



## SBL PROFESSORIAL RESEARCH TALK

### “A tale of Two Cities’: The transformative effect of education and its impact on economic growth.

The SBL Professorial Research Talks are organised by SBL Research Office for our Professors to share their research insights with the School, the University, and the broader community. It also provides an ideal platform to promote SBL’s research capacity.

In each one-hour talk, there will be a presentation by one of our Professors, followed by an interactive discussion. Attendees will have the opportunity to network and engage with our Professors over refreshments.

On this occasion, we feature one of our Professorial Research Fellows, Associate Professor Margaret Giles.

**When: Friday, 22 June 2018**

**Where: JO.34.545 & 546**

**Time: 13:00 - 14:00**

To register and obtain your free admission pass for this event, please log on to the Eventbrite website:

<https://sblproftalk15.eventbrite.com.au>

I warmly invite you to join us for an exciting and sociable gathering.

*Associate Professor Hadrian Djajadikerta  
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Private rates of return to education are usually positive and social rates of return to education are always positive. Importantly, education can contribute to economic growth in two ways - by increasing the size of the labour force and by improving labour productivity. Much has been written about how education improves labour productivity and therefore economic growth. Little has been written about how education can influence the size of the workforce other than in relation to female labour force participation. So how can we increase the size of the workforce? One way is to identify working-age people who are not in the labour force. Groups of working-age people who could be encouraged into the labour market via re-training and training are migrants with restricted visas, refugees without work permits, and ex-offenders/ex-prisoners. This talk will provide a snapshot of returns to investment in education when the delivery of education occurs inside adult prisons.

Margaret is a lecturer and researcher in the School of Business and Law at Edith Cowan University. She is an early adopter of meta-regression analysis (MRA) and a co-author of the highly cited 2013 paper on guidelines for the conduct and reporting of MRA. Margaret’s research includes the contribution of correctional education to improved post-release labour market outcomes for ex-prisoners. Margaret has had prior teaching and research positions in public and private tertiary institutions in Western Australia and research, policy and planning positions in the Federal and State Governments and the not-for-profit sector. Since receiving her PhD from The University of Western Australia in 2003, Margaret has been the recipient of six nationally competitive grants and several community, University, Faculty and School grants. She publishes in peer-reviewed economics, education, criminology and health journals, produces reports to stakeholders and funding bodies, writes submissions to parliamentary enquiries, and produces media content on economics matters.