

YVONNE McNULTY

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY RESEARCHER, CONSULTANT & PRESENTER

Yvonne McNulty was born in Australia into the unorthodox marriage of a Dutch-immigrant mother and a communist-generation German father on the same birthdate as Sir Laurence Olivier. She inherited her parent's gift for embracing new cultures and making the most of life's opportunities. Her mother's entrepreneurial spirit has enabled Yvonne to create possibilities where few seem to exist. Her father is a landscape gardener and painter who taught Yvonne to see the trees from the forest.

She uses her own life, which in itself has been a journey of extraordinary experiences, to inspire others to think outside the box. Recently she became an expatriate mother and is now raising two third-culture daughters with her Scottish-born husband.

She has lived the life of a lifeline telephone counselor, morse-code transcriber, bareboat sailing skipper, secretary, university student, golfer, Estee Lauder consultant, touch-typist, cellist, travel coordinator, business development director and event organizer, and is currently completing her PhD in International Management at Monash University under the supervision of Professor Helen De Cieri and Associate Professor Kate Hutchings.

She has been to sea on an Australian submarine, starred in an ABC documentary featuring women in the navy, honoured with valedictorian at her university graduation, robbed by thieves in Marseilles, interviewed by the United Nations, helicoptered through the Grand Canyon and 'Jurassic Park', narrowly escaped drowning while rafting the rapids in New Zealand, hot-air ballooned over boxing kangaroos, cycled over the Golden Gate Bridge, welcomed home the troops at Miramar 'Top Gun' Air Station, skied glaciers in France, vacationed with an aboriginal community in the Australian desert, and been to lunch with a cocktail-free Bryan Brown -- none of which is surprising for an Aussie from down-under capable of surviving on a continent known for the 10 deadliest creatures in the world.

For the past seven years Yvonne McNulty has immersed herself in the academic life of the international expatriate community combining her personal, private and professional experience as a trailing spouse on assignment in the USA and Singapore. She is a conference speaker, lecturer, consultant, writer and doctoral researcher committed to investigating the challenges of international mobility, including dual-career expatriation, the trailing spouse, and expatriate return on investment.

Her network includes extensive publication in the international and academic press in Europe, United Kingdom, USA, Australia and New Zealand, and the Asia Pacific region; academic recognition from some of the world's most respected institutions including the world's top management organisation, the US Academy of Management; and a formidable professional presence within the evolving global nomad and "third culture kid" community.

She was awarded "Best Paper Status" in 2004 (top 10% of 2,000 papers submitted) for her first academic paper in the IM Division at the Academy of Management Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana; and awarded "Best Reviewer 2005" (from 656 reviewers) for the IM Division of the US Academy of Management.

Yvonne McNulty is the founder of www.thetrailingspouse.com, is currently on assignment in Singapore with her husband and infant daughters, and lives by the motto that the cure for boredom is curiosity; there is no cure for curiosity.