

CMHDARN Research Ethics Consultation Committee

Member Biographies

Dr Angela Argent

Dr Angela Argent (PhD) is National Program Manager/ Research Lead at SMART Recovery, Australia, working in partnership with the SMART Australia Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and SMART Recovery International Global Advisory Committee (GRAC). She is also a Health Education Officer at the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC) in Sydney.

Angela studied psychology and humanities at Sydney University. She completed a doctorate in the School of Historical and Gender Studies at Monash University, Melbourne. She taught for ten years at Monash and Sydney and was Honorary Research Associate at Sydney University while living and working for an NGO and university in the Czech Republic. In 2019 she completed a research degree in creative practices at UTS.

Angela has worked within NGO and university sectors for more than twenty years. She possesses highly developed research and program management skills and a strong track record in translating evidence into better practices and improved outcomes. Angela has researched and published widely in a range of contexts.

Angela is committed to evidence-led practices and partnerships that aim to build social inclusion, put people at the centre of conversations, minimize harms and build recovery capital in ways that are strengths- based and trauma-informed.

Dr Esther Davis

Dr Esther Davis is a Research Fellow at the University of Wollongong and Clinical Psychologist. She has worked in research roles within the area of clinical and health psychology for more than ten years and published in the field of drug and alcohol. Dr Davis has enjoyed working closely with not-for-profit and other community organisations to conduct research and evaluation projects and support translation of the findings into policy and practice.

Dr Julia Dray

Dr Julia Dray is an early career researcher currently working as a post-doctoral researcher with the Physical Health in Mental Illness (PHiMI) team at the University of Newcastle, Australia. The primary interest of the PHiMI team is to reduce inequity in physical health for people with a mental health condition, improved chronic disease prevention. The team is engaged in a variety of research projects across local and national community mental health organisations, telephone support services and other mental health service settings.

Julia's previous role was as a post-doctoral researcher on an NHMRC partnership trial evaluating a practice change initiative to increase provision of recommended care for alcohol consumption in pregnancy. Julia completed her PhD, in the School of Psychology, UoN (2018). Her postgraduate work was focused on resilience and mental health problems in children and adolescents, including prevalence during this time, differences in prevalence by socio-demographic factors, and the evaluation of a resilience-based intervention that is a component of a larger CRCT developed through collaboration between the UoN, HNEPH, & 32 high schools in the Hunter New England Region, NSW.

Julia is passionate about enabling people to recognise their strengths and available wider community protective factors; to develop and maintain positive mental and physical health; and reducing health inequalities particularly for priority populations.

Corinne Henderson

Corinne Henderson is Principal Policy Advisor at the Mental Health Coordinating Council NSW. Corinne primarily focuses on policy and legislative reform as they relate to mental health, psychosocial disability and human rights, sector development and best practice approaches. Corinne manages several sector development projects and is extensively involved in partnership research and implementation projects with academic institutions, government agencies, and the community managed mental health sector.

She has a Masters' degree in applied psychology, is a member of the NSW Mental Health Review Tribunal and is a registered clinical psychotherapist. She was instrumental in establishing the Research Ethics Consultation Committee (RECC) as an important initiative to provide ethical guidance to community managed organisations and researchers seeking to develop research into practice endeavours. The RECC provides a researchers' forum for ongoing consultation and guidance in matters of ethics regarding human research enquiries within the mental health and alcohol and other drugs sectors.

Dr Suzie Hudson

Suzie provides clinical advice and consultation for NADA members and contributes to policy and advocacy submissions. Suzie oversees the custodianship of NADAbase and provides advice and support regarding client outcome and reporting. Suzie is an accredited mental health social worker with over 20 years' clinical experience in the fields of substance misuse, mental health, forensics, research, and evaluation. Suzie has worked, developed, and

managed community based and residential AOD services both in Australia and overseas. She provides training workshops and maintains a private counselling practice. Suzie has a PhD in public health and community medicine and a passion for engaging with social change.

Dr Julie Mooney-Somers

Dr Julie Mooney-Somers (BSc, GradCertEdStud, PhD) is an Associate Professor in Qualitative Research in Health at Sydney Health Ethics, School of Public Health, University of Sydney.

She is responsible for teaching qualitative methods into the Master of Public Health. A social scientist, her research examines equity in health and health services in relation to sexuality, gender, indigenous status, and youth. She has been the joint coordinator of SWASH, the longest running regular survey of lesbian, bisexual and queer women's health, since 2009.

Dr Diego Silva

Dr. Silva is a Lecturer in Bioethics at the University of Sydney, Australia. His research investigates the values and concepts intersecting ethics, politics, and public health (particularly infectious diseases, e.g., tuberculosis, pandemic influenza, and COVID-19), from both philosophical and policy perspectives. Dr. Silva is interested in how liberal and democratic theory applies in the context of infectious diseases, including question related to public health, health security, and research.

Dr. Silva has an MA in philosophy and PhD in public health, both from the University of Toronto. He was an Assistant Professor at Simon Fraser University – British Columbia, Canada (2015-2019) before moving to Australia. He is the Chair of the Public Health Ethics Consultative Group at the Public Health Agency of Canada. Dr. Silva has also worked with the World Health Organization on several projects related to public health ethics, most notably being a co-author and co-editor of the WHO's Ethics Guidance for the Implementation of the End TB Strategy. In 2016, Dr. Silva was awarded the Mark S. Ehrenreich Prize in Healthcare Ethics Research by the International Association of Bioethics and University of Southern California.