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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

**Bachelor of Science (B Sc.)** - Majoring in Geography and Botany from The University of Tasmania, completed in June 1998.

**B Sc. Honours 1A (Upper First Class)** - School of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Tasmania, completed in November 2000.

**PhD in progress**, School of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Tasmania. Topic: integrating knowledges of climate variability in managing the semi-arid rangelands of eastern Australia.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Leith, P. B. (2004a). Climatic Place: a socio-cultural geography of climatic risk. 13th Biennial Rangelands Conference, Alice Springs, Australian Rangelands Society.

Leith, P. B. (2004b). Influences of Climate Perception on Land Management Decisions in Western New South Wales and Queensland. Land, Water and Wool Climate Variability Sub-Program, Project: UTA13. Canberra, Land and Water Australia

Leith, P. B. (2006) Conversations about Climate: seasonal variability and graziers' decisions in the eastern rangelands. Hobart, University of Tasmania. web version available: [http://www.utas.edu.au/ruralcommunities/graziers\\_climate/](http://www.utas.edu.au/ruralcommunities/graziers_climate/)

**EMPLOYMENT**

***Consultant***

***Managing Climate Variability Program (MCVP); and, Land, Water and Wool Climate Variability Program (LWW).***

During my doctoral candidature I have been contracted by MCVP and LWW on a number of occasions: to present a seminar at the MCVP National forum in Adelaide (April, 2006); to produce the booklet *Conversations about Climate* (see above) ((August-October, 2005); and as secretary of the LWW Climate Variability Review Panel (April, 2005).

***Research Assistant***

University of Tasmania, 11/2001 - 11/2002, casual.  
Climate data analysis.

***English Teacher***

Taiwan, 1/2001-6/2001, Full-time.  
Taught all ages from beginners to advanced.

***Practical Supervisor/ Tutor***

University of Tasmania, 1/2000 - 6/2000, casual.

Taught first-year university students in climate and other geography practicals.

**Researcher**

Tasmanian Conservation Trust, 6/1996-10/1996, casual work.

Researched and compiled threatened species information sheets through personal communication with scientists.

**Research assistant**

University of Tasmania, 1/1996 - 7/1996, part-time.

**COMMUNITY / ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Secretary* (2004-present), Cygnet Community Children's Centre, management committee of community run long day childcare centre

*President* (2002), Huon Folk Inc. *Executive committee member* (1997-1999). Committee organises Cygnet Folk Festival

*Steering Committee Member* (2000), Tasmanian Community Environment Park (TCEP). Assisted to develop business plan and project proposal for TCEP.

*Committee member* (1997-1998), Cygnet Community Arts Council. Assisted in development of community arts programs.

**OTHER INTERESTS/ TRAVEL EXPERIENCE**

I live on a small property in south eastern Tasmania with my wife and two small children. We are developing an organic garden, orchard, and small livestock production.

I have traveled in Africa, Europe and Asia, and particularly Australia.