

Professor Joy Cumming

Assessment

Professor Joy Cumming leads the Assessment, Evaluation and Student Learning research area in ILSTE at ACU. Joy has been involved in educational research for 40 years, including state and federally funded research projects and contributing to national and state policies. Her core research priority is educational assessment. Her research also focuses on equity and social justice in assessment, including work in education law that examines the impact of educational policy and legislation in assessment and accountability on students. Prior to commencing at ACU in 2013, Joy was employed in a number of roles including Professor in the Faculty of Education and Dean of Griffith Graduate Research School during her 25 years with Griffith University.

Research interests

- Assessment
- Evaluation
- Education accountability
- Accountability and equity in education
- Longitudinal analyses of student achievement
- Education assessment and law

Competitive grants and projects

2019-2021 Australian Research Council, Linkage Grant: L. Adie, C. Wyatt-Smith, S. Humphry, J. Cumming, D. Andrich, C. DeLuca, T Gallagher. *Improving teacher assessment using exemplars and online moderation.*

2019-2020 Education Horizons Grant, Queensland Government: M. Haynes, J. Cumming, M. Spallek, Y-S Hwang. *Factors that impact on long term achievement and retention for students with autism spectrum disorder in Queensland Government schools: Evidence from administrative data.*

2018 Queensland Government grant: J. Cumming, C. Wyatt-Smith, L. Adie, G. Maxwell, B. Lingard, & M. Haynes, &. Queensland NAPLAN Review

2015-2018 Australian Research Council, Discovery Grant: Cumming, J., Wyatt Smith, C., Dickson, E., Webster, A., Harris, K., & Graham, S., *Effective teacher-based assessment adjustments for students with disability.*

2011-2013 Australian Research Council, Discovery Grant: Cumming, J., & Wyatt-Smith, C., *An investigation of school and teacher use of National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for student learning improvement.*

2006 Victoria Department of Education and Training: Wyatt-Smith, C., & Cumming, J., *Literacy teaching and learning in Victorian schools.*

2006 Victoria Department of Education and Training: Czislowksi-McKenna, A. T., Cumming, J., Wyatt-Smith, C., & Elkins, J., *Literacy teaching and learning in Victorian schools*.

2005 Office of Higher Education, Queensland: Zimitat, C., Broughton, S., Ramsay, S., & Buckridge, M., *School-to-higher education transitions in Queensland*.

2004-2006 Queensland Studies Authority: Cumming, J., Wyatt-Smith, C., & Elkins, J. Teacher judgment: *Building an evidentiary base for quality literacy and numeracy education*.

Research consultancy projects

2016 Craigslea State High School. Cumming, J., Adie, L. & van der Kleij, F., *Teachers' Professional Agency*.

2014 Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority: Cumming, J., & van der Kleij, F., *Evaluation of the Guideline for Individual Learning & Assessment: Guideline for Individual Learning*.

2014 Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority: Cumming, J., & van der Kleij, F., *Evaluation of the Trial on the Guideline for Individual Learning and Preliminary Consideration of Assessment Issues for Year 11 and 12 students eligible for the Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement*.

2014 National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (Ireland): Cumming, J., Looney, A., & van der Kleij, F., *Teacher Assessment Identity Instrument*.

2005 Emeritus Professor P. Meade and Tertiary Education Commission (NZ): *Commissioned literature review on tertiary teaching and learning indicator research, Literature review to support the design of the New Zealand Learner Opinion Survey*.

2005-2006 DETYA: *Consultant, National Child Literacy Research Project Coordinator* (outsourced DETYA personnel supervised through Griffith University).

Video resources

[Examining educational progress of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian school students from Year 3 to Year 5 in Queensland NAPLAN outcomes](#)

Professor Joy Cummings Curriculum Vitae

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