

8th National Conference of EMERGING RESEARCHERS IN AGEING

A new era for ageing research: What's in your toolkit?

Friday 23 October 2009

(Half day pre-conference workshop - 22 October 2009)

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Invitation



Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to attend our 8th National Conference of Emerging Researchers in Ageing which will bring together student researchers, practitioners and policy contributors to showcase the latest ageing-related research from a range of disciplines.

The Healthy Ageing Research Unit (HARU) at Monash University is proudly hosting this year's conference which is taking place in Melbourne for the first time. Located in Carlton, Rydges on Swanston is on the fringe of Melbourne's CBD, making this an ideal conference location, surrounded by a bustling cosmopolitan centre boasting a diverse range of outstanding restaurants, shops, cultural activities and night spots.

We welcome our keynote speaker Professor Paul Higgs who is Professor of the Sociology of Ageing at University College London. He has published widely in both social gerontology and medical sociology. His research interests in ageing include the Third Age, embodiment, consumption and identity and he is currently co-authoring a book on the embodiment of ageing due to be published in 2010.

The programme will give particular attention to the theme: 'A new era for ageing research: What's In Your Toolkit?', focusing on the importance of methodological issues in ageing research. The conference will offer a considerable opportunity for interstate dialogue, provide opportunities to meet prospective employers, network with other postgraduates and learn more about the broader policy context of ageing. An emphasis on a panel discussion and individual paper presentations, either in oral or poster form, that address our conference theme, will be incorporated into the programme. You are invited to submit a conference abstract that relates to the conference theme and can also submit a full paper for inclusion in our peer-reviewed conference proceedings.

This year, an exciting addition to the ERA conference is a pre-conference ½ day workshop focussing on grant writing skills to be held on 22 October. Later that evening our pre-conference Welcome Reception will begin with an entertaining performance of the play 'Wicked Widows', based on the PhD research of Dr Susan Feldman, followed by an opportunity to network informally over drinks and appetisers in a cabaret atmosphere.

We extend an invitation to you to join us in Melbourne for what promises to be a great conference. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Professor Colette Browning
Healthy Ageing Research Unit
School of Primary Health Care
Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
Monash University

Organising Committee:

Prof Colette Browning, Dr Susan Feldman, Dr Harriet Radermacher, Ms Felicity Lorains, Ms Sylvia Niele
Ms Jessie Zhan, Ms Linda Peach, Ms Katy Symmons, Mrs Annabel Whitby

Key Dates

Pre-conference Workshop

22 October, 2009

ERA Conference

23 October, 2009

Early Bird Registration:

17 July, 2009

Close of Abstract Submissions:

15 May, 2009

Address for Communications

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Cancellations & Refund of Registration Fees

All cancellations must be notified in writing to the Conference Manager.

Cancellations received:

Before 1 September 2009 will incur a cancellation fee of AU\$50.00

After 1 September 2009 will receive a 50% refund of total registration fees paid

No refund shall be issued for cancellations received after 1 October 2009.

Disclaimer

The information contained in this brochure is true and accurate according to the details available at the time of printing. The organisers reserve the right to delete or alter items where necessary.

Healthy Ageing Research Unit



The ERA Conference was originally organised by the Australasian Centre on Ageing at the University of Queensland and has been held annually in Brisbane since 2002. From 2006 onwards, the conference has successfully moved around Australia, including Sydney, Adelaide and Perth. Continuing in this tradition, this year will see the conference being held in Melbourne, Victoria at Rydges on Swanston on the 22nd and 23rd of October 2009.

ERA 2009 is hosted by Monash University - Healthy Ageing Research Unit (HARU) and MonRAS in conjunction with the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well. HARU was established in 2006 and is located within the School of Primary Health Care at Monash University. HARU's mission is to conduct research of the highest international standards that is designed to improve quality of life for older people while recognising the dynamic and diverse nature of the ageing population in the community. HARU consists of an experienced and dedicated team of researchers from a range of disciplines. For more information on HARU please see <http://www.med.monash.edu.au/sphc/haru/>

MonRAS is a university wide network of interdisciplinary researchers on ageing matters and is located within HARU.

Benefits of participating in ERA 2009 include:

- Presenting your research approach and findings to a diverse audience including: students, academics, policy makers and practitioners.
- Publication of your paper in peer reviewed conference proceedings.
- Opportunity to meet prospective employers from the government, non-government and private sectors.
- Networking with other postgraduates who are conducting research in ageing from a wide range of disciplines.
- Learning more about the broader policy context of ageing.
- Opportunity to participate in a grant writing skills workshop.

Bursaries

A number of bursaries will be available for suitable applicants to provide some assistance with transport, accommodation and registration for the conference.

Volunteers

Students are invited to participate in organising the conference. For information, see the ERA 2009 website.

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International Keynote Speaker



Professor Paul Higgs is Professor of the Sociology of Ageing in the School of Life and Medical Sciences at University College London where he has made a significant impact in designing and implementing both undergraduate and postgraduate programs and has published widely in both social gerontology and medical sociology. His research interests in ageing include the Third Age; embodiment; identity; generations, cohorts and ageing; consumption and later life; and influences of quality of life in early old age and retirement.

Longitudinal research contributions include carers of people with dementia and as a collaborator in the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing. He has enhanced the discipline internationally via his involvement in a number of committees, editorial roles, as a regular reviewer for key journals in ageing, and as a popular international speaker. He is currently co-authoring a book on the embodiment of ageing due to be published in 2010.

Recent book and journal publications include:

Higgs, P., Jones, I.R. (2009), Medical Sociology and Old Age: Towards a sociology of health in later life, Critical Studies in Health and Society series. Series edited by Williams, S.J., Bendelow, G.. London: Routledge. ISBN: 978-0-415-39860-2.

Higgs, P., Leontowitsch, M., Stevenson, F., Jones, I.R. (2009). Not just old and sick - the 'will to health' in later life. Ageing & Society 29, . ISSN: 0144-686X.

Hyde, M., Higgs, P., Newman, S. (2009). The health profile of ageing populations. Chapter 1 in Newman, S., Steed, E., Mulligan, K. (ed.) Chronic Physical Illness: Self-Management and Behavioural Interventions. Maidenhead: Open University Press, 1st edition, 3-27. ISBN: 10:0-335-21786-9.

Higgs, P., Hyde, M., Gilleard, C.J., Victor, C.R., Wiggins, R.D., Jones, I.R. (2009). From passive to active consumers? Later life consumption in the UK from 1968-2005. The Sociological Review 57(1), 102-124.

Professor Higgs' visit is funded by the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well.

Grant Writing Workshop

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

12.30 - 1.00pm	Registration
1.00 - 1.10pm	Welcome
1.10 - 3.00pm	Workshop Session 1
3.00 - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30 - 4.50pm	Workshop Session 2
4.50 - 5.00pm	Overview and close
6.00 - 8.00pm	Welcome / Informal Conference Opening / Performance / Drinks & Nibbles / Networking

As an addition to the 2009 ERA Conference, we will be running a ½ day Grant Writing Workshop on Thursday 22nd October, from 12.30 to 5.00 pm, at Rydges, Melbourne. The workshop is FREE for PhD, Professional Doctorate and Masters' students who are currently enrolled in a programme and whose research is focused on issues to do with human ageing. This is an opportunity to gain an understanding of how to prepare grant applications, applications for post doctoral fellowships and how to approach other sources of funding for your research. These skills are an essential element of any research career, and developing these skills early will help you greatly in your future career development. You can register for the workshop at the same time as you register for the ERA Conference, and please note that PLACES ARE LIMITED, so the best way to be sure of a place on the workshop is to register early. The workshop can only be taken in conjunction with the conference, and not as a separate registration.

Please direct any queries to Linda Peach on l.peach@uq.edu.au

Program

(subject to alteration)

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

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| 12.30 - 5.00pm | Pre-Conference Grant Writing Workshop |
| 6.00 - 6.10pm | WELCOME EVENT (included in conference registration fee)*
Informal Conference Opening and Introduction to Wicked Widows
<i>Dr Susan Feldman, Healthy Ageing Research Unit, Monash University</i> |
| 6.10 - 7.10pm | Wicked Widows performance and forum: From Thesis to Theatre |
| 7.10 - 8.00pm | Drinks, appetisers and networking |

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

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| 7.45 - 9.00am | Registration |
| 9.00 - 9.10am | Welcome and
Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners
<i>Professor Helen Bartlett, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Monash University Gippsland Campus</i> |
| 9.10 - 9.20am | Official Launch of the 8th ERA Conference
<i>Professor Ed Byrne, Vice-Chancellor, Monash University</i> |
| 9.20 - 9.30am | Welcome - HARU, Monash University
<i>Professor Colette Browning, Director, Healthy Ageing Research Unit, Monash University</i> |
| 9.30 - 10.30am | Keynote Address
'A new for era for ageing research: What's in your toolkit?'
<i>Professor Paul Higgs, Professor of the Sociology of Ageing, School of Life and Medical Sciences, University College, London</i> |
| 10.30 – 11.00am | MORNING TEA (AND POSTERS) |
| 11.00am - 12.30pm | Session 1 (Paper Presentations) |
| 12.30 – 1.30pm | LUNCH (AND POSTERS) |
| 1.30 - 3.00pm | Session 2 (Paper Presentations) |
| 3.00 – 3.30pm | AFTERNOON TEA (AND POSTERS) |
| 3.30 - 3.45pm | Presentation
Translation of research into primary care practice
<i>Professor Leon Piterman AM, Head, School of Primary Health Care, Monash University</i> |
| 3.45 - 4.45pm | Panel and Questions: What's in your toolkit?
<i>Facilitator: Professor Leon Piterman AM, Head, School of Primary Health Care, Monash University</i> |
| 4.45 - 5.00pm | Overview, Prize Presentations and Close of Program
<i>Professor Helen Bartlett, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Monash University Gippsland Campus</i> |

* Fully registered Delegates are entitled to access: • Welcome Event (22 Oct) • All conference proceedings • Lunch, morning & afternoon teas • Conference Abstracts Book & Satchel

Call for Papers



The conference is organised around the theme

**'A new era for ageing research:
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focusing on the importance of methodological issues in ageing research.

Abstracts should *not exceed 250 words*.

We invite submission of abstracts from **1 March 2009**.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **15 May 2009**.

Notification of acceptance of the abstract will be emailed or posted by **5 June 2009**.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings Book.

Prizes will be awarded on the day for:

- Best Paper Presentation by a Doctoral student;
- Best Paper Presentation by a Masters student;
- Best Poster Presentation on ageing by a research student.

Abstracts should include the following:

Author/s details:

Full Name

Postal Address

Email

Telephone

Organisation

Title of Paper

Keywords (that describe the paper)

Please submit your abstract online to:

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/sphc/haru/conference09>

All presenters **MUST** register and pay the full conference registration fee before the early registration deadline, to ensure inclusion in the final program.

*NB: Presenters are responsible for the transport and storage of their presentation materials. The Conference staff cannot receive or store materials, so please **DO NOT** forward them to the registration desk. We cannot accept responsibility for your materials or their transportation.*

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Registration Form / Tax Invoice Monash University ABN 12 377 614 012

Personal Details (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):

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DELEGATE 1

Title (PLEASE TICK): Dr Prof Mr Mrs Ms Other

Given Name:

Surname:

Academic Affiliation:

Discipline:

Course:

Postal Address:

State:

Postcode/Zipcode:

Country:

Telephone (W):

Telephone (H):

Facsimile:

Email:

Preferred name on badge:

Do you agree to have your name and country and email address included in a participants list available for distribution at the conference?

Yes No

I will be attending the Welcome Event (Wicked Widows performance and cocktails), 22 Oct 6:00-8:00pm

Yes No

I will / will not be accompanied by a guest to the Welcome Event (additional cost of \$25.00/guest) - No. of Extra Tickets _____

Special dietary needs: vegetarian other (please specify)

I have submitted an abstract for the conference

Yes No

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Student Registration

Early Bird Registration (before 17 July, 2009) AU\$125.00

Late Registration (after 17 July, 2009) AU\$175

I wish to attend the the Pre-Conference Workshop (for students only), 22 Oct 12:30-5:00pm) - NB: strictly limited places

Yes No

Non-Student Registration

Early Bird Registration (before 17 July, 2009) AU\$175.00

Late Registration (after 17 July, 2009) AU\$225.00

NB: Cost of Delegate attendance at the Welcome Event on 22 October is included in the registration fee, guests are welcome at an additional cost of AUS\$25.00/person. Accommodation and airfares are NOT included in the conference registration fee.

REGISTRATION PAYMENT DETAILS

Cheque made payable to 'Monash University' OR

Card Payment: VISA Mastercard American Express

Card Number:

Cardholder's name:

Expiry Date:

Signature:

TOTAL PAYABLE:

\$

Please send your completed registration form with payment (in Australian dollars) to:

Ms Jessie Zhan, School of Primary Health Care, Monash University

Building 1, 270 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, Victoria 3168 Australia OR Fax: +61 3 8575 2233

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENTS

Fully registered DELEGATES are entitled to access: • All conference proceedings • Lunch, morning & afternoon teas • Conference Abstracts Book & Satchel • Welcome Event (22 Oct).

Wicked Widows

FROM THESIS TO THEATRE

Wicked Widows is a play written by acclaimed playwright Alan Hopgood and based on the PhD thesis of Dr Susan Feldman. This play was chosen to be performed during the ERA 2009 conference as an example of how theatre provides an innovative methodological approach to disseminating research findings into the community.

Wicked Widows will be held during the Welcome Event for ERA 2009 from 6.00-8.00pm on the 22 October, at Rydges on Swanston. The Welcome Event is free for registered delegates. Please indicate whether you will be attending on the registration form.



Welcome to Melbourne

Melbourne is a vibrant city known for its great sporting and educational events, fabulous arts scene, and multicultural atmosphere. Melbourne is set around the shores of Port Phillip bay and boasts a lively and energetic environment with endless things to do and places to see. Slightly further afield are the magnificent sights of the Great Ocean Road and the world renowned Yarra Valley wineries.

Rydges on Swanston is located in Carlton, just north of Melbourne's CBD. It is approximately 25 minutes drive from Tullamarine airport and 5 minutes drive or tram ride from Melbourne's CBD. Rydges on Swanston is just minutes walk from vibrant cafes and restaurants on Melbourne's famous Lygon Street. Other Melbourne attractions in close proximity include: Queen Victoria Markets, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne Museum, IMAX theatre, Melbourne Zoo and the National Gallery of Victoria.

Accommodation is available at the Rydges on Swanston, or delegates can choose from the plentiful supply of alternative accommodation options in the nearby vicinity of the conference venue.



Please visit the ERA 2009 website for accommodation details.
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