

# Mary Butler

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## Experience

### Academic Appointments

Professor of Occupational Therapy, University of Adelaide	2021-present
Professor, Otago Polytechnic	2018-2020
Principal Lecturer, Otago Polytechnic	2015-2018
Senior Lecturer, Otago Polytechnic	2011-2015
Clinical Tutor, School of Medicine, University of Otago	2009-2015
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, University of Otago	2008-2011
Lecturer, Occupational Therapy, University of Otago	1995-2003

## Education

### Degrees

Graduate Diploma in Tertiary Education Otago Polytechnic	2013
Doctor of Philosophy University of Otago	2008
Master of Arts (Anthropology) University of Otago	2000
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) University of Edinburgh	1990
Bachelor of Arts (Archaeology/Folklore) University College Dublin	1984

## Memberships

Organising Committee	2018
Program Approvals Committee	2018-present
Ethics B Committee at the School of Occupational Therapy	2018-present
Scientific Committee member of the 8th Mobilities Symposium, School of Physiotherapy	2017
Research and Postgraduate Committee	2017-present
Internal Evaluation Team	2017-present
Ethics Committee	2016-present
Staff Subcommittee	2016-present

## Professional Activity

### Awards and Achievements

Staff award for Excellence in Research and Enterprise	2017
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### Boards

Occupational Therapy Board of New Zealand	2020-present
Vision Impairment Charitable Trust Aotearoa	2017-present

### Editorial Boards

Editorial in Scope (Health and Wellbeing)	2018-2020
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### Reviews, Assessments, Editorials and Advice

Reviewer	2020
Reviewer	2016
Reviewer	2015-2017
Reviewer	2015

## Publications

- Hale, L., Mayland, E., Jenkins, M., Buttery, Y., Norris, P., Butler, M., . . . Bowers, B. J. (2020). Constructing Normalcy in Dementia Care: Carers' Perceptions of Their Roles and the Supports They Need. *Gerontologist*, 60(5), 905-915. doi:[10.1093/geront/gnz151](https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnz151)
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- Niimi, M., Butler, M., Drummond, S., Ogbuehi, K., & Parker, K. (2020). Designing Together: "Vision 2020: Co-Design Project". *Scope: Contemporary Research Topics (Health and Wellbeing 5)*. doi:[10.34074/scop.3005011](https://doi.org/10.34074/scop.3005011)
- John, R. V., & Butler, M. (2020). Family-Centred Practice in a Rehabilitation Setting. *Scope: Contemporary Research Topics (Health and Wellbeing 5)*, 94-97. doi:[10.34074/scop.3005013](https://doi.org/10.34074/scop.3005013)
- Hope, J., & Butler, M. (2020). Moral Courage in Bicultural Contexts: The Need for Cultural Sensitivity in Practice. *Scope: Contemporary Research Topics (Health and Wellbeing 5)*, 98-102. doi:[10.34074/scop.3005014](https://doi.org/10.34074/scop.3005014)
- Baigent, A., Wilson, L., & Butler, M. (2019). Reflective photography: An intervention to enable occupational therapists to explore spirituality. *New Zealand Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 66(3), 11-14.
- McMullan, K., & Butler, M. (2019). Self-regulation when using a mobility scooter: The experiences of older adults with visual impairments. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 82(8), 512-521. doi:[10.1177/0308022619853528](https://doi.org/10.1177/0308022619853528)
- Hale, L. A., Jenkins, M. L., Mayland, B., Buttery, Y., Norris, P., Butler, M., . . . Kayes, N. (2019). Living with dementia: The felt worth of support workers. *Ageing and Society*, 41(7), 1-21. doi:[10.1017/S0144686X19001636](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0144686X19001636)
- McMullan, K. S., & Butler, M. (2019). Low vision and mobility scooters: the experiences of individuals with low vision who use mobility scooters. *Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology*, 14(6), 574-580. doi:[10.1080/17483107.2018.1470685](https://doi.org/10.1080/17483107.2018.1470685)
- Helm, J., & Butler, M. (2019). 'Going the Extra Mile' for Clients in a Rural Community: Reflection on an Ethical Issue Faced on Fieldwork Placement. *Scope: Contemporary Research Topics (Health and Wellbeing 4)*, 6 pages. doi:[10.34074/scop.3004023](https://doi.org/10.34074/scop.3004023)
- Butler, M., McMullan, K., & Ryan, S. E. (2019). Lighting Prescriptions for Low Vision. *Journal of Housing For the Elderly*, 33(2), 189-203. doi:[10.1080/02763893.2018.1534175](https://doi.org/10.1080/02763893.2018.1534175)
- Butler, M. (2019). Social innovation to improve children's vision.. *Scope: Contemporary Research Topics (Learning and Teaching 8)*, 8, 6 pages. doi:[10.34074/scop.4008018](https://doi.org/10.34074/scop.4008018)
- Priest, R., & Butler, M. (2018). Occupational Therapy and Evidenced-Based Supported Employment in Mental Health and Addictions: Showing the way or getting in the way?. *Scope (Health & Wellbeing)*, 3, 3 (Occupation), 145-152.
- Murphy, T., Butler, M., & Kidd, J. (2018). Losing something of value: An exploration of risk in discharge planning with older people. *New Zealand Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 65(2), 13-19. Retrieved from <https://search.informit.org/doi/10.3316/informit.982565230928462>
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- Butler, M., & Derrett, S. (2017). Social capital and the political economy of recovery from injury. *International Journal of Innovative Research in Medical Science*, 2(10), 1438-1447. doi:[10.23958/ijirms/vol02-i10/14](https://doi.org/10.23958/ijirms/vol02-i10/14).
- Butler, M., Jones, F., & Ryan, S. E. (2017). Professional cultures: New Zealand occupational therapists experience of an international internship. *Scope (Health and Wellbeing)*, 2, 102-113. Retrieved from <https://www.thescopes.org/>
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## Masters Completions (year of graduation)

### Primary supervisor

1. (2020) Heidi Cathcart: Engaging with Poverty: A New Zealand Occupational Therapy Perspective. <https://www.op.ac.nz/industry-and-research/research/postgraduate-studies/opres-theses/occupational-therapy/cathcart/>
2. (2020) Mark Esteves: The Perspectives of NASC service coordinators on the use of self assessment. <https://www.op.ac.nz/industry-and-research/research/postgraduate-studies/opres-theses/occupational-therapy/esteves/>
3. (2020) Rebecca Priest: Understanding the implementation of individual placement and support from Māori perspectives. <https://www.op.ac.nz/industry-and-research/research/postgraduate-studies/opres-theses/occupational-therapy/>
4. (2020) Nadja Armitage: Current perceptions of occupational therapy: Does occupational Therapy have an image problem? <https://www.op.ac.nz/industry-and-research/research/postgraduate-studies/opres-theses/occupational-therapy/armitage/>
5. (2019) Keri McMullan: Self regulation, low vision and the use of mobility scooters. <https://www.op.ac.nz/industry-and-research/research/postgraduate-studies/opres-theses/occupational-therapy/mcmullan/>
6. (2019) Janeen Richardson: "Occupational Therapy in Primary Palliative Care: Understanding the here and now"
7. (2018) Deidre Laban: Social Media and mental health: a narrative literature review. <https://www.op.ac.nz/industry-and-research/research/postgraduate-studies/opres-theses/occupational-therapy/lablan/>
8. (2017) Elizabeth Eden: "Choosing to care, or was it Hobson's choice?"
9. (2016) Carlie Foster: Foster, C., & Butler, M. (2017). "Occupational Therapists Understanding of Autonomy for People with Dementia. International Journal of Innovative Research in Medical Science, 02(12), 1583–1590. <https://doi.org/10.23958/ijirms/vol02-i12/05>
10. (2016) Tracy Murphy: Murphy, T., Butler, M., & Kidd, J., (2018) Losing Something of Value: An Exploration of Risk in Discharge Planning With Older People, New Zealand Journal of Occupational Therapy, Vol. 65, No.2, Oct, 13-18

11. (2015) Evelien Hollestelle: Butler, M. and Hollestelle, E. (2017) Visual Impairment following Acquired Brain Injury: A survey of Occupational Therapy Practice in New Zealand. *New Zealand Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 64(2), 32-38.

Second supervisor:

1. (2020) Louise Roberts: "What matters to me? (Photovoice and longterm mental health service users)"
2. (2017) Annie Baigent: Baigent, A., Wilson, L., & Butler, M., (2019), Reflective photography: an intervention to enable occupational therapists to explore spirituality, *New Zealand Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 66(3), pp 11-14.
3. (2016) James Sunderland: The Taieri Blokes shed: an ethnographic study.  
<https://www.op.ac.nz/industry-and-research/research/postgraduate-studies/opres-theses/occupational-therapy/sunderland/>