

Celebrating Success

General Practice

Lee A, Lee S, Coles J, Kulkarni J. Primary health care practitioners' screening practices and attitudes towards women survivors of child abuse. *Mental Health in Family Medicine*. 2012;9(3):181-89.

Social Work

Trotter, C. (2013), 'Collaborative Family Work. A Practical Guide to Working with Families in the Human Services'. Allen & Unwin

Congratulations to Laura Rubin who is the winner of the Peter Boss Honours Prize for 2012. This is an annual award to the best overall Honours result.

Physiotherapy

Congratulations to Christian Osadnik, Lecturer (Cardiorespiratory), who was awarded a prestigious Janet Elder International Travel Grant and the COPD prize for the best oral presentation relating to COPD at the recent Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting in Darwin for his research entitled "Positive expiratory pressure therapy does not improve symptoms, quality of life or incidence of exacerbations in individuals with acute exacerbations of COPD – a multicentre randomised controlled trial". In addition, Christian also received the best physiotherapy poster for his research entitled "Positive expiratory pressure does not improve ventilation inhomogeneity in individuals with COPD and chronic sputum expectoration".

Welcome to the April issue of the School of Primary Health Care newsletter. This is a monthly bulletin covering the activities of the School in the community, academia and research.

A few years ago I had the chance to lead a team evaluating primary health care research capacity in Canada. Apart from learning, at first hand, how cold it can be in Edmonton, how wet in Vancouver and how vibrant in Montreal, our team began to understand some of the challenges faced by early career academics. It is not much easier in Australia, especially in the primary health care field. A vanishingly small amount of NHMRC and ARC funding ends up being directed at primary health care questions.

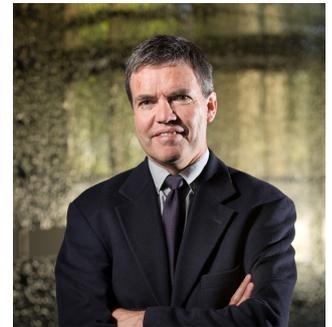
As part of our new strategic plan, and under the guidance of our Education and our Research and Research Degrees Committees, the School is launching a series of opportunities for junior academics. We hope that these will complement the large number of more generic programs that exist in the wider University.

Our first example of this support is the recently announced SPHC Research Seeding Grant Scheme. Other initiatives will be launched over the next 12 months. Some of these will seed new ideas, others will give chances for presentation of work.

The School makes no apologies in prioritising those proposals that act to bring disciplines together - inter-professional innovation is increasingly seen as a way to get around some of the challenges of an increasingly fragmented health care system.

We look forward to seeing the results!

Grant Russell - Head of School



Project Costing and Pricing Model Training

The project costing model, is intended for all research projects including ARC, NH&MRC and Consulting proposals. All projects should be fully costed, in-line with the approach adopted by the University's costing and pricing model. This should be carried out prior to the pricing decision and should not be influenced by expected levels of funding for the proposed work. It is expected all research staff attend training.

Wednesday 22nd May 12:30-1:30pm
Building 1 Room 4, Notting Hill

For further information go to the [Research & Revenue website](#)

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Occupational Therapy

Brown. G. T. Sensory Processing Measure: Preschool (SPM-P). Encyclopedia of autism spectrum disorders. Springer, Berlin. 1-7, 978-1-4419-1697-6, Dr. Fred R. Volkmar, 2013.

Addressing Filicide: Inaugural International Conference for Cross National Dialogue

The international conference being held on 30th & 31st May, Monash Prato Centre, by the combined efforts of Social Work and Criminology, that has grown out of the Social Work/Criminology research in the Victorian Coroner's Court, has attracted papers from 15 countries and 40 speakers.

For further information <http://www.med.monash.edu.au/socialwork/addressing-filicide.html>

Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Student Festival

(Click here for more info)

Monday 6th May
9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Notting Hill

Human Resources

Applications for Academic Promotion open on Monday 6th May & closes Friday 14th June 2013.

Queries in relation to applications for this year, need to be sent to Lyn Broadstock via email Lyn.Broadstock@monash.edu Lyn will either be able to answer the query directly (if it is in relation to policy/process) or will forward the query to the appropriate person/area.

Further information:

[Academic Promotion & Key Dates](#)

Did you know ...

Supervisors of casual and sessional staff can logon to ESS from home and approve weekly time sheets.

Add your mobile phone number to personal information in ESS.

When accessing from home, go to <https://eservices.monash.edu.au/irj/portal> Tick the check box on the initial ESS token access screen and click Send me an SMS token.

The system will then send you a 6-digit number to your mobile. Enter this number into the login screen to obtain ESS access.

ESS is best viewed using Internet Explorer.

Staff Profile

Dr Stephen Maloney - Senior Lecturer, Department of Physiotherapy



I began my physiotherapy career in musculoskeletal physiotherapy, practicing in a range of acute, rehabilitation and community health settings. I worked as a research assistant for the Australasian Cochrane Centre whilst I was completing my Masters in Public Health. I entered academic life in 2006 as a new member of the newly developed Monash Physiotherapy Program. The program quickly proved its relevance and ability to produce highly skilled work ready graduates. I found a particular interest questioning our teaching methods and processes for supporting students' clinical skill

development; a theme that became the focus of my PhD completed in 2012. My efforts to contribute to quality education, and educational research, have been recognised through faculty nomination for the VC teaching excellence award 2012, and receiving Medical Education's Critics Choice Award being presented later in the year at ASME, Edinburgh.

In addition to my teaching role, I coordinate the third year physiotherapy units and enjoy contributing through leadership positions including my role as deputy head of department, and as a member of the SPHC education committee. I enjoy the scholarship of teaching, publishing book chapters and peer reviewed educational research focused on innovative teaching methods, their efficiency, and their effectiveness. The most rewarding aspect of my role is seeing our graduates taking on clinical education roles themselves, and returning as HDR students.

Primary Health Care

Peninsula on Show

On Wednesday the 24th of April the School of Primary Health Care, through the Department of Community Emergency Health and Paramedic Practice (DCEHPP) conducted a showcase event, held in conjunction with the School of Nursing, local CFA and Police.

The Department showcased their new inter-professional simulation laboratory and outdoor trauma area to Monash Facilities and Services and other departments on Peninsula campus.

The inter-professional simulation laboratory is a partnership between the DCEHPP, Department of Physiotherapy and the School of Nursing.

It also provided an opportunity for Paramedic students to demonstrate their skill and talent whilst working alongside emergency services during a test building evacuation plan.

Over the past 12 months DCEHPP has had a number of projects completed to improve the facilities for the students and other departments and Schools. Demonstrating how the Facilities and Services role, supports that of the academics in the provision of education to our students.

The new facilities have improved student experience and learning outcomes. Simulation has become an important feature of health education in a modern education system and one of the most powerful of the active learning pedagogies currently available.

This event also allowed for the testing of a soon to be conducted inter-professional simulation research project on campus. The research will utilise all of these new and existing facilities to examine the benefits of inter-professional simulation.

The Department would like to thank all involved especially the students, as it would not be possible without their cooperation.



Dr Chris Huggins

Coordinator of simulation and clinical skills

Department of Community Emergency Health and Paramedic Practice

Health & Wellbeing

The University offers a number of mindfulness programs to enhance the resilience, performance and wellbeing of students and staff. These include a number of innovative programs such as Mindfulness for Academic Success and the Stress Release Program.

Program and session information is available at

[Monash counselling website](#)



Dean's Award for Excellence

Nominations are now open for the following categories:

- Dean's Award for External Engagement
- Dean's Award for Excellence in Education
- Dean's Award for Excellence in Research
- Dean's Award for Excellence in Administration
- Dean's Award for Excellence in Safety
- Dean's Social Inclusion Award

Closing date for nominations is Friday 3 May 2013.

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/intranet/staff/awards/>

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If you would like to submit an article please email sphcmail@monash.edu.

Content must be submitted in a word document, file attachments in PDF & images in JPG or GIF.