

**NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN EDUCATION**  
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***Judith Duncan Award***  
**For Early Childhood Education Research**



*Alex Gunn*

Dr. Alex Gunn, EdD, is a researcher and educator with over 20 years' experience in early childhood education. Her contribution to New Zealand early childhood research, together with her commitment to, and advocacy for, children and families, and to the professional learning of teachers in both the pre-service and in-service arenas is exemplary. Alex has an impressive depth of scholarship, which is innovative and at the forefront of current thinking. Her work has and continues to have major impacts on the fields of teacher education and early childhood education studies and practice.

Alex's work is dedicated to ensuring equitable early childhood education for all children and families. Pushing the boundaries of policy, practice and quality teacher education, Alex has challenged taken-for-granted practices in education. Her research has examined how established norms are taken up in ways that enable the reproduction and authorisation of particular subjectivities and knowledge at the expense of others.

Alex's scholarship is well recognised in Aotearoa and around the world. She is a prolific writer and speaker who regularly contributes to the academic and professional knowledge base. Alex's involvement in broader professional and research communities is extensive, and she has made notable contributions through her national and international service roles.

Given her many accomplishments, the NZARE ECE SIG is pleased to announce Alex Gunn for the 2016 Judith Duncan Award.



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