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Place of birth Adelaide, South Australia

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Positions held

01/05–	Professor of Mathematics	University of Queensland
01/93–12/04	Reader in Mathematics	University of Queensland
06/87–12/92	Senior Lecturer	University of Queensland
06/86–06/87	Lecturer	Murdoch University
05/85–05/86	Lecturer	University of Adelaide
10/82–04/85	Lecturer	University of Wales College of Cardiff
10/79–09/82	Undergraduate Supervisor (tutor)	St John's College, Cambridge
01/79–09/79	Computer Systems Officer	South Australian Public Service

Qualifications and awards

Academic	1983	PhD	University of Cambridge
Qualifications	1979	BSc (Hons)	University of Adelaide
	1978	BSc	University of Adelaide
Memberships	1983–93	Member of the Cambridge Philosophical Society	
	1993–	Fellow of the Cambridge Philosophical Society	
	1986–93	Member of the Australian Mathematical Society and Member of the Division of Applied Mathematics	

Memberships	1993–	Fellow of the Australian Mathematical Society and Member of the Division of Applied Mathematics
	1986–	Member of the Australian Society for Operations Research
	1987–92	Member of the Statistical Society of Australia
	1991–	Member of the Modelling and Simulation Society of Australia and New Zealand
Awards	2007	Alan David Richards Visiting Fellowship in Mathematics, Grey College Durham (UK)
	1993	Moran Medal, Australian Academy of Science

This award is made periodically (normally every two years) to a scientist 40 years of age or under for distinguished research carried out mainly in Australia in one or more of the fields of applied probability, biometrics, mathematical genetics, psychometrics and statistics. The citation read as follows:

“Dr Pollett has made outstanding contributions to Applied Probability Theory. He has worked for some years on problems concerning quasi-stationary distributions for random processes, and has solved the Vere-Jones conjecture about conditions for a large class of quasi-stationary measures to be μ -invariant. He has demonstrated exceptional skills with the tools of modern probability theory, and has applied those tools not only to solve deep theoretical problems, but also to elucidate important practical problems in a wide variety of areas, including parasitology, telecommunications and chemical kinetics. This combination of exceptional theoretical ability, and broad range of scientific interests, ensures Dr Pollett a place as the standard-bearer for a young generation of Australian Applied Probabilists.”

- 1981 J.T. Knight Prize, University of Cambridge
- 1979 George Murray Scholarship, University of Adelaide
- 1978 South Australian Public Service Scholarship

Research

Summary statement of research activity

My research is in the field of Mathematical Modelling, and is chiefly concerned with the theory of Stochastic Processes and applications in Ecology, Epidemiology, Parasitology, Telecommunications and Chemical Kinetics. I have contributed to several areas (the papers cited here are listed below):

Queueing networks and point processes Poisson approximations to flow processes in Markovian networks [1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 25, 42]; approximating queueing-time distributions in general queueing networks [6]; sojourn-time distributions in closed Jackson networks [4]; resource allocation in general queueing networks [75, 117, 78]; modelling congestion in closed queueing networks [67, 74]; connecting reversible and quasi-reversible Markov processes [9, 31]; preserving partial balance in continuous-time Markov chains [7, 15].

Mathematical biology Persistence/extinction times in population models [86, 87, 92, 95, 99, 104]; modelling quasi stationarity in ecological systems [16, 20, 38, 51, 57, 66, 68, 79]; management, control and decision making for ecological systems [98, 105, 125, 100, 109, 126]; population processes with random initial conditions [123]; statistical inference for population models [100, 102]; ensemble behaviour in population processes [103].

Modelling of telecommunications systems Analysis of response times and optimal allocation of effort in message and packet switching networks [11, 56, 135]; Monte Carlo estimation of blocking probabilities in circuit switching networks [12, 13, 18, 134]; modelling bistability in circuit switching networks with random alternative routing [28, 30, 32]; fixed-point methods [52, 59, 85, 82, 90, 91, 137].

Quasi-stationary distributions The relationship between μ -invariant measures and quasi-stationary distributions for absorbing Markov chains [10, 17, 21, 34, 35, 39, 46, 48, 49, 50, 65, 71, 72, 73]; quasi-stationary distributions for Markov chains with positive drift [62, 61]; centre manifolds and quasi-stationary distributions [24]; quasi-stationary distributions in chemical kinetics [14, 19], epidemics [76] and ecological models [16, 20, 38, 51, 57, 66, 68, 79]; limiting-conditional distributions for birth-death processes [54, 55]; algorithms for computing stationary and quasi-stationary distributions for Markov chains with sparse transition structure [40, 44]; quasi-stationary distributions for reducible Markov chains [112]; quasi-stationary distributions for quasi-birth-death processes [47, 53, 58]; bounds for the decay parameter for birth-death process [108].

Markov chain theory Classification of continuous-time Markov chains [22]; invariant measures for explosive Markov chains [26]; the construction of Markov chains with a given invariant measure [27, 35, 43, 94, 97]; the existence of stationary distributions [41]; similar Markov chains [80]; path integrals [88, 84, 89, 138]; uniqueness criteria [96].

Diffusion approximations Diffusion approximations in parasitology [23], epidemics [76], ecological systems [77], telecommunications networks [30], queues [106] and chemical kinetics [33].

Branching models The collision branching process [93], weighted Markov branching processes [101, 122], quasi-stationary distributions [21].

Miscellaneous dual constructions for pure-jump Markov processes [45]; Monte Carlo simulation of finite-state Markovian models [29]; acyclicity in random graphs [136]; network models for seismicity [63]; the SIS logistic epidemic [87]; first passage times in the Ehrenfest model [110, 139]; stochastic models for the spread of HIV [107]; statistical inference for queues [106].

A detailed description of my research, as well as java applets that illustrate some of my work, can be found here: <http://www.maths.uq.edu.au/~pkp/>

Research funding

- ACERA Project Grant, 2008-09 (with Hugh Possingham, Ecology Centre, The University of Queensland): “Strategies for managing invasive species in space: deciding whether to eradicate, contain or control”, \$71,346.

- ARC Linkage Grant, 2008-10 (with Janet Lanyon, School of Integrative Biology, The University of Queensland, and Jennifer Ovenden and Damien Broderick, Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, with collaborating organizations Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, Consolidated Rutile Ltd and Sea World): “Animal movement between populations deduced from family trees: a test case on dugongs in southern Queensland”, \$225,000.
- ARC Centre of Excellence, 2008–10 (with Tony Guttmann, Peter Hall, Peter Taylor, Aleks Owczarek, Kostya Borovkov and Richard Brak, University of Melbourne, David Hill and Richard Brent, The Australian National University, Tony Dooley, Ian Sloan, Gary Froyland and Matthew England University of New South Wales, and Reinout Quispel, La Trobe University): “Centre of Excellence for Mathematics and Statistics of Complex Systems” (MASCOS), \$1,800,000.
- ARC Centre of Excellence, 2003–07 (with Tony Guttmann, Peter Taylor, Aleks Owczarek, Kostya Borovkov, Aihua Xia and Richard Brak, University of Melbourne, Peter Hall and Chris Heyde, The Australian National University, Tony Dooley, Ian Sloan and Colin Rogers, University of New South Wales, and Reinout Quispel, La Trobe University): “Centre of Excellence for Mathematics and Statistics of Complex Systems” (MASCOS), \$10,906,575.
- Hong Kong Research Grants Council Earmarked Research Grant, 2006–07 (with Anyue Chen, University of Hong Kong, and Eric Renshaw, University of Strathclyde): “Stochastic Modelling of Interacting Branching Systems”, HK\$250,000.
- Queensland State Government Centre of Excellence Project Grant, 2003–07: “Stochastic Models for Complex Biological Systems”, \$125,000.
- ARC Discovery Grant, 2002–04 (with Nigel Bean and Peter Taylor, Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Adelaide, and Dirk Kroese, Department of Mathematics, University of Queensland): “Operator-Analytic Methods in Telecommunication Systems”, \$183,611.
- ARC Large Grant, 2001–03: “Analytical and Computational Methods for Studying Explosive Random Processes”, \$195,000.
- University of Queensland International Collaborative Research Award, Category 2, 1998–99: “Mathematical Models for Stress-Release and Transfer”, \$846.
- ARC Large Grant, 1997–99: “Analytical and Computational Methods for Assessing the Performance of Telecommunications Networks”, \$150,000.
- ARC Large Grant, 1996–98 (with Bill Henderson, Charles Pearce and Peter Taylor, Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Adelaide): “Matrix-Analytic Methods in Applied Probability”, \$201,000.
- ARC Large Grant, 1995–97: “Analytical and Computational Methods for Modelling Evanescent Random Processes”, \$170,948.
- University of Queensland, Category R1 Quality Funds (within priority area of *High Performance Computing*), 1995: “Computational Modelling of Large-Scale Stochastic Systems”, \$8,000.

- Australian Telecommunications and Electronics Research Board, Research Grant, 1992 (with Kevin Burrage, University of Queensland): “Parallel Algorithms for Estimating the Performance of Telecommunications Networks”, \$6,000.
- ARC Large Grant, 1992–94: “Analytical and Computational Methods for Modelling Evanescent Random Processes”, \$141,700.
- University of Queensland, Special Project Grant, 1991: “Analytical and Computational Methods for Modelling Evanescent Random Processes”, \$15,000.
- ARC Large Grant, 1989–91: “Methods for Approximating the Behaviour of Chemical Processes and Ecological Systems”, \$114,047.

Keynote addresses

- “Stochastic models for population networks”, Invited Short Course, School on Information and Randomness (IR2008), Center for Mathematical Modelling, University of Chile, 15–19 December 2008.
- “Ensemble behaviour in population processes”, 4th Australian Postgraduate Workshop on Stochastic Processes and Modelling, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia, 10–13 February 2008.
- “Modelling the long-term behaviour of evanescent processes”, 42nd Australasian Applied Mathematics Conference (ANZIAM 2006), Mansfield, Victoria, Australia, 5–9 February 2006.
- “Stochastic models and their deterministic analogues”, 2nd Australian Postgraduate Workshop on Stochastic Processes and Modelling, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, 12–15 February 2006.
- “Quasi-stationary distributions”, Fields Institute Workshop on Large Deviations and Rare Events in Networks, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, 4–5 July 2005.
- “Tony Pakes’ contributions to applied probability”, Workshop in Honour of Tony Pakes on the Occasion of his 60th Birthday, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia, 2 October 2001.
- “Identifying Markov chains with a given invariant measure”, International Workshop on Markov Processes and Controlled Markov Chains, Changsha, China, 22–28 August 1999.
- “Fixed point methods for loss networks”, International Conference on Probability Theory and its Applications, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Taejon, Korea, 24–26 February 1998.
- “Modelling bistability in telecommunications network”, the 32nd Australasian Applied Mathematics Conference (ANZIAM96), Masterton, New Zealand, 4–8 February 1996.

Invited conference talks

Additionally, I have given 17 conference talks in invited sessions at national and international meetings, including three invitations (1994, 1998 and 2003) to participate in the prestigious Oberwolfach meetings.

- “Stochastic models for population networks”, International Workshop on Complex Systems and Networks (IWCSN08), Australian National University, 1-3 October 2008.
- “Costs and decisions in population models” (with Joshua Ross—two speakers), Workshop on Stochastics and their Applications, University of South Australia, 27 September–1 October 2004.
- “Evaluating the total cost of a random process over its lifetime”, Winter School in Mathematics and Computational Biology, University of Queensland, 5-9 July 2004.
- “Identifying Markov chains with a given invariant measure”, Oberwolfach Applied Probability Meeting, Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach, Germany, 30 November–6 December 2003.
- “Similar Markov chains”, Symposium in Honour of David Vere-Jones on the Occasion of his 65th Birthday, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand, 19–21 April 2001.
- “Quasistationarity of continuous-time Markov chains with positive drift”, Oberwolfach Applied Probability Meeting, Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach, 29 November–5 December 1998.
- “Optimal allocation of effort in general queueing networks”, 4th Conference of the Association of Asia-Pacific Operational Research Societies, Melbourne, Australia, 30 November–4 December 1997.
- “Quasistationarity in Markovian models”, 3rd International Symposium on Probability and its Applications, Park City, Utah, 30 July–1 August 1997.
- “Estimating blocking probabilities in telecommunications networks with linear structure”, Sydney International Statistical Congress (SISC96), Sydney, Australia, 8–12 July 1996.
- “Modelling random fluctuations in a bistable telecommunications network”, Workshop on Stochastic Networks (SISC96 satellite meeting), University of Sydney, 13 July 1996.
- “Quasi-stationary distributions for continuous-time Markov chains”, 6th Latin American Congress on Probability and Mathematical Statistics, Valparaíso, Chile, 20–24 November 1995.
- “Poisson approximations for traffic processes in telecommunications networks”, International Workshop on Applied Probability (Numazu95), Numazu, Japan, 9–13 July 1995.
- “Quasi-stationary distributions for continuous-time Markov chains”, International Conference on Applied Probability and Time Series Analysis (in honour of Joe Gani and in memory of Ted Hannan), Athens, Greece, 22–26 March 1995.
- “Analytical and computational methods for modelling evanescent random processes”, Oberwolfach Applied Probability Meeting, Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach, 5–9 December 1994.
- “GASP: Graphical Aids for Stochastic Processes”, Quarterly meeting of Brisbane Mathematics Teachers, July 1993.
- “Quasi-stationary distributions for evanescent Markov chains”, Workshop on Stochastic Systems, The Australian National University, May 1991.

- “Sojourn times in closed queueing networks”, The British National Conference on Modelling of Networks, Cambridge, May 1985.
- “Distributional approximations for networks of quasi-reversible queues”, The International Workshop on Stochastic Calculus and its Applications, Swansea, April 1983.

Contributed conference talks

I have given over 60 contributed conference talks at national and international meetings. Those given in the last three years are listed.

- “Limit theorems for discrete-time metapopulation models”, 53rd Annual Meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society, University of South Australia, City West Campus, Adelaide, Australia, 28 September-1 October 2009.
- “Rules of thumb for metapopulation management”, 18th Biennial Congress on Modelling and Simulation (MODSIM09), Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns, Australia, 13-17 July 2009.
- “Metapopulations: from network models to patch occupancy models”, MASCOS Workshop on Complex Networks, University of Melbourne, 26 June 2009.
- “Ensemble behaviour in population processes with applications to ecological systems”, 17th Biennial Congress on Modelling and Simulation (MODSIM07), University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, 10-13 December 2007.
- “Risk modelling at the University of Queensland”, MASCOS Workshop on Risk Modelling, University of Melbourne, 24 September 2007.
- “Modelling population networks”, MASCOS Workshop on Complex Networks, La Trobe University, 28 September 2007.
- “Modelling population processes with random initial conditions”, 8th Asia-Pacific Complex Systems Conference (Complex’07), Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort, Surfers Paradise, Australia, 2-5 July 2007.

Additionally, I have given over 60 invited research seminars at academic and research institutions throughout the world.

Supervision of research staff

I have supervised the following postdoctoral fellows / research fellows:

- Gopal Nair (now Senior Lecturer at Curtin University of Technology)
- Mark Bebbington (now Associate Professor at Massey University)
- Owen Jones (now Senior Lecturer the University of Melbourne)
- Andrew Hart (now Research Fellow at the University of Santiago)
- William Millan

- Martin O’Hely (now Research Fellow in the Bioinformatics Division of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne)
- Hanjun Zhang (now Professor of Mathematics within the School of Mathematics and Computational Science, Xiangtan University)
- Iadine Chadès (on leave from the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, Toulouse)
- Ross McVinish

Teaching

Teaching experience

I have over 25 years of teaching experience at several institutions, and have taught a broad range of subjects, including a large amount of service teaching, in areas as diverse as mathematical analysis, communication theory, computer-intensive statistics, exploratory data analysis, linear algebra, mathematical programming, optimization, probability theory, simulation, statistical inference, stochastic modelling, and, operations research. Courses lectured in recent years at the University of Queensland are as follows:

- MP115 – Linear Algebra and Applications I
- MS101 – Elements of Probability I
- ME206 – Statistics for Process Engineers*

- MS213 – Introductory Data Analysis*
- MS262 – Probability Models for Engineering and Science*
- ME308 – Probability Models for Engineers*
- MS303 – Stochastic Processes III
- MS308 – Probability Theory III
- MS472 – Stochastic Processes IV
- MS484 – Computer-Intensive Statistics and Simulation IVH
- MS486 – Communication Theory IVH

- STAT2001 – Probability Models & Estimation
- STAT2003 – Probability & Statistics
- STAT2201 – Analysis of Engineering & Scientific Data*
- STAT2202 – Probability Models for Engineering & Science*
- STAT3004 – Probability Models & Stochastic Processes
- STAT4003 – Probability & Stochastic Processes IV
- STAT4403 – Advanced Probability & Stochastic Processes I
- STAT4404 – Advanced Probability & Stochastic Processes II

*Service course

Postgraduate supervision

Postgraduate students for whom I was, or am, Principal Advisor:

- Richard Parsons, PhD (1984–86) “Mathematical Models for Chemical Reactions”. Richard is currently Research Fellow & Biostatistician, Vascular Epidemiology Group, Department of Public Health, University of Western Australia.
- David Walker, PhD (1987–97) (Part time) “ μ -Invariant Vectors and Measures, and the Construction Problem for Continuous-Time Markov Chains”. David is currently Research Officer, Policy and Evaluation, Queensland Studies Authority, Queensland.
- Andrew Hart, PhD (1994–97) “Quasi-stationary Distributions for Continuous-Time Markov Chains”. Andrew is currently Research Fellow, Departamento de Ingeniería Matemática, Universidad de Chile.
- Laird Breyer, PhD (1995–97) “Quasi-stationarity and Conditioned Markov Processes”. Laird is currently Research Fellow, EU Network in Statistical and Computational Methods for the Analysis of Spatial Data, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Lancaster.
- Mark Thompson, PhD (1998–2002) “Fixed Point Methods for Loss Networks”. Mark is currently Portfolio Manager, State Street Global Advisors, Sydney.
- Nicholas Denman, MPhil (2000–2007) (Part-time) “Topics in Quasi Stationarity for Markov Chains”. Nicholas is currently reading for his PhD in the School of Physical Sciences, University of Queensland.
- Olena Kravchuck, PhD (2001–2006) (Part-time) “Trigonometric Scores Rank Procedures with Applications to Long-tailed Distributions”. Olena is currently Lecturer in Biostatistics within the School of Land and Food Sciences, University of Queensland.
- Ben Cairns, PhD (2002–2005) “Hitting Times for Markov Population Processes Subject to Catastrophes”. Ben is currently Postdoctoral Research Assistant in Mathematical Biology within the School of Biological Sciences, University of Bristol.
- Joshua Ross, PhD (2004–2006) “Density Dependent Markov Population Processes: Models and Methodology”. Joshua is currently Research Fellow in Mathematical Epidemiology/Economic Epidemiology at King’s College Cambridge.
- David Sirl, PhD (2004–2007) “On the Analysis of Absorbing Markov Processes”. David is currently Research Fellow in the School of Mathematical Sciences, University of Nottingham.
- Fionnuala Buckley, PhD (2007–) “Discrete-time Stochastic Metapopulation Models”.
- Daniel Pagendam, PhD (2007–) “Statistical Inference for Stochastic Processes”.
- Robert Cope, PhD (2009–) “Animal Movement Between Populations Deduced from Family Trees”.
- Dejan Jovanovic, PhD (2009–) “Fault Detection in Complex and Distributed Systems”.
- Andrew Smith, PhD (2009–) “Models for Spatially Structured Metapopulations”.
- Nimmy Thaliath, PhD (2009–) “Optimal Portfolio Allocation with Minimum Risk: a Game Theoretic Approach”.

Additionally, I have been associate advisor of several researcher higher degree students (two at present), and I have supervised numerous honours students and vacation scholars.

Service and administration

I am *Director (Qld)* of the *Centre for Mathematics and Statistics of Complex Systems*, which is both the Queensland node ARC Centre of Excellence and a School Centre within the EPSA Faculty. I am responsible for managing the Centre's research and educational programmes.

I serve on the editorial board of *Stochastic Models*.

I devised and, from October 1995 to February 2001, maintained the *Probability Web*. This was one of the first academic web sites and is now recognized as the main Web resource for probabilists throughout the world; see

<http://www.maths.uq.edu.au/probweb/>

This site has received much international recognition. It was listed among the top 500 science sites in the Springer-Verlag publication *Science on the Web* by Edward Renehan. It also received an "Editor's Choice Award" from *LookSmart*, an online Web directory maintained and edited by *Reader's Digest* (see article titled "'World's best' rating for UQ maths sites" in *Campus Review*, March 12-18, 1997, p. 17). It was also featured in the *Scout Report for Science & Engineering*, Vol. 2, April 1999, and was highly rated by *Schoolzone* (www.schoolzone.co.uk). It was recently listed by *Current Web Contents*, which is the ISI's online equivalent of *Current Contents* for Web content.

I have been active in organizing conferences and conference sessions, and I have chaired sessions at numerous major national and international meetings. I have been external examiner for several DSc, PhD and MSc theses. I am frequently asked to review papers and books for *Mathematical Reviews*, as well as textbook proposals for publishers, and research grant and fellowship applications for various agencies, and, I do a large amount of refereeing for major international journals. I have also been interviewed several times for radio and television.

Editorships

- Member of the Editorial Board of *Proceedings of the 16th Biennial Congress on Modelling and Simulation*, Modelling and Simulation Society of Australia and Simulation (MOD-SIM05). Modelling and Simulation Society of Australia and New Zealand, December 2005 (ISBN: 0-9758400-2-9).
- Member of the Editorial Board of *The Annals of Applied Probability* (1999–2006).
- Inaugural member of the Editorial Board of *Methodology & Computing in Applied Probability* (1998–2003).
- Associate Editor of *the ANZIAM Journal* (formerly *Journal of the Australian Mathematical Society, Series B*) (1994–2007).
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Stochastic Models* (2006–).

Conference organization

- Organized a special session (with Fionnuala Buckley and Sam Nicol, University of Queensland) titled *Modelling and Control of Metapopulation Networks* at the 18th World IMACS Congress and MODSIM09 International Congress on Modelling and Simulation, Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns, Australia, 13–17 July 2009. A followup issue of *Ecological Modelling* (Elsevier) will contain papers from the session. We served on the Editorial Board of the published proceedings: *Proceedings of the 18th World IMACS Congress and MODSIM09 International Congress on Modelling and Simulation*, Modelling and Simulation Society of Australia and New Zealand and International Association for Mathematics and Computers in Simulation, July 2009 (ISBN: 978-0-9758400-7-8).
- Organized (with Ole Warnaar, University of Queensland) *MASCOS Workshop on Stochastics and Special Functions*, University of Queensland, 22nd May 2009.
- Organized a special session (with Dan Pagendam, University of Queensland) titled *Statistical Methods for Natural Systems* at 17th Biennial Congress on Modelling and Simulation (MODSIM07), University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, 10–13 December 2007. We served on the Editorial Board of the published proceedings: *Proceedings of the 17th Biennial Congress on Modelling and Simulation (MODSIM07)*, Modelling and Simulation Society of Australia and New Zealand, December 2007 (ISBN : 978-0-9758400-4-7).
- Served on the Programme Committee of the 8th Asia-Pacific Complex Systems Conference (Complex'07), Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort, Surfers Paradise, Australia, 2–5 July 2007.
- Served on the Organising Committee of the AMSI/MASCOS Industry Workshop & ICE-EM Short Course: *The Mathematics of Electricity Supply and Pricing*, Holiday Inn, Surfers Paradise, Australia, 22–27 April 2007.
- Served as Co-chair of the 5th International Symposium on Probability and its Applications, IMS Annual Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 30 July–4 August 2006.
- Served on the Advisory Committee of the 2nd Australian Postgraduate Workshop Stochastic Processes and Modelling, University of Melbourne, 12–15 February 2006.
- Organized a special session (with Joshua Ross, University of Queensland) titled *Management, control and decision making for ecological systems* at the 16th Biennial Congress on Modelling and Simulation (MODSIM05), Melbourne, 12–15 December 2005. A followup issue of *Ecological Modelling* (Elsevier) contained papers from the session [*Ecological Modelling* **201** (1)]. We served on the Editorial Board of the published proceedings: *Proceedings of the 16th Biennial Congress on Modelling and Simulation (MODSIM05)*, Modelling and Simulation Society of Australia and New Zealand, Melbourne, December 2005 (ISBN: 0-9758400-2-9).
- Served on the Programme Committee of the Stochastic Modelling of Complex Systems Conference (SMOCS05), Daydream Island, 10–16 July 2005.
- Served on the Programme Committee of the 30th Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications, University of California at Santa Barbara, 26 June–1 July 2005.
- Organized (with David Sirl, University of Queensland) *MASCOS Workshop on Markov Chains*, University of Queensland, 4 April 2005.

- Chair of the Advisory Committee of the 1st Australian Postgraduate Workshop Stochastic Processes and Modelling University of Queensland, 7–11 February 2005.
- Organized (with Dirk Kroese, University of Queensland) MASCOS Symposium *Multi-Agent Systems and Machine Learning*, University of Queensland, 26 November 2004.
- Served on the Organizing Committee of the 2nd Workshop on Stochastics and their Applications, Adelaide, 29 September–1 October 2004.
- Organized (with Ben Cairns, University of Queensland) *MASCOS Workshop on Metapopulations*, University of Queensland, 2nd September 2004.
- Served on the Organizing Committee of the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute Winter School on Mathematics and Computational Biology, Brisbane, 5–9 July 2004.
- Organized a Special Session (with Peter Taylor, University of Melbourne) at Australian Statistical Conference (ASC 2004) to celebrate the 65th birthday of Daryl Daley and to present him with his Festschrift, Cairns, 11–16 July 2004 [the Festschrift is Volume 46 (1) of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics*, co-edited by Taylor and me].
- Served on the Programme Committee of the 2nd International Conference in Applied Probability (IWAP 2004), University of Piraeus, Greece, 22–25 March 2004.
- Organized a session titled *Applied Probability Models for Ecological Systems* at the 2nd International Conference in Applied Probability (IWAP 2004), University of Piraeus, Greece, 22–25 March 2004.
- Organized MASCOS symposium, *The Cross-Entropy Method: a New Approach to Rare Event Simulation and Randomized Optimization*, University of Queensland, 22 January 2004.
- Served as Co-chair of the 4th International Probability Symposium, IMS Annual Meeting, Banff, Canada, 27 July–1 August 2002.
- Served on the Scientific Committee of 4th International Workshop on Matrix Analytic Methods, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, 14–18 July 2002.
- Served on the Scientific Committee of the International Workshop in Applied Probability, University of Simon Bolivar, Caracas, Venezuela, 14–17 January 2002.
- Organized a Special Session (with Saul Jacka, University of Warwick) titled *Conditioned Markov Processes and Quasistationarity* at the 27th Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications, Cambridge, UK, 9–13 July 2001.
- Organized a week-long Special Session (with Ruth Williams, University of California, San Diego) titled *Probability Theory and its Applications* at the Joint Meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Australian Mathematical Society, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, 12–16 July 1999.
- Organized a Special Session titled *Quasi-stationary Distributions* at the 10th INFORMS Applied Probability Conference, University of Ulm, Germany, 26–28 July 1999.
- Served on the Programme Committee of the 10th INFORMS Applied Probability Conference, University of Ulm, Germany, 26–28 July 1999.
- Served on the Organizing Committee of the International Workshop on Markov Processes and Controlled Markov Chains, Changsha, China, 22–28 August 1999.

- Served on the Local Organizing Committee of the XIIth International Congress of Mathematical Physics, Brisbane, 13–19 July 1997.
- Served on the Organizing Committee of the inaugural Australia–New Zealand Applied Probability Workshop, Second Valley, South Australia, 28 September–2 October 1997.

Refereeing

I have refereed papers for the following journals (in addition to refereeing papers for several special volumes): *Advances in Applied Probability*, *Australian Journal of Statistics*, *Bulletin of the Australian Mathematical Society*, *Ecological Modelling*, *Environmental Modeling & Assessment*, *International Transactions in Operational Research*, *Journal of Applied Mathematics & Decision Sciences*, *Journal of Applied Probability*, *Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications*, *Journal of Mathematical Biology*, *Journal of Theoretical Biology*, *Journal of Theoretical Probability*, *Linear Algebra and its Applications*, *Mathematical Biosciences*, *Mathematical and Computer Modelling*, *Operations Research*, *Probability Theory and Related Fields*, *Queueing Systems*, *Stochastic Models*, *Stochastic Processes and their Applications*, *The Annals of Applied Probability*, and *The Annals of Statistics*.

Community Service

- Expert witness, Federal Court Proceedings *Neurizon Pty Ltd v Jupiters Limited*, Q44 of 2003.
- Expert witness, Federal Court Proceedings *Neurizon Pty Ltd v LTH Consulting and Marketing Services Pty Ltd*, Q171 of 2001.
- Interviewed for *Drive* (ABC Local Radio) on the proposed changes to *OzLotto* (27/09/05).
- Interviewed for *National Nine News* and *Brisbane Extra* on the subject of the *Queensland Golden Casket* draw. As a result of this segment, the Golden Casket was redrawn (08/98).
- Organized a schools visit: all Year 10 students from the Christian Outreach College spent a day at the University of Queensland, during which they were introduced to computer simulation (06/94).
- Interviewed for the ABC television programme *The Investigators* to give my opinion on lotto “Wheeling” systems (07/91).
- Interviewed for an ABC Classic-FM programme on the subject of mathematics in music (08/91).
- Involved in the Australian Mathematical Olympiad Project (1989).

Recreational interests

These include music and sport; I am an accomplished pianist and ’cellist, and an enthusiastic tennis and bridge player. My International Tennis Federation rank is ITN 5, and my current Australian Bridge Federation rank is *State Master.

Publications

All publications are listed below. Some have been annotated with an “MR” reference. This indicates the volume of *Mathematical Reviews* (and then the location within that volume) where a review of the paper can be found. All published papers have been annotated with a DEST classification: B1 = book chapter–research, C1 = article in scholarly refereed journal, C5 = edited volume of a refereed journal, E1 = full written paper in a refereed conference proceedings, and E2 = full written paper in an edited conference proceedings.

1980–1984

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