



International Collaborations

To stay at the cutting edge of research in work and organisational psychology APC-WHS members regularly engage with international scholars, travelling abroad to collaborate and contribute to international conferences in the field. APC-WHS also has productive collaborative partnerships with several distinguished international scholars in work and organisational psychology. These scholars regularly visit the centre and contribute to its teaching and research activities.

TESTIMONIALS

I really enjoyed my visits to APC-WHS. A well-blended mix of researchers with high international reputation, engaged lecturers, and plenty of doctoral, honours and master students conducting research has proven to frequently result in articles published in the best psychology journals creates an academic atmosphere that is rarely found elsewhere. APC-WHS is also a melting pot where international colleagues come together; there is almost no chance to stay there for a couple of weeks without meeting leading researchers from abroad. They present their most recent research results in regular research seminars, which are augmented by ongoing discussions of current research, planning of collaborative projects, and, last but not least, by plenty of social activities after work hours that offer unique opportunities to get connected.

Christian Dorman | Professor Work, Organizational, & Economic Psychology
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

The opportunity to work at APC-WHS represents a great challenge for everybody. Personally, I felt surrounded by professionals who manifested important personal values. Without any doubt it was an improvement on my career, not only because of the topics and domains they work with, but also because of the methods and statistics they apply to their research. In sum, I joined a cheerful group of researchers (including international students extremely engaged and well-prepared) who passed their enthusiasm and high quality standards on to me.

Jordi Escartín | Lecturer Organizational Psychology | University of Barcelona

Engage with us

Our work is embedded in a worldwide research network, within the highly regarded School of Psychology, Social Work & Social Policy at UniSA. We can provide any project with the resources of highly skilled academic researchers, undergraduate and postgraduate research students, together with national and international expertise.

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Asia Pacific Centre for Work Health and Safety

The Asia Pacific Centre for Work Health and Safety (APS-WHS) is situated within the School of Psychology, Social Work & Social Policy at the University of South Australia. Located on Magill Campus, the centre is comprised of a vibrant team of researchers who aim to conduct high quality cooperative social and psychological research to promote well-being, quality of life and optimal functioning in individuals and organisations, in both community and institutional settings.

We are a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre in Occupational Health and foundation members of the Asia Pacific Academy for Psychosocial Factors at Work and we chaired the International Congress of Occupational Health, Work, Organizations and Psychosocial Factors in Adelaide 2014.

The centre is also the home of the Work & Stress Research Group, a dynamic group of researchers who focus on psychosocial risk research and has a significant track record with Australian Research Council funded research. This group collaborates with the world's best researchers, from the USA, Canada, Sweden, the Netherlands, UK and Germany to produce the best quality outputs.

Current Australian Research Competitive Grants

- State, Organisational, and Team Interventions to Build Psychosocial Safety Climate using the Australian Workplace Barometer and the StressCafé
- Helping retail employees deal with threatening situations at work: Coping with acute and chronic stressors
- Transition from school to work: A 10-year longitudinal study of unemployment, underemployment, social exclusion, and mental health in young people
- Developing and testing a best practice model of enterprise bargaining in the retail sector
- Working wounded or engaged? Australian work conditions and consequences through the lens of the Job Demands - Resources Model
- Back from the edge: Reducing and preventing occupational stress in the remote area nursing workforce

We are a vibrant team of researchers who conduct world class cooperative research to promote well-being and quality of work life.

We are committed to stimulating impact and action to address a range of social and psychological issues at work.

Our research includes:

- identifying psychosocial risk and risk groups
- evaluating interventions, actions and campaigns
- informing prevention policies and practices
- setting priorities for policies and interventions
- benchmarking at a national and international level
- monitoring changing trends, legislation and new developments
- supporting research on specific topics
- developing national standards
- forecasting emerging risks
- developing new technologies

Vision

To conduct high quality social and psychological research designed to elucidate and promote well-being, quality of life and effective functioning in individuals, organisations and in the community.

To conduct research that will be of value, in dealing with social exclusion, stress, distress, life changes, anger and a range of problem behaviours.

To research strategies to effectively deal with social and psychological problems at an individual, organisational and a systemic level.

Principles

1. Research is understood, valued, supported and fostered by all academic and professional staff
2. All members contribute to research outcomes
3. All members have an appreciation of colleagues' areas of research interest and expertise
4. Collaboration and interdisciplinary practices are valued
5. Students' work is recognised, acknowledged and fostered

PhD Program

Our PhD program provides training and education with the objective of producing graduates with the capacity to conduct research independently at a high level of originality and quality. By the end of the program, the PhD student will be capable of conceiving, designing and carrying to completion a research program without supervision. The purpose of the PhD is to advance knowledge and/or the application of knowledge through the preparation of a substantial piece of work which represents a significant contribution to a particular field of study.

Recent PhD Completions

Dr Tessa Opie

Nursing in the bush: occupational stress in very remote Australia

Dr Sarven McLinton

Interpersonal anger: the theory and measurement of a new psychological construct

Dr Renae Hayward

Emotional boundaries and well-being within the nursing context

Publications



Dollard, M.F. & Bailey, T. S. (Eds.), (2014). Australian Workplace Barometer: Psychosocial Safety Climate and working conditions in Australia, Samford Valley QLD; Australian Academic Press.
<http://tinyurl.com/lunco7l>



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Psychosocial factors at work

“The research we conduct has a strong applied focus. Our experience as professional psychologists has been critical in the development of a broad research agenda that is relevant to professionals, academics and the community. Our research utilises a strong psychological perspective to inform the development of public policy”