# Curriculum Vitae

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| **Associate Professor Melanie Porter**  ***Forensic and Clinical Neuropsychologist***  BPsych *Macq*, MClinNeuropsych *Macq*, PhD *Macq*, MAPS, CCN, CFP, AFCC | | | |
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

* Registered Psychologist, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
* Endorsed Clinical Neuropsychologist, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
* Endorsed Clinical Supervisor, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
* Member, Australian Psychological Society
* Member, College of Clinical Neuropsychologists
* Member, College of Forensic Psychology
* Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Court

EDUCATION HISTORY

2000-2004 Combined PhD and Master of Clinical Neuropsychology Macquarie University

1996-1999 Bachelor of Psychology (Honours, Class 1) Macquarie University

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2020 **Consultant** **Forensic and Clinical Neuropsychologist, LSC Psychology** Clinical consultation, evidence-based assessment, diagnosis and intervention, medico-legal reports and single expert reports (for civil and criminal law proceedings, including family law) and expert reports for the Department of Immigration.

2008 to present **Associate Professor (Continuing), Psychology Department, Macquarie University**

Postgraduate professional training and mentorship, lead an international, trans-disciplinary program of research, research and clinical supervision, teaching in the fields of child development, paediatric neuropsychology, neuropsychological assessment, rehabilitation and intervention, conference organisation and presentations/run professional training workshops, contribute to the collegial life of the University, editorial roles for various scientific journals, publish in peer review scientific journals, grant writing, assisting in the development of clinical, educational and medical practice guidelines in child disability, numerous scientific and clinical advisory roles, academic service and administration, community engagement.

2005 to present **Consultant Forensic and Clinical Neuropsychologist, LifeSpan Neuropsychology**

Clinical consultation, evidence-based assessment, diagnosis and intervention, medico-legal reports and single expert reports (for civil and criminal law proceedings, including family law) and expert reports for the Department of Immigration.

2006-2007 **Part-time Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science, Macquarie University and the Brain Injury Unit, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead**

Leading a large, multi-disciplinary clinical research team, data collection, data analysis, publication.

2004-2008 **Clinical Neuropsychologist, Rehabilitation/Brain Injury Unit and Child Development Unit, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead**

Clinical assessment, diagnosis and rehabilitation, working within a multi-disciplinary health team, liaison with education and health professionals, administration.

2003-2007 **Casual Lecturer, Psychology Department, Macquarie University**

Prepared and deliver lectures for a third year Neuropsychology unit (PSY321), set exam questions, marking, chair two postgraduate (4th and 5th year) units and provided lectures on these units - Recovery and Rehabilitation (PSYN813) and Developmental Neuropsychology (PSYN808)

2000-2003 **Academic Tutor, Psychology Department, Macquarie University**

Tutored on the undergraduate units Design and Statistics - II (PSY222), Psycholinguistics (LING120) and Neuropsychology (PSY321), prepared and delivered tutorials, marking

1999-2001 **Casual Research Assistant for Dr Ken Cheng, Prof. Max Coltheart and Dr Jo Ziegler,** **Psychology Department and Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science, Macquarie University**

Data collection and analysis, literature reviews, assistance with grant and manuscript writing.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

**Melanie has 1, 263 citations for her work, and has published in high impact journals. She has published 1 book, 3 book chapters and over 50 peer review journal articles.**

### books

* Porter, M.A. (2008). *Cognitive and social skills in neurodevelopmental disorders: An examination of Williams syndrome, Down syndrome and autism.* Germany: VDM Publishing.

### book chapters

* Porter, M.A. (2013). Williams syndrome. In B. Auday, M. Buratovich, G. Marrocco & P. Moglia (Ed.), *Magill’s Medical Guide* (7th ed., pp. 2385-2387). New York: Salem Press Inc.
* Riby, D.M., & Porter, M. (2010). Williams syndrome. In J. Holmes (Ed.), *Advances in Child Development and Behavior: Developmental Disorders and Interventions* (pp. 163-209). Oxford, UK: Elsevier.
* Porter, M.A. (2009). Social functioning in Down syndrome: A neuropsychological perspective. In Jelinek, D. & Dvorak, G. (Eds.), *Handbook of Down syndrome research* (pp. 123-157). New York: Nova Science Publishers, Inc.

### SELECT journal articles

* Camm, S., Porter, M., Brooks, A., Boulton, K., & Campos Veloso, G. (In Press). Cognitive interventions for children with acquired brain injury: A systematic review. *Neuropsychological Rehabilitation*.
* Gibson, L. & Porter, M.A. (In Press). Drinking or smoking while breastfeeding and later cognition in children. *Paediatrics*. 142 (2) e20174266.
* Gould, K., Porter, M., Lyneham, H., & Hudson, J. (2018). Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for children with anxiety and comorbid Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*. [doi:10.1016/j.jaac.2018.03.021](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jaac.2018.03.021)
* Berry, J., Martin, D., Wallace, K., Miller, A., Wearn, T. & Porter, M. (2017). A holistic neuropsychological approach to cognitive remediation for a community-based mixed psychiatric sample. *SM Journal of Psychiatry and Mental Health*, 2, 1010.
* McSwiggan, S., Meares, S., & Porter, M. (2016). Decision-making capacity evaluation in adult guardianship: A systematic review. *International Psychogeriatrics*, 28(3), 373-384.
* Payne, J., Porter, M., Pride, N., & North, K.N. (2016). Theory of mind in children with Neurofibromatosis Type 1. *Neuropsychology*, 30(4), 439-448. [doi:10.1037/neu0000262](http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/neu0000262)
* Lee , R.S., Hermens, D.F., Scott, J., Redoblado-Hodge, M.A., Naismith, S.L., Lagopoulos, J., Griffiths, K.R., Porter, M.A., & Hickie, I. (2014). A meta-analysis of neuropsychological functioning in first-episode bipolar disorders. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*, 57, 1-11. [doi:10.1016/j.jpsychires.2014.06.019](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jpsychires.2014.06.019)
* Payne, J., Pickering, T., North, K., Prelog, K., Oates, E. & Porter, M.A. (2014). Longitudinal assessment of cognition and T2-hyperintensities in NF1: An 18-year study. *American Journal of Medical Genetics*, 164(3), 661-665. [doi:10.1002/ajmg.a.36338](http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/ajmg.a.36338)
* Lee , R.S.C., Hermens, D.F., Redoblado-Hodge, M.A., Naismith, S.L., Porter, M.A., Kaur, M., White D., Scott, E.M., & Hickie, I.B. (2013). Neuropsychological and socio-occupational functioning in young psychiatric outpatients: A longitudinal investigation. *PLoS ONE*, 8(3), e58176. [doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0058176](http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0058176)
* Lee , R.S.C., Redoblado-Hodge, M.A., Naismith, S.L., Hermens, D.F., Porter, M.A., & Hickie, I.B. (2013). Cognitive remediation improves memory and psychosocial functioning in first-episode psychiatric outpatients. *Psychological Medicine*, 43, 1161-1173. [doi:10.1017/S0033291712002127](http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0033291712002127)
* Lee , R.S.C., Hermens, D.F., Porter, M.A., & Redoblado-Hodge, M.A. (2012). A meta-analysis of cognitive deficits in first-episode Major Depressive Disorder. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 140(2), 113-124.
* Moore, D., Porter, M.A., Kohnen, S., & Castles, A. (2012). Detecting different types of reading difficulties: A comparison of tests. *Australasian Journal of Special Education*, 36(2), 112-133. [doi: 10.1017/jse.2012.11](http://dx.doi.org/%2010.1017/jse.2012.11)
* Porter, M., Dobson-Stone, C., Kwok, J., Schofield, P., Beckett, W., & Tassabehji, M. (2012). A role for transcription factor GTF2IRD2 in executive function in Williams-Beuren syndrome. *PLoS One*, 7(10), e47457. [doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0047457](http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0047457)
* Dodd, H.F., & Porter, M.A. (2011). Interpretation of ambiguous situations: evidence for a dissociation between social and physical threat in Williams syndrome. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 41(30), 266-274. [doi:10.1007/s10803-010-1048-1](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10803-010-1048-1)

SELECT CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

**Melanie has presented at conferences, professional training workshops and has been invited speaker and keynote speaker. She has over 65 presentations to date nationally and internationally.**

### SELECT PRESENTATIONS

* Porter, M.A. (2019, August). *Neuropsychological Intervention in ADHD. Paediatric Neuropsychology Research Group Conference, Sydney.*
* Porter, M.A. (2019, January). *Self Care for Carers.* Workshop presented at theNew Zealand WS Association Conference/Camp, Christchurch, New Zealand.
* Porter, M.A. (2019, January). Anxiety in WS. Workshop presented New Zealand WS Association Conference/Camp, Christchurch, New Zealand.
* Porter, M.A., Marsh, P., Boulton, K., Williams, T., & Reeve, J. (2018, July). *Longitudinal tracking of social abilities and a social intervention for a woman with Williams syndrome who later developed co-morbid Schizophrenia.* WFNR-SIG conference, Praque, Czech Repuplic.
* Kohnen, S., Porter, M.A. et al. (2018, February/March). *Development of a dyscaculia test battery based on cognitive models of number processing.* Centre of Atypical Neurodevelopment Numeracy Workshop, Sydney, Australia.
* Porter, M.A. (2018, July). *Psychological assessment: when to refer and what to expect back. And the current status of brain training therapies.* ADHD Professionals Association conference, Sydney.
* Boulton, K., & Porter, M.A. (2017, April). Social Behaviour in Autism and Williams syndrome: A Top-Down Perspective. Centre for Autism Research Excellence (CARE) meeting, Boston, USA.
* Gould, K., Porter, M.A., Lyneham, H. & Hudson, J. (2017, July). *CBT for Anxious Children with Comorbid ADHD: Outcomes from a large combined sample.* WFNR, Cape Town, South Africa
* Andersson, E., & Porter, M. (2017). *Exploring intra-individual differences in a paediatric typically developing cohort: How much variation is normal?*  Australasian Conference of Undergraduate Research, Adelaide, Australia.
* Boulton, K., & Porter, M. (2016, August). *Social Approach and Avoidance Behaviours: A Comparison between Williams syndrome and Social Anxiety Disorder.* International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities World Congress, Melbourne, Australia.
* Afshar, S., Porter, M.A., Barton, B., & Stormon, M. (2016). *Time Spent Waiting for Liver Transplantation Predicts Long-Term Cognitive Outcomes in Children with End-Stage Liver Disease.* Presentation at Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Boston, USA.
* Porter, M., Byrne, A., Campbell, L., Mathieson, N., & Boulton, K. (2016, August). *Social, Psychological and Behavioural Functioning in Williams syndrome, Down syndrome and Velo-Cardio-facial syndrome: A Cross-syndrome and Individual Difference Approach.* International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities World Congress, Melbourne, Australia.
* Reeve, J. L., & Porter, M. A. (2016, August). *Developmental, Adaptive, Social and Behavioural Functioning*
* Reeve, J. L., & Porter, M. A. (2016, July). *Neuropsychological Functioning in Preschool Children with Williams Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder: A longitudinal Study.* Presentation at Newcastle University for the North Eastern Autism Research Group.
* Berry, J. & Porter, M. (2015, November). *Neuropsychological Intervention: Could you be doing more for your patients?* Workshop conducted at the 21st Annual Conference APS College of Clinical Neuropsychologists, Shoal Bay.
* Honan, I., Hutchinson, D., Porter, M., & Richard, M. (2015, July). *The Bayley Scales III: A performance comparison of Australian 12 month-old children with the United States normative sample.* Poster session presented at the 5th Pacific Rim Conference of the International Neuropsychology Society (INS) and the 38th Annual Brain Impairment Conference of the Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI), Sydney.
* Berry, J., & Porter, M.A. (2014, September). *Practical aspects of conducting and evaluating neuropsychological intervention.*  Workshop at the Neuropsychology Case Rounds, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney.
* Ross, S., Sangster, J., Hodge, A., Porter, M., & Chambers, M. (2012, November). *Attention difficulties in children and adolescents with a history of maltreatment.* Poster session presented at the College of Clinical Neuropsychology conference, Launceston, Tasmania.
* Porter, M., Freeth, M., Hanley, M., & Riby, D. (2011, April). *Attention to social information in Autism and Williams syndrome.* Symposium conducted at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
* Porter, M.A. (2010, November). *Emotion Recognition in Down syndrome and Williams syndrome. The Association of Psychologists in Developmental Disability Services.* Paper presented at the Psychology Annual Conference, Parramatta, Sydney.
* Dodd, H.F., & Porter, M.A. (2009, December). *Williams syndrome: An unusual profile of Anxiety.* Poster session presented at the The British Psychological Society Division of Clinical Psychology Annual Conference, London, UK.
* Porter, M. & Kohnen, S. (2009, July). *Can spelling intervention improve the learning of new words in a child with phonological dysgraphia?* Paper presented at the 5th Australian Cognitive Neuropsychology and Cognitive Neuropsychiatry Research Forum, Sydney, Australia.
* Dodd, H.F., & Porter, M.A. (2009, March). *Williams syndrome: An unusual profile of anxiety?* Poster session presented at the Anxiety Disorders Association of America Conference 29th Annual Conference, New Mexico, USA.
* Benson, S., & Porter, M.A. (2008, October). *Social enhancement training in paediatric Traumatic Brain Injury.* Presentation given at the NSW BIRP Forum, Forster, Australia.
* Van Deb Berg, S., Barton, B., & Porter, M.A. (2008, September). *The Mathematical Profile of Children with Velocardiofacial Syndrome (VCFS).* Presentation given at the British Psychological Society Conference, Southampton, UK.
* Porter, M.A. (2007, July). *Social Functioning in Children Following Traumatic Brain Injury.*Presentation given at the 11th Brain Injury Research Forum: Friendships and Brain Injury, Sydney.
* Porter, M.A., Peterson, C., Ruffman, T., & DeRosnay, M. (2007, July). *Where do we go from here? The future of social cognition research with young children and atypical populations.* Presentation given at the Australasian Human Development Conference, Sydney.
* Porter, M.A., & Coltheart, M. (2006, March). *A cognitive neuropsychological model of social processing.* Paper presented at the Inaugural Conference of the Developmental Cognitive Neuropsychology Research Unit, Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney.