



School of Psychiatry



Dear colleagues and students,

Welcome to the March issue of the School of Psychiatry Newsletter, the first of 2021. I hope you managed to have a rejuvenating break over the summer and are enthusiastically embracing new possibilities for the year ahead. Beyond the ongoing and ever-changing impact of COVID-19 on our work and personal lives, there are a lot of changes, challenges and opportunities facing us in the School in 2021. As many of you are aware, the Faculty are leading a review of the clinical and discipline Schools with a view to making structural changes. We will also be engaged in a review of the undergraduate medical curriculum, presenting us with an important opportunity to improve and increase the visibility of psychiatry in the program and to influence the next generation of doctors. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the work, achievements, and upcoming events detailed in the Newsletter below (and please consider letting us know about your own for the next edition!).

Best wishes,

Professor Kimberlie Dean
Head of School

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News



New Easy-Read Resources by 3DN

The [Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry \(3DN\)](#), with support from the Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW and the NSW Ministry of Health, has developed a series of new easy read resources providing information about accessing and navigating mental health services available within NSW. They are for people with intellectual disability and for those who prefer simple written information.

Consumers and health professionals can access these resources [here](#).



CHeBA's Meet Our Researcher series continues profiling the innovative research team

Professor Lynn Chenoweth is a researcher, health clinician and educator and has been researching aged care, health and aged care policy and contributing to aged care nursing education and practice since 1987. An important outcome of Professor Chenoweth's research is the potential to influence policy decisions on how best to enable and support the health, emotional and social needs of older people – including family carers and persons living with dementia. Get to know Prof Chenoweth more [here](#).



Academy of Social Sciences Australia

Congratulations to our Black Dog Institute colleague, Professor Katherine Boydell, for being appointed as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences Australia in November 2020. Watch the full presentation [here](#) and check out Prof Boydell's new book [here](#).



Funding Success to Develop iSupport Program in Australia and Greater China

Co-Director of [Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing \(CHeBA\)](#), Professor Henry Brodaty, along with a team of national and international researchers, have been the successful recipients of a \$400,000 award to strengthen professional collaboration in dementia caregiver education and research in Australia and Greater China. Read the great news [here](#).



Recent research from Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry (3DN) investigated the health needs and service use of people with psychotic disorders.

New resources outlining the results and how this information can help people living with psychotic disorders, and health professionals who support people with psychotic disorders, can be found [here](#).

Media

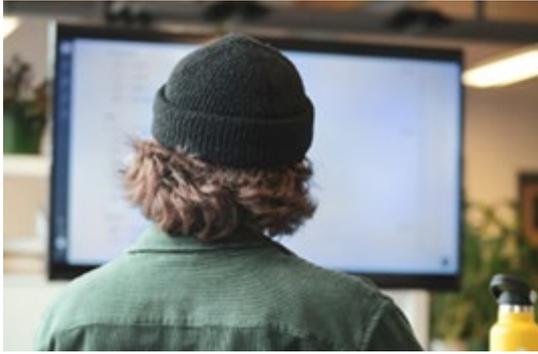


Congratulations to Professor Valsamma Epen, the winner of the Lady (Mary) Fairfax AC, OBE Distinguished Researcher Award!

Sponsored by the Lady Mary Fairfax Trust, this award recognises an individual with a long-standing career with significant research achievements that contribute to the South Western Sydney Local Health District research output.

Prof Epen is an Infant, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Professor at the School of Psychiatry, UNSW and she leads Childhood Development research at the Ingham Institute. Results from her research have been directly translated into the community, with her team recently working alongside NSW Health and GPs to develop the new 2018 BlueBook and online app to collectively screen for learning development vulnerabilities for children as young as 12 months.

EDUCATION



Building Collaborative Experience

Associate Professor Mary Zournazi discusses her approach to building a collaborative experience for her student and overcoming barriers in online learning. Read more [here](#).



Assessment in 2021 and beyond

“Assessment should enhance learning, not detract from it,” says Professor Alex Steel, Director Teaching Strategy. Read more [here](#).



Celebrating the 2020 UNSW Teaching and Research Supervision Awards

Best and emerging educators and research supervisors at UNSW were recognised for their outstanding achievements at the 2020 L&T Forum. Congratulations to all the winners! See the list of winners [here](#).

Opportunities

U21 HSG Funding Opportunities

U21 Health Sciences offers staff and research students a range of funding options for collaborative projects. The application process for this year's U21 HSG funding opportunities is now open. Please see full details and how to apply [here](#).

DCRC Conference Travel Scholarships

Applications for the Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration (DCRC) travel grants are now open. Click [here](#) for more details.

Expression of Interest - Mindgardens Executive Officer

Mindgardens Neuroscience Network is currently recruiting to the position of Executive Officer through an Expression of Interest process. This Position is only open to internal applicants from the Mindgardens four Foundation Partner organisations Black Dog Institute, NeuRA, SESLHD and UNSW. It is envisaged that the successful applicant will remain employed with their current Partner organisation and seconded to Mindgardens for the duration of two-years.

Applications close: 11:55pm, Sunday 7 March 2021. Contact [A/Prof Justine Waters](#) for position description.

The School has an exciting Early-Career Clinical Academic (Part-time Senior Lecturer) role!

Applications close: 24 February 2021.
Click [here](#) for more details and to apply.

Events



Academic Forums

Join us for our first Academic Forum of the year and check out our [next talk](#) on Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 4:00 – 5:00PM via Zoom.

Presenter: Prof John McGrath from the University of Queensland will present “Comorbidity within Mental Disorders”

Send us [an email](#) to make sure you are in our distribution list!

Conjoints



Applications for Progression of Conjoint Title will open again in 2021

Application periods for Progression of Conjoint Title in 2021 will follow the schedule outlined in the Conjoint Procedure document available via the [UNSW Medicine website](#). The table below has been included for your convenience, outlining the planned 2021 dates for each Conjoint Title.

For Progression to:	Submission to host School	School submission to Faculty	Faculty Consideration, or Faculty endorsement for DVCA Consideration
Lecturer	First week August	August	October
Senior Lecturer	First week April	April	June
Associate Professor	First week May	May	August
Professor	First week July	July	October

Reminder for all conjoints to submit their online renewal form [here](#), and learn more about Conjoint Onboarding [here](#).

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Students

Hundreds of staff, students and volunteers worked together to deliver a **COVID-safe O-Week** for our newest cohort of students. Read more [here](#).



New Active Learning digital resources to support virtual and face-to-face teaching. A library of new digital resources has been launched to actively engage students in their learning. Read more [here](#).

New Starters



Welcome to our new starters in the School, and congratulations to those starting new roles!

Heather Clarke – School Manager and a new member of Medicine’s Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee to support Gender Champion roles

James Lee Knight – Central Psychiatry

Shirley Watkeys – Central Psychiatry

Christie O’Hare – Central Psychiatry

Nora Wong - CHEBA

Kim Burns - DCRC

Ping-I Lin – South West Sydney

Alvin Tay - South West Sydney

We would like your feedback and suggestions! Please contact us [here](#).