

# CURRICULUM VITAE



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*Nationality* : Australian.

*Languages* : English (mother tongue), French (working fluency), German (basic), Tok Pisin (fluent).

*Regional experience* : North Queensland, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, West Papua.

## ACADEMIC DEGREES

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- 1985 PhD, Australian National University, Australia – Title: ‘Axe makers of the Wahgi: pre-colonial industrialists of the Papua New Guinea highlands’ [ ANU Digital Theses <https://doi.org/10.25911/5d7a27f4ea03c> ]
- 1986 MSc, Biological Computation, University of York, United Kingdom
- 1977 BA(Hons), Prehistory, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom

## CURRENT / RECENT POSITIONS

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- 2021- Principal Research Fellow, Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining, Sustainable Minerals Institute, University of Queensland.
- 2020 Pacific Social Mapping Pty Ltd (own consultancy).
- 2019-2025 Honorary Senior Lecturer, Department of Pacific Affairs, Coral Bell School, College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University
- 2015-2019 Divine Word University. Professor of Papua New Guinea Studies and Director, Centre for Social Research.
- 2014-2015 Pacific Social Mapping Pty Ltd (own consultancy).
- 2004-2013 Australian National University. Fellow, Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program.
- 2012 Visiting Professor, Centre de Recherche et de Documentation sur l’Océanie, Aix Marseille Université, Marseille, France
- 2001-2003 Torres Strait Regional Authority. Senior Anthropologist, Torres Strait Regional Authority.
- 1992-2001 Pacific Social Mapping Pty Ltd (own consultancy).
- 1985-1991 Lecturer, Department of Anthropology & Sociology, University of Papua New Guinea

## PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC BODIES

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- 2015-2020 Steering Group (with Akuila Tawake and Pierre-Yves Le Meur) – Pacific Network for Social Responsibility and Natural Resources, Geoscience Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Community.
- 2016-2018 Comité Scientifique (with Pierre-Yves Le Meur, Claire Levacher, Séverine Bouard and 5 others) – ‘Petites et Moyennes Entreprises Minières en Nouvelle-Calédonie’, Institut agronomique néo-Calédonien, Nouméa + Centre National de Recherche Technologique.
- 2016-2019 Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN) – representative for Divine

## JOURNAL BOARDS

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*Extractive Industries and Society*, 'recognised reviewer', 2018-  
*Development Studies Research*, member of Editorial Board, 2013-

## RECENT RESEARCH & CONSULTANCY

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- 2015-2020    Advisory briefs for risk assessment firms based in Sydney, London and Dubai.
- 2019         Contracted expert anthropological advice for North Queensland Land Council.
- 2018         Contracted expert anthropological advice for Torres Strait Regional Authority via Dillon Bowers Lawyers.
- 2016-2017   Country researcher – 'Mining for Sustainable Development' as part of 20 country 'Corruption Risks in Mining Awards' study. With Yuambari Haihuie for Transparency International Papua New Guinea.
- 2016         Resettlement adviser – 'Kapit Resettlement Action Plan: Land Tenure Security and Livelihood Restoration Program', for Lihir Gold Limited, Papua New Guinea.
- 2014         Team Leader – 'Riverine Social Impact Assessment Middle Fly CMCA Region'. Klohn Crippen Berger for Ok Tedi Mining Limited
- 2013         Team Leader – 'Women's Development Planning'. World Bank and PNG Mineral Resources Authority, Second Mining Sector Institutional Strengthening, Technical Assistance Project.
- 2011-2014   Project Leader – 'Communication for Development Curriculum Building', project between the Australian National University and the PNG University of Technology, Lae, funded by Australian AID, Pacific Public Sector Linkages Program.

## SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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- Burton, J. E. and C. Levacher [forthcoming]. Mining, resource nationalism and crisis. The idea of the state in the governance of extractive industries in New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea. In N. Bainton and E. Skrzypek (Eds.). *Absent Presence: Resource Extraction and the State in the Pacific and Australia*. Canberra: ANU Press.
- Bainton, N., Owen, J., Kenema, S., Burton, J. (2020). Land, labour and capital: small and large-scale miners in Papua New Guinea. *Resources Policy* 68, Oct. 2020, p. 101805.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.resourpol.2020.101805>.
- Burton, J. E. and G. A. Banks (2020, May 6). The Porgera mine in PNG: Some background. Canberra: Australian National University, Development Policy Centre. *Devpolicy Blog*.  
<https://devpolicy.org/the-porgera-mine-in-png-some-background-20200507-2/>
- Bouard, S., Levacher, C., Bencivengo, Y., Decottigny, L., Demmer, C., Le Meur, P.-Y., Blaise, S. Burton, J., Enjuanes, F. Grochain, S. (2019). *Petites et moyennes entreprises minières en Nouvelle-Calédonie. Note de Synthèse*. Pouembout, New Caledonia: Consortium IAC, IRD, CNRS, UNC, DWU
- Burton, John E. (2018). The reasonableness of leaders and the gaming of mining incomes in Papua New Guinea. In L. Dousset & M. Nayral (Eds.), *Pacific Realities. Changing Perspectives on Resilience and Resistance* (pp. 132–150). New York: Berghahn Books.
- Burton, John E., & Joyce Onguglo (2017). Disconnected Development Worlds: Responsibility towards Local Communities in Papua New Guinea. In C. Filer & P.-Y. Le Meur (Eds.), *Large-Scale Mines and Local-Level Politics. Between New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea* (pp. 261–289). Canberra: ANU Press. <http://dx.doi.org/10.22459/LMLP.10.2017.09>
- Burton, John E., & Yuambari Haihuie (2017). *Corruption Risks in Mining Awards: Papua New Guinea*

*Country Report.* Port Moresby: Transparency International Papua New Guinea. Retrieved from <https://www.transparencypng.org.pg/png-mining-licences-risks/>