

RESEARCH FORUM: **Ethics in Research**

- *They're More Important Than You Think!*

December 4th 2012 - Ariel UTS Function Centre
Level 7, Building 10 - 235 Jones St, Ultimo

Program of Events

- 8.30am Registration**
- 9.00-9.15am Introductory Session, Welcome and Housekeeping**
Deb Tipper - Facilitator, Project Officer CMHDARN
- 9.15-9.30am Forum Opening and CMHDARN Website Launch**
Larry Pierce, Chief Executive Officer, NADA
- 9.30-11.00am Theme: Ethics - What are they, why are they important and what are the assessment processes?**
Keynote Address:
 - Professor Richard Hugman, School of Social Sciences, University of NSW
 - Associate Professor Janette Perz, Centre for Health Research, School of Medicine University of Western Sydney
- 11.00-11.20am Morning Tea**
- 11.20-12.45pm Theme: Ethics in Practice - Addressing practical issues and dilemmas**
Presentations and discussion:
 - *Tackling common dilemmas in our work* - Philip Wright, St James Ethics Centre
 - *Ethical issues - the differences between qualitative and quantitative processes* - Associate Professor Karen Fisher - Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW
 - *Navigating Research Ethics Approvals across Local Health Districts* - Sharon Falleiro - Senior Policy Officer, Research Ethics and Governance Unit, NSW Health.
- 12.45-1.30pm Lunch**
- 1.30-2.50pm Theme: Organisational Approaches to Ethics Approvals**
Panel - presentations and discussion - Facilitated by Professor Ian Webster (AO)
 - NSW Cancer Council - John Williams, Ethics Officer
 - Uniting Care Burnside - Sally Cowling, Manager, Research and Program Development
 - ACON - Alan Brotherton, Chair, ACON Ethics Committee. Director Policy Strategy and Research
 - Carers NSW- Timothy Broady, Senior Research and Development Officer
- 2.50-3.10pm Afternoon Tea**
- 3.10-4.30pm Theme: Establishing a Community Sector Ethics Approval Committee - A good idea or unworkable dream?**
Workshop and Discussion - Facilitated by Professor Ian Webster (AO)
- 4.30-4.45 Conclusion and Final Remarks**
Deb Tipper - Facilitator, Project Officer CMHDARN



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Speakers

Professor Richard Hugman, School of Social Sciences, University of NSW

Richard Hugman is a qualified social worker who spent a decade in practice. His current research includes developing new approaches in ethics for the caring professions, the application of new ethical theory to research undertaken with refugees. He is also working on the critical analysis of international social work, with particular reference to culture, difference and shared values. Richard is also the Ethics Commissioner of the International Federation of Social Workers and he was a member of the 'expert panel' which drafted the current international statement on ethics for social work. Richard is an international editorial advisor to Social Work Education and Ethics & Social Welfare. He is a Fellow of the Australian Association of Gerontology. In 2011 Richard was elected as a Foundation Fellow of the Australian College of Social Work.

Associate Professor Janette Perz - Centre for Health Research, School of Medicine University of Western Sydney

Janette is an executive board member of several national and state level community mental health and primary care associations. Janette is an academic psychologist at the University of Western Sydney and has a record of research and scholarly activity related to her commitment to the application of psychology through multi-disciplinary collaborations and approaches.

Philip Wright - St James Ethics Centre

Philip is an accredited educator, counsellor and consultant for the St James Ethics Centre. He has worked with a number of organisations and industry bodies both in Australia and overseas. Philip has been involved with the field of ethics in a number of ways for the past ten years. Working with a wide variety of organisations Philip delivers the "Ethical Intelligence and Good Decision Making" workshop and is a counsellor for the "Ethi-call" counselling service. Philip also provides the St James Ethical Counsel service that works with individuals who have been issued education orders by their professional body. Philip is a member of the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Register ethics committee and the past chair of Australian New Zealand Association of Psychotherapists ethics committee. Philip has worked on a number of panel discussions and facilitated hypotheticals with several organisations including VLGA, IAG, ANZAP, Finnish Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service and Woodside. He is also a psychoanalytically orientated Psychotherapist, in private practice.

Associate Professor Karen Fisher - Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW

Karen conducts research on the organisation of human services in Australia and China, including all stages from project management and research design to analysis and report writing. Her research interests include the organisation of human services in the community; disability and mental health service delivery; project and service evaluation. Karen applies participatory methods with people with disability and disability policy officials and service providers. She is an Official Visitor for NSW Mental Health. She was Acting Deputy Director Disability Studies and Research Centre UNSW; co-convenor of the NSW Australasian Evaluation Society; a foundation member of the Board of the Disability Studies and Research Institute; and a Disability Community Visitor for accommodation services for people with disabilities. Her experience includes eight years early childhood research as a consultant and director in Families At Work. Her research associated with the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody included Aboriginal community consultations.



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Sharon Fallerio - Senior Policy Officer, Research Ethics and Governance Unit, NSW Health

Sharon has recently commenced with the Office for Health and Medical Research, Research Ethics and Governance Unit as a Senior Policy Officer. She has a Masters degree in Biochemistry and a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and Microbiology and worked in teaching and research laboratories in Biological Sciences, where she submitted applications for ethical review. She then moved into the Research Ethics and Biosafety arena coordinating human research, animal ethics and biosafety. Over the last 3 years, she has focussed intensely on Human research and was the Executive Officer for the Cancer Institute NSW Cancer Research Ethics Committee which reviews oncology related clinical research and cancer clinical trials and the jointly convened (with NSW Ministry of Health) NSW Population and Health Services Research Ethics committee - the state-wide committee in NSW for the review of projects involving access to centralised data collections and data linkage. Both committees are certified HRECs under the National Initiative. Her decade long experience spans the University and Health sector and she brings a unique perspective having not only submitted applications to the Ethics committee but also supporting and working with Ethics Committees and researchers in meeting competing interests.

Panellists: Organisational Approaches to Ethics Approvals

The panellists will briefly talk about their organisations' approaches to ethics' approvals, what works well and what the challenges are.

Panel Facilitator - Professor Ian Webster (AO)

Ian Webster is a physician and Emeritus Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine University of New South Wales and Patron of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA). He has held appointments in Faculties of Medicine at Monash, Sheffield and Sydney Universities and in public hospitals in Australia and England. He is Chair of the Australian Suicide Prevention Advisory Council, immediate past President of the Governing Council of the Ted Noffs Foundation and chair of the Advisory Committee for the Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity, University of New South Wales. He was Foundation Chair of the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) and has chaired Commonwealth and State Government inquiries and reviews in disability, health, mental health and alcohol and other drug problems.

He works as a physician in the Shoalhaven Area, NSW and in a clinic for the homeless at the Exodus Foundation, Ashfield, Sydney, and his publications have been in medicine, community health, alcohol and other drug problems, mental health, homelessness and social issues.

In 1995 he was appointed Officer in the Order of Australia and in 2009 received the Prime Minister's Award for outstanding work in the field of drugs and alcohol. In January 2012 the Prime Minister appointed him to the National Mental Health Commission.



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John Williams, Ethics Officer, NSW Cancer Council

John has only recently (July 2012) taken up the role of Research Governance Officer at Cancer Council NSW but has over 17 years of experience in the management of research committees and ethics committees. From 1995 to 2010 John was the Research Manager at the Australian Institute of Sport, providing strategic direction and research governance for approximately 100 concurrent research projects, across a wide variety of scientific disciplines, including medicine, physiology, nutrition, psychology, biomechanics, materials engineering and information and communications technologies (ICT). He served as Chair of the AIS Research Committee and Secretariat of the Ethics Committee for 16 years.

Sally Cowling, Manager, Research and Program Development, Uniting Care Burnside

Sally Cowling is Manager, Research and Program Development for UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families (UnitingCare CYPF). UnitingCare Burnside (an agency of UnitingCare CYPF) was the first community sector organisation in Australia to establish an independent ethics review process. Between 2007 and 2010, Sally was the Convenor of the UnitingCare NSW.ACT Research Advisory Group which had responsibility for the ethical conduct of research projects in all UnitingCare agencies and revised the organisation's Research Code of Ethics. In 2011, she led a review process which has seen changes to internal ethics review processes and the establishment of an Ethics Panel for UnitingCare CYPF.

Alan Brotherton, Chair, ACON Ethics Committee. Director, Policy Strategy and Research, ACON

Alan Brotherton is currently Director, Policy, Strategy & Research at ACON, Australia's largest GLBT and HIV health organisation. He has worked for 20 years in HIV prevention, policy and service delivery, for government and community organisations, in Australia and internationally. He has been a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the National Centre in Social Research and currently Chairs ACON's Research Ethics Review Committee.

Timothy Broady, Senior Research and Development Officer Carers, NSW

Tim Broady is the Senior Research and Development Officer at Carers NSW, and has a background in psychological and social research. He is currently completing a PhD at the Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales. His research interests have included a wide variety of social issues, including informal care, foster care, disability, child development, family relationships, family violence, and service provision.



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