



# Lisa Gershwin



**STEM field(s):** Science (biology)

**Born:** Los Angeles, California

**Lives:** Hobart, Tasmania

**Intersectionality:** disability (autism)

- Born in USA, has a PhD in Integrative Biology (University of California, Berkeley).
- Awarded a Fulbright Fellowship.
- In Australia, achieved a second PhD in Marine Biology (James Cook University).
- Was diagnosed with autism (Asperger syndrome) in 2010.
- Developed a system to predict blooms of the Irukandji jellyfish in north Queensland.
- Her book *Stung!* (2013) describes how the marine environment is becoming dominated by jellyfish worldwide.
- Has written articles for *The Conversation* and been interviewed numerous times for information related to jellyfish.
- Was a research scientist with CSIRO for 7 years, discovered over 200 new jellyfish species (and one dolphin) and published 70 scientific research papers.
- Is a board member for Autism Tasmania.



> 'I am a bio-nerd, like you can't even  
> imagine. I am a geek with a capital  
> G. I spend all of my time travelling  
> around discovering new species.'

