

Associate Professor Claire Davies - Queen's University, Canada

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Associate Professor Claire Davies is hosted by Dr Deborah Munro in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in semester 2, 2021. Claire's area of expertise is: biomedical, biomechanics, human factors, universal design, co-design, interdisciplinary teaching and design.

Where have you come from and what do you teach?

I have come from Queen's University in Kingston where I have been for the past six years after being a senior lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Auckland from 2009-2015. I am a kiwi citizen (as well as South African, British, and Canadian) which has allowed my family to travel

What interested you in the Erskine Programme/Why did you want to come to UC?

I learned about the Erskine Program about twenty years ago while visiting Canterbury the first time. Unbeknownst to me until I arrived, there was a colleague who had been visiting on an Erskine at the time. The opportunity to return to New Zealand especially during the pandemic was a big draw. I have a son at the University of Auckland, so it was good to be close, but not too close (except that since lockdown, he has been here with us – more time than we would have expected).

What have you been doing at UC?

At UofC, the design project in my third-year class is linked to the Christchurch Heart Institute. Our