

## Thomas Bennett from the University of Cambridge, UK: Semester 1 2019

**Where have you come from, and what do you teach?**

*I am a Royal Society University Research Fellow, based in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy, in the University of Cambridge. There, I lead a group of around 10 PhD students and Post-Doctoral Rese SocReri-loup opd P entg 08(sidk.0(e)1(t,)6.3( bas)1(nw -16.3344 TD [T\*12.ibas)1(nw.3(n)11.68(oun)-*  
*15 hours of the week spent holding face-to-face and group meetings with members of my fantastic team back In the UK, I've met numerous students in the broad area of physical sciences here, and discussed some fascinating research taking place. My door is always open and I'm enjoying not only teaching, but also learning from students.*

**What have you most enjoyed about your time here at UC/Christchurch?**



*Outside of academia, I am an extremely keen trumper – most weekends you will find my partner, Helena, and I walking on a mountainside, wading in a river, or in backcountry hut with a packet of squiggles, playing cards and meeting other trampers! I've been to New Zealand several times before, though personal favourites this time around have been the Greenstone Caples track, Salisbury Lodge in the Kahurangi and the Mount Somers circuit. Evidently, working and living in Christchurch is very different to spending a few weeks in the backcountry, and I am really enjoying learning much more about Kiwi culture whilst here.*