

# BRAHM MARJADI



- 1. What does being CALD at WSU mean to you?** Being CALD at WSU means strength. CALD staff represent the CALD roots of the region which the University stands for, and without CALD staff the University ceases to be relevant. CALD staff in leadership positions ensures a critical stance to decolonise higher education for our hyper-diverse communities.
- 2. What is the ethnicity/cultural background you identify with?** I am a proud fourth-generation Chinese-Indonesian who grew up steeped in the Javanese culture.
- 3. What is the School/Institute you belong to at WSU?** School of Medicine

# NEHA DEO

- 1. What does being CALD at WSU mean to you?** At a CALD institution, such as Western, there is not only a sense of belonging and kinship, but I have realised what an asset our diversity can be. I feel privileged to have colleagues and to teach students who better shape my perspective and understanding of the world and help me appreciate the richness of the fabric of our society.
- 2. What is the ethnicity/cultural background you identify with?** Fijian Indian
- 3. What is the School/Institute you belong to at WSU?** School of Business



# LISA WONG



- 1. What does being CALD at WSU mean to you?** I am proud to be a CALD staff member at WSU. Coming from one of the ancient civilisations, it's my pleasure to share my culture and its virtues with all the staff and students at WSU.
- 2. What is the ethnicity/cultural background you identify with?** – Hong Kong Chinese (Chinese in different countries have their own unique culture and we are not quite the same e.g. Chinese in Taiwan are different from Chinese in Singapore, China or Hong Kong).
- 3. What is the School/Institute you belong to at WSU?** - School of Nursing and Midwifery

# MARIA CHARALAMBOUS

**1. What does being CALD at WSU mean to you?** Being CALD at WSU means that I can with the needs of first-generation CALD students and ways of being which may be different to mainstream cultural norms as a starting point. Ideally, I would like to see WSU harness the strength and diversity of its rich CALD network to inform practice.

**2. What is the ethnicity/cultural background you identify with?** I have a Greek-Cypriot background

**3. What is the School/Institute you belong to at WSU?** The College.



# JONATHAN NG



**1. What does being CALD at WSU mean to you?** My hope is that being CALD at WSU means feeling supported and welcome, not just to share my culture and understand others better, but also to continue exploring my ways of being while preserving cultural values and meanings passed down to me by my grandparents. Through sharing my favourite childhood foods with my colleagues, I have found opportunities to learn about shared histories and traditions, and ways for us to keep them alive in a constantly-changing world.

**2. What is the ethnicity/cultural background you identify with?** I identify as Chinese (ethnically) Singaporean (culturally and where I was born).

**3. What is the School/Institute you belong to at WSU?** I'm with the Transforming early Education and Child Health Research Centre or *TeEACH* within WSU.

# DIANA KARAMACOSKA

**1. What does being CALD at WSU mean to you?** What being CALD at WSU means to you: Being culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) at WSU means sharing and embracing the uniqueness of our traditions, values, histories, challenges, and strengths. My team, and our work with CALD communities, lives and breathes by these principles.

**2. What is the ethnicity/cultural background you identify with?:** Macedonian

**3. What is the School/Institute you belong to at WSU?** NICM HRI

