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My lectures focuses on ice sheet dynamics and I am currently preparing a public talk with the title "Antarctic glaciers on the move". The talk is arranged by The Antarctic Office at the Christchurch City Council.

What have you most enjoyed about your time here at UC/Christchurch?

I really enjoy the atmosphere at Gateway Antarctica, where I am fortunate to have an office with a wonderful view. It is next to Waterways so I am meeting people who are experts on watershed hydrology, which we know only a little bit about in Antarctica where rivers and lakes are deeply buried beneath a thick layer of ice. The interaction with Bryan and Wolfgang and their groups is a highlight and I also enjoy being able to dedicate quite a lot of my time to research and writing papers.

This is my twelfth or thirteenth trip to New Zealand, but the scenery of the South Island is no less impressive as the first time I visited. I am having a great time travelling during weekends with my wife and kids, who are 10 and 8 years old. So far we have enjoyed exploring the Banks Peninsula, West Coast beaches, soaking in hot springs in Hanmer and spotting whales off the coast at Kaikoura. My kids attend Ilam Primary School, which they both enjoy.