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## Welcome

According to Victor Hugo, a well-known French poet and novelist, laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face. Yes, when laughter is perceived as human symbol of happiness and healthiness, we can strongly feel it in the garden of health science graduate research where each piece of news is a story of passion and happy achievement. We hope our School of Health Sciences Graduate Research Newsletter will warm you up with our candidates' academic sunlights in a cold winter.

First of all, warmest welcome goes to 20 new HDR students. Please see the extended list of our new students, research topics and their supervisors at the end of this newsletter.

## GRADUATE RESEARCH NEWS

### Good news from students

On candidature progress, congratulations to the following candidates:

- **Deb Carnes** (PhD Candidate) has submitted her thesis entitled "Getting the Truth: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Rural Nurses' Attitude to Safety Climate and their Views of reporting a Hypothetical Medication Error" for examination. Deb was supervised by A/Prof Erica Bell and Prof Sue Kilpatrick until Erica's passing in 2014 when Prof Rick Ledema became one of her supervisors. Good luck Deb.
- **Corinna Dwan** (PhD Candidate) has submitted her thesis entitled "Consumer centred approaches to health care needs and choices for the older person" for examination. Corinna's supervisors are A/Prof Christine Stirling and Dr Shandell Elmer both from the SHS. Good luck Corinna.
- **Kelly Edwards**, a full-time PhD candidate on an APA scholarship was awarded a University Medal at the April graduation ceremony in Sydney. The award was granted on the basis of excellence in her undergraduate and BN (Hons) programs and is apt recognition of her hard work. Kelly's PhD is building on her Hons search and will see the development, implementation and evaluation of a 'real-time' patient experience measure in adult acute care hospitalised patients.
- **Daryl Foy** (PhD Candidate) has submitted his thesis entitled "Towards a Behavioural Model for Online Exercise Communities" for examination. Daryl was supervised by A/Prof Stu Smith and Dr Andy Williams both from the SHS. Good luck Daryl.
- **Abdul Majeed** (Master of Biomedical Science Candidate) has



Kelly Edwards at the Sydney graduation



submitted his thesis entitled “An observational study to determine the incidence of thyroid dysfunction among pregnant women in Northern Tasmania: effect of thyroid status on maternal, foetal and neonatal outcomes” for examination. Abdul was supervised by Dr Murray Adams, Prof Madeleine Ball, Dr Iain Robertson, and A/Prof Alhossain Khalafallah. Good luck Abdul

- **Jessica Marathe** (Masters Candidate) was successfully transferred to PhD degree.
- **Christine Matera** (PhD Candidate), and **Melissa Terry** (Masters Candidate) have expressed their intention to submit their theses for examination.
- **Pieter van Dam** (PhD Candidate) has been successful in the examination of his thesis entitled “Responding to the Opportunities: A Grounded Theory of Clinical Nurse Leadership Learning”. His supervisors are Dr Karen Ford and Prof Mary Fitzgerald both adjuncts with the SHS. Pieter will graduate in the ceremony in August.
- **Anna Spinaze** (PhD Candidate) has submitted her thesis entitled “Being a rural health professional and working with people with chronic conditions” for examination. Anna was supervised by Prof Douglas Ezzy (Sociology), Dr Peter Orpin (Health Sciences) and Prof Sue Kilpatrick (The Centre for University Pathways and Partnerships). We hope to hear from her good news soon.
- **Joanne Yeoh** (PhD Candidate) has submitted her thesis entitled “Food security and cultural identity of migrants in the rural Context” for examination. Joanne’s supervisors were Dr Quynh Le, Dr Thao Le and Dr Rosa Maria McManamey. We wish you all the best with the result.
- **Emma Zadow** (PhD candidate): An exciting new study investigating the influence of time of day on pacing selection and coagulation responses will be up and running soon with Dr James Fell, Dr Cecilia Kitic and Emma is looking to recruit 15 male trained cyclists in order to participate. If you are aged between 18-50 years, have had previous time trial experience and cycle ~10h per week, we would love to hear from you! Please feel free to email Emma at [Emma.Zadow@utas.edu.au](mailto:Emma.Zadow@utas.edu.au) for further information.

In terms of publication and research networking matters, congratulations to the following achievers:

- **Lucy Byrne** (Master Biomedical Science) has been invited to present on the Active Tasmania project at the Paderborn University’s Sports Federation in Germany in June 2015. Lucy will then travel onto the University of British Columbia where she has had an abstract accepted for a verbal presentation on her work with Active Tasmania and Active Launceston at the International

Conference of Health Promoting Universities. Lucy has also recently had a book chapter published with University of Tasmania Colleagues Dr Kathryn Ogden and Stuart Auckland entitled “The Active Launceston Health Promotion Initiative”. The Cambridge Scholars publication is entitled “Knowledge in Action University-Community Engagement in Australia” edited by Isabelle Barthkowiak-Theron and Kathryn Anderson. At the Launceston City Council meeting on the 13th of April a motion to continue funding Active Launceston was unanimously supported by all Alderman. This will provide Lucy with approximately \$138 000 of funding over a three year period to continue her work with Active Launceston.

- **Diana Godwin** (PhD Candidate) had her joint paper entitled “Costly chronic diseases: A retrospective analysis of Chronic Disease Dental Scheme expenditure” published in the Australian Health Review (2015), pp. 1-5.
- **Damhnat McCann** (PhD Candidate) had her joint paper: “Sleep deprivation in parents caring for children with complex needs at home: A mixed methods systematic review” published in the Journal of Family Nursing pp. 1-33.
- **Carey Mather** (PhD Candidate) had three joint papers: “Clinical supervisors’ perspectives on delivering work integrated learning: A survey study” published in the Nurse Education Today, Volume 35, Issue 4, pp. 625–631; “A journal club review - Tips for promoting professional identity development” published in The Clinical Teacher pp. 1-3; and “Undergraduate nurses’ preferred use of mobile devices in healthcare settings” published in the Studies in Health Technology and Informatics journal, Issue 208 pp. 264-268.
- **Joanne Yeoh** (PhD Candidate) had her two joint papers: “Having enough cultural food? A qualitative exploration of the experiences of migrants in a regional area of Australia” published in the Journal of Food Research (2015), Volume 4, Issue 2, pp. 16-26; and “Effective strategies adopted by migrants to improve food security in Tasmania” published in Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal (2015), Issue 4, pp. 1-13. Joanne has also obtained the Graduate Research Travel Grant to present a paper entitled “Food security of migrants in a regional area of Australia: A qualitative study” at the 12th Asian Congress of Nutrition at Pacifico Yokohama, Japan on 13th – 18th May 2015.
- **Emma Zadow** (PhD candidate): In June and July of 2015, Emma will be presenting the findings of her first PhD study “Validity of the Wahoo KICKR Power Trainer and Reliability of a 4 km Cycle Time Trial” as podium presentations at both the European College of Sports Science Conference in Malmo, Sweden (one of the and at the Cycling and Science Conference in Utrecht, Amsterdam, both significant conferences within the sports science and cycling fields.

## Peter (Pietro) Santangelo – Our first Sydney HDR graduand

The graduation ceremony for graduands from the Faculty of Health, Tasmanian School of Business and Economics and the Research College, scheduled for 21st April 2015, was cancelled due to severe weather in Sydney on that evening. As a result, graduands were conferred their degrees in absentia. Acknowledging the importance of the ceremony to those graduating, the University generously took the decision to hold the ceremony at a later date, which occurred on Saturday 16th May 2015.

For those not familiar with the Sydney ceremony, it was held at the Recital Hall near Martin Place. The Recital Hall is a very elegant venue and attracted a full house from graduates and their families and friends. The Chancellor, the Honourable Dr Michael Field AC welcomed graduates and their guests and Professor Denise Fassett delivered an inspiring Occasional Address. A musical interlude by a talented string quartet preceded the ceremony celebrating the achievement of the various degrees after which the Valedictory Address was delivered by Ms Adrianna Scotti, MHSM.

For me, it was a very special evening. I was the only Research College graduate, presented to the Chancellor by Professor Imelda Whelehan, the Dean of Graduate Research. Dr Field noted that I was the first PhD graduate from this campus and acknowledged this occasion as a milestone in what he anticipated would be the first of



*Peter Santangelo at the Sydney graduation ceremony.*

many such awards given at this venue. I felt enormous pride in achieving this accolade and I am very grateful for the University's decision to re-convene this event, not to mention its support, along with my supervisors Professors Denise Fassett and Nicholas Procter, over the four years of my candidature.

## Mary Wyer's researcher residency at Fondation Brocher

Mary Wyer is a PhD student based in Sydney (Supervisors: Prof Rick Iedema, Dr Clarissa Hughes and Dr Suyin Hor). She uses video-reflexive ethnography to explore how patients experience, understand and enact infection control. This involves filming everyday patient care, watching this footage with patients to gain their insights into infection transmission risks, and then feeding these insights back to the clinicians who care for them.



*Mary Wyer (PhD Candidate) at the Fondation Brocher in Geneva, Switzerland.*

Mary recently returned from a 2 month visiting researcher residency at Fondation Brocher ([www.brocher.ch](http://www.brocher.ch)) in Geneva. While there she presented to world leaders in infection prevention and control at Geneva Hospital (Didier Pittet's team) and Zurich Hospital (Hugo Sax's team). She also formed ties with the program manager of the WHO Patients for Patient Safety team.

Mary's paper Involving patients in understanding hospital infection control using visual methods was recently published in JCN and she is an invited speaker at the next ACIPC conference in Hobart presenting a session entitled Patients: Passive subjects or active participants in reducing the spread of infection.

## Farvel Vibeke (Farewell in Danish)

Last month we said 'farvel' and 'pa gensyn' to our visiting PhD Candidate Vibeke Høgh from Denmark. Vibeke, her husband Brian and daughter Julie arrived in mid-November 2014 for 6 months while

writing the final analysis for her dissertation on atrial fibrillation, quality of life and perception of health. Vibeke kindly shared the journey of her study, and experiences of being a PhD candidate with Health Science colleagues at Advocate House, the Clinical Redesign team, Royal Hobart Emergency nurses and fast-track undergraduate nursing students. Vibeke generously provided mentorship to fellow candidates, and encouragement to those thinking of undertaking research in the future.

Vibeke's passion for making the most of her Tasmanian experience with her family positively rubbed off on the rest of us. As she also rounded up participants for Hobart's 'Run the Bridge', eventually gathering a small team of token 'Danes' who managed to put in some respectable times and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Despite her time at UTAS coming to an end, rather than goodbye we have said 'see you soon' and look forward to keeping in touch and collaboration in the future.

## Anna Spinaze – The light at the end of the tunnel

Anna Spinaze submitted her thesis "Swimming in the Stream: Being a Health Professional and Doing Chronic Conditions Healthcare" for examination on 11th March. She celebrated one year back in 'normal' employment in early May, and is thoroughly enjoying working as a community development project officer (south) for the Tasmanian Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (TAHPC).

Her current role includes helping communities to generate conversations and engagement around the topics of death and dying; bereavement and grief; hospice care, palliative care and end of life care. Rural, remote, regional & urban Tasmanians may have seen advertisements for Death Cafés, neighbourhood house events, a comedy night, free movie showings, Paper Garments for the Grave (art exhibition at Burnie Regional Gallery, QVMAG and later this year at Rosny Barn), 'Tassie Communities Talk Death' community forum/conference at Wrest Point, Advance Care Directive training (health professional and community), and other end of life activities. Anyone interested in any of the above (in particular in hosting community conversations or Advance Care Directive information sessions), or in knowing more about TAHPC or the project, can contact Anna via [projectsouth\[AT\]tahpc.org.au](mailto:projectsouth[AT]tahpc.org.au), or through her UTas email address.

Anna was a DHHS and CRH co-funded 'Partners

in Health' scholar between 2006 and 2014, and has been generously supervised by Professor Doug Ezzy (Sociology), Peter Orpin (CRH) and Professor Sue Kilpatrick (former UDRH director, now Pro-Vice Chancellor, Students). She is living proof that students can submit a thesis after every known interruption to the PhD process ;)

## Lorraine Walker – Reflection after attending the Foundations of Mixed Methods Course by ACSPRI

As one of the units for the Graduate Certificate in Research I was fortunate to be able to develop a specific XGR505 unit related to mixed methods research this semester. As part of the unit I attended a five-day ACSPRI (Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Incorporated) course in February at the University of Melbourne, facilitated by Dr Nicola McNeil from Latrobe University and Professor Paul Blyton from University of Sheffield in the UK. I found myself engaged with a diverse group of individuals with an equally diverse mix of backgrounds and research interests. Participants ran the gamut from Professor of Education to master's students, with research foci from distance education to conservation.

The activities included some teach and talk sessions and later in the week we formed groups to develop a mixed methods research proposal. This process was initially somewhat challenging with the unknown calibre and dynamics of the team. Our group topic related to windfarms (yes, we had the conservation participant...) which was a new concept to explore for most of us. Although there was limited time for development, the various proposals and presentations were deemed to be of a high standard, demonstrating the power of multiple minds (and a finite deadline!). Then came the associated assignments...

**"Shut up and Write!"** Living in Melbourne can feel somewhat isolating when you are undertaking your PhD at UTAS, although there are numerous students in and around Melbourne who are in the same situation. To overcome this solitariness, one of the enterprising students from another faculty initiated a writing group for UTAS Melbourne students, which has been supported by the Graduate Research School. The 'Shut up and Write' group meet on a regular basis at a café in the city for an initial chat and food/drink then we set to work on our individual studies.

We use the 'Pomodoro' technique, developed by Francesco Cirillo, which involves 30 minute writing segments. As you probably know, Pomodoro means tomato in Italian..., and the link is the timer used by

Cirillo is in the shape of a tomato (although ours is in the shape of an Iphone). There are several simple steps: choose a task, set the pomodoro then totally focus on the writing task for 25 minutes (Shut up and Write!). When the timer rings you then have a break for 5 mins and start again. We do anything from 2-4 pomodoros, then we all head off in our separate directions! It is stimulating and supportive to work with others in the group and surprising how much you can achieve in a short time.

## Joanne Yeoh at the 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Nutrition (ACN) 2015 in Yokohama, Japan

It was a great opportunity for me to attend and present my study in ACN which held on 14th – 18th May 2015 in Yokohama, Japan. This conference was attended by over 4,000 participants from different parts of the world which provided an opportunity for all to expand their knowledge, interact with others, and enhance their collaboration. Under the theme of “Nutrition and Food for Longevity: For the Well-being for All,” the congress offered a full scientific program, featuring 5 plenary lectures, 13 educational lectures, 48 symposia with 174 lectures, luncheon and evening seminars, as well as oral and poster sessions with nearly 1,500 presentations.

At the congress, I attended the plenary lecture given by Dr Tontisirin from Thailand, who shared his ideas on approaches for food and nutrition security by multi-stakeholders and multi-strategies. The seminar contributed ideas and knowledge about the current actions and supports given to reduce hunger and under nutrition in all regions. Additionally, Dr Wahlqvist also provided significant information on how we as individuals contributed in food and nutrition security for healthy aging in educational lecture. During poster presentation, I shared and exchanged ideas with other participants that contributed to my study.



Joanne Yeoh (PhD Candidate) at the ACN 2015, Yokohama, Japan

Interestingly, I had a chance to take photos with geisha before the opening ceremony. How lucky I am.

Overall, this congress was a successful one. I had a wonderful time, both attending conference and travelling around the port of Japan.

## Carey Mather – ITCH in winter

In February 2015 I presented a paper at the International conference addressing Information Technology and Communication in Health (ITCH 2015) in Victoria, Canada where I met a range of delegates interested in improving healthcare for clinicians, educators and patients. The focus of this conference was to explore commitments to patient-centred care. It drew participants from around the globe. I attended workshops, paper presentations and panel discussions on three guiding themes of patients talking; the profession listening; and services unleashing imagination. My paper Undergraduate nurses’ preferred use of mobile devices in healthcare settings was in the nursing informatics section where other researchers reported on research in leadership in nursing informatics and others reported how nurses use informatics for documentation and handover.



Carey Mather (PhD Candidate) at the ITCH

In addition to deep conversations about informatics subjects, there was an opportunity to tour one of the local hospitals and meet clinicians who were using various digital technologies in their workplaces. As a previous clinician in operating room suite I was intrigued by the preservation of the Royal Jubilee Hospital’s first operating room/ building (with large windows to let in the Canadian winter light) that is now a museum and is surrounded by a tranquillity garden and reflection pool for patient and staff use. Having the opportunity to mingle with others interested in similar subjects, but situated in other climes provides opportunities for exposure to enable generation of ideas; expand knowledge;

networking, and enable opportunities for collaboration. The long flight home even provided time for reflection on the current health informatics situation elsewhere compared to Australia! I found even with virtual opportunities, face-to-face conversations with other researchers are essential. Make the opportunity during your candidature, as it may create opportunities you had not previously considered.

## Pieter van Dam at the 13<sup>th</sup> International Studying Leadership Conference

At the end of last year an international conference about leadership was held in Copenhagen. The conference attracted leadership scholars from all over the globe. The conference focussed on relevance and rigour in Leadership Research and Practice. The conference topics covered more than healthcare leadership alone. The topic of leadership is important as it is estimated that world-wide annually 170 billion dollars is spent on leadership development initiatives. One of the highlights included the focus on a more holistic approach to leadership development evaluation by moving away from narrowly defined measures of performance and cause and effect relationships.

Both of the conference key note speakers are well regarded in the field of leadership development Dr. Mary Uhl-Bien is Professor and Howard Hawks Chair in Business Ethics and Leadership at the University of Nebraska. Uhl-Bien's research covers topics such as complexity leadership, relational leadership, and followership.

Dr. Steve Kempster is Professorial Director of Leadership Development at Lancaster University Management School, Head of Department, Management Development and Director of the Lancaster Leadership Centre. Kempster explored the concept of leadership learning through lived experience. Steve's publications involve examining leadership learning as a form of informal apprenticeship. It is this concept of informal learning that makes the links with the nursing profession. Nursing is a practice-based discipline and recent research is indicating that the majority of leadership learning occurs within the practice environment.

Another highlight was the focus on the everyday doing of leadership, what people actually do with their days. It was suggested that leadership studies should start by exploring what work people occupying leadership roles undertake. Moreover, leadership work brings to the attention the notion that leadership is an activity carried out by leaders

and managers, not an individual characteristic or a position.

The discussions also centred on finding a way forward in closing the gap between relevance and rigour. It was argued that scientific rigour interferes with the practical application of leadership initiatives. Kempster argued that grounded theory can bridge the relevance-rigour gap by examining the contextual understanding of the social processes of leadership development. However, later in the conference the discussions took a different direction and consensus was reached that a new way of exploring leadership and leadership development would be the use of new methods such as shadowing and mixed-method approaches. Overall it was a great conference and the discussions held spiked ideas to study leadership in innovative ways.

## Doctor of Health News

2015 has gotten off to a great start at the UTas Research Centre on the Darlinghurst campus with a further 4 professional doctorate candidates all from St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney (SVPHS) commencing candidature and a further PhD candidate as well. This brings the total of HDR candidates on the Darlinghurst campus to 18. Our two full-time BN (Hons) students are well advanced in their research and are awaiting ethics approval prior to commencing data collection.

The professional doctorate programme in Hobart has commenced with 5 new Candidates commencing in early May 2015. The Hobart SHS programme is being led by Professor Ken Walsh and all 5 Candidates are employed within THO-S.

## Tasmanian Health Research Student Conference (THRSC)

All Research Higher Degree students in the Faculty of Health and Menzies and their supervisors were invited to participate in the third Tasmanian Health Research Student Conference (THRSC) held on June 4th 2015 during Medical Research Week in the Medical Sciences Precinct, Hobart.

This year the format for the conference was quite different and focussed providing an opportunity for HDR Candidates to share research experiences with colleagues and to practice their skills in research communication. The challenge was to communicate the research in 2 ways: a 3 minute presentation designed for a lay audience and a poster suitable for a conference.

Six HDR Candidates from the School of Health Sciences participated in presenting their work: Deb Carnes, Mona Thorpe, Danielle Bywaters, Cath Ogden, Toniele Shearer, and Sancia West. They all did a great job and it was excellent to see everyone having fun with their research.

## Graduate research student support program

In relation to student support matters, the 2015 has marked the first School of Health Sciences (SHS) Graduate Students Support program. These workshops are additional to seminar series organised by the UTas Research Domain and/or learning materials offered from the Grad Cert in Research, such as NVivo training (qualitative data analysis software), SPSS and STATA (quantitative data analysis tools), thesis formatting style, how to write a thesis abstract and publications, etc. For further details about these upcoming workshops, contact [Research.HealthSciences@utas.edu.au](mailto:Research.HealthSciences@utas.edu.au)

## Event calendar

- **24 June 2015:** Coding interview data workshop (Dr Peter Orpin).
- **22 July 2015:** Using Word to format and manage large documents and Preparing and presenting a thesis for examination, videoconference (Prof Megan Quentin Baxter).
- **11 - 12 August 2015:** NVivo software for analysing qualitative data (QSR International).
- **3 - 4 September 2015:** 2015 UTas Graduate Conference, Hobart.
- **23 September 2015:** Intro to STATA, videoconference, (Dr Kiran Ahuja).
- **28 October 2015:** Principles of writing an abstract (conferences and thesis), videoconference, (Prof Dominic Geraghty, A/Prof Christine Stirlings).
- **25 November 2015:** SPSS Advanced: Analysing quantitative data, Hobart (A/Prof Leigh Blizzard).

## Concluding remarks

We are pleased to share with you many aspects of our graduate research students' stories which are meaningful and important in their research journeys. Theodore Levitt, a former Harvard professor reminds us that "creativity is thinking up new things and innovation is doing new things." We can see what he meant by reading the stories of creativity and innovation of our graduate research students in this health science graduate research news. We would like to warmly congratulate our research students for their achievements, not just for themselves, but also for the enhancement of research in the School of Health Sciences.

Quynh, Liz and Murray



## New candidates in the School of Health Sciences

- **Lucio Babo Soares** whose research is about "Oral/Dental health survey" and is supervised by Dr Leonard Crocombe (Health Sciences), Dr Silvana Bettiol (Medicine), and Dr Penny Allen (Medicine).
- **Helen Borgstrom**, DHealth Candidate is examining the "The role and function of the Clinical Nurse educator in the Acute care setting" and is supervised by Dr Elizabeth Cummings, Dr Carolyn King, Prof Kim Walker.
- **Danielle Bywaters**, PhD Candidate is examining "Health Literacy: using technology to explore the patient's perception of health education interventions by Nurses" and is supervised by Dr Shandell Elmer and Prof Megan Quentin-Baxter.
- **Alex Chan**, PhD Candidate is examining the "Effects of health literacy upon the compliance of secondary prevention of cardiovascular diseases and health outcomes for adults" and is supervised by Prof Leigh Kinsman and Dr Shandell Elmer.
- **Thelma De Lisser-Howarth**, DHealth Candidate is examining "Improving patient's discharge planning outcomes by identifying the barriers that impact on a successful discharge home or transfer of care" and is supervised by Prof Kim Walker and Dr Jed Duff.
- **Nicole Draper**, DHealth Candidate is undertaking an "Implementation of a Clinical Revue Cycle Manager to improve clinical documentation resulting in the optimisation of revenue in a not for profit acute care facility" and is supervised by Dr Lisa Dalton and Dr Kathleen Doherty.
- **Amanda Gore**, PhD Candidate is examining the "The impact of beginning nurses on team performance and patient safety in the operating room" and is supervised by Prof Rick Iedema and Dr Danielle Williams.
- **Renae Grundy**, DHealth Candidate is conducting a "Pilot program: Implementing a survivorship program to identify and manage quality of life adverse events in the ongoing care of patients with lung cancer" and is supervised by Prof Ken Walsh and A/Prof Christine Stirling.
- **Kerry Mollenhagen**, DHealth Candidate is exploring "Promoting a recovery focused

service in a long term mental health unit by including the individual, professionals and managers” and is supervised by Prof Ken Walsh and Dr Karen Ford.

- **Claire Morley**, PhD Candidate is examining the “Factors influencing the decision to present at an Emergency Department in Tasmania” and is supervised by Prof Leigh Kinsman, Prof Gregory Peterson, and Dr James Stankovich.
- **Michelle Phillips**, DHealth Candidate is examining “The implementation of a Clinical Supervision Program in the acute care setting” and is supervised by Dr Elizabeth Cummings, Dr Carolyn King, Dr Jed Duff.
- **Kerin Robinson**, PhD Candidate transferred from UTS to complete her PhD at UTAS. Kerin’s research is entitled “The making of health information management in Australia: implications for education and professional development” she is supervised by Prof Rick Ledema and Dr Elizabeth Cummings.
- **Lynne Staff**, PhD Candidate is examining the “Choosing Caesarean section or choosing not to labour or birth vaginally: What is the choice that healthy nulliparous women are actually making” and is supervised by Dr Elizabeth Cummings, Dr Meredith Nash and Dr Shandell Elmer.
- **Ann Sweeney**, DHealth Candidate is examining “The Development and Evaluation of an Acceptance and Commitment Therapy Programme for the Management of Stress Related to Bullying” and is supervised by Prof Ken Walsh and Dr Karen Ford.
- **Alyson Sweeney**, DHealth Candidate is

examining “Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) among long term catheter users living in the community” and is supervised by Prof Ken Walsh and Dr Karen Ford.

- **Mona Thorpe**, PhD Candidate is conducting “An Investigation of the Factors Mediating High Rates of Smoking During Pregnancy in Tasmanian Women, and Exploration of Clinical and System Factors that Impact on Provision of ‘Best-Practice’ Smoking Cessation Interventions” and is supervised by Dr Mai Fransden and A/Prof Stuart Ferguson.
- **Josefina Villanueva**, Masters Candidate is undertaking “A qualitative research study on the in-hospital use of communication devices of parents when interacting with their children and youth with cerebral palsy who have communication difficulties” and is supervised by Dr Rachel Kornhaber and Dr Lindsay Smith.
- **Cindy Weatherburn**, DHealth Candidate is examining “Medical Emergency Teams – improving communication between critical care and the wards” and is supervised by Prof Ken Walsh and Dr Elizabeth Cummings.
- **Peter Williams**, PhD Candidate is examining “Recognising and responding to clinical deterioration of the elderly living within aged care facilities” and is supervised by Prof Rick Ledema and Prof Paul Fulbrook.
- **Deborah Zwolsman** is examining the “Work ability in an Australian context” and is supervised by A/Prof Tony Barnett and Dr Lisa Dalton.



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