CHASE - Centre for Health through Action on Social Exclusion

Taking Stock, March 2012

In this report we provide:
- summaries of selected CHASE research projects and partnerships;
- an overview of our forward directions;
- a report on research outputs for 2011.

The CHASE vision is working collaboratively with communities, organisations and governments to promote social inclusion and to enhance the health and wellbeing of all, particularly those populations, communities and individuals who experience social exclusion.

The CHASE philosophy is that individuals, communities and populations should be assisted to find their own ways to promote social inclusion and to find their own solutions to exclusion issues. We appreciate that not everyone can or wishes to be included in the “mainstream”. Nevertheless, the health of the so-called “included” and “excluded” can be promoted regardless of their social positioning.

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Introduction

Twice a year we produce a report that gives a brief summary of some of CHASE’s current research activity and our forward directions. This issue also reports on our research outputs for 2011.

Key statistics – research outputs 2011
2 PhDs successfully examined
1 Research based book
6 Research monographs
6 Book chapters
37 Refereed journal articles

For details see pages 5-6 (PhDs) and 11-14 (publications)

CHASE brings together a group of 25 Deakin staff (see pages 14-15), located mainly in the School of Health and Social Development, across both Burwood and Waterfront campuses. The group is multidisciplinary, including: public health; health promotion; health sciences; social work; occupational science and therapy; sociology; anthropology; and disability studies. The group includes established researchers, mid career researchers, early career researchers, and staff undertaking their own higher degree by research studies. As of 1 March 2012 there were 43 higher degree by research students (pages 9-10) whose lead supervisor is on the CHASE staff; the vast majority of these students are part time.

Current CHASE research is funded by ARC, NHMRC, government departments, VicHealth and other external agencies. Selected research studies are described on pages 3 to 6.

One of the major features of the way CHASE works is through the development of partnerships. This report features updates on three of our partnerships (pages 7 to 9). We look forward to developing further partnerships that can support broad programmes of work in the future.

CHASE research

Overview

Our current research is carried out in five different areas:

- Social diversity and improving the health and wellbeing of marginalised/disadvantaged/excluded groups
- Gender, stigma, discrimination and sexuality
- Disability
- Gender, families and reproductive health, including gendered violence and abuse
- Aboriginal health

Work in these areas is necessarily interconnected. Underlying the group’s work in all these areas is an active concern with: the development of mixed methodologies; the application of systems thinking; multidisciplinary approaches; systematic approaches to reviewing and synthesising the research literature; and with issues of knowledge transfer and practice development.

Looking across the range of CHASE research studies, we find:

- a concern with exploring effective policy and practice responses to the diversity of Australian and Victorian populations;
- a concern with undoing discrimination, responding equitably to diversity and promoting and protecting social justice and human rights;
- a particular focus in many studies on key life transitions; and,
- work across all the various stages in the life-course.

Into the future, we will be seeking to develop further work that addresses the above concerns as well as questions of working effectively with social diversity across the life-course.

2012 will also see the completion of a major book manuscript on Practising Social Inclusion, to be
published by Routledge. Conceived as a follow-up to our earlier book on *Theorising Social Exclusion*, the new book will focus on what is known about what works and why in promoting or practising social inclusion in the variety of fields that deal with human health and wellbeing. The book is concerned with research into and/or reflection on the practice of a wide variety of health and social welfare (human services, social care) professionals, as well as community workers, activists, policy makers and researchers. Our earlier book, *Theorising Social Exclusion*, focussed particularly upon the role of social and cultural factors in the creation and recreation of categories of exclusion and inclusion. It addressed how individuals and groups come to be seen as, or experience themselves as, included and/or excluded. This subsequent book, *Practising Social Inclusion*, will move beyond identifying mechanisms and processes of exclusion to provide further answers to the important question of how to actually work towards inclusion, drawing on the research and/or reflective practice that the authors have engaged in.

In this issue of our regular report, we focus on just some of the CHASE research projects underway, and summarise the results of two successfully examined PhDs, by Ndungi wa Mungai and Pete French, both supervised by Professor Bob Pease.

**Social work in faith-based organisations**

This is an exploratory study being undertaken by CHASE member Associate Professor Beth Crisp. Faith-based organizations continue to play a significant role in the provision of social services and are major employers of professional social workers, despite the emergence of the welfare state. However there has been relatively little consideration of the relationship between faith-based agencies and social work in the Australian context. This project is an exploratory study considering the experiences of Australian social workers employed in faith-based organizations. For the purposes of this research, a faith-based organization is a human service agency which is under the auspice of a religious community or organization. It is recognized that programs or services offered by such agencies don't necessarily have any religious content. Interviews are currently in progress and qualified social workers who are interested in participating in this project can contact Beth on 5227 8430 or beth.crisp@deakin.edu.au

**Healing Stories**

The final report from the *Healing Stories* project is now available and can be downloaded from the Deakin Research Online website:


Healing Stories was a participatory project carried out in partnership with community Aboriginal Elders, Deakin University and Wesley Mission Victoria. It gathered stories from Aboriginal
people in north-east Melbourne on their emotional, physical and spiritual experiences of health services, and their use and non-use of services. The project developed over time to include an art stream, in which participants produced a painting or series of paintings and used those to tell their stories.

The idea for Healing Stories came from Aboriginal Elders, working within the local community; and has been developed over five years in a model of partnership and participatory methods. There was a community reference group, consisting of community Elders and researchers, which led the direction of the project and ensured that methods were culturally appropriate and inclusive of marginalised members of the community in which the project took place. Community researchers were trained and employed as interviewers, facilitators and transcribers and have been instrumental in the project’s running and completion.

A good place to raise a family
This project is led by CHASE members Dr Fiona Andrews and Associate Professor Julia Shelley with contributions from Associate Professor Mardie Townsend, Dr Claire Henderson-Wilson and Ms Stephanie Rich.

As previously reported this project aims to identify factors that affect residential location choices, and the quality of experiences of parents raising children in inner versus outer suburbs of Melbourne. The research is being undertaken in collaboration with two project partners, the City of Wyndham and the City of Maribyrnong.

Data collection for stage two of the project which involved surveys and in depth interviews with parents of preschool aged children in the City of Wyndham and City of Maribyrnong is now complete. Surveys were used to determine parents’ social networks, their own and their children’s health as well as their rating of their neighbourhood as a place in which to raise children. In depth interviews explored parents’ ideals for a healthy place to raise a family, their reasons for choosing their own residential location and their experiences of raising their children in their community.

Data analysis has commenced and we hope to have findings to present in a newsletter later on in the year.

As a result of some of the earlier work carried out on this project, Dr Fiona Andrews has recently been invited to join a consortium of researchers led by Professor Louise Johnson, and colleagues from the Faculty of Arts, Deakin University, on a project entitled ‘Foundational principles and approaches to building better suburbs’, funded by the City of Wyndham. This project aims to review existing evidence on the design of suburbs to inform the development of a new suburb in the City of Wyndham.

Childlessness: Is it making women sick?
This program of research is being led by CHASE member Dr Melissa Graham in collaboration with Professor Ann Taket and Associate Professor Julia Shelley. The aim the research program is to explore the physical, mental and social health and wellbeing of childless women during their reproductive years. A range of projects have been completed to date which have focused on childless women’s experiences, reasons for childlessness, health and wellbeing of childless women and representations of childless women in the Australian print media. A number of projects are also currently underway with a particular focus on the social connectedness of childless women.

In 2011, a pilot project was completed which examined health and wellbeing in a sample of childless women in Victoria in comparison to population norms. The pilot study found that childless women experienced poorer social functioning and mental health compared to the adult female population of Australia.

Since findings from the pilot study were published in BMC Women’s Health, there has been substantial media interest in this research, resulting in media releases, radio and newspaper
interviews. The media release has been reported by a range of national and international web-based news services.

We are planning to continue and extend the research program on childless women's health and wellbeing and welcome those interested in this research area to contact us to discuss potential collaborations and partnerships.

Exploring provision for resettlement support

The research project is being carried out by Associate Professor Beth Crisp, Professor Ann Taket, Dr Lisa Hanna and Greer Lamaro in partnership with Diversitat, the Geelong Ethnic Communities Council and migrant resource centre. An initial part of the work has been to interview a sample of 20 health, social support and human service providers working with refugees in the Geelong area. The interviews explored participants' experiences of working with refugees, and the barriers and facilitators they identify to effective service delivery and optimal longer-term resettlement for these groups. With the help of our able research fellow Ashlee Jewson, all interviews have now been completed and we are midway through writing up the results of the analysis.

Before too long, we will be able to distribute a summary of the study's findings to participants, key regional service providers and other key stakeholders (such as local government). Project outcomes will be made available on Deakin and Diversitat websites, and presented at the Deakin Partnerships Forum. This forum aims to showcase current Deakin partnerships with community based organisations and provides a networking opportunity for others to explore potential partnership projects with Deakin and their various partners. Both the research findings and responses to these findings will contribute to the identification of further research questions and the ongoing development of this research program on refugee social inclusion, health and wellbeing.

The Health and Well-being of Sudanese Young Men in Melbourne

Ndungi wa Mungai's PhD, supervised by Professor Bob Pease, was conferred in 2011. In his thesis, he argues that the health and well-being needs of young refugee men living in Melbourne are not adequately addressed by settlement services. The risk is that if services fail to provide appropriate early intervention, greater long-term problems may follow. The services need to have a multi-disciplinary and intersectional approach, as there are multiple issues of concern.

He approached this research by reviewing how the young men were affected by what was happening in their country of origin and the impact of the social environment in Melbourne. He sought solutions to problems identified in Melbourne from the young men themselves, the fathers of young men, and health and welfare service providers in Melbourne. The first objective of the investigation was to identify the factors and issues that affect the health and well-being of young men from Southern Sudan settling in Melbourne. The second objective was to identify some possible ways of addressing those identified issues and make recommendations to service providers and policy makers. There was some anecdotal information before the start of the research that indicated that some young men were experiencing problems that affected their schooling and family relationships. The research was conducted through interviews with the young men and with health and welfare service providers. In addition, focus groups were conducted with young men and with Sudanese fathers with young sons.

The research was guided by the philosophical foundations of Afrocentricity that put the needs of the African people at the centre of analysis and treats African people as subjects, rather than objects. The young men interviewed occupy positions of both privilege and oppression, as most people do. As young men, they can be expected to be in better physical health than older men and less restricted by their parents in the ways they socialise compared to young women. However, there were concerns about psychological health due to their refugee experiences but there is inadequate research on
the extent of the problem. There is a heavy burden of expectation on men arising from their African culture and in Melbourne they face racial discrimination in public places and in accessing essential services such as housing and employment. The young men identified police harassment, negative and biased reporting in the media, discrimination in housing provision and employment as major problems that affected their settlement and well-being.

Living in poverty is one of the problems facing all newly arrived refugees. The Sudanese have suffered even more as many have taken the responsibility to support their family members left behind in Africa. Many Southern Sudanese have also experienced financial hardship after sponsoring the migration of family members. African culture puts a heavy emphasis on the family and if the family is split, settlement is seriously hampered. Many young men are in Australia on their own as they resettled with unrelated sponsors or as ‘unaccompanied minors’. Any settlement program that fails to take this dislocation into account will also fail to address the long term problems of the Southern Sudanese community and individuals.

In this research, it is argued that settlement programs must take into account gender, poverty, dislocation, discrimination, sports and cultural needs. Family conflicts were identified as a problem as the families adjusted into a new cultural environment. Inappropriate intervention by services such as Child Protection was claimed to exacerbate the problem. The fathers in particular argued that the intervention failed to take into consideration some cultural issues and this led to the breakdown of families. Due to the multiplicity of issues involved, the interventions need to take into account the intersection of race, gender, class, age and culture rather than attempting to treat these as independent and unrelated issues. While I have indicated that many young Sudanese men are facing problems, I also acknowledge that there are many others who are doing well in school, employment and in sports. The young men in this research had attained some education in Australia and many were also involved with sports and in providing some welfare services to their community. The research has highlighted the problem areas where attention and action is needed for the Sudanese young men to realise their full potential and enjoy equal rights with other Australians.

Staking a claim: analysing interventionist discourses of men’s family violence

Pete French’s PhD, supervised by Professor Bob Pease, was successfully examined in 2011 and will be conferred in 2012. The thesis presents a critical discourse analysis of the frameworks of behaviour change group-work intervention as a response to the behaviour of men who perpetrate violence and abuse within the family.

Research in this sector has resulted in conflicting intervention strategies and findings. Practitioners are pitted against considerable ambiguities and points of contention, and are aligned and segregated through different vocabularies and articulatory practices. This thesis considers the foundational axioms, nomenclature and rhetorical positioning put forward by advocates of this method of intervention. This includes theoretical understandings of the context of men’s violence and abuse within the family, the claimed ambitions of intervention, the State’s input into regulation of the sector, and the ongoing debate concerning the evaluation and effectiveness of this response to men’s behaviour.

This research presents a critical textual analysis of discourse as well as drawing on empirical data gathered from one-to-one semi-structured interviews with key sector players such as program managers and group facilitators of behaviour change group-work interventions. Theoretically the thesis is informed by a poststructuralist feminist framework in order to analyse the various ways in which agents, in an arena that is ‘redolent with issues of ownership, jockeying for power and competitive debate’, attempt to establish jurisdiction over their expression of authenticity within the sector. This includes a claim to advocacy for social justice based within a feminist analysis, a professional claim to scientific knowledge and expertise, and standards for professional practice.
CHASE Partnerships

Collaborating in research and development in a University-based centre offers mutual advantage. The collaboration itself is important - it breaks down barriers between theory and practice, and encourages positive relationships between health professionals, health consumers, carers, researchers and communities. Specifically, participation in CHASE can provide partners with increased capacity to drive positive social change, through policy development, workforce development and research.

As partners in CHASE, participants are able to contribute to:

- independent commentary and public leadership on key issues, including evidence-based policy advice;
- increasing the skills of the current workforce and supporting recruitment and retention of staff who work within the broad areas relevant to health and social exclusion;
- collaborative research projects utilising a team approach, with the potential for practical and theoretically relevant outcomes useful to all parties;
- publishing and dissemination of research findings in a range of contexts, including conferences, seminars, public forums, reports and journals;
- new research opportunities, priorities and initiatives that are consistent with the needs of the partner organisations and people at risk of social exclusion;
- the development of skills and career opportunities for themselves and others contributing to the work of CHASE; and
- the enhancement of health and social outcomes of people who experience any of the multiple problems associated with social exclusion or who are at risk of doing so.

CHASE members are working with a wide variety of organisations. This report features three of our partnerships, with the Australia GLBTIQ Multicultural Council (AGMC Inc.), the Mental Health Council of Australia and Worawa Aboriginal College.

Report on ‘Courage Unfolds’ screening in Melbourne, VIC on 7 December 2011

On a beautiful warm Melbourne evening, the Australian GLBTIQ Multicultural Council (AGMC), the Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men’s Health Centre and Deakin University hosted a screening of the powerful documentary Courage Unfolds which highlights some LGBTQI activism and community organizing initiatives across several Asian countries. Courage Unfolds focuses on the implementation of the Yogyakarta Principles – principles of the application of International Human Rights Law on gender and sexuality – in Asia. The primary objective of the Yogyakarta Principles is to ensure the respect, protection and promotion of human rights by governments for all people irrespective of gender and sexuality.

The event was well-attended by nearly sixty enthusiastic audience members from a range of cultural, gender, sexuality and age identities. The evening was dynamically co-hosted by AGMC’s Dr Judy Tang who is also a member of Yellowkitties, (Asian lesbian and bisexual women in Melbourne) and Mr Budi Sudarto, Peer Educator of “Young & Gay” and “Gay Asian Proud” at the VictorianAIDS Council). Their camaraderie certainly kept the entertainment moving along.
In a spirited forum following the film, Dr Shanton Chang from the University of Melbourne chaired the audience discussion which included a range of respondents, all of whom deeply appreciated the film and wondered in a variety of ways how we might support our brothers and sisters overseas. One comment from the floor suggested that the best way to help globally is to ‘look in our own back yard’ and attend to the needs of multicultural LGBTIQ groups and individuals here in Australia such as addressing racism within the queer communities and homophobia within the ethnic communities.

This moving and informative film was complemented by guest performers including Raina who danced a fusion of traditional Indian and contemporary hip hop styles and performed a spoken word piece, the Low Res men’s choir who delighted with several songs from their recent World AIDS Day performance, Lian Low who read from her chapter on growing up Asian and queer from Alice Pung’s (2008) book, Growing Up Asian in Australia; and Leah who read from her short stories and poetry on postcolonial Asian queer feminism. The event successfully raised Australian consciousness about contemporary issues in the Asian region, some much needed funds for the host organisations, and awareness and appreciation of the rich cultural diversity in Melbourne’s GLBTIQ community.

Future AGMC partnership events

**AGEDO: Italian families of GLBTIQ young people**

AGMC and Co.As.It (a non-profit organisation providing social and health services to Italians and people of Italian descent) in Faraday Street, Carlton are planning a forum and film-screening, with food and festivity, toward the end of August to discuss supporting GLBTIQ young people of Italian descent in both Australia and Italy. Invited international guests who have confirmed their availability are Rita De Santis, the president of AGEDO (Italy’s equivalent of PFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and Claudio Cipelletti, Italian film-maker renowned for his two provocative and ground-breaking documentaries, Due Volte Genitori (Parents Reborn): parents of gay and lesbian children speak out and Nessuno Uguale (No Two Alike): adolescents in schools speak about coming out. Also presenting at the forum will be Italian-Australian parents and grandparents of GLBTIQ young people as well as members of the Italian queer groups in Victoria, Arcilesbica, I Ragazzi Girls, and I Ragazzi.

**VQSC (Victorian Queer Spirituality Conference)**

Auspiced by WHISE, Women’s Health in the South East, this conference is scheduled to be held in September 2013, and is another joint AGMC, VQSC committee and Deakin partnership. Stay tuned for updates!
CHASE – Partnership with Mental Health Council of Australia

The Mental Health Council of Australia, MHCA, (the peak, national non-government organisation representing and promoting the interests of the Australian mental health sector, committed to achieving better mental health for all Australians) had funding from DOHA to carry out a study of the stigma experienced by mental health consumers from health professionals. Three web-based surveys, one of consumers, one of carers and one of professionals have been carried out, and the initial analysis of the results have been successfully written up by Rachelle Irving (the Director of Projects and Research at MCHA) for her major project thesis on the Master of Health Promotion at Deakin University. Professor Taket supervised her thesis. A report is now available from the MHCA’s website: http://www.mhca.org.au/index.php/information-and-publication/159-stigma

CHASE – Partnership with Worawa Aboriginal College

Worawa is a boarding school located just outside Healesville for Aboriginal girls in the middle years of schooling (years 7-10). Students come from suburban and regional Victoria as well as from interstate. Students learn to succeed through a holistic approach that encourages their intellectual development and physical ability, as well as moral, emotional, mental and spiritual capacity. As part of its standing as a Sports Academy, from the beginning of term 4 2010, Worawa Aboriginal College (WAC) has been implementing an extra-curricular personal physical fitness program for all pupils. The program, as part of a whole of school approach to working to address indigenous health issues such as diabetes, aims to ensure that pupils achieve at least three sessions of exercise per week. Evaluation of the first full year of operation of the program has shown its success in building participation by the students in regular exercise, and succeeding in increasing fitness and strength for the majority of students. A practicum student from the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences has worked with staff at Worawa to develop a ‘Healthy Eating Policy’ that is now being implemented into the boarding program.

HDR Candidates (as at 1 March 2012)

Sumaiya Abedin: Risk factors of maternal health, childbearing and pregnancy outcomes
Sarah Barter-Godfrey: The construction and subjugation of discourses of sexual consent
Sekneh Beckett: “Inviting In or Coming Out”: same-sex attracted and gender diverse Muslim-Australian youth negotiating their identities with families and communities
Kerry Benton: Emotionality in men’s sexual scripting
Georgia Birch: Somali women over 65, mothering and physical activity
Cameron Boyd: Practices of measurement and the problem of child sexual abuse
Sophie Bromfield: Women on organisational boards: status, power and social influence tactics
Lisa Broom: Exploring occupational roles and wellbeing following primary brain tumour diagnosis
Siobhan Casey: The importance of play in supporting resilience in early childhood
Eddie Clarke: System Justification: Psychological processes and relationship to social identity
Bernie Davern: How have gay school principals’ lived experiences informed their professional lives?
Alma Dender: Is the ChIPPA a culturally appropriate play assessment for rural and remote Aboriginal children in Western Australia
Sarah Epstein: Feminist mothers’ narratives about raising sons
Cherelle Evans: Spirituality, grief and loss – implications for social work practice
Stephen Fisher: Effectively communicating for gender equality
Enaksha Garde: Inclusion of people with disabilities in counselling and decision-making
Mark Griffiths: Digital Storytelling as Empowerment: An Existential Social Work Approach
Anne Hill: Starting points: the development, implementation and evaluation of an early childhood parenting intervention
Danielle Hitch: Current state of literature on occupational therapy in mental health
Paula Hobley: Vision impaired Australians with a co-existing mental health issue
Norah Hosken: Intercultural exploration of educational aspirations through mutual ethnography.
Leanne Johnson: Enhancing rural and regional service delivery to human service clients
Krystyna Kostecki: Insights for elder women - learning from stories of Elder Australian Women who have experienced sexual abuse
Lydia Lai Lam: Significance of resilience of social workers
Greer Lamaro: Theorising community engagement and social inclusion in sexual health promotion
Clare Land: Decolonising solidarity: relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous activists promoting self-determination
Natasha Layton: How the extent of assistive technology provision relates to outcomes
Jack Migdalek: Embodied choreography and performance of gender
Lyn Nethercote: Counsellor – Action Researcher’s evaluation of role complexities in an agency setting
Annemarie Nevill: Impact of spirituality upon mental health of African migrants
Julie Peters: Cultural forces and the life stories of gender-nonconformists
Joy Philips: Implementation of aged care policies on residential services to lesbians
Louise Phillips: Best practice behaviour support plans: behavioural outcomes
Sarah Pollock: The emancipatory potential for outcomes measurement in the community services setting
Gregory Roberts: Into the mystic – emotion intuition and creativity after the death of a child/sibling
Beverly Scarvelis: From institutional care to living in South Australia – intercountry adoption
Rachael Schmidt: Perceived benefits of participating in a specialised seating service
Kate Seymour: (Re)Gendering Violence: Men, Masculinities and Violence
Margaret Shield: Sex as work - safety, job satisfaction and job control
Petrina Smith: Mahal - love, lesbianism and people power in the Philippines
John Wallace: A critical exploration of the impact of neoliberalism in Australia
Elyse Warner: What does a young adult’s return home mean for families?
Joanne Watson: Supported decision-making – listening to those seldom heard

2011 Publications

Authored and edited books

Research monographs and reports

Hagiliassis, Nick, Richmond, Kelli Nicola, Mackay, Anne and Wilson, Erin (2011) Administration manual measuring outcomes in services and supports (MOSS) tool, Scope (Vic) Ltd, Box Hill, Vic.
Quilliam, Claire and Wilson, Erin (2011) Literature review outcomes measurement in disability services: a review of policy contexts,
measurement approaches and selected measurement tools, SCOPE (Vic), Box Hill, Vic.

Richmond, Kelli Nicola, Wilson, Erin, Hagiliassis, Nick and Mackay, Anne (2011) Summary sheet: measuring outcomes in services and supports (MOSS) tool, Scope (Vic) Ltd., Box Hill, Vic.

Wilson, Erin, Jenkin, Elena and Campain, Robert (2011) Outcome Measurement of Community Based Mental Health Services in Western Australia: Literature and Concept Summary. Inclusion Matters, WA Association for Mental Health, and WA Mental Health Commission, Perth, WA.

Book chapters

Pallotta-Chiarolli, Maria (2011) 'Messing up the couples' cabinet': on the 'queerly mixed' borders of the 'residual' and the 'emergent' in the marriage debates, in Marsh, Victor (eds), Speak now Australian Perspectives on same-sex marriage, pp. 166-183, Clouds of Magellan, Melbourne, Vic.

Pease, Bob (2011) Governing men's violence against women in Australia, in Rusolini, Elisabetta; Hearne, Jeff; Pease, Bob and Pringle, Keith (eds), Men and masculinities around the world, pp. 177-189, Palgrave Macmillan, New York, NY.

Pease, Bob (2011) Theorizing normalization as hidden privilege, in Fahlgren, Siv; Johansson, Anders and Mullinari, Diana (eds), Normalization and "outsiderhood" feminist readings of a neoliberal welfare state, pp. 69-79, Bentham e Books, Sweden

Pringle, Keith, Hearne, Jeff, Pease, Bob and Rusolini, Elisabetta (2011) Introduction: transforming men's practices around the world, in Rusolini, Elisabetta; Hearne, Jeff; Pease, Bob and Pringle, Keith (eds), Men and masculinities around the world, pp. 1-15, Palgrave Macmillan, New York, NY.


Refereed journal articles


Foster, Nena, Cook, Kay, Barter-Godfrey, Sarah and Furneaux, Samantha (2011) Fractured multiculturalism: conflicting representations of Arab and Muslim Australians in Australian print


O’Connor, Chloe and **Stagnitti, Karen** (2011) Play, behaviour, language and social skills: the comparison of a play and a non-play intervention within a specialist school setting, Research in developmental disabilities, vol. 32, no. 3, pp. 1205-1211, Pergamon, Oxford, UK.


Patrick, Rebecca and **Capetola, Teresa** (2011) ‘Out there gain’: an education for sustainability work integrated learning case study, Australasian journal of university-community engagement, pp. 1-27, Australian Universities Community Engagement Alliance Inc. (AUCEA), Lismore, NSW.


**Pease, Bob** (2011) Men in social work: challenging or reproducing an unequal gender regime?, Affilia:


Shield, Margaret, Graham, Melissa and Taket, Ann (2011) Neighbourhood renewal in Victoria, Australia: an effective way to address social inclusion, Journal of social inclusion, vol. 2, no. 2, pp. 4-18, Griffith University, Meadowbrook, Qld.


Other publications


Pallotta-Chiarolli, Maria (2011) I can't wait to leave school so I can get educated, Redress, vol. 20, no. 2, pp. 2-9, Association of Women Educators, Sandgate, Qld.


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Associate Professor Julia Shelley

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Teresa Capetola
Dr Ann Carrington
Associate Professor Beth Crisp
Dr Matthew Dunn
Dr Mark Furlong
Dr Sophie Goldingay
Over the past year, a number of staff have changed role. The 2011 round of internal University promotions included three CHASE staff members; our congratulations to Karen Stagnitti on her award of a personal chair, to Dr Lisa Hanna on her promotion to Senior Lecturer and to Annemarie Nevill on her promotion to Lecturer. We are also very pleased to report that two further CHASE members, both on fixed term contracts, have now been appointed into continuing positions, both receiving a promotion in the process, congratulations to Greer Lamaro and Dr Matt Dunn.

New staff members
CHASE welcomes two new staff members who both joined us in early 2012.

Sharlene Nipperess joined Deakin University in February 2012 as a lecturer in the discipline of social work. She has worked as a social work practitioner and educator in Queensland, Western Australia and, most recently, Victoria. Her practice, teaching and research interests include human rights and critical social work, social work ethics and the fields of practice of social work with refugees and asylum seekers and people who experience mental health issues. She is also interested in rural, regional and remote social work and the relationship between environmental issues and social work. Sharlene is currently completing her PhD on human rights and social work practice and education, through the Centre for Human Rights and Education at Curtin University, Western Australia.

Dr Ann Carrington also commenced as a Lecturer at Deakin in February. In her practice career she has worked predominantly in the areas of sexual assault and domestic violence from a critical framework using gender analysis. She developed a conceptual theory and practice model for working with those affected by domestic violence, the ‘vortex of violence’, which expands on the cycle of violence. In therapeutic practice she predominantly worked with expressive therapies, narrative and strength based approaches. Dr Carrington has previously been involved in teaching within the Social Work program at James Cook University, Cairns. She completed her PhD in 2010, which explored the integration of spirituality in social work from paradigm to practice. Her research interests span from paradigm to practice with particular focus on the integration of spiritual paradigms, theories and practices in social work. Areas of interest within this scope include:

- Integration of spirituality in social work theory, practice, ethics and pedagogy;
- Exploration and theory building regarding spiritual and physical ‘ways of knowing’ in the context of the post post-modern world;
- Exploration and theory building regarding spiritual and physical methods, measures and approaches to research;
- Examination of theory and practice addressing power, control and privilege, particularly in the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault;
- Investigation into how these different areas of interest intersect.
Farewells 2011

During 2011 we have said farewell to four CHASE staff: Sarah Barter-Godfrey, Dr Uschi Bay, Dr Wendy Hunter and Dr Jane Maidment. Jane is now based at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology, New Zealand, and Wendy is working as a freelance consultant in Melbourne. Particular congratulations to Uschi who has secured a well-deserved promotion to senior lecturer in the Department of Social Work at Monash University and to Sarah who has secured a well-deserved promotion to senior lecturer in the School of Health and Human Sciences at the University of Essex in the UK. We wish them all the very best for the future. We are also delighted that Sarah will still be involved in co-supervising Margaret Shield’s newly started PhD study on ‘Sex as work - safety, job satisfaction and job control’ and contributing to our forthcoming book on ‘Practising social inclusion’ to be published by Routledge in 2013.

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