Reorienting Teacher Education Towards Sustainable Development.



### **Tauwehe TAMATI**

(Auckland)

#### **Academic Qualifications:**

Dip.Tchg., BEd (Tchg), PGDip Interpreting & Translating Māori, MEd., PhD

#### **Current Position:**

Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Education & Social Work (since 1998). I teach Huarahi Māori ITE students which qualifies them to teach in Māori bilingual/immersion classes, kura kaupapa and English-medium primary and intermediate schools. I also teach Bilingual Education courses for colleagues in the Primary and Secondary sectors seeking a Graduate Diploma in TESSOL (Teaching English in Schools to Speakers of Other Languages) and supervise teachers in their BEd and PhD research.

#### **Active Teaching Experience:**

My research in sociolinguistics supports my teaching about the socio-political implications of language shift, loss, revitalisation and change. I also teach the pedagogical knowledge required to teach literacy effectively in order to develop bilingualism and biliteracy. Course content in the undergraduate and postgraduate courses I teach allows me to focus on how to integrate research, theory and experience to achieve effective practice for student achievement in all areas of the curriculum.

#### **Governance Experience:**

My governance experience in ongoing teacher education has involved me in Ministry of Education contracts for Teacher Professional Learning and Development. My current roles in initial teacher education include my being the chairperson of the 'Reo Māori Policy Committee' and the 'Kāhui Raukura Alumni Committee,' both of which support the revitalisation of Te Reo Māori across the entirety of the University of Auckland.

#### **Personal Interests:**

For many years I've been a volunteer at Auckland Hospital Whare Āwhina and NZ Muscular Dystrophy Association.

#### **PROFILE STATEMENT:**

Tēnā koutou katoa, prior to my role in Teacher Education, I was a primary school principal with nearly 20 years of teaching experience in junior, middle and senior school classes. Throughout my career, it's always been my passion for teaching that colleagues and students identify as a distinctive aspect of my practice. I'm passionate about (1) reversing Māori and Pasifika under-achievement, (2) raising the educational achievement of culturally and linguistically diverse learners and (3) using digital technologies as pedagogical tools to enhance the educational experience for all learners. The current teacher shortage which has prompted the urgent recruitment of overseas teachers places an expectation on Teacher Education to ensure that induction processes focus on culturally responsive practices to support the success of our students in Aotearoa/New Zealand. For these reasons, my experience

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and expertise as a classroom teacher, principal and teacher educator will benefit the Council.

My academic profile: <https://unidirectory.auckland.ac.nz/people/profile/t-tamati>