

**Universities for health:
Improving wellbeing for all communities
Monday 20 November and Tuesday 21 November 2006**

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- > Professor Rob Wallis
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President, Winona State University, USA
Deakin University Visiting Fulbright Senior Specialist
- > Associate Professor Dr Mara Adelman
Associate Professor Communication/Journalism
Seattle University, USA
- > Elaine Henry OAM
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Health and Social Development, Deakin University



Deakin University presents a two-day symposium on

Universities for health: Improving wellbeing for all communities



The Symposium will take place in the **Geelong CBD**

Monday 20 November 2006

Costa Hall, Deakin Waterfront Campus

Level 2, 1 Gheringhap Street

Tuesday 21 November 2006

Mercure Hotel

corner Gheringhap Street and Myers Street

Background

Universities have long been identified as settings for promoting health, wellbeing and a holistic notion of people as members of civic society. Recently, in both Australia and the United States, this focus has faced numerous threats, including funding cuts, corporatisation, international competition, a loss of student vitality and loss of community citizenship.

University-community partnerships are critical for:

- > community interventions that seek to improve the health of communities
- > urban regeneration programs
- > the delivery of health and social services
- > the preparation of students as members of a civic society.

Healthy partnerships are critical to the representation of the university as an active community member, engaged with its civic responsibilities. They are a critical mechanism for achieving societal based aspirations for the contributions that universities can make in shaping future societies.

This Symposium will explore international best practice in promoting community health and wellbeing through innovative forms of university-community engagement.

Aims

The program aims to stimulate a national campaign to change the way Australian universities think about, and engage with, their communities. We aim to:

- > explore how universities can engage in action to promote and document civic participation and wellbeing
- > inform policy development initiatives related to the purpose and scope of third stream funding for universities
- > develop innovative, locally-relevant models of university-community engagement
- > strengthen the research and policy agenda in Universities as a Setting for Health
- > establish joint Australian/US research programs around the topic of health-promoting universities.

Symposium program

The Symposium is structured along different themes for each day.

- > **Day one** will explore *'Holistic notions of community engagement: Relevance to higher education'*. Presentations and discussions will relate to expanding current conceptualisations of community engagement as they relate to national protocols for universities and third stream funding models.
- > **Day two** will explore the implementation of cutting edge community engagement models in current practice through the theme *'Practice perspectives: Implementing community capacity building in higher education'*.

Discussion groups across the program will aim to discuss, test and then formulate recommendations for good practice for institutions and governments.

An expert panel will discuss the implications of incorporating health and wellbeing outcomes for higher education in the application of National Protocols and third stream funding.

Venue details

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Professor Sally Walker

Professor Walker commenced as Vice-Chancellor and President of Deakin University in 2003, after being Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Hearn Professor of Law and President of the Academic Board at the University of Melbourne. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Master of Laws from the University of Melbourne. Her teaching experience includes public, commercial and media law; she is the author and editor of multiple law titles; and her professional activities include sitting on policy-making bodies (like the Victorian Press Ownership Inquiry and Law Council of Australia committees) and the Communications and Media Law Association Board. In 1990 she was appointed by the Victorian Attorney-General as the only lawyer to a Working Party enquiry into Victorian print media ownership. She was also Academic Secretary of the Victorian Attorney-General's Law Reform Advisory Council (1993-1995).



Professor Rob Wallis

Professor Wallis is Deakin University's Pro Vice-Chancellor (Rural and Regional), responsible for the University's community engagement, research partnerships and secondary school links, especially in the Barwon area and south-west Victoria. Based at the Warrnambool Campus for eight years, he oversees Deakin's relationships in regional Victoria from Mt Gambier to Werribee. He is particularly interested in access and equity for rural and isolated students plus collaborative, applied, regional research and engagement initiatives that lead to mutually beneficial outcomes. He's also interested in university-community partnerships and was elected the National President of the Australian Universities Community Engagement Alliance in 2005. He holds research degrees in zoology, postgraduate qualifications in education and management, and has won several awards for teaching excellence. His research interests include wildlife management, environmental education and regional and sustainable development.



Professor Judith Ramaley

Professor Ramaley is a member of the Board of Directors for the American Association for Higher Education. She has served as President of the University of Vermont, President of Portland State University, Assistant Director for Education and Human Resources at the National Science Foundation, and been a Fellow of the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy at the University of Maine. She has published extensively for more than four decades on community and research engagement, building academic communities, higher education reform and large scale institutional change. We are honoured to host Professor Rameley and use her expertise to catalyse discussion among a wide range of participants from government, university, health, student and non-government sectors.



Dr Mara Adelman

Dr Adelman conducts research on social support systems, community-building and cross-cultural communication. Trained in network analysis and ethnography, she pursues the relationships between social networks and personal wellbeing. She serves on the advisory board for a national movement to promote 'Great Places' and her long-term passion is to create a state-of-the-art College for Lifelong Learning. She recently applied her research on community to developing year-long series of 'salons' at Seattle University that promote an 'engaged intellectual life'. The salons explore what it means to live in the world in the broadest sense, and how we might educate students to be responsible people whose work is intellectually engaged and socially aware. See <www.seattleu.edu/academic/salons/>.



Elaine Henry OAM

Before joining the Smith Family, Elaine was Executive Director of the NSW Cancer Council (1985-1997). She was one of fifty Australian women profiled in the 2000 Businesswomen's Hall of Fame and, in 2001 and 2004, she was one of the Australian Financial Review BOSS True Leaders. She was also awarded a Doctor of Letters honoris causa from the University of NSW in 2006. Elaine has served on many state, national and international committees and chairs Nonprofit Australia and the Stronger Families & Communities Partnership. She is a member of the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership; the Australian Statistics Advisory Council; the Financial Literacy Foundation Advisory Board; the Alcoa Research Centre for Stronger Communities Board; the Vice Chancellor's Advisory Board (University of Wollongong); and the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth Board. She is also a National Breast Cancer Foundation Trustee.



Martin Carroll

Martin has been Audit Director with the Australian Universities Quality Agency since 2001 and is currently Consulting Director with the Oman Accreditation Council. He has provided external quality assurance and consultancy services for academic institutions and national higher education systems in many countries—in particular, in South East Asia and the Arab Gulf. According to Mr Carroll, universities bear responsibilities which are expected in general but often ignored in policy. Drawing on national and international experiences, he will discuss the potential for the role of universities as champions of social health to be strengthened through national external quality assurance reforms.

Associate Professor Linda Hancock

Associate Professor Hancock has been Director of the Postgraduate Program in Public Policy and Governance since February 2001, following a stint at the OECD in Paris. She was on the Law Reform Commission of Victoria (1984-1988), a presiding member on the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (1988-1990) and is currently joint chief investigator at The Centre for Public Policy (University of Melbourne) on this SPIRT grant project, with industry partners the Brotherhood of St Laurence, the Committee for Economic Development of Australia and Associate Investigator, AHURI, Monash University. A researcher and tertiary teacher for more than 20 years, she has conducted numerous, diverse consultancies and has a long interest in public and social policy formulation and implementation, especially with regard to balancing social and market sustainability, equity, access and participation.



Professor John Catford

Professor Catford is Dean of the Faculty of Health, Medicine, Nursing and Behavioural Sciences and Professor of Health Development at Deakin University. The dean is responsible for general faculty administration—conducting academic affairs in accordance with Faculty Board and University policies, advising the Vice-Chancellor and Academic Board on faculty matters and providing leadership on teaching, research and other academic activities. John also ensures effective operational management for staffing, teaching, research, management, administration, budgeting, resource allocation, working conditions and OHS. His role oversees the work of the Head of Schools, coordinating the faculty's operations with other faculties and maintaining overall faculty discipline. The dean also chairs the Faculty Board.



Professor Ann Taket

Professor Taket has more than twenty years experience in public health research, including studies of a variety of issues in policy, education and services planning and evaluation. She has a particular

interest in mixed methodologies, bringing together qualitative and quantitative methods around key policy questions. Her current research interests are in domestic abuse and violence prevention and intervention; healthy living initiatives for marginalised communities and groups; non-government organisations in health promotion and public health; action research in health settings; and bringing together different theoretical perspectives to understand better the processes by which groups and individuals come to understand or experience themselves as marginalised, and the factors that shape these processes.



Associate Professor Susan Thomas

Associate Professor Thomas is a Regional Development Facilitator for the Office of Regional Development at the University of Western Sydney. Her career began in secondary high schools as a mathematics teacher and she has since undertaken a diverse range of national training, management and consulting roles across university, industry, business and community sectors. She has a passionate interest in welfare, curriculum development, innovation, mentoring and coaching.



Dr Neil Davidson

Dr Davidson is a member of the School of Biomedical and Health Sciences at the University of Western Sydney. His teaching and research areas include personal development, health and physical education for K-12 teachers, and wellbeing for teacher education and health professional undergraduates. His recent research papers include 'Enhancing Creative Practices in Teachers' (2005); 'Sublime Learning' (2004); 'Faith, Feeling & Identity in Teacher Education' (2003) and 'Soul in Education' (2003).

Professor Marcia Langton

A leading authority on contemporary Aboriginal affairs, Marcia was appointed Foundation Professor of Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne in 2000, after five years as a professor at Charles Darwin University. Her work in anthropology and Aboriginal rights was recognised in 1993 when she was made a Member of the Order of Australia. She became a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in 2001 and was a joint winner of the inaugural Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Teacher of the Year in 2002. She has been a member of the Centre for Aboriginal Reconciliation, Director of the Centre for Indigenous Natural and Cultural Resource Management, and consultant to the Northern Land Council and the Australian Film Commission. She has also published extensively on Aboriginal issues and contributed to international indigenous rights policies.



Dr Iain Butterworth and Dr Josephine Palermo

Dr Iain Butterworth, of the Deakin University School of Health and Social Development, has a background in community psychology and community development. His research interests include the interrelationships between urban design, health and wellbeing, and enhancing health through urban planning participation. In 2003-2004 he spent several months at the University of California Berkeley, where he was a School of Public Health Fulbright Visiting Scholar. His mentor was Professor Leonard Duhl MD, Professor of Public Health and Urban Planning, whose ideas spawned the 1980s international Healthy Cities movement. Iain co-produced Environments for Health, the Victorian Government's municipal public health planning policy framework, which drew strongly on the Healthy Cities approach.

Dr Palermo, Deakin University Research Fellow at the Centre for Health and Social Development, is a psychologist and researcher with a background in quality management, organisational development and change. In the last decade, her activities include institutional research in tertiary education and health planning. Iain and Josephine met plenary speaker Professor Ramaley at the 2005 'engaging communities' Australian Universities Quality Forum (where Iain and Josephine's workshop on exploring models of community participation was awarded Best Presentation). In 2005 Iain and Josephine collaborated on a research project investigating ecological public health principles in Sydney and Melbourne's Urban Planning Frameworks. They are currently part of the investigator team evaluating Environments for Health.