

ERA 2010

The 9th Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference 2010 was held on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October 2010 at the Newcastle City Hall. The conference was hosted by Professor Julie Byles and Associate Professor Lynne Parkinson from the Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing, at The University of Newcastle.

The 2010 conference was highly successful according to your feedback and the number of attendees. There was a very positive energy generated within the conference, in the tradition of past ERA conferences.

We would like to thank all the presenters and other people who attended for making this conference such a success. The quality of the presentations was outstanding, and choosing prizes a very difficult task.

A special thank you to all the people who agreed to chair sessions and assess presentations and posters and to all those who volunteered their time to help us during the event.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The 2010 Conference Proceedings including the full papers submitted will be available soon here.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

The 2010 conference featured three postgraduate student workshops which were held concurrently on the morning of Thursday 21st October 2010:

Issues in Mixed Methods Research

Presented by Dr Pat Bazeley, Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity, University of New South Wales and Director/ Research Consultant, Research Support Pty Limited. An internationally renowned expert on mixed methods research.

Notes from the workshop are available on the ERA website (www.era.edu.au).

Writing and Reviewing for Publication

Presented by A/Prof Lynne Parkinson, Senior Research Fellow, Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing, University of Newcastle; Editor in Chief of "Australasian Journal on Ageing" and Professor Jeni Warburton, John Richards Chair of Rural Aged Care Research, La Trobe University.

Issues in Quantitative Research

Presented by Prof Catherine D'Este, Chair in Biostatistics, School of Medicine and Public Health, Faculty of Health, University of Newcastle.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Professor Gita Mishra

Prof Gita Mishra's presentation will be available on the website soon.

Gita Mishra has recently been appointed as Professor of Life Course Epidemiology at the School of Population Health, University of Queensland. Prior to this she was a programme leader at the Medical Research Council (MRC) Unit Lifelong Health and Ageing, University College London (UCL), where she led the programme on Lifetime lifestyles and social environment in relation to health and ageing outcomes. She is an author of more than 130 peer-reviewed publications as well as 18 book chapters. More recently she co-edited a book that covers both the theory and practice of family based studies, entitled Family Matters in Life Course Epidemiology and published by Oxford University Press in April 2009. Professor Mishra has addressed numerous methodological challenges in analysing data across the life course from the issues of measurement errors and missing data, to the techniques of modelling trajectories. She has also instigated and collaborated on several research projects ranging across many aspects of women's health, from the experience of menopausal transition to the role of socio-economic status on health inequalities. Her longstanding interests include: statistical methodology for longitudinal studies, constructing measures of dietary patterns, life course approach to health, and women's health.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

New directions in ageing research: life course epidemiology and cross-cohort comparisons
Ageing is a grand challenge facing society. Life course approach to ageing studies how factors acting across the whole of life affect health and well-being. We shall discuss some of the latest developments in life course epidemiology - from the testing of theoretical models, to the use of family-based studies and cross-cohort comparisons. We shall discuss how comparing relationships within and between different family members can clarify the mechanisms underlying associations in life course studies and help to determine causality. Similarly, the finding of robust associations across cohorts between risk factors and ageing phenotypes can help to establish causality. Examples will be drawn from a range of life course studies.

PRIZES

Congratulations to the prize winners:

The Helen Bartlett Prize for Innovation in Ageing Research

Kylie Aggias, The University of Newcastle: "Later-life family estrangement: Insights into living after an adult child ceases contact" \$500

AAG Hunter Prize – Best Presentation

Anthony Brown, University of Western Sydney: "Cherished places: retirees men's spaces and places". \$250

AAG Victoria Prize – Best Victorian Presentation

Janice Taylor, Monash University: "Staff manual handling and resident transfers on and off furniture; a systematic review" \$250.

Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) – Best Poster Presentation

Jenny Day, The University of Newcastle: “The lived experience of family members who visit a hospitalised older person when the older person has delirium” \$250

FEEDBACK

We would love to have your feedback. For those of you who have not yet responded to the ERA 2010 evaluation survey, you can [download the survey from the website](#) and email it to elodie.sprenger@newcastle.edu.au or post it to: Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing , The University of Newcastle, David Maddison Building, Level 2, 2308 Newcastle. Thank you.