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VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Professor Paul Lynch – Visiting Fellow 2019

Professor Paul Lynch recently visited The University of Queensland (UQ) as part of the James Whyte Fellowship.

Paul highlighted the people as the best part of his time at UQ and the opportunity to meet some of his colleagues in person.

“I thoroughly enjoyed working with and meeting my colleagues in the tourism discipline at UQ,” said Paul.

The main impact of Paul’s visit was the Critical Hospitality Symposium at which he was a keynote speaker as well as chair of a discussion panel.

“I worked with Dr Richard Robinson in terms of tailoring the keynote for the symposium audience as well as in preparation for the panel discussion,” said Paul.

During his trip, Paul was able to collaborate with several academics; Dr Ya-Yen Sun, Dr Muchazondida Mkono, Dr Judith Mair and Ms Antje Martins on a wide range of tourism-related ideas. He also commented on ideas for a paper to be submitted to *Annals of Tourism Research* which has led to the possibility of joint authorship.

Paul contributed to multiple research and PhD meetings, as well as advancing the book proposal on *Critical Hospitality* which should eventually lead to publication.

“I also participated in a data analysis meeting with Richard and Dr Matt Brenner regarding coding and theming strategies for a University of Queensland FREA/



WAI funded research into the occupational culture of kitchens and its relationship to chef mental health and wellbeing,” said Paul.

Paul enjoyed meeting colleagues at UQ as well as discussing PhD projects with a number of passionate students.

“This experience allowed me to visit a fabulous campus where I appreciated the opportunity to visit a university department with a strong, highly productive research culture to share and discuss research and associated matters with colleagues and students,” said Paul.



Profile

Paul Lynch is a Fellow of the Institute of Hospitality and is a member and former Chair (Research) of the Council for Hospitality Management Education Executive committee. He is Visiting Professor at Auckland University of Technology (2018-), the University of Stenden, Netherlands (2008-) and Hotelschool The Hague, Netherlands (2012-). Paul is known for his work on small hospitality and tourism accommodation businesses which has led him to critique normative perspectives on small hospitality and tourism enterprises seen through the lenses of small firms, family business, lifestyle entrepreneurship, home-based businesses or farm tourism.

Paul's research focuses upon critical and sociological perspectives on hospitality and tourism management and in the context of exploring commercial homes has led to his main areas of publications concentrating on small hospitality and tourism firm entrepreneurs, including female micro-entrepreneurs, enterprises, including social enterprises, tourism destination networks and networking, advanced qualitative research methods, hospitality and space and vicarious mobility.