

CURRICULUM VITAE
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Qualifications

2005 PhD School of Letters, Art and Media, University of Sydney
1992 BA, Hons Class 1 and University Medal. School of Letters, Art and Media, University of Sydney

Current Appointment

2020- Associate Professor, Design Studies, School of Design, Faculty of Design
Architecture and Building, University of Technology, Sydney

Honorary Appointments

2020- Institute Associate, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University
2020- Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Communication Arts, Western Sydney University

Awards

2017 Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning
2012 NSW Green Globe Award for Environmental Innovation (as part of
‘Transitioning to Sustainable Sanitation Futures’ research team)
1998-2001 Australian Postgraduate Research Award

Selected Funded Research Projects

2021 - 2023 Investigating Innovative Waste Economies: redrawing the Circular Economy. ARC Discovery Grant. \$309,001.00. Co-investigators Professor Gay Hawkins, Dr Stephen Healy, Dr Ruth Lane.

2021 Western Sydney Circular Economy Precinct Project. UTS Design Innovation Research Centre (DIRC). \$27,000 (NSW Circular). Research Team: Abby Mellick Lopes (lead), Kiran Kashyap, Domenic Svejkar, Tasman Munro.

Circular Economy Community Hubs. Project conducted and report prepared by the UTS Design Innovation Research Centre (DIRC). \$39,501 (NSW Circular). Research Team: Abby Mellick Lopes (lead), Kiran Kashyap, Domenic Svejkar, Lauren Smith, Cameron Tonkinwise.

2019 Closing the Loop on Waste: Community Engagement, Cultural Diversity and Shared Responsibilities in Waste Management in Canterbury-Bankstown. Funded by Western Sydney and City of Canterbury Bankstown through the Smart Cities Federal Grant \$60,000. Co-investigators Professor Paul James, Professor Juan Salazar.

2018 Cooling Common Spaces in Densifying Urban Environments. Institute for Culture and Society, (CI1). Research team: Katherine Gibson, Louise Crabtree,

Stephen Healy; Emma Power; Cameron Tonkinwise (UTS); Helen Armstrong (QUT). External funding of \$29,004.36 (Landcom).

- 2017 Understanding the Drivers of Public Trust in Sydney Water and Investigating and Trialing Education, Marketing and Customer Engagement Strategies to Enhance It. Institute for Culture and Society, (CI 2). Research team: Prof. Gay Hawkins, Dr Zoë Sofoulis, Dr Ben Dibley. External funding of \$99,133 (Sydney Water).
- 2016 Cooling the Commons Pilot Research Project. Funded by Institute for Culture and Society (ICS) at \$3000. Research Team: Dr Abby Mellick Lopes (Design), Prof. Katherine Gibson (ICS), Dr Louise Crabtree (ICS), Prof. Helen Armstrong (QUT).

Selected Publications

Book Chapters

Mellick Lopes, A. & Healy, S. (2021). Cultivating the Habits of Coolth. In (eds) Hawkins, G. & Bennett, T. *Assembling and Governing Habits*. Routledge.

Cohen, H., Gill, A., Mellick Lopes, A., Hatfield, M., Allen, J., and Sidoti, F. (2021).

In Rockwell, G., Miya, C., & Rossier, O. *Right Research: Modelling Sustainable Research Practices in the Anthropocene*. Open Book Publishers. Print ISBN:9781783749621

Fam, D. Mellick Lopes A., & Mitchell C., (2021), Transdisciplinary learning within tertiary institutions: a space to skin your knees, In (eds) Fam D. & O'Rourke M., *Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary 'Failures' as Lessons Learned – A Cautionary Tale*, Routledge, UK

Mellick Lopes, A. Crabtree-Hayes, L. (2021). A conversation about the weather.

In Hamilton, J., Reid, S., van Gelder, P., & Neimanis, A. *Feminist, Queer, Anticolonial Propositions for Hacking the Anthropocene*. Open Humanities Press. Print ISBN: 978-1-78542-066-5

Fam, D., Mellick Lopes, A., Crosby, A., Ross, K. (2019), [The Transdisciplinary Living Lab Model \(TDLL\)](#) In: Leal Filho W. et al. (eds) *Universities as Living Labs for Sustainable Development Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals*, Springer International.

Crosby A, Fam D, Mellick Lopes A. (2018). Transdisciplinarity and the 'Living Lab Model': food waste management as a site for collaborative learning in *Transdisciplinary Theory, Practice and Education: The Art of Collaborative Research and Collective Learning*, Fam, D., Neuhauser, L., Gibbs, P., Switzerland: Springer International Publishing, pp 117-131

Mellick Lopes, A. and Zettel, T. (2017). Making Time: Food Preservation and Ontological Design in *Food Democracy* (Vodeb, O. Ed.) Memefest/ Intellect Books.

Williams, J., Fam, D., and Mellick Lopes, A. (2017). Creating Knowledge: visual communications design research in transdisciplinary projects in *Transdisciplinary Research and Practice for Sustainability Outcomes*. (Fam, D., Palmer, J. Riedy, C., and Mitchell, C. Eds) New York and London: Routledge.

Refereed Journal Articles

Mellick Lopes, A., Healy, S., Power, E., Crabtree, L., and Gibson, K. (2019). Infrastructures of care: opening up 'home' as commons in a hot city. *Human Ecology Review*, vol.24, no.2. Australian National University Press.

Mellick Lopes, A. (2017). Ontological Design as an Ecological Practice. *Arena Journal*, no. 47/48, pp. 172-191.

Gill, A., Mellick Lopes, A. and Kaye-Smith, H. (2016). Practicing sustainability: illuminating 'use' in wearing clothes. *Cultural Studies Review*, vol. 22, no. 1, pp. 32-58.

Fam, D. and Mellick Lopes, A. (2015). Designing for System Change: Innovation, Practice and Everyday Water, *ACME: an international e-journal for critical geographies*, vol. 14, no. 3, pp. 735-750.

Mellick Lopes, A., Gill, A., and Fam, D. (2015). Design and social practice theory: A promising dialogue for sustainable living (Editorial), *Journal of Design Research*, vol. 13, no. 3, pp. 237-247.

Mellick Lopes, A. and Gill, A. (2015). Reorienting sustainable design: practice theory and aspirational conceptions of use, *Journal of Design Research* vol. 13, no. 3, pp. 248-264.

Fam, D. and Mellick Lopes, A. (2015). Toilet practices and system change: lessons from a transdisciplinary research project, *Journal of Design Research* vol. 13, no. 3, pp. 307-322.

Mellick Lopes, A., Fam, D and Williams, J. (2012). Designing Sustainable Sanitation: involving design in innovative, transdisciplinary research. *Design Studies* vol 33, issue 3, pp 298-317.

Gill, A. and Mellick Lopes, A. (2011). On Wearing: a critical framework for valuing design's 'already made'. *Design and Culture* vol. 3 issue 3 pp 307-328.

Edited Journals

Special Issue of *Journal of Design Research* (vol. 13, no. 3, 2015). Design and social practice theory: A promising dialogue for sustainable living. Edited by Abby Mellick Lopes, Alison Gill and Dena Fam.

Special Issue of *Global Media Journal* (vol. 9, no. 2, 2015). Initiating Change by Design. Edited by Abby Mellick Lopes and Alison Gill.

Research Reports

Design Innovation Research Centre 2021 (Team: Abby Mellick Lopes (lead), Kiran Kashyap, Domenic Svejkar, Lauren Smith, Cameron Tonkinwise) *Circular Economy Community Hubs: a prototype process for place-based citizen co-creation* (prepared for NSW Circular).

Mellick Lopes, A., Arora V., Healy, S., Power, E., Armstrong, H., Crabtree, L., Gibson, K., and Tonkinwise, C. (2020). *Cooling Common Spaces in Densifying Urban Environments: A Review of Best Practice and Guide for Western Sydney Renewal*. Sydney: Western Sydney University (prepared for Landcom).

James, P., Mellick Lopes, A., Martín-Valdéz, S., Partoredjo, S. Salazar, J. and Zhong, F. (2019). *Closing the Loop on Waste: Community Engagement, Cultural Diversity and Shared Responsibilities in Waste Management in Canterbury-Bankstown*. Sydney: Western Sydney University (prepared for City of Canterbury Bankstown).

Mellick Lopes, A., Sofoulis, Z., Yu, Y., Wakefield-Rann, R. (2017). *Exploring the Practices of Mandarin-speaking Water Drinkers*. Sydney: Western Sydney University (prepared for Sydney Water Corporation).

Mellick Lopes, A., Gibson, K., Crabtree, L., Armstrong, H. (2016). *Cooling the Commons Pilot Research Report*. Sydney: Western Sydney University. Available online: https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/1161470/cooling-the-commons-report.pdf

Recent Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

2021:

‘Cooling the Commons’ (with Helen Armstrong) Parks and Leisure NSW/ACT *Heating Up : how research, policy and practice will make a difference* Holroyd Function Centre
Dec 2

‘Drawing/Redrawing Economies: Waste and the Appeal of Circularity’ online Workshop
Designed and Facilitated by Kiran Kashyap, Domenic Svejkar, Stephen Healy, Abby Mellick
Lopes *Community Economies Research Network Liviana Conference* Nov 11

‘Cooling the Commons’ *Ventilating the Future: Symposium on the Politics of Air Inside and Out* Convened by Stephen Healy, ICS. November 3 & 4

‘Tree patterns: A commons-based design approach to just urban futures’ (with Cameron Tonkinwise) at *Institute for Australian Geographers and NZ Geographical Society Combined Conference*, University of Sydney, July 6-9.

2020:

Short Paper Track Chair, *ServDes.2020* Conference. RMIT University.

‘Cooling the Commons: commoning infrastructures in Western Sydney’. *Common Infrastructure*. The Geographical Society of NSW, University of Sydney. Feb 19-20.

‘Unmaking Unsustainability (means remaking design)’ as part of the Unmaking Unsustainability panel at *Beyond Business as Usual Conference*. Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University Jan 23.