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APA NEWS

President's message

While 2014 continues apace, we already have some notable achievements. First, the new APA website is functioning. It's been a long time coming, there remain a few teething problems and updates still to be made, but so far it looks fantastic (www.apa.org.au).

Second, membership renewals this year will be able to be securely completed via the website. With 2014 being a conference year, membership remains a good deal and I encourage all members to renew before purchasing your conference tickets.

Third, preparations for the 2014 Hobart Conference are well underway, steered competently by Edith Gray. The call for papers is out so start thinking about your topic now.

Fourth, so far this year we have already held several APA events. The first was in Hobart, part of the lead-up to the conference program of events. The next event planned is the Denison Debate on the 19th of August, which is targeting some high profile speakers. Watch out for more news on this. Finally, there is an October event in planning. In Sydney, there has been one event with Professor Graeme Hugo and Dr Alison Taylor discussing the contributions from overseas migration in NSW and Australia. A second event will involve contributions from Dr Tom Wilson, who investigated the likely geographic distribution of the future population, and John Stephens. The APA is also supporting an event in Darwin (see later in Demoz for reports on these events).

Why not think about an event you can organise in your city? It would be great to see some activity in Canberra, Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide in the lead up to the conference.

Finally, please consider making a small contribution to your Association by nominating to become one of the Demoz editors. This is a great way to keep across all the activity in our field and doesn't really require much of a time commitment. If you have ever enjoyed reading Demoz, why not contribute to a future edition?

Alison Taylor

Editors' message

We hope you enjoy this June issue of Demoz which contains the usual APA news plus contributions from research centres and statistical organisations. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

Given that the 2014 APA conference will be held in Tasmania later in the year this issue features interviews with Dr Edith Gray and PhD candidate Lisa Denny. Edith is, of course, Convenor of the APA conference, whilst Lisa is undertaking research for her PhD at the University of Tasmania. We hope to see you in Hobart in December.

Alison Taylor and Tom Wilson

Australian Population Association Events

Events Summary

The APA regularly holds seminars / workshops across the country to highlight population issues and challenges, as well as new research in the field of demography. In the first quarter of 2014 we have held two events, one in Hobart and one in Sydney.

Tasmania's Population: some misconceptions

On April 10th 2014, the Australian Population Association hosted an event in Tasmania in the lead up to its bi-annual conference to be held in Hobart in December this year. The event addressed some of the common misconceptions with Tasmania's population and outlined the key drivers of population change in the state. This included discussions on issues such as fertility, migration, and the ageing of Tasmania's population, as well as the associated opportunities brought about by these components. The event was very well attended by a range of state MPs, senior federal and state government advisors, elected council officials, academics, policy makers and media. The four presenters all provided in-depth and engaging analyses of their areas of expertise and this paved the way for some lively and informative debate at the end of the session.

In the lead up to the event, several of the speakers appeared on local ABC radio and Tasmanian broadcast news. The event also generated national news coverage on the ABC. The links to some of the media reports are below:

<http://www.examiner.com.au/story/2212294/demography-missing-for-planning/>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-04-10/demographers-dispel-population-myths-about-tasmania/5382448?section=tas>

Amina Keygan

Global connections: perspectives on international migration in Sydney and Australia.

The first APA Sydney Seminar of 2014 was held on Thursday 27th March on the topic of international migration. The night began with a dynamic presentation by Professor Graeme Hugo from the University of Adelaide, who placed the recent international migration spikes in Australia in the context of global trends. Following this, APA President, Dr Alison Taylor, explored recent international migration trends to NSW and Sydney, and what it could mean for the future of the NSW population. The night was well attended by public, private and NGO sector representatives. Plans are in place for three more APA events in Sydney throughout 2014 (one per quarter). Sydneysiders, be on the look-out for the promotional flyers. And to our interstate colleagues, how about coordinating your next trip to coincide with a Sydney event? We would love to see you there.

Further events planned for 2014 include:

16 June – Seminar, Sydney, New South Wales.

19 August – Denison Debate, Hobart, Tasmania.

16 October – Seminar, Hobart, Tasmania.

Other events are also being planned for Darwin, Adelaide and Melbourne. Keep an eye out in the fortnightly APA Update for further details.

Simon Massey

The 17th Biennial Conference of the
Australian Population Association
Australia's Population in a Global World
Hobart, 3-5 December 2014

Call for papers: Guidelines for submissions

The APA welcomes submissions for presentations, complete sessions, posters, and the PhD 3-minute thesis challenge.

Types of presentations:

1. Presentations: Submit title, abstract (250 words), author details and email address.
2. Complete sessions: 3 or 4 presentations on a defined subject area. Submit titles, abstracts (250 words), authors, organiser, chair details and email addresses.
3. Poster: Submit poster title, abstract (250 words), author details and email address.
4. PhD 3-minute thesis challenge: For current PhD students. Present your PhD topic in 3 minutes. \$500 prize. Submit thesis title, author details and email address.
Rules as for the 3MT Competition: <http://threeminutethesis.org/index.html>

Email your submission(s) to conference@apa.org.au by 31 July 2014

Topics:

1. Fertility and reproductive health
2. Family formation and life course
3. Health, wellbeing, and morbidity
4. Mortality and population ageing
5. Indigenous demography
6. Regional population issues
7. Population and environment
8. Historical demography
9. International migration, migrant populations and ethnicity
10. Trans-Tasman migration
11. Internal migration and urbanization
12. Demographic data and methods
13. Other population-related issues



Australian Population Association

[Click here to watch a short video about Hobart and the surrounding area](#)

Winners of the 2013 W.D. Borrie Prize

The Australian Population Association sponsors the W.D. Borrie Prize for the best student essay on a population-related topic to promote the study of population-related issues in all academic disciplines. Entries are accepted from students enrolled in any Australian or New Zealand tertiary institution. There are three student categories:

- Undergraduate where the prize is \$500 and a certificate;
- Honours/Masters/GradDip where the prize is \$600 and a certificate; and
- PhD where the prize is \$700 and a certificate.

Judges are appointed to assess which essays meet the entry criteria and to determine the winner from the entries, subject to entries being of a good standard.

The 2013 competition received 12 entries from students from four universities: The Australian National University, The University of Queensland, Flinders University, and the University of Waikato. Two essays were received in the Undergraduate category, four essays in the Honours/Master/GradDip category and six essays were received in the PhD category. The following APA members kindly agreed to be judges: Mr Simon Massey (NSW Department of Planning and Environment); Ms Alison Culpin (NSW Department of Education and Communities); Dr Elin Charles-Edwards and Associate Professor Jonathan Corcoran (University of Queensland); Associate Professor Nick Parr and Associate Professor Fei Guo (Macquarie University).

The 2013 Borrie Prize winner in the Undergraduate category was Yale Wong of The Australian National University for his essay titled, "Demographic Changes in Hong Kong". The judges of the undergraduate category commended both entries and were unanimous in recommending this essay for the 2013 Borrie Essay Prize in the Undergraduate Category. The judges wrote:

“An outstanding essay that places the demographic transition of Hong Kong (1970s - 2012) firmly in the context of social, economic and environmental drivers of change. The analysis of the fertility transition is particularly well written with the author acknowledging the relationship between tempo effects and quantum effects. The intriguing, and highly political nature of the immigration program is also comprehensively analysed. A high quality essay and very worthy of winning the 2013 undergraduate Borrie Prize”.

The winning essay in the PhD category was submitted by Aude Bernard of The University of Queensland, with an essay titled, “Internal Migration Age Patterns and the Transition to Adulthood: A Comparative Analysis of Australia, Great Britain and the United States”. The judges were unanimous in this year’s decision and said that in their view it set a new standard for the Borrie Prize competition. They wrote:

“We are very impressed by the author’s masterful use of appropriate data and techniques to address complex research questions. The joint influence of four key life-course transitions on migration behaviour across the three nations was well analysed and the causal links between migration and individual characteristics were convincingly established”.

The judges of the Honours/Master/GradDip category did not award any prize for 2013. They welcomed the broad coverage of scholarship in demography but agreed that the standard did not meet that set by students in previous years and one entry did not meet the selection criteria. This decision was supported by the Convenor of the Borrie Prize given the exceptionally high quality of entries in the other categories. Rather than awarding the monetary prize, for 2013 the judges have awarded a certificate of merit to Kyosuke Tanaka from The Australian National University for the essay, “West meets East: an ecological framework for the

prevalence of complementary and alternative medicine use among cancer patients". The paper was seen as the best of all four entries, situating the material within the broader context of population health studies and it sought to make a novel contribution to the literature.

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all the students who submitted essays and the judges for reading the essays. Entries for the 2014 Competition will close on 31st January 2015. The competition rules and submission details will be available soon on the APA website.

Kim Johnstone

Welcome to new members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new APA members.

Name	State/Territory
Thomas Benjamin	NSW
Michael Philip De Looper	ACT
Anna Lewis	NSW
Philipp Ueffing	QLD
Fabiola Tazir	SA
Nov Vong	SA
Stephanie Hull	NSW
Teagan Doecke	SA
Denise Carlton	ACT
Suzanne Gillham	NSW
Maryamsadat Hosseini	SA
Wilma Terblanche	QLD
Jerico Pardosi	NSW
Andrew Gill	NSW

POSITIONS VACANT

Demoz editor

A new editor for Demoz is being sought from January 2015 onwards. Please contact APA President Alison Taylor to discuss this exciting opportunity.

Email: Alison.Taylor@planning.nsw.gov.au; telephone: 02 9228 6319.

Editor of JPR

Springer and the Australian Population Association invite nominations for the 2015–2017 editorship of the *Journal of Population Research*. This leading scientific journal in the field of population, and the official journal of the APA published by Springer, publishes one volume of four issues per year. *JPR* publishes peer-reviewed papers on demography and population-related issues. International in scope, the journal presents original research papers, perspectives, review articles and shorter technical research notes. The range of coverage extends to substantive empirical analyses, theoretical works, applied research and contributions to methodology. The journal also offers special issues arising from conferences and other meetings.

The editorial committee of the *Journal of Population Research* consists of one editor (a co-editorship will also be considered) and six associate editors. The editor is responsible for accepting and rejecting manuscripts on the basis of the quality of the research presented and the suitability of the subject matter; guiding manuscripts through the review process; overseeing revisions; and planning issues. The editor will also become an Ex-Officio Council Member of the APA, and will be asked to report to four Council Meetings and one Annual General Meeting per year. Nominees should possess managerial skills and represent a team approach to leadership. Besides that the nominees should have proven excellence and broad expertise in population studies and a good overview of the disciplines involved in the study of population. A good command of English is a requisite. Nominees need sound institutional backing to successfully carry out their duties as an Editor. The Editor should be, or become, a member of the APA association. Springer reimburses the Editors by means of an annual fee.

The new Editor's name will appear on the masthead starting with the 2015 volume. The Editor should expect to serve in 2017 through the completion of the work required for the volume scheduled in that year. Self-nominations from potential editors are encouraged. Appointment will be made in the last quarter of 2014 after which a transition period will start.

Send letters of (self) nomination and a CV to: Evelien Bakker – Senior Publishing Editor at Springer (evelien.bakker@springer.com). The deadline for nominations to be received is September 1st 2014.

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Social Demography

Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute

Australian National University

The Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute is seeking a Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in the field of Social Demography with research and teaching interests in Criminology. The successful candidate will have an outstanding record or demonstrated potential for excellence in research and publication in demography and will be expected to teach demography courses in the Master of Social Research and at least one course per year in the Criminology program. In addition, the appointee will be expected to supervise

Honours, Masters and PhD students and to work collegially with other members of the Institute and Research School of Social Sciences. This is a teaching and research position, and significant research outcomes are expected. The level of appointment will depend on qualifications and experience.

Applications close: 15th July 2014.

Further information: <http://adsri.anu.edu.au/news-lectureposition>

PhD studentship in Indigenous population projections

Queensland Centre for Population Research

School of Geography, Planning & Environmental Management

The University of Queensland

The PhD student will be responsible for creating an Indigenous status population projection model to assist planning and policy. The model will build upon existing projection modelling work at the Queensland Centre for Population Research and the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at the ANU, and will explicitly take into account Indigenous/non-Indigenous partnering and childbearing. The studentship offers a great opportunity to gain highly marketable skills and knowledge in complex data analysis, computer programming, Indigenous demography, and demographic modelling.

Applications close: 22nd June 2014.

Further information: <http://jobs.uq.edu.au/caw/en/job/496009/phd-studentship-in-indigenous-population-projections>

John C Caldwell Endowment for Population, Health and Development: Visiting Fellowship for African Researcher

Australian National University

This is an exciting opportunity to enhance population and health research capacity in sub-Saharan Africa by building closer ties with research centres at The Australian National University (ANU). In 2014-5 this program will support one African researcher (at any career stage) for up to three months at the ANU. The fellowship will fund travel, accommodation and living allowance. The researcher must be affiliated with an African research institute or university. A primary goal of this program to establish on-going collaboration following the visit.

Application process. The application should be submitted jointly by the proposed Visiting Fellow and the host researcher who will be from the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH) and/or the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute (ADSRI). Researchers from elsewhere in the Research School of Population Health are also eligible to apply as hosts. The application should provide

1. Name, CV and area of research interest of applicant Visiting Fellows
2. Activities to be conducted during the visit and expected outcomes
3. A letter of support from the hosting academic at ADSRI/NCEPH and a description of the objectives of the Visiting Fellowship for the ANU
4. Brief description of how the research interest reflects John C (Jack) Caldwell's academic legacy
5. Strategies for sustaining collaboration between ADSRI/NCEPH and the Visiting Fellow's institution after the Fellowship

The proposal covering items 2, 4 and 5 should be no longer than three pages. In addition, the application should include the applicant Visiting Fellow cv and the letter of support from the host academic.

Applications that include researchers and activities at both NCEPH and ADSRI are encouraged. Interested

researchers from Africa or the ANU who do not have a collaborator should contact Dr Ann Larson at ann.larson@anu.edu.au to discuss options. NCEPH and ADSRI academic staff are encouraged to use their own professional networks to identify candidates. Completed applications to be sent to Jessica Ford, NCEPH nceph.executive.support@anu.edu.au.

Applications close: 31st July 2014.

NEWS FROM STATISTICAL ORGANISATIONS & STATE GOVERNMENTS

Australian Bureau of Statistics

New director

As foreshadowed in the last issue of Demoz, Denise Carlton took over the role of Director of Demography in February 2014. Denise has had a long career in the ABS which has focussed on various areas of population and social statistics including as the director/editor of *Australian Social Trends* (2001 to 2003 editions), the director responsible for production of *Measures of Australia's Progress 2006*, director of Data Quality and Systems Support at the Data Processing Centre for 2006 Census, and director of Health and Disability Statistics in 2008. Most recently, she worked on the Australian Public Service Capability Review of the ABS, and was the Regional Director for the ABS ACT Office. Denise is delighted to be working with the ABS Demography team and the community of Australian demographers more generally. She and members of the team look forward to catching up with a wide range of APA members at the conference in December in Hobart, if not before.

Recent highlights

The ABS Demography program has a substantial schedule of releases each year. Some key highlights since the last issue of Demoz include:

- *Regional Population Growth, Australia* (cat. no. 3218.0). This annual publication included a feature article 'Capital cities: past, present and future' which looked at population data for Australia's eight capital cities over the 80 year time period June 1973 to June 2053.
- *Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2001 to 2026* (cat. no. 3238.0). This is a five-yearly release (this issue being based on the 2011 Census), with more detailed data about Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population available than ever before, made possible in part by improved methods in measuring census undercount, and user support in determining the assumptions which fed into the indirect method used to estimate this population.
- We completed the redevelopment of our Overseas Arrivals and Departures (OAD) system which has improved the quality of OAD data through the introduction of more robust imputations for missing traveller data. The new data (which includes a revised time series back to July 2004) can be found in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (cat. no. 3401.0).
- Information Paper: *Review of Interstate Migration Method, Mar 2014* (cat. no. 3412.0.55.003). This paper describes the most recent review of the method used to produce quarterly post-censal estimates of interstate migration as these data are not directly estimated, but instead are modelled using administrative by-product data (Medicare data). The method focusses on creating expansion factors to adjust for under-coverage of moves for men and women of certain age groups in the population in the Medicare dataset.

The Demography team

ABS Demography is made up of four teams of passionate population experts. Each team has a particular focus on key elements of Australia's official population statistics.

- Population Estimates and Projections, led by Phil Browning (Canberra)
- Regional Population Unit, led by Andrew Howe (Adelaide)
- Demographic Analysis and Reporting, led by Shahidullah (Canberra)
- Migration Analysis and Reporting, led by Neil Scott (Hobart).

The teams can be reached at demography@abs.gov.au.

Denise Carlton

NSW Department of Planning & Environment

In August 2013 the Centre for Demography, Research and Policy was established within the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. It serves as a key provider of evidence to underpin state planning policy. The Demography Unit's role within the Centre is to provide demographic research and analysis to contribute to the evidence base to inform planning.

The establishment of the Centre saw the introduction of a new position, Chief Demographer. Dr Alison Taylor, known to many readers of Demoz as President of the Australian Population Association, joined the team in December 2013 after previously working for the ACT and Queensland governments. The Demography Unit has also been joined by out-posted ABS officer Nicole Micallef. The Demography Unit now boasts seven Demographers, with diverse backgrounds as the team's demographic profile highlights. See <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/en-au/deliveringhomes/populationandhouseholdprojections/theteam.aspx>.

In December 2013, the Department of Planning & Environment and the ABS Sydney office hosted the annual meeting of the Australia and New Zealand Population Workshop. As always, it was an invaluable opportunity for demographers working for state and national government agencies to meet and talk about their work.

The Demography Unit has recently updated the official NSW and LGA Population, Household and Dwelling Projections following a preliminary release in 2013. These incorporate the most up-to-date data available and have seen the introduction of the sequential propensity household projection model developed by Dr Tom Wilson. Released products include regional profiles, fact sheets, interactive maps, a motion graphic and more, all of which are available via the website (www.planning.nsw.gov.au/projections).

A number of population research projects are underway by staff within the Centre, and in partnership with demography colleagues from the Queensland Centre for Population Research, Macquarie University, University of New England and Flinders University. Research includes analysis of NSW internal migration from 1991-2011, factors associated with migration to rural and regional NSW, regional fertility patterns in NSW and likely future levels, and evaluation of past projections. When these projects are completed they will be made available via our website (www.planning.nsw.gov.au/projections). Also watch out for presentations on our work at the APA conference in December.

Kim Johnstone

NEWS FROM RESEARCH CENTRES & INSTITUTES

The Australian Population and Migration Research Centre, University of Adelaide

The APMRC is located within the Discipline of Geography, Environment and Population at the University of Adelaide. It currently comprises 14 full-time staff and 12 adjuncts, along with over 20 PhD students working with APMRC members. The Centre Director is Professor Graeme Hugo. Highlighted here are some of our recent publications and activities.

ARC Linkage Project LP0990065: Australia's Baby Boomer Generation, Obesity and Work – Patterns, Causes and Implications

This project is in the process of completion and as a culmination of the project's results a full day public seminar was held at the Crowne Plaza, Adelaide where CIs and other researchers presented results on different aspects of the project. Over 70 people attended the event where presentations included: men's health, retirement intentions of baby boomers, sleep and workforce patterns, dietary patterns and chronic disease among baby boomers and issues and myths about the baby boomer population. A recent publication, 'A survey of retirement intentions of baby boomers: an overview of health, social and economic determinants' by Anne W Taylor, Rhiannon Pilkington, Helen Feist, Eleonora Dal Grande and Graeme Hugo was based on data from the Baby Boomer Linkage project. Recent changes to the pension eligibility age by the Federal Government were supported by this paper which showed that in total 25.9% of people who were currently in paid employment indicated that they intend to retire completely from the workforce. The remainder indicated that they will continue to work (41.8% retire from full-time work but work part-time, 25.7% continue working part-time but reduce their current hours, and 6.7% never retire). The article received a lot of press coverage and can be accessed at: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/355/>.

Policy Briefs

The APMRC has produced a series of policy and research briefings as products of recent research. Recent briefs include: 'Baby Boomers Expectations of Life at 70'; 'Internal Migration and Regional Australia'; 'Dynamics of South Australia's Population', 'Population Distribution, Environment and Development in Australia' and 'The Demographic Facts of Ageing in Australia: Patterns of Growth'. Each briefing is available to download for free and can be found at the APMRC website: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/apmrc/pubs/policy-briefs/>.

New Project Reports

APMRC staff are currently working on several projects that will have final reports coming out in the coming months. This includes: 'Indonesia as a Transit Country in Irregular Migration to Australia'; 'Settlement Patterns of New Migrants in Rural and Regional Australia: A Case Study of the Limestone Coast' and 'A Review of Australian Research on Older People from CALD Backgrounds: To Promote Translation of Research into Aged Care Practices'. A new project on the development of a Metro ARIA has also just got underway in conjunction with AURIN. Results of this project will not be available until early next year. For more information about these projects and availability of final reports please contact Deputy Director, Dr Helen Feist at helen.feist@adelaide.edu.au or go to the APMRC website.

Finally, congratulations also go to ten postgraduate students on the conferrals of their PhDs in the past 12 months. We wish them well with the future careers around the world.

Helen Feist

Australian Demographic & Social Research Institute, ANU

Overview

The past six months have been very busy. Aside from our usual research and teaching activities, we have been thinking and planning ways to strengthen our teaching and training in demography. This includes proposals to create a new undergraduate Minor in Population Studies and some redesigning of our demography pathway in the Masters of Social Research. We would be very interested in hearing from the Australian demographic community about ways we can improve and promote demographic training here at ANU. The proposals are due in July and we hope to start implementing the changes in 2015 and 2016.

New PhD students, staff, visitors and adjuncts

We are excited to report the arrival of three new PhD students working on demographic topics. Jeofrey Abalos will be researching trends and geographic differentials in health expectancy among older persons in the Philippines. Xioquang Jia is researching sustainable development in aging societies under demographic dividend theory. And Fei Mao is working on changes in family and household compositions during China's rapid economic development.

Dr Brian Houle has been appointed as a Lecturer in Demography and will commence on 1st July. He is currently Assistant Director of the Population Program at the Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado at Boulder. His academic background is in demography, social statistics and public health. Recently, he has been using demographic surveillance systems to analyse mortality trends and determinants in sub-Saharan Africa.

Dr Yohannes Kinfu recently became an Adjunct in ADSRI. He is a Senior Research Fellow and Program Leader for the Burden of Disease Modelling and Costs research theme at the Centre for Research & Action in Public Health, University of Canberra. His research interests are in medical demography, health economics and in the statistical and mathematical modelling of population processes and health outcomes.

We are currently advertising for a Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Social Demography and, jointly with the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, a Visiting Fellowship for African Researchers. (See the 'positions vacant' section of this issue).

We have four long-term visitors that have recently arrived. Zifan Yang from the Southwestern University of Finance & Economics in China arrived on the 1st April and will be staying with us for one year. Her research is on the development of cities in China and Australia. Wai Yip Ho from the Hong Kong Institute of Education was awarded an Endeavour Research Fellowship to further his study on religious identity on the Chinese web. He is visiting 1st May – 30th September 2014. Hongbo Jia from the school of Humanities & Social Sciences at Beijing University arrived on 12th May 2014 and is visiting for one year. Jia's research is on migration and China's cross-regional cooperative mechanism for social security. Finally, Lina Cao arrived on 12th May from the Minzu University of China and will be here for one year studying the births and deaths of ethnic minorities in China.

Conferences and workshops

Hasnani Rangkuti, Terry Hull and James Raymer travelled to Boston to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Hasnani presented a poster on her PhD research entitled 'The regional concentration and connectedness of Indonesia's inter-provincial migration flows, 1971-2010.' James presented a paper, co-authored with Andrei Rogers (University of Colorado), entitled 'The contributions of past immigration flows to regional aging in the United States.'

Before the PAA, Terry Hull attended the Psycho-Social Workshop, which included mostly reproductive health specialists. He presented a paper on maternal mortality estimation in Indonesia titled 'Drawing success out of the failure of MDG5 in Indonesia.' As President of the Asian Population Association, he also attended the International Outreach Committee of the PAA where he informed the group of the upcoming conferences of both the Asian PA and the Australian PA. Also before the PAA, James Raymer attended the KNOMAD-UN Population Division Seminar on the role of Migration in Population Modelling in New York and presented a paper on 'Integrated Modelling of European Migration.'

ADSRI Seminars

We have had many interesting seminars as part of our regular series. This includes seminars by Brian Houle (University of Colorado) on 'Inequalities in population health: Obesity and mortality,' Bruce Smyth (ADSRI) on 'Has the prevalence and demography of shared-time parenting changed following the family law reforms of 2006?,' Zhongwei Zhao (ADSRI) on 'The survival of lineage populations in the past: A simulation study,' Richard Taylor (University of New South Wales) on 'Mortality muddles in the Pacific,' Peter McDonald (Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU) on 'Poor measurement, poor policy: An investigation of recent fertility in Iran,' Zitha Mokomane (Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa) on 'Integrating work and family life in sub-Saharan Africa,' and Guangyu Zhang (Australian Bureau of Statistics) on 'Estimating fertility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women using Census data: Methodological issues and implications. We also had a Historical Demography Forum on the 21st of March that included presentations by Rebecca Kippen (University of Melbourne) on the topic of why 'on the town' convict women transported to Tasmania were less likely to have children and have significantly higher mortality than other female convicts, Helen Moyle (ADSRI) presenting her PhD research that investigates the fall in fertility in marriage in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in Tasmania and Peter McDonald on the developments of population and family policies since 1901.

Recent publications

- Abbasi-Shavazi MJ and Gubhaju B (2014) Different pathways to low fertility in Asia: Consequences and policy implications. Expert Paper No. 2014/1, Population Division, United Nations, New York. 25pp.
- Abbasi-Shavazi MJ and Sadeghi R (2014) Socio-cultural adaptation of second-generation Afghans in Iran. *International Migration*, online 10 January 2014.
- Basten S, Sobotka T, Zeman K, Choe M and Zhao Z (2014) A qualitative understanding of future drivers of fertility in Pacific Asia. In Tchoe B and Choe M, eds., *Socioeconomic Impacts of demographic changes*. KIHASA, pp. 1-27.
- Carmichael G (2014) Non-marital pregnancy and the second demographic transition in Australia in historical perspective. *Demographic Research* 30(21): 609-640.
- Hayes A and Adamo S, Eds. (2014) Special issue: Population and climate: Research innovations and bridges to policy. *Population and Environment* 35(3).
- Khoo SE (2014) Well-being disparities of immigrant aged in Australia. In Michalos AC, ed., *Encyclopedia of quality of life and well-being research*. Dordrecht: Springer, pp. 7084-7087.
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- Tickle L and Booth H (forthcoming) The longevity prospects of Australian seniors: An evaluation of forecast method and out outcome. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Risk and Insurance*.
- Utomo I, McDonald P, Reimondos A, Utomo A and Hull T (2014) Do primary students understand how pregnancy can occur? A comparison of students in Jakarta, West Java, West Nusa Tenggara and South Sulawesi, Indonesia. *Sex Education* 14(1):95-109.
- Waller L, Berrington A and Raymer J (2014) New insights into the fertility patterns of recent Polish migrants in the United Kingdom. *Journal of Population Research* 31(2):131-150.

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James Raymer

The Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University

In news from the north, we have finalised work on the major update of population projections for the Northern Territory and its sub-regions (including a split by Indigenous status). The Northern Territory Population Projections have been developed to meet the needs of Northern Territory Government agencies as well as the broader community. The assumptions and parameters on which they are based are the result of consultation within Northern Territory Government with Northern Institute staff providing expert advice as well as the technical expertise to develop the model. This major update of the NT projections is based the Australian Bureau of Statistics final estimated resident populations derived from the 2011 Census.

Assumptions about the levels of and trends in fertility, mortality and migration will be updated based on trends over the past 10 years except where data or other limitations require use of data over a shorter period of time. The overview report and three standard output Excel files for the Main Update (2014 Release) will be available from this webpage in mid-2014 from

<http://www.treasury.nt.gov.au/Economy/populationprojections/Pages/default.aspx>.

On the topic of projections we are also working with Nicholas Biddle (CAEPR), Tom Wilson (Queensland Centre for Population Research (QCPR) and James Raymer (ANU) on an Australian Research Council grant for developing improved population projections for Indigenous Australians.

Currently we are compiling two international books. The first is *Settlements at the Edge: Remote Human Settlements in Developed Nations*. This book is collaboration with several of our key international partners including the Nordic Council of Ministers, University of Alaska, Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Vienna and Flinders University. It will examine the diverse and varied types of the settlements found in sparsely populated areas of developed nations. The focus is on what the historical, contemporary and future interplay between demography and economy means for 'locals' (residents and non-residents) and the community.

Our second book, *The Demography of Disasters*, is in collaboration with the Geographical Institute at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. It will examine demographic bifurcations in regions affected by natural or man-made disasters. We are seeking collaborators (including editorial roles) and authors for chapters so please contact me if this is your field (andrew.taylor@cdu.edu.au).

We recently had success with our Canadian research partners, Wilfrid Laurier University, in securing a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant - Economic and community development: Examining the causes and consequence of change in sparsely populated areas of Northern Canada. Also we are working with Rio Tinto and the Northern Territory Government to model the potential demographic future(s) for the town of Nhulunbuy. With approximately 5,000 residents, Nhulunbuy has a large portion of its workforce engaged with an Alumina Smelter which is transitioning into suspension. We are using cohort component and agent based models to facilitate 'demographic discussions' with the community on how future opportunities and challenges might manifest in terms of population size and structures.

In April we released a special issue of the (Canadian) *Journal of Rural and Community Development* on the topic of impacts from major oil and gas projects on small communities. We guest edited the edition and contributed an article on the effects of LNG developments on the gender profile and social fabric of Darwin. The special issue is an open access journal and available at <http://www.jrcd.ca>.

Some Recent Publications

- Zander, K., Taylor, A. and Carson, D. (2014) Impacts of service and infrastructure provision on Indigenous temporary mobility in the Northern Territory of Australia: insights from the 2011 Census. *Population, Space and Place*.
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Don't forget that our Research Brief series summarises recent research in a digestible format at <http://www.cdu.edu.au/the-northern-institute/research-brief-series>. Recently published topics are on technology use by Indigenous households, Indigenous migration responses to climate change, labour and 'boomtowns' and a report on the policy making capacity of the Northern Territory Government.

Andrew Taylor

Demography group, Macquarie University

2014 has seen the introduction of a range of new undergraduate units with demography-related themes and which are included in "high demand" programs and majors. Fei Guo has developed a unit entitled 'Consumer Demographics' for inclusion in a the Bachelor of Business Administration degree, Nick Parr has developed 'Workforce Demography and Planning' for inclusion in a Human Resource Management major, and Salut Muhidin's 'Global Population Challenges' unit will be an option for the International Business major. Our first year 'Demographic Fundamentals' unit will continue unchanged. Sadly our demography major has been discontinued due to low numbers.

Two new funded research projects are underway. Salut (with Dr Maria Silalahi from the NTT Provincial Health Office) has been awarded funding from USAID and University Research Co. USA for a project entitled 'Revolusi KIA Strategy to improve Maternal and Child Health in NTT Province, Indonesia' and Nick funding from the NSW Department of Infrastructure and Planning for a project on 'Fertility Levels and Intentions in NSW'.

A paper by Brian Opeskin (Professor of Legal Governance, Macquarie University) and Nick Parr 'Population, Crime and Courts: Demographic Projections of the Future Workforce of the New South Wales Magistracy' has recently been published in the *Journal of Judicial Administration*. This work arose out of a project funded by the NSW Department of Attorney General and Justice. A paper by Ross Guest and Nick Parr entitled "A method for socially evaluating the effects of long-run demographic paths on living standards", which sets out a simulation method for evaluating very long run projected age structure trajectories is conditionally accepted to appear in *Demographic Research*. Nick Parr was recently awarded a Dean's award for research impact and has been appointed as Deputy Head of Department (with Fei Guo). Salut has recently published a book chapter 'Migration patterns: people on the move' in Hal Hill (ed.) *Regional dynamics in a decentralized Indonesia* Chapter 13, pp.317-341: ISEAS Publishing, Singapore.

Finally congratulations are due to recent PhD graduate Jackie Li who will be returning to Australia to take up a position as Associate Professor and Program Director in Actuarial Science at Curtin University.

Nick Parr

Queensland Centre for Population Research, University of Queensland

QCPR to host the 8th International Conference on Population Geographies

QCPR is delighted to announce that it will host the Eighth International Conference on Population Geographies in July 2015. This is perhaps the foremost international meeting for the field of population geographies and the first time it has come to the Southern Hemisphere. Previous conferences have been held at other leading centres of population research including St Andrews, Dartmouth, Liverpool, Groningen, Umea and Hong Kong. More details will be made available to APA members in due course.

Awards

Dr Francisco Rowe received the 2013 University of Queensland's Dean's Award for Research Higher Degree Excellence for his PhD on inter-regional migration and commuting patterns of the workforce in Chile. QCPR PhD student, Aude Bernard, was awarded the APA's Borrie Prize for her essay, 'Internal Migration Age Patterns and the Transition to Adulthood: Australia and Great Britain Compared'. Congratulations to both winners.

Visitors

QCPR was pleased to welcome Professor Philip Morrison from Victoria University Wellington, who visited us between 2nd and 6th June to work on the potential for comparisons of mobility and life course transitions in Australia and New Zealand. Dr Paul Norman of Leeds University visited from 10th to 20th June to write a paper with us examining spatial patterns of disadvantage in Australia.

Workshop

On 13th June QCPR hosted a workshop for authors contributing to the edited volume *Demography for Planning and Policy: Australian Case Studies* to be published late in 2014 by Springer (eds. Wilson, Charles-Edwards and Bell). The book presents a series of applied demography case studies written by QCPR members and collaborators.

Recent publications

Bell M, Charles-Edwards E, Kupiszewska D, Kupiszewski M, Stillwell J and Zhu Y (2014) Internal migration around the world: assessing contemporary practice. *Population, Space and Place*.

- Bernard A, Bell M and Charles-Edwards E (2014). Improved measures for the cross-national comparison of age profiles of internal migration. *Population Studies*.
- Sander N and Bell M (2014) Migration and retirement in the life course: an event history approach. *Journal of Population Research*, 31: 1-27.
- Stillwell J, Daras K, Bell M & Lomax N (2014) The IMAGE studio: A tool for internal migration analysis and modelling. *Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy*.
- Wilson T (2014) New population and life expectancy estimates for the Indigenous population of Australia's Northern Territory, 1966-2011. *PLOS ONE* 9(5): e97576.
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FEATURES AND COMMENTARY

Interview with Edith Gray

Dr Edith Gray needs little introduction to APA members! She is a Fellow in the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute at the ANU, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Population Research, and Convenor of the forthcoming APA conference in Hobart.

Would you please give us a brief overview of your professional research background?

I'm a family demographer with strengths in longitudinal research methods. I obtained my PhD in Demography at the Australian National University (ANU), and have been employed at the ANU as a researcher and lecturer since late 2001. I am also the current Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Population Research*.



Which researchers/practitioners do you most admire?

Oh, so many! So I will name three that have personally contributed to my career in demography. (1) Chris Wilson for his enthusiasm for teaching demographic theories which first inspired my interest in demography; (2) Peter McDonald for his theoretical work and his support and supervision of me in this discipline; and (3) Elizabeth Thomson for her research in family demography and her mentoring skills.

To date, what has been the project you worked on that gave you the most satisfaction?

Easy one to answer. The project, 'Do Australian parents want a son and a daughter?' was an ARC-funded project that I worked on with my collaborators and friends, Ann Evans and Rebecca Kippen. We started the project in 2004 and it has been a defining project for me. The project still has research coming out of it 10 years on, and I'm sure that we will still have research coming from it in another 10 years!

What do you find the most interesting aspects of demographic research at the moment?

I'm very keen on the value added by using registry/longitudinal/linked data. In my field, being able to include more accurate or more detailed information about people's past experiences means that we can better theorize and predict demographic behaviour.

What is the most interesting paper/book you've read recently?

I recently read *Demography at the edge: Remote Human Populations in Developed Nations* (2011, Editors Dean Carson et al.). It's a fascinating book because it covers so many areas of demography: data issues, small populations, Indigenous populations, migration, mobility, the labour market and housing. Overall the book tackles hard questions about the relationship between remoteness and demography in a globalised world. I enjoyed every contributed chapter in this book and would definitely recommend it.

What do you see as the current, most important challenges for demographers in Australia?

I think a big challenge is demographic training in Australia. There are very few places to study and recruiting students to a relatively small discipline is a challenge. And it can be difficult to encourage students of social sciences to study quantitative courses! In universities we have also seen a number of population groups

moved into bigger discipline areas. Staying relevant and maintaining a sense of identity can be difficult in this type of environment, especially for groups who are encouraged by their institutions to publish into the larger discipline area.

As the current *Journal of Population Research* Editor, what tips would you offer demographers who want to get published?

Don't send something 'half baked'. Make sure that you have got feedback on it through colleagues and presentations. It's also important to follow the submission guidelines that the journal provides: if the paper is not the right length, or has gone over the limit on the number of tables it puts reviewers off. And keep trying. If you get rejected from one journal, assess the comments, revise the paper and try again with a new outlet.

You also find time to be the APA 2014 Conference Convenor. What can people expect from the conference?

This year's conference will have it all: a great program, a spectacular location, and scrumptious food. It's a real treat to be able to convene a conference in Hobart – I feel really lucky. This is really going to be a conference to remember – don't miss it! And if you have the opportunity, you might want to consider spending the weekend after the conference in Hobart because it has a lot to offer.

If you hadn't become a demographer, what would you have been?

A Conference Organiser. OK, maybe not. If I were to have another career I think I'd be an audiologist or pharmacist – something where I could have my own business and talk to different people every day!

What's your current favourite recipe to cook at home?

I love cooking and eating. Curries are a particular favourite. However, I'm on a healthy eating kick at the moment, so everything I make is pretty much from scratch and well balanced – and delicious of course.

What do you like to do when you're not doing demography?

Well, ferrying the kids here there and everywhere is my main task. I'm also doing a running training program, and for sport I do orienteering. As a family we attend a lot of orienteering events both locally and nationally. It's really great seeing the kids learn how to navigate and go out into the bush on their own courses, even if I get worried that they're out there without me! Next January we're heading to the Oceania Champs in Tasmania and I can't wait to try out the terrain there.

Tell us about your PhD: Lisa Denny

Lisa Denny is a PhD candidate at the University of Tasmania, demographic consultant, and keen blogger on demographic change at www.lisadenny.com.au.

Would you please give us a brief overview of your PhD research?

In a nutshell, I am developing a behavioural model of skill utilisation which I will then use to analyse Census data to ascertain demographic profiles of those who are not utilising their complement of skills, knowledge, experience and education in the labour force.



What inspired you to research this topic?

Being female, a mother, Tasmanian, educated, a business owner, a former public servant and a perpetual student, my research interest culminates from a number of factors but is primarily a response to the Australian Government's proposed 3Ps solution to the implications of population ageing – that is increasing productivity, (labour force) participation and the population. I'm inspired by the hope that my research could contribute to policy solutions which address causes of issues rather than symptoms, policy which is both efficient and effective.

What is your background?

Essentially I am a late starter to the world of academia having just reached a point where I can no longer claim to be in my mid-thirties. However, I have been a perpetual student throughout my life and have a natural thirst for knowledge. I undertook a Bachelor of Commerce (finance and marketing) when I left school and worked in the finance industry for a number of years before I did a Graduate Diploma of Education which qualified me to teach economics and business management. After a stint teaching A-level Economics at a Catholic Boys School in the UK (!) I returned to Tasmania and was lucky enough to snare a job with the State Department of Economic Development. For a number of years I worked in trade facilitation, investment attraction and brand management. During this time I met my first academic idol – Dr Natalie Jackson. Much of Natalie's work informed the policy development I was involved in with the public service. My growing interest and concern for the Tasmanian economy and population led me to leave the public service to start my own business in 2005. Natalie also convinced me to complement my consulting services with academic research so I undertook a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) under her guidance. I had a brief hiatus from study when the GFC hit and I had my son, and restarted my academic career in 2013 as a PhD Candidate with the School of Social Sciences at the University of Tasmania. The consulting arm of that business still exists and I continue to provide labour market, demographic and workforce planning consulting services to various government agencies and industry bodies (time permitting with a four year old and a PhD).

Which researchers/practitioners do you most admire?

As I mentioned, Dr Natalie Jackson was my first academic idol who I sorely miss now (as does the rest of Tasmania) however, given my interests in education and the labour market my other great academic idol is Professor John Buchanan who I was lucky enough to meet in early June and facilitate a workshop with (on my birthday – what more could a girl want!?)

What do you find the most interesting aspects of demographic research at the moment?

Understanding people, the fact that more governments and organisations want to understand their populations prior to making decisions, developing policies and investing in infrastructure and services is very encouraging, albeit a little slow and restricted at times... but it is progress...

I love providing evidence. I like to be able to confirm or discount theories or perceptions to make informed decisions. Demographic research can do that; it's so diverse and the possibilities are endless.

What is the most interesting paper/book you've read recently?

By my second academic idol John Buchanan (and others) – a chapter in the book *Inclusive Growth in Australia* edited by Paul Smythe "Changing employment portfolios and inclusive growth in Australia: redistributing risks at work". It's a big call, but I truly believe the concepts John talks about are the blueprint for the way economic development and workforce capability and capacity should co-exist – balancing sectors, class and gender.

If you hadn't become a researcher, what would you have been?

Well, given that researcher is probably my sixth career already I will probably stay one – process of elimination has worked for me! Mind you, I probably still see myself in the future being a policy maker as well.

What are you looking forward to at the 2014 Australian Population Association conference in Hobart in December?

First, showing off my home town (there is way more to Hobart and Tasmania than MONA!). Second, the opportunity to talk (really talk) with like-minded people for an extended period of time without being interrupted by a four year old! Third, the opportunity to observe, absorb, learn and add more things to my post-doc list.

What do you like to do on your days off?

Gardening. I have a suburban house but a big vegetable garden system and chooks. I also like to catch up with friends and family, and get outside, breathe the fresh air and spend time with my son.

What book do you have beside your bed?

Numerous books plus an e-reader – ranging from novels, self-help, fiction and academic. Unfortunately not many get finished these days. That said, I highly recommend the Night Circus

What is your favourite recipe (or meal)?

At this time of year – a roast with a good red wine, time and good company.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Forthcoming conferences and workshops

2014

European Population Conference

Place: Budapest, Hungary
Dates: 25th – 28th June, 2014
Website: www.epc2014.hu/

International Symposium on Forecasting

Place: Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Dates: 29th June – 2nd July, 2014
Website: <http://forecasters.org/isf/>

Institute of Australian Geographers conference

Place: University of Melbourne
Dates: 30th June – 2nd July, 2014
Website: <http://iag-nzgs2014.org/>

Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference

Place: Melbourne Convention Centre
Dates: 30th July – 1st August 2014
Website: <http://conference.aifs.gov.au/>

British Society for Population Studies Conference

Place: University of Winchester, Hampshire, UK
Dates: 8th – 10th September, 2014
Website: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/socialPolicy/BSPS/annualConference/Home.aspx>

The Australian Sociological Association conference

Place: University of South Australia, Adelaide
Dates: 24th – 27th November, 2014
Website: <http://www.tasa.org.au/tasa-conference/host-the-2014-tasa-conference-call-for-expressions-of-interest/>

Australian Population Association conference

Place: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart
Dates: 3rd – 5th December, 2014
Website: <http://www.apa.org.au/content/australian-population-association-biennial-conference-2014>

2015

Population Association of America Annual Meeting

Place: San Diego, California, USA
Dates: 30th April – 2nd May, 2015
Website: <http://www.populationassociation.org/sidebar/annual-meeting/2015-annual-meeting-in-san-diego-california-hilton-san-diego-bay-front/>

International Conference on Population Geographies

Place: The University of Queensland, Brisbane
Dates: 30th June – 2nd July, 2015 (provisional dates)
Website: TBA

Asian Population Association conference

Place: Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Dates: 27th – 30th July, 2015
Website: <http://www.asianpa.org/index.php/component/content/article/78-apa-activities/288-3apaconkuala>

Please let the editors know of other forthcoming conferences or workshops which would be of interest to APA members so we can list them in future issues of Demoz.

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