



THE STURT LECTURES

Friday 22 November | Henderson

Theme Setters



Watiri Maina

BA, DipTheol, MA Counselling, MNZCCA

Watiri is originally from Kenya and is married to Steve Maina and they have two daughters. She is interested in people and connecting with their personal, social and spiritual journeys. She has worked as a social worker with street children, in pastoral care/counselling roles in church contexts and as a counselling trainer. She is also a counsellor and spiritual director. In recent years she has been lecturing in Laidlaw's counselling programme, based in Christchurch.



Lex McMillan

PhD (Qld), MCouns (Hons) (Waikato), GradD (Mediation), DipCouns, DipAg, MNZAC

After studying agriculture at Lincoln University, Lex partnered in a farming business for ten years. Through these challenging years, Lex began his counsellor education at Otago University, and enjoyed assisting farming folk in personal and business crisis.

Subsequently, Lex has studied counselling and theology in New Zealand, England, and Canada, and most recently completed a PhD with Queensland University. Lex has worked as a practice manager for a child and family support agency, taught in, and led, the counselling programme at Laidlaw College, provided relationship counselling and mediation through the family court, and counselled in private practice now for twenty five years.

Lex is inspired by the Christian gospel's practical invitation to participate in love through such things as listening deeply, vulnerably encountering one another, offering hospitality, and working for justice.



Lisa Spriggens

BA, MCouns (Hons), MNZAC

Lisa Spriggens is Head of Counselling, School of Social Practice. She completed a Master of Counselling at the University of Waikato. She teaches integration and also has expertise in narrative therapy, trauma counselling and counselling adolescents. Lisa is passionate about counselling which is thoughtfully and deeply integrated with theology. She enjoys journeying with students as they grapple with what this kind of integration means for them as they discover their counsellor identity. Lisa is currently completing a PhD project which is researching the ways in which trauma counsellors sustain themselves in their work. Lisa has also published several book chapters in the field of sexual violence, trauma and the integration of theology. She lives in West Auckland with her son. They share their home with a dog and cat who keep them entertained.



Rangi Davis

MNZAC

Ko Rangi Josephine Davis. (70 years young)

Ki te taha o toku matua ko Rangi Teahuahu Tana tona ingoa

Ko Tereawatea te awa, Ko Maungarangi, ko tuhipa nga maunga

Ko Otiria te marae, Ko Porowini, ko Tumatauenga nga wharenui

Ko Ngati Te Ara, ko Ngati Kopaki, ko Ngati Hine nga hapu, Tae atu ki Te Waiariki ki Ngunguru.

Ki te taha o toku whaea, ko Mary Basil Tewake tona ingoa.

Ko Papata, ko Panguru, tu te ao, tu te po, Ko Hokingga te awa

Ko Te Ao Marama o te Waipuna te marae, Ko Ngati Manawa, Ngati Kai Tutaue nga hapu

Ko Hokianga whakapau Karakia ki Te Rarawa nui tonu.

I am a mother of seven grown children and twenty two mokopuna. Born to a strong fluent Māori speaking woman, brought up in a Catholic tradition and to a father strong in his beliefs and tikanga Māori, grounded in nature.

Tikanga Māori and Christianity have been the base of my groundedness. I have a deep appreciation for nature and natural elements through a Māori world view, a strong sense of values both Māori and Pākehā, and creative initiatives hold dear to my heart. Strengthening wāhine leadership for the sake of her whānau, community, hapū and iwi is a strong calling.

Twenty years a stay-at-home mum, filling in for school teachers, babysitting for working mothers, local cleaner and gardener for the school. Coached netball, tennis, athletics and harrier running, and been a participant myself. A fundraiser of all kinds for local worthy causes. Went back to school as an adult student and gained UE Māori.

Started up the Orauta School playcentre, hired at Kawakawa kohanga Reo as a kaiako, and started the Tereawatea kohanga Reo which is still operating today under a different name in Moerewa, and still more to share.