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September 2021 Edition



Dear colleagues and students,

Welcome to our latest newsletter, the third one this year! I hope that our newsletters have helped to keep you updated with our latest news and stories. Enjoy our September edition and please do not hesitate to reach out to share your own accomplishments so we can include them in the next edition.

Best wishes,
Professor Kimberlie Dean
Head of School

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News



Australian Mental Health Prize 2021

Nominations for the Australian Mental Health Prize are now closed. Click [here](#) for more info and latest updates on AMHP, and when the event is going to be held.



NSW Humanitarian Awards 2021

Congratulations to our employee and HDR candidate, Mohammad Reza Rostami, for being awarded the NSW Humanitarian Award for Refugee Community Worker, at a ceremony at Government House in July 2021. Read more about Reza's achievement [here](#).



Partnership with Kings College London

A group led by Professor Hotopf recently received funding from an internal Grants Scheme to develop a public mental health institute. The successful proposal was "Public Mental Health: Global and local approaches".



Study links early childhood vulnerability with later police contact

Early childhood emotional and behavioural problems can increase the risk of later contact with the criminal justice system. Click [here](#) to read more on Professor Kimberlie Dean's study.



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Neuroscience Network

Mindgardens Translational Research Grant

Mindgardens is pleased to announce the outcome of its' Translational Research Grants Scheme for 2021-2022. An Expert Review Panel which included a mix of people with lived experience, clinicians and researchers from partner organisations, have selected four projects each to be funded \$150,000. Congratulations to the winners!



NSW Health COVID-19 Key Points

NSW Health COVID-19 Key Points are now released daily into Arabic, Chinese, Dari and Tamil for many migrant and refugee populations so they do not miss out on key public health messages during the pandemic. Read more on this important initiative [here](#).



Dementia, ageing and aged care

Congratulations to Dr Simone Reppermund who received \$1.3 million for a project that will develop a new online tool to assist in the identification of early stages of dementia. Read more [here](#).



Caring for carers: A psychosocial supervision intervention to improve the quality and sustainability of MHPSS services in humanitarian contexts

Congratulations to Dr Ruth Wells for securing \$1.3 million funding to conduct a 3-year mixed-methods evaluation of an online clinical peer supervision program for local humanitarian mental health workers in Syria, Turkey and Bangladesh, to investigate whether clinical peer supervision can support staff wellbeing, prevent burnout and offer opportunities for ongoing professional development. The peer to peer nature of the project will help to build communities of practice in these complex settings for when humanitarian organisations leave.



Apathy as a Treatment Target in Alzheimer's Disease

CHeBA Co-Director Professor Henry Brodaty has contributed to research aiming to instruct future trial designs targeting apathy in neurocognitive disorders. The study involved links between apathy and pre-dementia states. Read more [here](#).

Media



Ground-breaking child and adolescent mental health investment by NSW Government

Congratulations to UNSW Chair in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Chair of the Bi-national Committee of the Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Professor Valsa Eapen, for leading the development team to secure \$109.5 million to implement the model, Safeguards: Child and Adolescent MH Response, which will see the deployment 25 State-wide acute mental health teams; a dramatic rise in the capacity of community mental health services to deal with acutely and severely distressed young people.

Read more on this excellent accomplishment [here](#).

Education



Why do education focussed academics matter? Recent summit asks national sector leaders to consider the big question

At a recent summit, senior academic leaders across the Australian tertiary education sector shared their thoughts about the biggest challenges facing education focussed (EF) academics today and how to address them. Read more [here](#).



Effective cross-institutional collaboration produces a timely new online offering

New online course addresses the need for strengthening entrepreneurial and innovation skills. Read more [here](#).

Opportunities

DCRC Pilot Grants

The Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration (DCRC) will award up to three Pilot Grants, each valued at \$75,000, to support early-career researchers in the areas of nursing and allied health. Applications close Monday 30 August 2021. Click [here](#) for more information.

Events



Wednesday 22 September 2021, 4:00-5:00PM

Join us at our next Academic Forum! Professor Andrew Page from Western University is presenting "[Adolescent Health and Well-Being Pre- and Post-Pandemic Lockdowns](#)"

Click [here](#) to view our last Forum, and send us [an email](#) to get the event link and make sure you are in our distribution list!

Wednesday 29 September 2021: [Wisdom, Ageing, and the Pandemics](#)

Professor Dilip Jeste joins CHeBA's Visiting Lecture series with a discussion on why Wisdom, through its association with well-being, happiness, and health is perhaps the best means of achieving successful ageing.

Conjoints

Applications for Progression of Conjoint Title are open

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](#).

Students



The School of Psychiatry Seminar Day and McConaghy Prize judging was held online on Monday 2nd August 2021 at 10.30am. Congratulations to Grace McKeon for winning the McConaghy Prize for her presentation 'Social media to deliver physical activity interventions for populations at risk of mental illness.' Grace's presentation focused on the results of a stepped wedge evaluation of an online physical activity program for emergency service workers and their families. The program was co-designed and facilitated with peers with lived experience. The program has also been adapted and pilot tested in other populations including older adults who are isolated and living alone during COVID-19 as well as parents of children with genetic epilepsy.



Inspired Digital Learning

Our goal is to [provide unique educational offerings and opportunities](#) for all of our students. It is fundamentally about providing personalised, accessible and flexible educational experiences. Central to this approach is our pursuit of seamless integration of technology into our learning and teaching, whether it happens in the physical classroom or in our virtual environments.

HDR Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors

The Faculty of Medicine and the School of Psychiatry recently established the Health and Wellbeing Ambassador (HWA) program for HDR students to promote positive health. This program has been set up to provide confidential peer support for HDR candidates who have concerns about their own mental health or that of their peers. In addition, it will also raise awareness and advocate for positive mental health throughout the year by hosting events and campaigns in collaboration with other HDR committees.

The School of Psychiatry is lucky to have three selected representatives:

- Echo Mei Xu: echo.xu@unsw.edu.au, Black Dog Institute, Hospital Road, Randwick NSW 2031 (enrol externally)
- Jessica Chandra: j.chandra@neura.edu.au, Level 5, NeuRA, 139 Barker St, Randwick NSW 2032
- Marina Ulanova: m.ulanova@student.unsw.edu.au, Level 2E Wallace Wurth Building, Randwick

Employee Spotlight



Dr Rohan Francis-Taylor is a consultant psychiatrist and early career researcher. Rohan recently joined the School of Psychiatry in the role of Senior Lecturer, having submitted his PhD thesis in June. His PhD thesis focused on the optimisation of treatment technique during Electroconvulsive Therapy, under the supervision of Prof Colleen Loo. Rohan also has a clinical and research interest in mood disorders, the use of other novel treatments for depression (including rTMS, tDCS and ketamine) and understanding the patient experience of interventions.

New Starters



- Byron Diamond, Central Psychiatry
 - Carey Marr, Central Psychiatry
 - Nicole Traynor, Central Psychiatry
 - Julia Lui, Central Psychiatry
 - Yucheng Zeng, Central Psychiatry
 - Dominique Abagi, 3DN
 - Niki McDonagh, CHeBA
 - James John, South West Sydney
- Congratulations to Dr Megan Kalucy (Lead, Undergraduate Teaching), who is now a full-time, continuing employee with the School

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