

Healthy Development Adelaide

A Research & Innovation Cluster in South Australia

Invites you to a HDA Forum on



Translating research within vulnerable populations

Wednesday 20 October 2010

3.30pm – 6.00pm

State Library of South Australia
Institute Building Lecture Theatre
(corner of Kintore Ave and North Tce)

Chair

Dr Janna Morrison

Senior Research Fellow, Sansom Institute for Health Research
University of South Australia

Join us for a HDA Forum on 'translating research within vulnerable populations'. Our speakers will discuss what research issues and ethical considerations they make working within vulnerable populations; what are the challenges and strategies undertaken; and what benefits and outcomes are derived from their research. An ensuing panel discussion will focus on the questions and issues *you* wish to raise.

This is a FREE event, open to researchers, government and health service personnel and which should also prove useful for postgraduate students and early career researchers. All welcome.

Seats limited, RSVP by Friday 15 October (*EMAIL preferable*)

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PROGRAM

- 3.30pm** **Arrival and registration**
- 3.45** **Welcome and introduction**
Dr Janna Morrison
- 3.50** **Professor Graeme Hugo**
ARC Australian Professorial Fellow, Department of Geographical and
Environmental Studies; Director, National Centre for Social
Applications of Geographic Information Systems
University of Adelaide
Researching vulnerable populations – the case of migration
- 4.05** **Dr Andrea Gordon**
Research Fellow, School of Nursing & Midwifery
University of South Australia
**Substance use and pregnancy: the journey of improving outcomes
for mums and bubs**
- 4.20** **Ms Vicki Wilson**
Principal Policy Officer, Aboriginal Education & Employment Services
Department of Education and Children's Services
The impact of research on inclusive policy development in education
- 4.35** **Dr Julie Robinson**
Developmental Psychologist, School of Psychology
Flinders University
**Using research to improve outcomes for child refugees in countries of
asylum and countries of resettlement**
- 4.50** **Q&A Panel Discussion**
- 5.15** **Nibbles & Networking**
- 6.00** **Close**

CHAIR



Dr Janna Morrison currently holds a Heart Foundation and NHMRC Career Development Award (2008-2012) and co-Heads the Early Origins of Adult Health Research Group in the Sansom Institute for Health Research at the University of South Australia. Dr Morrison's research focuses on understanding why small babies have an increased risk of cardiovascular disease in adult life. Dr Morrison is an enthusiastic science communicator who has participated in community programs such as Let's Talk Science, Tall Poppies Campaign and Science meets Parliament.

SPEAKERS



Professor Graeme Hugo is an ARC Australian Professorial Fellow, Professor of the Department of Geographical and Environmental Studies and Director of the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographic Information Systems at the University of Adelaide.

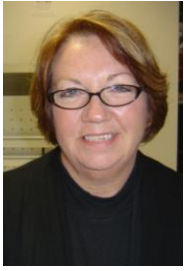
His research interests are in population issues in Australia and South East Asia, especially migration. His books include *Australia's Changing Population* (Oxford University Press), *The Demographic Dimension in Indonesian Development* (with T. H. Hull, V. J. Hull and G. W. Jones, Oxford University Press), *International Migration Statistics: Guidelines for Improving Data Collection Systems* (with A.S. Oberai, H. Zlotnik and R. Bilsborrow, International Labour Office), *Worlds in Motion: Understanding International Migration at Century's End* (with D. S. Massey, J. Arango, A. Kouaouci, A. Pellegrino and J. E. Taylor, Oxford University Press), several of the 1986, 1991 and 1996 census based *Atlas of the Australian People Series* (AGPS), *Australian Immigration: A Survey of the Issues* (with M. Wooden, R. Holton and J. Sloan, AGPS), *New Forms of Urbanisation: Beyond the Urban-Rural Dichotomy* (with A. Champion, Ashgate) and *Australian Census Analytic Program: Australia's Most Recent Immigrants* (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

In 2002, he secured an ARC Federation Fellowship over five years for his research project, "The new paradigm of international migration to and from Australia: dimensions, causes and implications". His recent research has focused on migration and development, environment and migration and migration policy. In 2009, he was awarded an ARC Australian Professorial Fellowship over five years for his research project "Circular migration in Asia, the Pacific and Australia: Empirical, theoretical and policy dimensions".



Dr Andrea Gordon is a pharmacologist who has a strong research interest in the area of substance use and pregnancy, with particular interest in opioid maintenance substitution therapies. Women with substance use issues during pregnancy often do not seek antenatal care due to beliefs associated with attached stigmas. Substance use during pregnancy can cause interruptions to pregnancy as a direct result of substance use, or as a result of maternal withdrawal from substance use. In addition, infant withdrawal from the substance used by the mother during pregnancy can in the most severe cases lead to infant brain damage and death and general infant morbidity causing extended hospital stays posing significant interruptions to mother infant bonding.

This area of clinical research sees Andrea working closely with a challenging, yet highly rewarding population, in an attempt to improve both antenatal care for the mother and unborn child, and also establish better methods to predict, and therefore minimise withdrawal in the exposed infants. Andrea has recently been successful in obtaining a Uni SA Division of Health Science Research Development Grant to undertake research in the area of Genetic Predictors of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.



Ms Vicki Wilson has worked in education organisations since 1985. During that time she has held a variety of positions ranging from school based to leadership positions in regional offices, and more recently in corporate executive. She is an independent learner and has always been interested in learning – her own, her children, the community and others that she has worked with. Her current role in the Department of Education and Children’s Services is Principal Policy Officer with Aboriginal Education and Employment Services. She is currently studying towards a Bachelor of Education. Working with research and data and its subsequent analysis is at the core of her work in developing and implementing high quality policy and plans that progress the implementation of the DECS Plan for Aboriginal Education.

‘The diversity of Aboriginal Australia is often not captured in research and can result in a one size fits all approach to policy development and subsequent operational initiatives in education. The presentation will provide a policy perspective about current research and data analysis in relation to Aboriginal people and communities, and how this information is used to inform education policy direction and operations. Some guidelines for ethical behaviour when conducting research in Aboriginal communities will be explored.’



Dr Julie Robinson is a developmental psychologist in the School of Psychology, Flinders University. For the past 7 years her research has focused on the wellbeing of child and adolescent migrants and refugees. She has been involved in research concerning most stages of the refugee journey: she is involved in on-going research on children’s well-being in a country of first asylum. She is a volunteer trainer with Refuge Egypt, a charity that promotes the welfare of refugees in Cairo, and in collaboration with Refuge Egypt, she continues to conduct research on the well-being of young African and Middle-Eastern refugees and their families who are displaced in Cairo. She has been involved in research on young asylum seekers who were and were not successful in their application for refugee status. One study assessed the well-being of young Vietnamese asylum seekers after their application for refugee status had failed and they had been repatriated to Vietnam from camps in Hong Kong. Another study assessed the wellbeing of former child asylum-seekers from the Middle-East who were successful in their application for refugee status and were resettled in Australia after a period in an Australian immigration detention centre. She is also involved in a series of studies on resettlement of young people who are off-shore humanitarian entrants to Australia. This research is conducted in collaboration with the Department of Education and Children’s Services and focuses on the adaptation of refugee students attending New Arrivals Programs in South Australian schools.