#### **ACADEMIC BAORD ELECTIONS 2016**

# Faculty of Arts and Education and Alfred Deakin Institute

### Personal statements – Faculty Academic staff

### **Dr Josephine Lang**

Josephine joined the School of Education at Deakin University in January 2014 as a Senior Lecturer in Education (Pedagogy and Curriculum) and has recently taken on the role of Associate Head of School Teaching and Learning within the School of Education. Dr Lang has 15 years of teaching and significant academic leadership experience (e.g. at unit, course and school levels) in higher education, particularly in initial teacher education. Her teaching and research expertise is in professional learning of teachers, blended learning, curriculum and assessment design, and the affordances of digital technologies for deep learning. Josephine's qualifications include: B. Ed (Secondary), GD. Planning and Design (Env. Stud.), Master of Environmental Studies, Grad. Cert. Education (TRIP), Master of Education, PhD.

### **Associate Professor Darren Palmer**

Darren has a BA (Hons), MA Criminological Studies and PhD. He joined Deakin as a Lecturer in 1998 to run Police Studies courses offered to Deakin students and all new Victoria Police recruits. Since then Darren has introduced Criminology to Deakin and has overseen its' expansion across the University through double degrees with each Faculty. Darren has been on the School (HSS) Executive for over a decade. An active researcher with grants worth approximately \$1.5 million. Darren is heavily involved in the Geelong community as Chair of the Drug Action Plan Committee and founding member of both the Local Safety Committee and the Barwon South-West G21 Regional Justice Reference Group.

## **Dr Craig Snyder**

Craig has been at Deakin since 1996 and has served in many administrative functions while also teaching and researching. Until this year, Craig was the Course Director of the postgraduate International Relations courses for over 10 years, served on the Faculty of Arts Board for two terms in the early 2000s, in addition to serving on many School, Faculty and University Committees. Craig is an effective voice for the academic staff and can offer a 'corporate' history view on new policies and initiatives.

# Associate Professor Grazyna Zajdow

Grazyna is an Associate Professor of Sociology in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and has been a member of staff at Deakin University since 1985. Grazyna is currently a member of the Faculty of Arts and Education Board and has held roles such as Associate Head of School (Teaching and Learning), Chair of Academic Progress and Discipline Committee and Head of Discipline of Sociology. Grazyna has been a previous member of the Academic Board and the University Appeals Committee. Grazyna is a long term union member and served as secretary of the branch. Grazyna is extremely committed to the University community.