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Biography

Prashan Karunaratne is an inspirational and innovative teacher and researcher of economics and business analytics at Macquarie University. His enthusiasm for teaching economics, and passion for improving student outcomes, have inspired and engaged students for more than a decade. He nurtures students to develop a desire to engage in the field of economics and business analytics, and is a firm believer that the learning journey benefits both teachers and students. Inspiring students to want to learn – by emphasising the 'why' of learning, and empowering students to navigate their own learning journey – by focusing on the 'how', creates valuable experiences in his classroom and beyond. This highlights the 'wow' moments that students will remember in years to come.

Prashan's PhD is in the field of Learning & Teaching as well as Economics, which is a nexus between the scholarship of discovery and teaching. His research has been well received by peers where his findings have been widely read and cited, and he has presented at premier conferences in his field both in Australia and overseas. The findings of his research have not only informed his own teaching practice, but he has also integrated his scholarship of discovery and teaching into several aspects of the university sector, as well as applied his scholarship of discovery and teaching beyond the university sector.

Over the years, Prashan has integrated his expertise with every faculty of Macquarie University, including Macquarie University International College and the English Language Centre, to create outcomes which have had lasting and measurable impacts. He has also had the opportunity to integrate his expertise with other arms of the university where he is heavily involved with Future Students initiatives as well as Macquarie University's various media channels.

Prashan is recognised as an inspirational and innovative teacher of economics and business analytics where his enthusiasm for teaching and passion for improving student outcomes have inspired and engaged tens of thousands of students for more than a decade. He successfully utilises large lecture theatres as a crucible to develop a culture of active learning that nurtures students to develop a desire to engage in their studies.

Prashan has taken his scholarship beyond Macquarie University to reach and equip both students and teachers. He has empowered teachers across Australia and overseas via numerous keynote workshops that he has run.

Through Prashan's involvement in Widening Participation, he has reached and equipped students in regional and remote Australia. He also lead projects which enhance the educational outcomes of equity students.

Prashan's expertise in all facets of scholarship have been recognised by numerous awards at the faculty, university, national, and global level. Prashan is also called upon by industry and government bodies to apply his expertise to answer the challenging questions of our times.

Employment

Lecturer (Teaching & Leadership)

Lecturer
Department of Actuarial Studies and Business Analytics
Macquarie University
19 Apr 2019 → present

Research outputs

Transforming the economics curriculum by integrating threshold concepts

Karunaratne, P., 13 Jul 2016, *ACE 2016 Annual Conference*. The Economic Society of Australia, 21 p.

Transforming the economics curriculum by integrating threshold concepts

Karunaratne, P. S. M., Breyer, Y. A. & Wood, L. N., 13 Jun 2016, In : *Education and Training*. 58, 5, p. 492-509 18 p.

An Import demand function for the Australian economy using vector autoregression techniques

Karunaratne, P., 2012, In : *Expo 2012 Higher Degree Research : book of abstracts*. p. 48 1 p.

Microeconomic policy

Karunaratne, P., 2011, In : *Ecode*. 25, 2, p. 6-8 3 p.

Prizes

Australian Awards for University Teaching - Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Students Learning
Prashan Karunaratne (Recipient), 2019

Macquarie Business School Educational Leader Award
Prashan Karunaratne (Recipient), 22 Aug 2019

Macquarie Business School Teaching Excellence Award
Prashan Karunaratne (Recipient), 22 Aug 2019

Macquarie University Vice-Chancellor's Award for Programs that Enhance Learning
Yvonne Breyer (Team leader), Timothy Keighley (Recipient), Philip Goody (Recipient), Prashan Karunaratne (Recipient) & Nathan Sollars (Recipient), 31 Oct 2018

Macquarie University Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence
Prashan Karunaratne (Recipient), 1 Nov 2017

Outstanding Educator Award for Transformation
Prashan Karunaratne (Recipient), 19 Apr 2018

Student-led Award for Excellence in Teaching
Prashan Karunaratne (Recipient), 1 Nov 2017

Impacts

Transformation Learners' Lives on a Global Scale: Excel Skills for Business
Yvonne Breyer (Participant), Prashan Karunaratne (Participant), Timothy Keighley (Participant), Leonie Tickle (Participant), Philip Goody (Participant)