



VERACITY LAB

TO EXPLORE, PROMOTE AND SUPPORT A HIGH INTEGRITY NATIONAL DIGITAL FUTURE

Veracity Symposium Programme

Wednesday 5 June 2024

1:00pm - Arrival tea/coffee

Location: Ground Floor, Rutherford House

1:30pm - Welcome Address

Location: Lecture Theatre RHLT2

1:45pm - Keynote: Veracity Philosophy

Speaker: Professor Markus Luczak-Roesch, Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington

Location: Lecture Theatre RHLT2

1:57pm - Keynote: Mātauranga Māori

Speaker: Associate Professor Maui Hudson, University of Waikato

Location: Lecture Theatre RHLT2

(Iwi affiliations: Whakatōhea, Ngāruahine, and Te Māhurehure)

2:09pm - Keynote: Veracity Research

Speaker: Professor Matthias Galster, University of Canterbury

Location: Lecture Theatre RHLT2

2:21pm - Keynote: Veracity Impact 1

Speaker: Tim Packer, RUSH Digital

Location: Lecture Theatre RHLT2

2:31pm - Keynote: Veracity Impact 2

Speaker: Doug Dixon, Catalyst Cloud

Location: Lecture Theatre RHLT2

2:41pm - Veracity Research and Technology Lightning Talks

Speakers: Veracity Researchers

Location: Lecture Theatre RHLT2

3:00pm - Poster Session and Afternoon Tea

Location: Ground Floor, Rutherford House



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3:45pm - Parallel Sessions

1. **National Data Infrastructure Consortium**
Location: RHLT2
2. **Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR) Hackathon**
Location: RHMZ 02
3. **Veracity Research and Technology**
Location: RHMZ 01

5.00pm - Parallel Session Feedback

Location: Lecture Theatre RHLT2

5:15pm - Closing Remarks

Location: Lecture Theatre RHLT2

5:20pm - Networking Drinks and Refreshments

Location: Ground Floor, Rutherford House



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Speaker Biographies:

- **Kelly Blincoe**
Associate Professor, University of Auckland
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- **Daniel Britten**
Research Assistant, University of Auckland
Daniel Britten is currently a Research Assistant as a part of Veracity Lab, working closely with Professor Steve Reeves. Daniel has recently completed his PhD at the University of Waikato on the formal verification of blockchain smart contracts.
- **Stephen Cranefield**
Professor, University of Otago
(Link to full academic profile [here](#))
- **Faith Culas**
PhD candidate, University of Auckland
Faith Culas is a PhD student at the University of Auckland. She works as a research assistant with Judith Perera for the veracity project on "Veracity Requirements Technical Debt".
- **Hazel Darney**
PhD candidate, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington
Hazel Darney is a PhD candidate from Victoria University of Wellington, funded under the Veracity Project. Her PhD research focuses on understanding the way people disagree with and contest AI decisions, taking an interdisciplinary approach to understand and apply knowledge in areas such as human disagreement, decision-making, and interactions with computers and AI.
- **Jens Dietrich**
Associate Professor, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington
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Jens is an Associate Professor at the VUW School of Engineering and



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Computer Science with research interests in program analysis and software security, often working closely with Oracle Labs.

- **Doug Dixon**
Catalyst Cloud
Doug is a seasoned technology leader and the former CEO of Catalyst Cloud. He is a passionate advocate for Aotearoa New Zealand's sovereignty, resilience, and prosperity.
- **David Eyers**
Professor, University of Otago
(Link to full academic profile [here](#))
David Eyers is a Professor in Computer Science at the University of Otago. He has broad research interests, with relevant topics for the Veracity Symposium including security and interoperation within distributed systems and cloud computing.
- **Matthias Galster**
Professor, University of Canterbury
(Link to full academic profile [here](#))
- **Brendan Hoare**
Associate Director Veracity Lab, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington
Managing Director, Buy Pure New Zealand
Brendan holds governance and leadership roles nationally and internationally with the ability to interface governance and senior management decisions with proven capability to operate across multi-sided customer platforms to service private, public, research, government and non-government sectors delivering transformational change.
- **Maui Hudson**
Associate Professor, University of Waikato
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- **Markus Luczak-Roesch**
Professor, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington
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- **Tim Miller**

Senior Lecturer, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington

As an industrial designer, Tim's research explores advances in digital technologies, digital manufacture, 3D/4D printing/Additive Manufacture and socio-human aspects and communication design in relationship to veracity.

- **Natalia Ortega**

Research Assistant, University of Auckland

Natalia is a research assistant at the University of Auckland. She works as a research assistant with Judith Perera for the veracity project on "Veracity Requirements Technical Debt".

- **Tim Packer**

RUSH Digital

Tim is the Wellington GM and Direct of Emerging Technologies for RUSH. His happy place is tackling chunky societal challenges with innovative approaches and technology solutions that better serve humankind. He is also an Organic Olive Farmer, Permaculture Practitioner and Community Gardener.

- **Judith Perera**

PhD candidate, University of Auckland

Judith Perera is a PhD candidate at the University of Auckland. She works for the Veracity project as a Research Assistant and currently is one of the co-leads of the Rangatahi bolt-on project (RBOP). Her research for this project includes the initial work for the Organic Use Case, current work for the RBOP on "Veracity Requirements Debt" and the collaboration with Ernestynne Walsh for Cultural Veracity.

- **Ethan Sheaf-Morrison**

Master's student, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington

- **Ernestynne Walsh**

Māori Data Service Lead, Nicholson Consulting

Iwi affiliations: Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui

- **Tim White**

Senior Research Software Engineer, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington



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Tim White is a Senior Research Software Engineer helping with the design and implementation of software projects at the Veracity Spearhead.