

Dr Yvette Dickinson – Silviculture Scientist, Scion (Forest Research Institute), Rotorua, NZ

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Dr Yvette Dickinson is hosted by Professor Euan Mason of the School of Forestry this semester. Yvette's area of expertise is silviculture, the growing and cultivation of forests, and she is looking forward to co-teaching FORE307 Plantation Silviculture with Professor Euan Mason during her visits to UC.

She is passionate about the sustainable management of all our forest resources, including our native forests and exotic plantations; and, her research applies forest ecology knowledge to managing forests for a wide variety of values, including aesthetics, wildlife habitat and biodiversity, mitigating fire hazard, conservation, and timber production. She is currently a Silvicultural Scientist for Scion (Forest Research Institute) in Rotorua, having returned from overseas last year.

Yvette is a UC alumna, having graduated from UC with a BForSc (Hons) (2004), and a MSc Environmental Science (2009). After graduating, Yvette worked for the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as a Forestry Officer for a short period of time before heading overseas to earn a PhD in Forest Resources (2011) from Penn State University in the USA. She worked for several years in the United States before returning to New Zealand, teaching on the faculty at Colorado State University and earning tenure at Michigan Technological University. She brings with her experience and knowledge of managing forests across North America.

"It is great to be back on campus, and have the opportunity to give back to my *alma mater*. As a student I greatly appreciated the fresh perspectives that the Erskine Fellows shared, and I hope that I can do the same."