



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.’

