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New project exploring families' experiences of the *Risky Kids* program

By Shannon Bennetts

About 18 months ago, I came across an intriguing new children's program taking place in my local park. The kids were having a blast, jumping off big logs of varying heights, and balancing along connecting metal poles. After reaching out to the program developers via Facebook, I'm thrilled to have now secured some internal funding through La Trobe's ABC Investment Scheme to explore families' views of the *Risky Kids* program.



Jasmine Love, Shannon Bennetts, Richard Williams, Stacey Hokke at the Maroondah Risky Kids Club in Kilsyth



Risky Kids classes in action at the Maroondah Club

Established in 2018 by Richard Williams, the *Risky Kids* program supports children aged 5-18 years to develop resilience and a positive mindset through parkour, ninja, and free-running skills. A trained coach guides children through challenging physical activities, underpinned by evidence-based practices that create trust and a safe space for children to learn and grow.

Our research aims to explore children's and parents' experiences of the program, with a particular focus on mental health and resilience. The team is visiting three *Risky Kids* clubs (Berwick, Maroondah, Albury) to conduct individual child interviews and a focus group with caregivers in each location. To date, Sharinne, Jasmine, Stacey and I have visited the Berwick and Maroondah *Risky Kids* clubs, with Albury to take place in August. It's exciting to be undertaking the first research study on this novel new program, at a time when many children are requiring additional supports following a difficult few years living through a global pandemic.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Staff news

Congratulations to Angela Taft who was awarded the prestigious title of Emeritus Professor in April 2023



Student news

Ranmali Rodrigo passed her PhD titled 'Storage and transport of expressed breast milk for infants in two neonatal intensive care units: exploratory studies in Australia and Sri Lanka'. Supervisory team: **Prof Lisa Amir** and **Prof Della Forster** [see page 7]

Noushin Arefadib passed her PhD titled 'Examining the postnatal depression and anxiety screening and management practices of maternal and child health nurses in Victoria, Australia: A multiphase study'. Supervisory team: **A/Prof Touran Shafiei**, **A/Prof Amanda Cooklin**, **Prof Jan Nicholson**

Study Investigators: Shannon Bennetts, Sharinne Crawford, Jasmine Love, Stacey Hokke, Clair Bennett, Jan Nicholson, Hulya Gilbert (School of Humanities and Social Sciences), Karli Treyvaud (School of Psychology and Public Health).



Risky Kids classes in action at the Maroondah Club (indoors)

Book launch: *Gender-Based Violence and Healthcare in Timor-Leste*

Congratulations to Kayli Wild, Angela Taft and colleagues on the launch of their gender-based violence prevention textbook for healthcare providers on 11 July in Timor-Leste.



Angela Taft, Kayli Wild and colleagues in Dili, Timor-Leste



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Grant

Congratulations on the following grant awarded to JLC staff

Family Safety Victoria, \$299,941

LOOP: Co-designing a service feedback model with victim-survivors of sexual violence. **A/Prof Leesa Hooker** (La Trobe Rural Health School/Judith Lumley Centre), **Dr Jess Ison**, (Judith Lumley Centre), Australian Research Centre in Sex Health and Society (ARCSHS) in partnership with the Centre Against Sexual Assault Central Victoria and Thorne Harbour Health.

Media coverage highlights the impact of social disadvantage on perinatal outcomes

By Fiona Faulks

In May this year, we published the results of our study 'Perinatal outcomes of socially disadvantaged women in Australia: A population-based retrospective cohort study' in the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (BJOG)*. This first paper published from my PhD examined the perinatal outcomes of women who experience social disadvantage using population-based perinatal data (from the Victorian Perinatal Data Collection) collected between 1999 and 2016. This dataset comprised almost 1.2 million births and contained routinely collected demographic and clinical data for both mother and infant. We explored associations between social disadvantage and adverse maternal and neonatal outcomes. We also examined trends in perinatal outcomes in relation to neighbourhood-level disadvantage over the data collection period. Social indicators available in the dataset were residential postcode, partner status and maternal age. In addition, due to the limitations of routinely collected data to provide a comprehensive social picture, we used smoking during pregnancy and being obese or overweight as proxy measures of disadvantage due to the high rates of these health factors in disadvantaged communities.



Fiona Faulks

Our findings demonstrated that social disadvantage has a marked impact on perinatal outcomes. Social disadvantage was associated with higher odds of adverse perinatal outcomes, including maternal admission to the Intensive Care Unit, postpartum hemorrhage, perinatal mortality (i.e., stillbirth or neonatal death), neonatal admission to the Special Care Nursery or the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, low birthweight and preterm birth. In addition, we found that the most disadvantaged women had consistently poorer perinatal outcomes over time for all outcomes, except caesarean section.

We were fortunate to receive a high level of interest from the media for this study, and as a PhD student, this can be particularly overwhelming. My supervisors were very supportive in helping me to prepare. The media team at La Trobe was good at liaising and putting me in contact with media personnel who were interested in learning more. Once the study was published, the media team got involved, and it all moved very quickly. The interest from media is typically short and sharp but intense. I was interviewed by several ABC journalists (both regional and Melbourne programs), the *Sun-Herald*, the *Nursing Review* and Seven News (Melbourne). The ABC and Seven interviews were broadcast live which added some pressure to be well prepared.

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Awards

School of Nursing and Midwifery 3MT Competition

First place went to **Fiona Faulks** for her talk entitled "Social vulnerability and maternity care: Determining gaps in access, equity and outcomes" – Fiona received \$250 and will compete in the LTU finals in Aug/Sept 2023.

Runner-up was **Brooke Henshall**, who asked "What is physiological birth?" Brooke received an award of \$125.

People's Choice was awarded to **Fiona Faulks**. Fiona received a further \$100 for winning this award.

ASPOG 2023 Emerging Researcher Award

Desireé LaGrappe won the Australian Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics and Gynaecology (ASPOG) 2023 Emerging Researcher Award for her conference presentation in Adelaide on how to better understand and measure reproductive coercion.

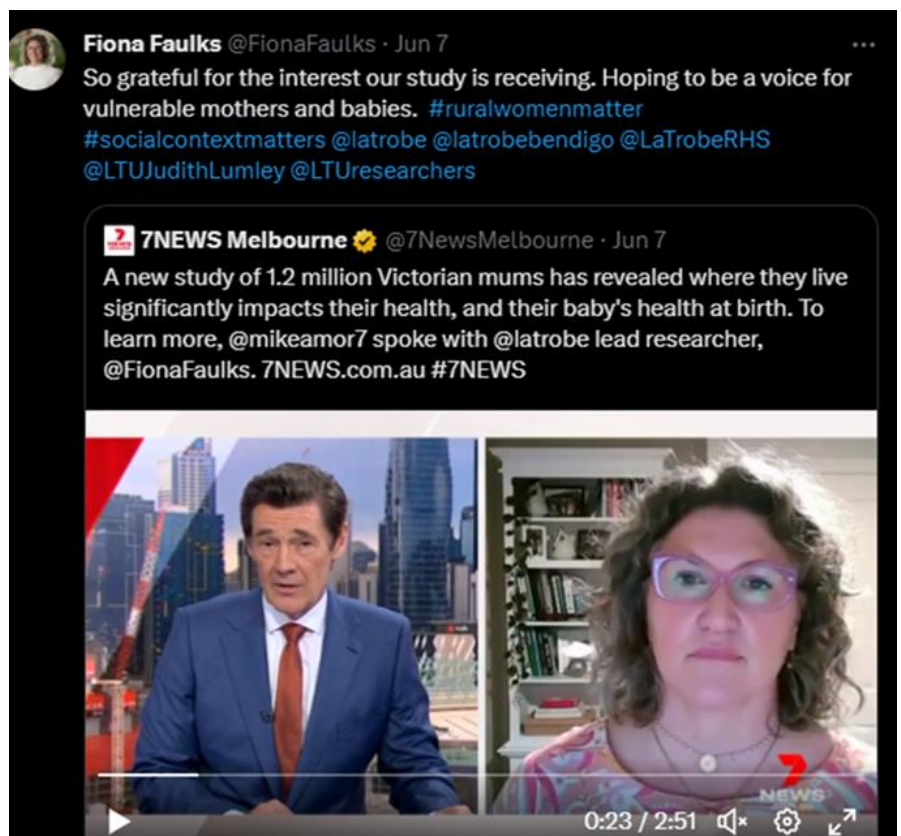


Desireé LaGrappe presenting at ASPOG and receiving her award

The Seven News interview was broadcast at 4.30pm because of the large number mothers in their audience at that time, who they believed would be interested in the findings.

This knowledge helped me to prepare, as I had some idea of who it was being pitched to. This interview was done via Zoom, but I could only see a black screen as they do not have any cameras operating to ensure good internet connection. Talking to Mike Amor without seeing his face was odd but, in some ways, less distracting. The journalists were all kind, patient and genuinely interested in the work I was discussing.

Faulks F, Shafiei T, McLachlan H, Forster D, Mogren I, Copnell B, Edvardsson K. Perinatal outcomes of socially disadvantaged women in Australia: A population-based retrospective cohort study. *BJOG* 2023. doi: 10.1111/1471-0528.17501



PhD student Fiona Faulks being interviewed by Mike Amor on Seven News

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Staff Cultural Awards

Christine East was a highly deserving recipient of an inaugural School Staff Cultural Award in June for exemplifying the qualities of an academic leader and showing care and consideration for higher-degree students and Early Career Researchers.

Report launch

In March, Meabh Cullinane and team launched their report evaluating the newly established Midwifery Group Practice model of maternity care at Dhelkaya Health (previously Castlemaine Health). The launch was celebrated at Castlemaine's Buda Historic Home and Garden.



Meabh Cullinane, Laura Whitburn, April Jardine (Midwifery Coordinator and Educator) and Sue Race (Dhelkaya Health CEO).

International Congress on Evidence-based Parenting Support 2023

By Shannon Bennetts

The inaugural International Congress for Evidence-based Parenting Support (I-CEPS) took place online between 6th and 8th June. I-CEPS is a global initiative of the Parenting and Family Research Alliance (PAFRA) to advance research, policy, and practice in the field of parenting and family intervention. The I-CEPS was hosted by Professor Norman Swan and Ms Tegan Taylor, and featured a keynote address by the world-renowned author of 'From Neurons to Neighborhoods', Professor Jack Shonkoff.

Our JLC staff and students delivered six oral presentations, from Jan Nicholson, Shannon Bennetts, Clair Bennett, Jasmine Love, Sharinne Crawford, Stacey Hokke, and Kate McCredie. Congratulations to Jasmine Love, who received a Best Paper Award for her presentation: 'Does engagement and satisfaction with an early childhood parenting intervention predict participation at five-year follow-up?'



The virtual conference foyer for I-CEPS 2023



Best Paper awarded to Jasmine Love



Jasmine Love's presentation to I-CEPS 2023

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International conference presentations

Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture (MAINN) Conference at Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria UK; 19 – 21 April 2023

- **Lisa Amir** presented Breastfeeding in public: urban design guidelines to increase women's comfort.
- Zakarija-Grković I, Drandic D, Pavičić Bošnjak A, Vidović Roguljić A, Thomson G, **Amir L**: Adherence to BFHI standards in Croatian maternity hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic (Poster).
- Biggar E-R, McKenna L, **Amir L**: Breastfeeding experiences of mothers with visual impairment: A scoping review protocol and search summary (Poster).



Lisa Amir with posters at MAINN Conference, UK

Postgraduate Update

By Amanda Cooklin

The postgraduate space is busy as usual at JLC. In June, **Dr Sharinne Crawford** stepped down from her role as postgraduate coordinator. Sharinne has been a fabulous support to students in this role and will continue her connection with students as a supervisor. We all thank Sharinne for her wonderful work and advocacy for students.

Jess Bee has been the HDR student representative from JLC for the School of Nursing and Midwifery across several years. Jess has been an excellent spokesperson and point of contact for student issues, both large and small, across her time in this role. Thanks to Jess for being such a key support for HDR life at the Centre. **Fiona Faulks** has been appointed the new HDR representative following an Eol process, and we are really pleased to be working with Fiona for ongoing student support.

The Centre welcomes new students:

- **Jess Appleyard** was awarded a scholarship for her PhD thesis program: *Siblings in PICU: An exploration of sibling inclusion and support when a child is critically ill*, and will be supervised by Dr Ashleigh Butler, Prof Bev Copnell and Prof Cheryle Moss.
- **Anna O'Connell** has commenced a Professional Doctorate (midwifery) to explore her professional area of interest: *Keeping midwives in midwifery: Addressing novice midwife "wastage"*. She is supervised by A/Prof Michelle Newton and A/Prof Amanda Cooklin.
- **Helen Findley** was also successful in her scholarship application and will commence her PhD in September. Her topic is: *The great disruption of COVID-19: Reimagining the work-family interface*, and she will be supervised by A/Prof Amanda Cooklin and Dr Stacey Hokke.



La Trobe University moat at Bundoora Campus

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International conference presentations (cont'd)

8th European Association of Breastfeeding Medicine Regional Conference, Split, Croatia; 11 – 13 May 2023

- Irena Zakarija-Grkovic presented Maternal physical health and breastfeeding problems in Croatia: National online survey of new mothers. Amir L, Drandic D, Bosnja AP, Roguljic AV, Thomson G, Zakarija-Grkovic I

My PhD Journey

By Ranmali Rodrigo

Across two continents and a decade long . . . was my PhD journey, which I undertook while working as a full-time clinician in neonatology. In Sri Lanka, medical practitioners who specialise in neonatology must complete two years of overseas postgraduate training. I spent this time at Mercy Hospital for Women (MHW) in Heidelberg, soon after its human milk bank opened. My PhD titled 'Storage and transport of expressed breast milk for infants in two neonatal intensive care units: exploratory studies in Australia and Sri Lanka' could not have had a better start.

Hailing from a country which has been at the top end of global breastfeeding charts for the last decade, breast milk feeding for infants in neonatal units is a topic I am passionate about. In Sri Lanka, when an infant is admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) of a government hospital, the norm is for the mother to also remain an inpatient until the infant is discharged.

When I was a junior doctor in Sri Lanka, it was unheard of to provide anything other than freshly expressed breast milk for newborns; mothers would lament with us, the junior staff, about how their older children's care and husbands' employment were respectively in disarray and jeopardy as the mothers were unable to go home. When I first worked in NICUs in the UK and Australia, I was introduced to a whole new concept that allowed mothers to go home to attend to other children and home duties, express milk at home, store it and bring it into the hospital. Although parents were still encouraged to stay in hospital with their infants, in accordance with family-centered care principles, I realised that it was possible for a balance to be achieved. While there are many advantages when mothers remain in hospital and can provide freshly expressed milk, some mothers wish to go home to their families. At present, it is unclear if it is safe and practical for mothers to express and store their milk at home and transport it to hospital in the Sri Lankan setting.

My PhD was conducted in four components: a review of guidelines on human milk storage and transport worldwide; an exploration of current practices at MHW; an assessment of Sri Lankan parents' views on prolonged maternal hospital stay; and finally, a simulation study exploring microbiological safety of different storage and transport methods for breast milk. I published three papers and delivered several oral and poster presentations from these studies.

I was a carefree junior lecturer at University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, when I began my PhD journey. I was interested in learning more about research and there was an expectation for junior academics to do research degrees. My PhD ended up being one of the few constant features in my life in the last decade, which saw so many other changes including becoming a mother of twins, migrating from Sri Lanka to Australia, moving across different states, professionally taking over leading roles in neonatology in Sri Lanka, and later completing my postgraduate

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Opinion Piece

Prof Jane Mills, Dr Fiona Burgemeister and A/Prof Leesa Hooker's article "[With the training to diagnose, test, prescribe and discharge, nurse practitioners could help rescue rural health](#)" appeared in *The Conversation*, 6 February 2023



clinical qualifications in Australia. I was awarded my PhD in May 2023, at the same time as starting my new role as Head of Unit of the Mercy Health Breastmilk Bank.

I am greatly indebted to my principal supervisor Lisa Amir and co-supervisor Della Forster for their guidance, advice, availability, and moral support, without which this PhD would not have materialised. Their tolerance of my last-minute completion of tasks and faith in my ability to complete the research amidst many personal challenges held me in good stead. The intensive supervision and support provided by Lisa during the last few months, when my clinical work commitments increased due to the pandemic, ensured that I completed the thesis on time. The supervision meetings at 4 am Sri Lankan time and all the work into the wee hours of the morning have ultimately paid off, thanks to Lisa, who would always respond to my emails even while on leave. Meabh Cullinane, my Panel Chair, was a living example of what is possible, even with young children to care for, when there is a supportive partner. My clinical mentor and founder Head of the Breastmilk Bank at MHW, Gillian Opie, provided the initial encouragement to do the PhD, introduced me to Lisa, and supported me all the way – without whom none of this would have been a reality. Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to spend much time in-person at JLC, but knowing that there was a very supportive group of people with common goals and aspirations made it all possible, even during the most difficult times.



George Singer Building, La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus



Ranmali Rodrigo submitting her thesis at Bundoora Campus

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In the media

Maggie Flood was interviewed in *The Age* on 9 March 2023 about postpartum haemorrhage titled ["The figures are appalling: Rising number of Victorian women haemorrhaging after childbirth"](#)

Res McCalman was interviewed by *ABC Radio* and *Triple J Radio* on 29 June 2023 about her paper on Baggarrook: "Exploring satisfaction among women having a First Nations baby at one of three maternity hospitals offering culturally specific continuity of midwife care in Victoria, Australia: A cross-sectional survey" published in *Women and Birth*

Fiona Faulks [see page 3] was interviewed by Mike Amor on *7 News Melbourne* regarding her research into 'Perinatal outcomes of socially disadvantaged women in Australia: A population-based retrospective cohort study' on 7 June 2023

Perinatal Society of Australia & New Zealand Conference 2023

By Stef Zugna

The School was well represented by staff and HDR students from the Judith Lumley Centre (JLC) at the recent Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand (PSANZ) congress held in Melbourne in March. A large number of staff and students completed oral and poster presentations, and there was a great turnout from others showing support for their colleagues. Two students affiliated with JLC received prestigious awards for their research at the congress. JLC's own Professor Lisa Amir did an outstanding job on the local organising committee, and Professors Della Forster and Christine East as well as Dr Maggie Flood chaired sessions. The three-day event was a brilliant opportunity to share with midwifery, neonatal nursing, obstetric, neonatology and epidemiology delegates from across Australia and New Zealand the amazing research being done in our School around perinatal health and wellbeing.

Poster presentations

- Renee Kam, Lisa Amir, Meabh Cullinane, Jenny Ingram, Xia Li & Laurie Nommsen-Rivers – Breast hypoplasia markers among women who report insufficient milk production: a retrospective online survey
- Meabh Cullinane, Laura Whitburn, Charlene Benzie, Michelle Newton, Helen McLachlan, April Jardine & Della Forster – Women's views and experiences of a new Midwifery Group Practice model in rural Australia
- Maggie Flood, Wendy Pollock, Joy Kloester & Belinda Clark – Maternity care in Victoria over four decades... Are we doing better?
- Desireé LaGrappe, Brianna Pike, Susan Saldanha, Leesa Hooker, Laura Tarzia, Angela Taft & Kristina Edvardsson – Reproductive coercion: A systematic review of measurement properties
- Tess Crane, Melissa Buultjens, Patricia Fenner & Christine East – "...this is how I feel and it's ok, because it's out on paper"
- Sarena Haji Hashim, Debra Griffiths, & Christine East – Health-seeking behaviour of pregnant women with hypertensive disorders of pregnancy in Brunei Darussalam
- Vicky Xu, Shaun Brennencke, Ingrid Mogren, Rhonda Small, Kristina Edvardsson, Maggie Flood & Christine East – Health professionals' experiences and views on obstetric ultrasound in Australia: A cross-sectional study

Oral presentations

- Anita Moorhead, Lisa Amir, Della Forster, Jessica De Bortoli & Susan Donath – Antenatal expressing not associated with earlier onset of lactogenesis in women with diabetes in pregnancy
- Anita Moorhead, Emma Saviane, Anna Tottman, Lisa Reti-Waks & Raiana Prasad – Optimum time for first expression for mothers of preterm infants: What's the evidence and how are we doing?

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Visitors

JLC welcomed **Henriette Rossau**, who visited in June. Henriette is a PhD Candidate from University of Copenhagen, supervised by Dr Ingrid Nilsson, The Danish Committee for Health Education, Copenhagen, Denmark



Anita Moorhead, Henriette Rossau and Lisa Amir at The Royal Women's Hospital

- Lisa Amir, Luke Grzeskowiak, Sharinne Crawford & Meabh Cullinane – Clinical management of lactational mastitis in Australian general practice between 2011 and 2022: A national study
- Della Forster, Touran Shafiei, Helen McLachlan, Michelle Newton, Fiona McLardie-Hore, & Res McCalman – 'Baggarrook Yurrongi' Implementing a midwifery continuity of care for women having a First Nations baby in three Victorian maternity services: Clinical outcomes
- Stefanie Zugna, Meabh Cullinane, Helen McLachlan, Michelle Newton & Della Forster – Evaluating the impact of a maternity and neonatal emergencies education program in Australian regional and rural health services on clinician knowledge and confidence
- Deb Pidd, Michelle Newton, Ingrid Wilson & Christine East – Optimising shared decision making in a subsequent pregnancy after a psychologically traumatic birth
- Kritika Poudel & Christine East – An exploration of risk factors for severe postpartum haemorrhage in women giving birth at two Melbourne hospitals
- Janine Shifman, Lester Jones, Mary-Ann Davey, Christine East & Laura Whitburn – Exploring women's planning for childbirth: Identifying coping strategies as intrinsic or extrinsic

Awards

- Desireé LaGrappe won an Epidemiology/Public Health New Investigator Poster Award for Reproductive coercion: A systematic review of measurement properties
- Janine Shifman (working with Laura Whitburn, Christine East and team) won a Midwifery New Investigator Oral Presentation Award for Exploring women's planning for childbirth: Identifying coping strategies as intrinsic or extrinsic
- Annie Tan (PhD student at the Burnet Institute) won the Judith Lumley Centre Award for Challenges of being a maternity service leader during the COVID-19 pandemic: A descriptive analysis of the journey.



Res McCalman, Anita Moorhead, Deb Pidd, Renee Kam, Della Forster, Lisa Amir, Helen McLachlan, Laura Whitburn, Stefanie Zugna, Meabh Cullinane, Maggie Flood and Sue McDonald

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Lunchtime seminars

- **Associate Professor Jodi Oakman**, *La Trobe University*, Opportunities, and challenges of undertaking projects in workplaces, February 2023
- **Professor Charlene Senn**, *University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada*, The power of resistance: How decades of feminist knowledge and skill led to an effective sexual assault resistance program for young women, February 2023
- **JLC showcase – Anita Moorhead, Janine Shifman, Stefanie Zugna and Deb Pidd** – *Judith Lumley Centre, Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand 2023 conference presentations*, March 2023
- **Associate Professor Helen Hall**, *Federation University*, The PNG Midwifery Leadership Buddy Program, April 2023
- **Associate Professor Susie de Jersey**, *The University of Queensland*, Embedding obesity prevention within maternity care. A ten-year journey of knowledge creation and translation research in practice, May 2023
- **Dr Hulya Gilbert**, *La Trobe University*, Children's health and wellbeing in the car era, June 2023
- **Professor Della Forster**, *La Trobe University* – Implementing a continuity model of midwifery care for women having a first nations baby in three Victorian maternity services: Clinical outcomes, July 2023

Prestigious fellowship for Desireé LaGrappe

PhD Candidate Desireé LaGrappe has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award, the Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship. This Fellowship is specifically designed for early and mid-career professionals and practitioners who aim to enhance their expertise as technical specialists in their respective fields. The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program and is supported by the people of the United States and partner countries around the world, including Australia. Desireé, a dual national of the United States and Australia, was eligible for the U.S. Scholar Program Award. With this grant, she will serve in a public health policy placement in Vietnam to expand her PhD research.

Her research focuses on reproductive coercion and abuse, which describes controlling behaviors over reproductive autonomy and decision-making which overlaps with domestic, family, and sexual violence. Examples include controlling someone's use of contraception or forcing or prohibiting them from becoming pregnant or having an abortion. The project seeks to contextualise how reproductive coercion and abuse is measured, and explores the role of nurses and the public sector to respond. A focus will be placed on maternal and child health services.

The Fulbright opportunity not only expands Desiree's PhD research but also aligns with the priorities of the partner-country institution, Hanoi Medical University. The award has been made possible by the long-standing collaboration between Desiree's supervisor A/Prof Kristina Edvardsson and A/Prof Pham Thi Lan in Hanoi. The project is also supervised by Emeritus Professor Angela Taft, who has driven the project concept, A/Prof Leesa Hooker and A/Prof Laura Tarzia (The University of Melbourne).

The Fulbright has already begun to open opportunities to partner with other researchers, NGOs, and others in Vietnam and globally. The research team is excited to work with those who led formative research on reproductive autonomy measurement in Vietnam and found that a context-specific measure on reproductive coercion and abuse was needed.

Desireé is looking forward to living in Vietnam next year and learning more about the language and culture. Vietnam is a significant partner in the Asia-Pacific Region to both the U.S. and to Australia. She plans to present findings from the project at next year's Conference of the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International, in neighbouring Thailand in late 2024.



Desireé La Grappe Kristina Edvardsson, Ingrid Mogren & Pham Thi Lan

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Lunchtime seminars

We hold lunchtime seminars on the **first Wednesday of every month** from February to December, from 12.30 – 1.30 pm.

These seminars showcase the work of our colleagues as well as national and international academics and researchers visiting the Centre and are open to all.

Please refer to our website at www.latrobe.edu.au/jlc/news-events/seminars-and-clubs



International Congress of Midwives 2023 in Bali

By Res McCalman

In June, there was a strong JLC presence in Bali for the 33rd International Congress of Midwives. Nine of us travelled to join the conversation in this global gathering of delegates, speakers, and exhibitors from all over the world. The 3-day congress showcased a broad range of midwifery research projects taking place at JLC. As a team, we presented a number of oral presentations and posters.

Beck Hyde presented on findings from the WREN study and the FUCHSIA study, and discussed whether telehealth should be a standard option for pregnant women post-pandemic, or if more evidence is needed. Robyn Matthews presented research from the FUCHSIA study and talked about midwives' intention to leave the profession, and Sophia Holmlund presented on maternity managers' views of barriers and facilitators for implementing, sustaining and upscaling caseload midwifery in Australia. Res McCalman presented findings from the Baggarrook Yurrongi study, with a poster on satisfaction with care among First Nations women who received culturally-tailored continuity of midwife care. Fiona Faulks presented her PhD research with a poster on perinatal outcomes of socially disadvantaged women in Australia. Charlie Benzie also presented her PhD research with a poster that explored disability identification and service provision within Australian public maternity services. Prof Chris East presented her research about induction of labour and women's clinical outcomes, with a poster called "Induction of labour: more than a date of birth". Stef Zugna's poster showcased her PhD research, which is evaluating the impact of a maternity and neonatal emergencies education program (MANE) on clinician knowledge and confidence in regional and rural Victorian health services.

Aside from presenting research that is happening at JLC, we spent some time in cooking classes, relaxing, and catching up.



Stef Zugna, Robyn Matthews, Fiona Faulks, Charlie Benzie, Beck Hyde, Anita Moorhead, Res McCalman

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Congratulations

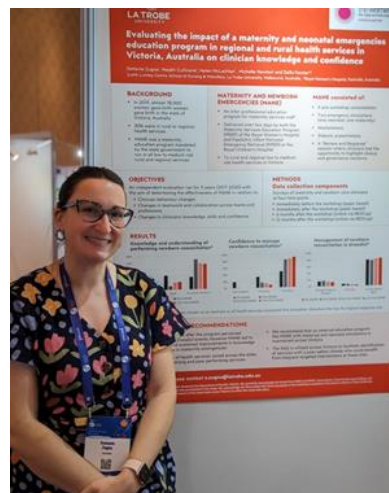
Warmest congratulations to Tanisha who gave birth to baby Cruz in May. A little brother to Dexter, who was one of the early Baggarrook babies.

A very happy congratulations to Molly! Introduced to us was the beautiful Laurence, who arrived in June, weighing 3.4 kg and 52 cm long.

International Congress of Midwives 2023 in Bali (cont'd)

Presentations:

- Should telehealth be a standard option in pregnancy care post-pandemic, or is more evidence needed? Data from cross-sectional studies in Victoria, Australia. Rebecca Hyde, oral presentation.
- The WREN Study: Women's experiences of maternity care in a pandemic. Rebecca Hyde, oral presentation.
- The FUCHSIA study: Midwives' intention to leave the profession and reasons why - a study of midwives in 2021 and 2022 in Victoria, Australia. Robyn Matthews, oral presentation.
- Exploring maternity manager's views of the barriers and facilitators for implementing, sustaining and upscaling caseload midwifery in Australia – a qualitative study. Sophia Holmlund, oral presentation.
- Satisfaction with care among women having an Australian First nations baby in hospitals offering culturally tailored continuity of midwife care. Findings from the Baggarrook project. Res McCalman, poster presentation.
- Perinatal outcomes of socially disadvantaged women in Australia: A population-based retrospective cohort study. Fiona Faulks, poster presentation.
- Exploring disability identification and service provision within public maternity services in Australia. Charlie Benzie, poster presentation.
- "Induction of labour: more than a date of birth". Professor Chris East, poster presentation.
- Evaluating the impact of a maternity and neonatal emergencies education program in regional and rural health services in Victoria, Australia, on clinician knowledge and confidence. Stef Zunga, poster presentation.



Stef Zunga with her poster

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Beck Hyde during a panel discussion



Fiona Faulks in a cooking class

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