Seminar:

Professor David Mitchell

*Equalising Educational Opportunity, with Particular Reference to Decile Funding*

10.00 a.m., Friday 8 May, Wheki 103

This presentation will examine the following topics: (1) the relationship between SES and educational achievement, (2) disadvantages experienced by children from low SES families, (3) economic arguments for improving the educational achievement of low SES students, (4) theories of distributive justice, (5) interactions between SES, gender and ethnicity, (6) system-level accommodations, especially funding, (7) school-level accommodations, and (8) classroom–level accommodations.

David Mitchell is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Canterbury. He has over 200 publications, mainly in the fields of special and inclusive education. He has held visiting professorships in several countries and has presented lectures, workshops and consultancies in 48 countries. His most recent books are *Contextualizing Inclusive Education* (2005), *What Really Works in Special and Inclusive Education, Second edition* (2014), and *Crises, Conflict and Disability: Ensuring Equality* (2014) all published by Routledge. He is currently working on a book, *Diversities in education: Effective ways to reach all learners* (Routledge). He recently completed a review for the New Zealand Ministry of Education, entitled *Equalising Educational Opportunity: Improving the Achievement of Learners from Low Socio-economic Backgrounds*. His presentation will draw upon this review.

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