

W. JAMES WHYTE

VISITING RESEARCH

FELLOWSHIP

Professor Nigel Morgan - Visiting Fellow 2019

Professor Nigel Morgan recently visited The University of Queensland (UQ) as part of the W. James Whyte Fellowship.

Nigel found his experience very rewarding, especially the laidback and welcoming environment.

"It was an excellent opportunity to connect with new researchers and colleagues in such a relaxed environment," said Nigel.

The primary focus of Nigel's visit was to further strengthen the strategic partnership between The University of Surrey and UQ academics by way of developing meaningful connections. During his time at UQ, Professor Morgan connected with UQ Business School Tourism academics Dr Faith Ong, Dr Richard Robinson, Dr Judith Mair, Dr Shane Pegg, and Dr Lintje Siehoyono Sie.

The impacts of Nigel's research collaborations include a joint book chapter on social tourism and aging with Dr Lintje Siehoyono Sie. Nigel also contributed to a joint conference paper for CAUTHE 2020 led by social change expert Dr Faith Ong and other contributing UQ academics.

During his trip, Nigel had the opportunity to connect with current PhD students which he found to be enlightening.

"I was especially impressed with the quality, enthusiasm, and dedication of the PhD cohort," said Nigel.

Nigel was also able to develop collaborations with University academics outside of the tourism realm allowing him to explore his research interest of accessibility



and social justice further. He connected with disability rights academic Dr Paul Harpur from the TC Bernie School of Law, as well as Social Sciences and Humanities academic, Laetitia Coles whose research is focused on care giving and parental pressures.

Nigel is optimistic that the connections he has made during his fellowship will lead to some exciting future outputs.

"The fellowship has allowed me to meet and work with wonderful colleagues and to experience academic life in Australia," said Nigel.



Profile

Professor Nigel Morgan (PhD Economic and Social History, Exeter University and BA Exeter University) is Head of The University of Surrey's School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. Nigel has spent 25 years promoting inclusive, creative and responsible tourism research, education and academic community engagement. An economic and social historian by doctoral training, his research is encapsulated in three entwined areas; critical studies, place identity and gender.

Dr Morgan is best known for co-founding the Critical Tourism Studies Network in 2005 and co-chairing it through to 2015. Most recently, Nigel completed an evaluation of the tourism-related impacts of the construction of a proposed nuclear power station in North Wales and is part of British Academy funded (2019-2020) team investigating the socio-cultural impacts of major energy projects on rural tourism communities.