

THE MERGA CAREER RESEARCH MEDAL

It is with great pleasure that the Mathematics Education Research Group of Australasia hereby announces the awarding of the MERGA Career Research Medal to Dr Gilah Leder, Professor Emerita, La Trobe University, and Adjunct Professor Monash University, Melbourne, in recognition of her outstanding and extensive career researching gender issues, affect, exceptionality, and the interaction between teaching, learning and assessment of mathematics.

Prof Leder's career exhibits sustained and distinguished achievement in mathematics education research programs since the 1970s. The majority of her theoretical and experimental work has focused on gender issues, resulting from her concern with girls' access to, and performance in, mathematics as well as higher education. A strength of this work has been its focus on methodology, where her expertise in analysis has been applied in the very difficult area of scientifically measuring affective factors. Her outstanding record of high quality publications, competitive research grants, and supervision of research students represents a significant contribution. This research has brought international esteem to Australia and was recognised by the International Commission for Mathematics Instruction in awarding Prof Leder the 2009 Felix Klein Medal for sustained and outstanding contribution to mathematics education. Throughout her professional life Professor Leder's research and research leadership have had a sustained and significant impact both in Australia and internationally on mathematics education research, mathematics teaching, curriculum and policy, the development of novice researchers and supervisors, and women and girls' participation in mathematics and mathematics education. The mathematics education of young women and the opportunities now available to them owe much to her research endeavours. Prof Leder's career demonstrates an outstanding record of quality scholarship. She has published widely in international journals (both articles and editing of special issues), research handbooks, professional, scholarly, and research books and numerous conference proceedings all over the world. Professor Leder was an inaugural member and helped compile the first MERGA conference proceedings. She has been a strong advocate for MERGA ever since. She served as both Treasurer and our first female president. She was responsible for, or oversaw, many of our current structures such as the VP portfolios, our merger with MELA, incorporation, and the beginning of *MTED*. She has served on the editorial board of *MERJ* as well as contributed chapters to MERGA books and several articles for MERGA journals.

Professor Gilah Leder is an eminently worthy recipient of the MERGA Career Research Medal in 2013.