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Jasmine Croll is a Graduate Researcher in the Department of Languages and Cultures. Her Screen Studies PhD thesis focuses on the slow cinema of contemporary female directors. The body, place and liminality are key elements in her research.



My name is Jen Ginsberg and my mantra is: We never stop learning! I've spent the last four years here at La Trobe doing exactly that. In 2022 I graduated in Social Inquiry, presenting a Masters' thesis applying sociologist Norbert Elias' theories to The Flight and Return of the Danish Jews, 1943-1945. It's a topic of life-long interest due to my Danish heritage. Now I am doing my PhD, focusing on the differences and similarities between second and third generation Holocaust descendants in Melbourne, with reference to the intergenerational transmission of trauma, and issues of identity and belonging. In a Three-Phase Creative Interview Process, I am conducting and recording an individual audio interview, followed by a focused reflective time and concluding with a portrait session. This approach is resulting in many deeply reflective conversations.



My name is María Paula Hernández Ruiz. I am a Colombian Anthropologist and hold a master's in development studies with a specialisation in gender and development. I have worked in a broad range of topics, such as food sovereignty and food chains in Latin America; violence and peacebuilding in Colombia; art for peace interventions; water infrastructures and food practices in Australia. I am a current PhD candidate in Anthropology at La Trobe, researching about the social life of statistics within the development industry.



Qixiu Tian is a Graduate Researcher in Australian literature. Her project situates different genres of texts, including fiction, poetry, drama, and short stories in the light of Australian decolonizing contemporary writing to determine how the particularized nature of these works confronts and renegotiates Sino-Australia relations from 1980s onwards



Loredana Giarrusso is a PhD Candidate at Latrobe University, Bundoora in the School of History. Loredana has a legal background and her research interests include Australian Indigenous policy and political history, colonial history, constitutional reform, treaties and comparative studies of Indigenous affairs of New Zealand and Canada.