

#Academic resume of failures

"Generally it is our failures that civilise us. Triumph confirms us in our habits".

Clive James. 1980. *Unreliable Memoirs*. Picador. p65

on these resumes, see:

<http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/science/articles/10.1038/nj7322-467a>

"...keep trying in the face of disappointment" <http://www.theguardian.com/education/2016/apr/30/cv-of-failures-princeton-professor-publishes-resume-of-his-career-lows>

<https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1391-we-re-all-failures?cid=VTEVPMSED1>

Simon Batterbury

Professor of Political Ecology, Lancaster University, UK (2017->)

Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, University of Melbourne (2004-2016)

Actual cv, with successes, is at www.simonbatterbury.net

Education

1981 Achieved grade "E", lowest pass, for high school A-level in Geography in the UK, and thus denied entry to all chosen university courses in Geography. (Attended a crammer college in London and retook the exam with considerably more success!)

Failed job interviews

2013 Chair, Technology and International Development, Wageningen University, Netherlands (interviewed)

1999 Assistant Professor of Geography, Syracuse University (interviewed)

1999 Assistant Professor of Geography, McGill University, Canada (interviewed)

1998 Assistant Professor of Geography, University of Minnesota (interviewed)

1998 Assistant Professor of Geography, University of Kentucky (interviewed)

1996 Friends Provident/Joanna Lumley Research Fellowship, Green College, University of Oxford (interviewed by Joanna Lumley!)

1996 Plymouth University – lecturer in human geography (interviewed)

1991 Bristol City Council, planning researcher (arrived for interview on the wrong day!)

1990 temporary lecturer in geography, Coventry University (interviewed, one other candidate was also rejected and is now a Professor as well)

1990 Research assistant, AIR group, Geography, Birmingham University (interviewed)

1990 Tutor, University of Aberdeen, Scotland (interviewed)

1981 Store assistant, Marks and Spencer's, Eltham, London (retail career over. Ended up on the shop floor of a factory instead)

And probably a few without interviews, which I have forgotten

Grant applications - failed

2017 xxxx xxxx Simon Batterbury *Peri-urban land under pressure in Mali: Constructing a learning platform for influencing policy and practice* c£300,000. ESRC/DfID Unsuccessful after 2 rounds of shortlisting, some comments received

2016 xxxx 8 CIs incl. Simon Batterbury *Testing the commercial and economic viability and technical feasibility of bioenergy solutions in Sub-Saharan Africa*. £500,000. DfID Bioenergy. Unsuccessful

2014 Simon Batterbury, xxxx. *Building urban sustainability through bicycle cooperatives*. MSSSI Special Seed funding, University of Melbourne. A\$5,000. Unsuccessful, no comments received

2012 xxxx, Simon Batterbury, xxxx, xxxx, xxxx, xxxx. Sept 2012. *Adaptive Water Governance for Local Communities in Southern Africa*. ADRAS scheme, AusAid, A\$945,000. Unsuccessful, no comments received

2012 Oxfam America, lead PI Sept 2012. *Implications of Mining, Watershed and Agricultural land overlays for poverty reduction in National Economic Development Planning*. ADRAS scheme, AusAid, A\$840,600. Unsuccessful, no comments received

2012 xxxx, xxxx, xxxx, xxxx, Simon Batterbury. Sept 2012. *Identifying Pathways to Climate Change Adaptation in Natural Resource Management: Working together across Australia's Monsoonal North*. Natural Resource Management (NRM) Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Research Grants Program, Australian Government, A\$1,000,000. Unsuccessful, no comments received

2011 Simon Batterbury with xxxx UQ, xxxx, Oxford, xxxx Reading University, xxxx, CDU. *Systematic engagement for assessing and improving climate change adaptation*. NCCARF Social and Institutional Dimensions. Climate Change Adaptation Research Grants Program A\$961,550. Unsuccessful concept note, no comments received

2011 Simon Batterbury. 2011. *Social Transformation in mining regions – a comparison study between New Caledonia and the Pilbara region in Western Australia*. MSSSI, Univ of Melbourne. A\$37, 058. Unsuccessful, no comments received

2011 Simon Batterbury. Successful pro-bicycle urban policy initiatives– an international comparison. MSLE ACG development grant scheme 2011-2012. A\$13,000. Unsuccessful, no comments received

2010 Simon Batterbury. *Adaptive urban planning for Melbourne; the transferability of bicycle and densification policies from Europe*. NCCARF Climate Change Adaptation Grants research program. A\$50,000 Unsuccessful, no comments received

2007 Jim Falk, PI and many others. “Framework for Australian Climate Change Adaptability and Vulnerability”. Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities (CERF) Significant Projects. A\$1,475,647 Unsuccessful

2007 Batterbury PI, Palmer, Reuter etc. “Livelihoods, land use and the potential for poverty reduction: new legal codes, local government and re-emerging customary institutions in post conflict rural Timor Leste” ARC Discovery proposal A\$300,000. Unsuccessful, some comments received

2006 Batterbury, xxxx, xxxx, xxxx “Livelihoods, land-use and the potential for poverty reduction in the post conflict nation of Timor Leste: rural development and customary institutions” ESRC-DFID proposal, UK A\$513,000 Unsuccessful

2006 Batterbury, xxxx, xxxx etc. ADRAS proposal on East Timor A\$90,000 Unsuccessful, no comments received

2006 Richard Howitt, PI (Macquarie), with Batterbury and 13 other Australian academics. “Integrating Social and Health Impact Assessment into Environmental Decision Systems”. Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities (CERF scheme), DEH, Canberra. A\$2,000,000 (\$250,000 to Melbourne). Unsuccessful

2000 Batterbury. The legacy of success: village land use management and governance in Bam, Burkina Faso. HSBC Holdings Small Research Grant Scheme, Royal Geographical Society £2430 Unsuccessful

1998 Batterbury, Warren. Major EU proposal on land degradation in Niger. European Union. €1m Unsuccessful

1990 PhD funding applications – Lindbergh Foundation, National Science Foundation, Wenner Gren Foundation. Nul points. Nada.

Publications

Rejected

2016 *Economic Geography* – rejected by editor, without reviews. Rejected by *Environment and Planning A*, 3 reviews.

2015 *Journal of Latin American Politics* – rejected by editor, without reviews (published elsewhere)

2015 *Conservation and Society* – rejected twice, after two rounds of reviews

2007 *Higher Education Research and Development* – rejected after reviews (published elsewhere)

One edited book proposal sent to Duke University Press – never heard back. Also sent to University of Arizona Press – no reply

Never finished

One book of short entries on key topics – contract received, but never completed by us

One edited book, massively late

About 20 papers on the computer with over a few paragraphs written, some dating back over a decade, that seemed important at the time.

.....Such is life.....