



Message from the Melbourne SPH AMS Academic Coordinator

Welcome to the 2008 Melbourne School of Population Health Advanced Medical Science Conference. The SPH AMS conference is held annually, and is the culmination of a concentrated year of training and research. The Advanced Medical Science year is a unique aspect of the University of Melbourne medical course; a full year of research training and research, structured into the curriculum and done by all students, rather than offered as an option. It is an opportunity for students to not only develop research-mindedness and learn research skills, but also to work independently and in-depth on their own research project, pursuing an area of their own interest. We know from our continued contact with past students that the skills, experience and self-knowledge gained from the AMS year will stand them in good stead, no matter what paths they pursue in the future.

At the conference today, students will be presenting the research work that they have done over the past year. As in previous years, the breadth and scope of this research is impressive: from epidemiology to ethics, to social health, women's health and international health. The students themselves are also a very diverse group, comprising local and international medical students of this university, and this is reflected in the scope of their research interests. Public presentation of research is an essential component of the research process: the dissemination of the new knowledge and insights resulting from the students' work this year begins here today at the conference and will continue for many students through publication of papers from their theses. We encourage this year's students to pursue publication, so that that the broader research community can benefit from their work.

AMS students form an important and valued part of the intellectual life of the Melbourne School of Population Health. The research that they do broadens and enriches the research profile of the school, as well as extending the research interests and work of their supervisors. We also hope that, in time, some past AMS students will return to the School to further their research careers by enrolling in one of the School's masters programs, such as Master of Public Health, Master of Social Health or Master of Women's Health, or in a PhD.

I trust that you will enjoy this celebration of the achievement of the 2007/08 AMS cohort at the Melbourne School of Population Health. I congratulate the students for their hard work, persistence and willingness to learn. I also congratulate and thank the students' supervisors for all their hard work and commitment over the year. Last, but not least, I would like to thank our SPH AMS Student Co-ordinator, Anita Lucas, without whom this conference, and indeed the whole AMS year at SPH, would not be nearly so well effectively organised and smoothly run.

Alison Brookes

Dr Alison Brookes

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2007/08 Advanced Medical Science Centres/Units Represented

CENTRE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIETY

01077 Medical Humanities

Medical Humanities is a broad field of study that focuses on the intersection between health care, health and illness, and the humanities and social sciences. The overall aim of Medical Humanities is to use the concepts and analytic tools from various humanities disciplines to enhance understanding of the complexities of health and illness, and the provision of health care, at the level of both individual doctors and patients, and health care systems. Some of the disciplines included in the medical humanities are History, Anthropology, Ethics, Sociology, Health Policy and Aboriginal Health. They draw on a number of disciplinary conceptual frameworks and methodologies.

Number of Students Enrolled 2007/08: 8

Students Names: Khai Li Chai, Anne Oppermann, Michael O'Brien, Martin Pham, Karthigayini Sivasubramaniyam, Stephanie Wayne, Clare Wilson, Ee Fang Sarah Yong,

Unit Coordinator: Dr Ali Brookes

Supervisors: Dr Ali Brookes, Ms Ros McDougall, Dr Penny Johnson, Mr Shaun Ewen, Dr Bill Genat, Dr James Bradley, Dr Yin Paridies, Dr Rachel Riley, Dr John Furler

01248 Social Health

Social Health is a broad area of study that focuses on issues of health and health care their social context. Social Health research investigates issues such as

- how people in the community understand their medical conditions;
- how patients experience various forms of medical treatment, including hospitalisation, surgery, medication, visiting a GP, and so on;
- the ways in which doctors understand and interact with their patients;
- how doctors are influenced by the social, cultural and institutional context of medicine;
- medical students' experience of medical education;
- and people's use and understanding of complementary therapies.

Students in the Social Health Unit will usually undertake a project involving some form of data collection or fieldwork, such as conducting interviews or focus groups, or doing structured observation.

Number of Students 2007/08: 1

Students Name: Otlhomame Sekhobe

Unit Coordinator: Dr Ali Brookes

Supervisors: Dr Ali Brookes & Dr Penny Johnson

01536 Complementary and Alternative Medicine

In this unit, students have an opportunity to conduct a research project related to Complementary and Alternative therapies, such as naturopathy, Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, and so on. The aim is not to scientifically investigate the effectiveness of alternative therapies, but rather to understand them as a medical system in a social context. Students could investigate why people choose to use complementary medicines, to what extent they use both western and traditional medicines, how western-trained doctors incorporate complementary therapies into their own practice, and so on. As part of this unit, students would usually have the opportunity to sit in with a practising naturopath (or other alternative practitioner if that can be organised) during patient consultations, in order to gain a better understanding of how complementary therapies are practised.

Number of Students 2007/08: 1

Students Name: Botshelo Monageng

Unit Coordinator: Dr Ali Brookes

Supervisors: Assoc Prof Marilys Guillemin & Dr Emma Kowal

KEY CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH IN SOCIETY

01338 Public Health Perspectives in Women's Health

The Key Centre for Women's Health in Society recognises the importance of viewing women's health and wellbeing within the broader social, cultural and economic contexts of their lives. Women's health is not limited to reproductive and sexual health but encompasses health and illness, broadly understood, across the lifespan. Public health aspects of women's health incorporate the determinants of health and wellbeing, illness and disease; the prevention, appropriate diagnosis and management of ill health; and the promotion of physical and mental wellbeing in women.

The unit gives students an understanding of the multiple determinants of women's health and the skills to evaluate health policy, programs and clinical practice in women's health. Students will develop skills to

- analyse critically the priority issues and appropriate clinical or policy responses to women's health concerns
- provide a gender analysis of the differential rates of morbidity and mortality from various conditions of males and females
- demonstrate an understanding of the effects of contextual social, cultural, economical and environmental factors on women's health

Number of Students 2007/08: 1

Students Name: Yi Man Lee

Unit Coordinator: Dr Heather Rowe

Supervisors: Dr Jane Hocking & Prof Christopher Fairley

SEXUAL HEALTH UNIT

01004 Sexual Health

This unit is intended to provide students with experience in the clinical or public health aspects of sexual health research. At the end of the unit students will have developed the necessary skills to undertake a clinical or public health research project in virtually any aspect of sexual health. Students will be invited to engage in existing programs or develop their own unique ideas in this area. The possible projects in this area are broad. They may include the effectiveness of community outreach programs into brothels, non-english speaking sex workers, street sex workers, or sex on premise venues or "beats" for men who have sex with men. They may involve programs to remote indigenous communities or clinic based programs dealing with issues about access and equity to services. The work may involve HIV prevention programs, clinical services and trials with individuals with HIV. A number of community prevalences are planned and as is work involving the effectiveness of different types of partner notification. School based education programs on sexual health will also be evaluated during this time.

Number of Students 2007/08: 3

Students Names: Devamalar Simatherai, Jeremia Siregar, Charley Simanjuntak

Unit Coordinator: Prof Christopher Fairley

Supervisors: Prof Christopher Fairley, Dr Marcus Chen & Dr Catriona Bradshaw

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH

01482 International Mental Health Development

The objectives of this unit are to provide an opportunity for students to learn methods in mental health systems research (which are transferable to health systems research generally) and to make a contribution to research that will assist in developing mental health systems that are effective and equitable. The focus of the Centre for International Mental Health is on contributing to mental health system development in low-income and post-conflict societies. This is through education (for example the Master of International Mental Health) and through building capacity for mental health systems research. The vehicle for this capacity building exercise is the International Mental Health Leadership Program, which is run jointly with the Department of Social Medicine, Harvard medical School. There are now 45 former Fellows of the program working throughout Asia who can supervise the local field work of AMS students. Students would have the opportunity, through supervised research, to contribute to exciting, pathbreaking health development work in places where this work is desperately needed.

Number of Students 2007/08: 2

Students Names: Yi Xuan Linda Liu, Wan Mohd Shariffuddin Zainudin

Unit Coordinator: A/Prof Steven Klimidis

Supervisors: A/Prof Harry Minas & A/Prof Steven Klimidis

Melbourne SPH Outstanding AMS Achievement Awards 2006/07

Centre for Health and Society

Adam Scarlett

'Mirror images: uniqueness and human reproductive cloning'

AMS Unit: Medical Humanities

Supervisor: Dr Giuliana Fuscaldo & Associate Professor Lynn Gillam

Key Centre for Women's Health in Society

Amy Williamson

'Reproductive experience and postpartum adjustment: Investigating a paradox'

AMS Unit: Public Health Perspectives in Women's Health

Supervisor: Associate Professor Jane Fisher

Sexual Health Unit

Chee Wun Phang

'Sexual practices within sex on premises venues (SOPVs) in Melbourne'

AMS Unit: Sexual Health

Supervisor: Professor Christopher K. Fairley

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday 29th May 2008

VENUE: The Graduate Centre (1888 Building), Grattan St, Carlton, The University of Melbourne

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Khai Li CHAI

AMS Unit: Medical Humanities (Centre for Health and Society)

Session 2 12:30-1:00pm First Floor, Pierre Gorman Room

Our Love/Hate Relationship with Carbon: How climate change is addressed from different political, economical, and geographical positions in the media



Climate change has emerged in the past twenty years from an obscure topic to one that is widely debated about in the media on a daily basis. Billions of dollars every year are allocated to research, while the United Nations has taken up the role as the international leading director of climate control by setting up the Framework Convention on Climate Change. Despite huge possible implications of climate change on health, a comprehensive public health scheme has yet to surface. Instead, policies have largely taken political and economic perspectives. In recent years, two prominent documents detailing prospective climate change measures – the Kyoto Protocol and the Stern Review – have been released and widely deliberated in the media.

Content analysis was conducted on newspaper reports regarding climate change, the Kyoto Protocol and Stern Review within selected time periods from the US and the UK. Common themes were drawn out and categorised into: science; impacts; costs of climate change and the Stern Review; and the Kyoto Protocol. Political, economical and geographical influences were then explored.

Yi Man LEE

AMS Unit: Public Health Perspectives in Women's Health (Key Centre for Women's Health in Society)

Session 2 11:30am - 12:00 pm First Floor, Foundation Life Members Room

Management of asymptomatic chlamydia in clinical practice: are pelvic examinations really necessary?



Background: Chlamydia trachomatis infection is the most common bacterial sexually transmissible infection (STI) in Australia affecting young women. It can lead to significant morbidities, including pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) resulting in severe reproductive complications. Chlamydia testing is increasingly done in asymptomatic women without pelvic examinations using highly sensitive and specific nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs). However, there have been concerns that testing without pelvic examinations may miss important findings, such as PID, leading to inadequate treatment. Therefore, this study was conducted to investigate current management of asymptomatic chlamydia and subsequent PID in clinical practice.

Methods: This study was divided into 3 parts. The first part was a cross-sectional study investigating whether certain characteristics were indicators for doctors to perform pelvic examinations. The second was a case-control study comparing pelvic examination findings in women with and without chlamydia to determine whether specific findings could predict chlamydia infection and subsequent PID. The third was a survey of sexual health physicians to investigate their current management of chlamydia and PID in asymptomatic women.

Results: Results found no characteristics that would lead doctors to perform pelvic examinations. Pelvic examination findings show that women with chlamydia had increased odds of having cervical discharge and/or easily-induced bleeding (OR=2.4; 95%CI=1.2 – 5.0). However, these findings were infrequent in young asymptomatic women.

Conclusion: Results from this study suggest that pelvic examinations are not necessary during chlamydia testing of asymptomatic women.

Linda LIU

AMS Unit: Public Health Perspectives in Women's Health (Key Centre for Women's Health in Society)
 Session 2 12:00 – 12:30 pm First Floor, Foundation Life Members Room

Predictors of mental illness stigma – a study of Australian and Japanese medical students



Mental illness is one of the most stigmatized conditions in our society. Such stigma is socially pervasive and results in the discrimination, rejection and segregation of the mentally ill. Public stigma needs to be better understood so that researchers and health-professionals alike can develop effective approaches to reduce the severity of its impact.

The aim of this study is to explore predictors of mental illness stigma in medical students in terms of their country of study, year-level, personal motivations, and illness perceptions. The sample consisted of 359 students in total, including 170 Australian and 189 Japanese students, either in their first or final year of medicine. Self-administered questionnaires collected data on demographics, student motivations, patient contact, knowledge of mental illness, and attitudes towards the mentally ill. Results indicated significant differences between countries and between year-levels in terms of level of

knowledge, patient exposure, motivational values, and stigmatizing attitudes. They were consistent with the view that:

- There are cross-cultural differences in the level of stigma attached to mental illness.
- Exposure and knowledge through professional training improves attitudes towards the mentally ill.
- Previously unexplored factors of motivation underlying students' choice to pursue medicine, some of which differ across cultures, are important in influencing attitudes towards the mentally ill.

Botshelo MONAGENG

AMS Unit: Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Centre for Health and Society)
 Session 1 9:30 - 10:00am Second Floor, Multifunction Room

Should Prayer be Recognised as a Form of Medicine?



Prayer - communication with an object of worship - is used for healing by many people in world, and was also part of Ancient Greek medicine. Medicine developed a scientific basis as technology increased. In America, prayer is often classified as a form of complementary medicine. In Australia, it can be considered part of the medical system, but at the bottom of the hierarchy of the medical system. This paper discusses whether prayer should be recognised in Australia as a form of biomedicine or complementary medicine.

Medical interventions have to be tested using double-blinded methods to test their safety and efficacy before they can be part of the medical system and biomedicine, which dominates the medical system. Research studies on prayer have not proven prayer to be efficacious, and have raised many methodological and theoretical problems. More research is needed to prove its efficacy and considered part of biomedicine. CAM therapies in Australia (osteopathy, chiropractic and Chinese medicine) which have managed to be accepted as 'professionalized heterodox medical system' without scientific proof were used to determine if prayer can use the same path to go up the hierarchy. They were successful due to a call from associations to key politicians, and concerns about safety and harm. Prayer being a religious practice, and Australia a nation with strong separation of church state, it would be hard for prayer to be considered. Also it causes no harm. These factors do not apply to prayer hence there is little chance it will be accepted as a professionalized complementary medicine.

Michael O'BRIEN

AMS Unit: Medical Humanities (Centre for Health and Society)

Not available to present at conference

Leadership and role models for young Indigenous Australians involved in the Rumbalara Football and Netball Club



Objective: Building on pre-existing research between the University of Melbourne and the Rumbalara Football and Netball Club, this project focuses on psychosocial mediators of health including leadership and role modelling. In an attempt to understand declining participation in the Club amongst early teens, the experiences of leadership and role models were explored amongst football and netball players who had been continuous members of the Club since their time in the Juniors.

Method: This project employed in-depth interviews with six Club members who met specific criteria in order to gain a better understanding of: the concept of Indigenous leadership in the setting of the RFNC; what attributes were particularly sought amongst good Indigenous leaders and role models; what levels of leadership and types of role models resonated particularly with the participants, and; how influential each level of leadership and type of role model was on health-decision making.

Results/Conclusion: Participants identified multiple attributes of good Indigenous leaders and role models. These included 'respect', employment status, consistently doing 'the right thing' both on and off the field, a responsible approach to drugs and alcohol and neutrality in leadership roles. Role models were identified in almost all areas of life, however participants responded strongly to senior players as role models for a number of reasons. It is anticipated that this research will assist ongoing efforts by the Club to select positive leadership and promote positive role models.

Anne OPPERMANN

AMS Unit: Medical Humanities (Centre for Health and Society)

Session 2

12:00-12:30pm

First Floor, Pierre Gorman Room

Pervasive, Persuasive Sexualisation: Is government regulation of advertising needed to protect Australian girls?



Arguably, one of the effects in Australian society of globalisation and neo-liberal priorities is that advertising has been allowed free reign. Children have been reconstructed as consumers; with girls targeted for their potential to become sexualised consumers. In Australia, girls grow up in an environment where they are exposed to sexualising advertising. Unlike other media forms, advertising has one overwhelming industrial agenda: to create consumers who will buy products. Advertising may be perpetuating the process of sexualising because it profits from sexualised consumer socialisation and consumption.

Sexualisation creates identities that prioritise physical appearance and girls developing gender identity are especially susceptible to sexualisation. Sexualisation is potentially harmful to girls' physical and mental well-being and freedom.

Current advertising self-regulation in Australia is inadequate to prevent the exposure of girls to sexualising advertising. It is reactive, only examining advertisements after public complaint; and it examines advertisements individually, ignoring the cumulative effect of a chorus of sexualising influence in advertising. Government regulation may be required to protect developing girls from potential harm.

Martin PHAM

AMS Unit: Medical Humanities (Centre for Health and Society)

Session 1 10:00 – 10:30 am Second Floor, Multifunction Room

Is it practical to apply the teaching of traditional martial arts in the treatment of youths with conduct disorder?



The notion of utilizing the traditional Oriental martial arts in the rehabilitation of youths with conduct disorder is not an entirely new concept. A landmark study was conducted by Trulson in 1986 to test the efficacy of both traditional and so-called 'modern' styles of Tae Kwon Do training on the aggression levels of the study's young participants. It was found there, that whilst, the traditional style of training led to positive changes within its participants, the converse was true of the 'modern' style, which tended to focus on the acquisition of physical skill, whilst neglecting the moral components of the traditional martial arts. Since then, a number of studies have been conducted on this therapeutic concept, most finding similar results to Trulson's 1986 study. So what exactly is it about the martial arts that differs it from other forms of physical activity, such as cycling and boxing, on the psyche of participants and how might this understanding be applied in actual clinical settings?

Otlhomame SEKHOBE

AMS Unit: Social Health (Centre for Health and Society)

Session 1 10:30 – 11:00 am First Floor, Pierre Gorman Room

Integration of the Horn of Africa Refugees into Victorian community and the effect on their psychological and mental wellbeing



Refugees and migrants face a difficult task of integrating into their society upon relocation. Several factors such as a different cultural background to the mainstream population, unemployment, and pre-migration experiences play a role in their integration process. Integration can mainly be assessed through economic and social convergence between the immigrant and the native population with respect to a number of statistical measures, such as the unemployment and employment rates as well as participation in community activities. This literature based project examines how refugees from the Horn of Africa are integrating into the Victorian society and the effect of this on their psychological and mental wellbeing. It explores the challenges they face such as unemployment and its influence on their mental health, it also looks at culture and integration, as well as the influence of traumatic pre-migration experiences which are likely to have long term impact on their mental health.

Charley SIMANJUNTAK

AMS Unit: Sexual Health (Sexual Health Unit)

Session 1 9:30 – 10:00 am First Floor, Foundation Life Members Room

What female patients think about the use of chaperones after seeing a male practitioner



Background: Female patients in Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (MSHC) are generally declining the offer of a chaperone made by male practitioners when they are examined. Melbourne Sexual Health Centre is a public sexual health clinic in Melbourne where patients with sexually transmitted diseases and related conditions are seen. The aim of the study was to determine the view of female patients about the use of chaperones when seeing a male practitioner. We hypothesized that women may have been reluctant to accept the offer of a chaperone even though they actually preferred one to be present during an examination. **Methods:** Between November 2007 and January 2008, an anonymous survey was given to all female patients that saw a male practitioner at Melbourne Sexual Health Centre. **Results:** There were 201 female patients who participated and from 79 patients who were offered a chaperone and declined the

offer, none indicated that they actually wanted a chaperone. The qualitative analysis showed that some participants appreciated the offer of a chaperone, even if they declined this offer. There was still however a small proportion of women who were made uncomfortable when asked if they would like a chaperone.

Conclusion: This study indicated that women who declined a chaperone when seeing a male practitioner as part of a sexual health examination really did not want a chaperone to be present and that practitioners can be confident that such a response is genuine. MSHC's policy of offering chaperones to all female patients who are seen by male practitioners prior to the examination procedure should be continued.

Devamalar SIMATHERAI

AMS Unit: Sexual Health (Sexual Health Unit)

Session 1 10:00 -10:30 am First Floor, Foundation Life Members Room

What men who have sex with men (MSM) think about the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine



Aim: This study aimed to ascertain the knowledge and attitudes of men who have sex with men (MSM) about the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine and to determine at what age MSM would be willing to ask for the HPV vaccine in relation to the commencement of sexual activity. **Methods:** Two hundred MSM visiting Melbourne Sexual Health Centre between December 2007 and January 2008 were asked to complete a questionnaire on their knowledge of HPV and the HPV vaccine, and their sexual history with respect to specific sexual activities engaged in and health-seeking behaviours. **Results:** The median age of participants was 27 years. 74% of MSM were aware of HPV infection but only 30% knew of the vaccination. 47% of MSM surveyed said they would be willing to pay for the vaccine despite the cost of \$450. Cost was cited as the main obstacle for those MSM not willing to pay for the vaccination.

The youngest median age at which they were prepared to disclose their sexual activity in order to obtain the vaccine from a health professional was 20 years of age and 93.5 % said they would be willing to do so. This was two years after the median age of sexual debut (18 years), and after a median number of 15 sexual partners. **Conclusions:** MSM in this study were strongly in favour of having the HPV vaccine when informed of the risk of HPV-related anal cancer. If the HPV vaccine is targeted to this group, the challenge will be for MSM to be vaccinated before they acquire HPV infection, given the time delay from sexual debut to disclosing sexual activity to a health professional.

Jeremia **SIREGAR**

AMS Unit: Sexual Health (Sexual Health Unit)

Session 1 10:30 – 11:00 am First Floor, Foundation Life Members Room

The Clinical Features of HIV patients in Melbourne Sexual Health Centre at the Time of Abnormal Serum Creatinine Level: Case Series and Case-Control Study



Serum creatinine (SCr) was one of the important parameter in defining renal impairment in community, as well as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) patients. Previous studies have shown that fanconi syndrome and renal tubular acidosis (RTA) were the impairment that mostly found in HIV patients with high SCr levels (more than 120 $\mu\text{mol/L}$). Abnormal increase in the SCr level has also been reported in some of HIV patients in Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (MSHC). However, there has been no study that was conducted in this centre to investigate the underlying cause of this abnormality. The aim of this study was to gain a better understanding about the clinical features of HIV patients in MSHC who experienced abnormal increase in their SCr level, as well as the factors associated with this abnormality.

Karthigayini **SIVASUBRAMANIYAM**

AMS Unit: Medical Humanities (Centre for Health and Society)

Session 1 9:30 – 10:00 am First Floor, Pierre Gorman Room

The differing interpretations of anorexia nervosa



The history of anorexia nervosa gives us an insight into the evolving nature of science and society. Modern clinical definition of anorexia nervosa incorporates a multi-dimensional approach. However the historical concept of anorexia nervosa showcases a disorder that has been alternatively been described as a form of religious servitude, a purely psychological malady, as well as a pituitary dysfunction. The dramatic shift in the understanding of anorexia occurred in the 19th century, a critical era in the development of anorexia nervosa medically.

By looking at the history of the concept of anorexia nervosa, as well as the various theoretical frameworks, it is easy to gauge that the influence of society is critical. Cultural forces do not operate just in society, but also in the realm of science. Driven by certain ideological leanings, science throughout time has also contributed to the misdiagnosis of anorexia nervosa. By understanding the history of anorexia, we can gain insight into the past, as well as the future.

Stephanie WAYNE

AMS Unit: Medical Humanities (Centre for Health and Society)

Not available to present at conference

Health policy and outcomes in post revolutionary ideological states: A comparative analysis of infant mortality in Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran



This research examines how political ideology influences health policy, health system development and public health outcomes as measured by infant mortality rate. Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran have been selected as exemplars of markedly differing political ideological states, fuelled by revolutionary ideals. Their health systems' funding, policy, development and implementation are discussed and compared, as are additional factors contributing to health indicators and infant mortality rates. Notwithstanding the differing systems and variant outcomes, both countries have demonstrated significant improvements in equitable service coverage and outcomes. This paper attributes these similarities to parallel development of primary health care systems, infrastructural transformation including sanitation, capacity for citizen mobilization, and maternal education, underpinned by comparable commitments to universal public health.

Claire WILSON

AMS Unit: Medical Humanities (Centre for Health and Society)

Session 2

11:30 - 12:00pm

First Floor, Pierre Gorman Room

The moral relevance of the acts and omissions doctrine: the difference between killing and letting die in the medical context



Where, if at all, does a morally relevant distinction exist between an act and an omission, particularly in relation to dealing with death and dying in a medical context?

The acts and omissions doctrine states that an omission, with identical foreseen bad outcomes as an act, is "morally less bad" than the act. It is a rule adhered to culturally, and endorsed in legislation and social practice. The medical culture is no exception to this. For some time now, debate around applying the acts and omissions doctrine to dealing with dying patients has been made public by philosophers, medical ethicists and other writers. The acts and omissions doctrine becomes, when applied in this context, that it is worse to kill than allow to die.

In this presentation I will discuss some of the literature I reviewed around the acts and omissions doctrine generally, and then more specifically as applied to killing and letting die. I will put forward my own claim that the distinction between an act and an omission lies on a spectrum of moral relevance. I will describe the features of a case which determine where on the spectrum a certain act and omission fall. My aim is not to find an answer to whether or not the acts and omissions is plausible. I rather seek to introduce a novel approach to the doctrine, particularly in the critical context of dealing with a dying patient. My hope is that this will draw further attention to the problematic nature of attempting to apply flat rules to individual cases where stakes are high, and to prompt those involved to justify to themselves their own behaviours and beliefs.

Sarah YONG

AMS Unit: Medical Humanities (Centre for Health and Society)

Session 1 10:00 -10:30 am First Floor, Pierre Gorman Room

Health Needs of Sex-Trafficked Women: Australia's Response



Outrage over the death of a Thai sex worker in a detention centre marked a turning point in the Australian government's anti-trafficking efforts. It prompted the Australian government to launch its Action Plan to Eradicate Trafficking in Persons in June 2004. Legislative and policy changes (including a new class of visas) have since been introduced. Furthermore, at least \$46.3 million have been committed to fighting people trafficking since 2003.

Using a literature-based method, this thesis provides an analysis on the Australian government's anti-trafficking response. The Australian government adopts a criminal justice framework towards trafficking, which means that it is focused on the prosecution of traffickers. Such an approach however, may not always be in the best interests of women who have been trafficked into the sex industry. Women who have been sex-trafficked have often suffered abuse and exploitation that can have devastating consequences on their health. However, the women's health is not considered a priority in the criminal justice approach. Thus, this thesis would argue for a woman-centred, health and human rights perspective in the Australian government's anti-trafficking responses.

Wan Mohd Shariffuddin ZAINUDIN

AMS Unit: International Mental Health (Centre for International Mental Health)

Session 2 12:30 – 1:00 pm First Floor, Foundation Life Members Room

The needs of patients of the HUKM community psychiatric service in Kuala Lumpur



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KJ FARLEY	Implementation of the National Indigenous Australians' Sexual Health Strategy 1996-97 to 1998-99	Dr Priscilla Pyett
Simon JOOSTEN	The history of reproductive anatomy	A/Prof Janet McCalman
Daniel JOYCE	How have the perceptions of female genital mutilation contributed to the failure of programs to eradicate it?	Dr Richard Pennell
Jason LEE	'A Healthier Nation would Bless their Vocation': The social discourse surrounding the Contagious Diseases Acts of 1866, 1868, and 1869 in Great Britain	A/Prof Janet McCalman
Alastair MAH	How do Christians accommodate Darwinism?	Dr Keith Hutchison
Sunaina MIRANDA	Banking umbilical cords: An insurance beset in an ethical minefield	Dr Lynn Gillam
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Sinead O'BRIEN	Before and after psychiatry's 'Revolution ': The story of Chlorprozamine	A/Prof Janet McCalman
SallyQUILL	The construction of Autism	Ms Agnes Dodds
Amy ROBOTHAM	Feminist discourse regarding in vitro fertilisation and the issue of access for single and lesbian women	Dr Rosemary Robins
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Claire TOOHEY	A review of social capital: The importance of social connections to health	A/Prof Janet McCalman

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Jonathan MARROW	Mining, Money and Alcohol: Alcohol use on Lihir Island, Papua New Guinea	Dr Martha Macintyre
Trupti PRASAD	Cross-cultural awareness and international public health program development	Dr Martha Macintyre
Karina SEVERIN	The impact of rapid development on diet and nutrition: Lihir Island, Papua New Guinea	Dr Martha Macintyre
Erin BRYCE	Some perspectives on important issues involved in young Koori people succeeding in employment	
Deborah HENG	Enrolment strategies employed in the vaccination struggle	Dr Marilys Guillemin

2002/03

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Alicia FONG	Whores and Hypocrites: The positive and negative categorisation of women in film	Ms Debbi Long
Andrew HARDLEY	Placebo Surgery: The ethics of harm for knowledge's sake	Dr Ali Brookes
Andrew HARDY	Incompetent dementia patients have interests too: But how should we determine them?	Dr Lynn Gillam
Jacqueline HARDY	How has the biomedical approach towards complementary therapies changed between 1970 and 1990? What socio-cultural factors could have affected these changes?	Dr Marilys Guillemin
Albert HO	The stigma associated with mental illness in the Vietnamese community in Australia`	Ms Penny Johnson
Anna HOLWELL	Differential gender access to harm reduction programs in Nepal	Ms Debbi Long Dr Nick Crofts Dr Lynn Gillam
Andrew HUGHES	Reconstructing a healthy identity: the Assyrian community in Melbourne	Ms Debbi Long
Krishna JAMES	The unique position of mind-body medicine in healthcare	Dr Marilys Guillemin
Lara KELLY	A comparison between the old (1991) and the new (2001) Ethics Guidelines into Indigenous Research	Dr Lynn Gillam
Tanya LAM	Behind the 'opened' face of cosmetic surgery: Blepharoplasty and the rounding out of Asian eyes	Ms Penny Johnson
Robyn LAWFORD	A comparative study of the barriers to practitioner adherence to diabetes treatment protocols in Aboriginal health care settings	Mr Shaun Ewen
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Brooke MILNER	Smoking, girls and the Quit Campaign: Does the QUIT Campaign adequately target adolescent females?	Ms Debbi Long
Lucy MODRA	Prenatal genetic test kits sold at your local pharmacy: Promoting autonomy or Promoting confusion?	Dr Lynn Gillam
Seikisi MOSENKI	Considering the community: cultural sensitivity in the application of community home-based care – a case study from Gaborone, Botswana	Ms Debbi Long
Shyanthri NAGARAJAH	How do theologians approach questions about how we should view pre-natal life?	Dr Lynn Gillam
Hien Quang NGUYEN	Implications of emergent integral theories of consciousness for mental health, illness and the recovery process	Ms Debbi Long
Aaron OW	The establishment of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Guidelines: What role does western biomedicine and patient knowledge play in the management of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome?	Dr Marilyns Guillemin
Trisha PRENTICE	The Appropriateness of 'Empowerment' programs in Hindu culture in the context of trafficking of Nepalese women	Ms Debbi Long Dr Nick Crofts
Edward ROBERTS	'Some viewers may find these images disturbing': An analysis of global events, the news media and cultural trauma	Ms Debbi Long
Mpho SELEMOGO	AIDS & Africa: Redistributing the moral burden	Dr Ali Brookes
Monika SKUBISZ	From surgery to society: How do young adults experience their transition in body image following surgery?	Dr Marilyns Guillemin
Claire STEWART	Graduating with a Licence to Kill: The use and abuse of medical authority from the Nazis to today	Dr Marilyns Guillemin
Eddie TAN	Worldviews leading to different accounts of our future	Dr Lynn Gillam
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Esther YUN	Exploring the Christian concept of grace for medical practice	Dr Ali Brookes

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Maithri GOONETILLEKE	The danger of the unspeakable – Social stigma and sexual health in a Sri Lankan context	Dr Debbi Long
Jordan KAMEL	Ensuring worldwide access to a HIV vaccine in the future	Dr Ali Brookes
Thilini KANANKEGAMAGE	Ethics in theory and practice: The experience of interns in Sri Lanka	Dr Lynn Gillam
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Thilini MAHALIYANA	Media coverage of disease outbreaks in a risk society: BSE and SARS	Dr Rosemary Robins
Angela MARSIGLIO	Implementing harm reduction programs in an Islamic society: Exploring Islamic principles, approaches and community attitudes towards HIV/AIDS and proposed harm reduction implementation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Dr Debbi Long A/Prof Nick Crofts Prof Adeeba Kamarulzaman
Clifford MORRISON	Vital fluids: Health models and body fluids in a Sri Lankan context	Dr Debbi Long
Joshua OSOWICKI	La via Chilean and the medical profession: On the Chilean road to health under democracy and dictatorship	Mr Shaun Ewen
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Carolin POON	The integration of Western medicine and traditional Chinese medicine: A perspective from general practitioners in Hong Kong	Dr Ali Brookes
Gayathri RAMAN	Quit smoking information on the internet: A textual analysis of these websites.	Dr Tania Lewis
Jennifer SCHAEFER	Drug Courts and the 'Disease of Addiction': What does the Drug Court movement mean for the future of prohibition in Australian drug policy?	Dr Ali Brookes
Joanna TEO	The 'Fat Talk' with Cosmopolitan: A social perspective of the influences of magazines on women's health	Dr Ali Brookes

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Boris TSEITKIN	What would be the impact of legalising voluntary euthanasia?	Dr Lynn Gillam
Zoe Louise TUER	Mental illness in early modern witches and demoniacs: An anticlerical myth in nineteenth-century psychiatry?	Dr John Waller
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Melissa BEITNER	Challenging the patient-centred ethos	Dr Lynn Gillam

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Candice LAW	Complementary medicine and Breast Cancer	Dr Milica Markovic
Mirabelle (I-Hsin) LIN	HIV partner notification: A strategy for reducing and preventing HIV in Taiwan	Dr Mridula Bandyopadhyay
Indah Putri MAHARANI	Systematic review of the psychosocial implications of screening for gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM)	Dr Heather Rowe
Suci Sutinah Diah SUKMASARI	Indonesian women migrant workers' vulnerability to HIV transmission	Dr Mridula Bandyopadhyay
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2003/04 AMS UNIT Mental Health of Immigrants and Refugees (CIMH)

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2004/05

2004/05 AMS UNIT Medical Humanities (CHS)

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Andrew BALDI	Conflicts of disinterest: The problem of humanitarian aid workers and neutrality in the Kosovo crisis	Shaun Ewen
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Jeremy CHIN	The ethics of a pill to blunt traumatic memories (HONOURS)	Dr Lynn Gillam
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William FOX	Culture, sexuality and disease: Exploring the impact of 'stigma convergence' on the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay men	Dr Ali Brookes
Freya HILDEBRAND	Doctors, Nurses and voluntary euthanasia: Why nurses in Australia are more in favour of the legalisation of voluntary active euthanasia than doctors	Dr Marilyns Guillemin Dr Kyllie Cripps
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Miranda SIEMIENOWICZ	Burning the history books: Why we must rewrite our understanding of Paracelsus	Dr John Waller
Kacey WILLIAMS	How do sports medicine doctors perceive their ethical responsibilities in prescribing local anaesthetic injections to athletes?	Dr Lynn Gillam
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Raymond YAP	Role tensions: Interpreting voice boxes, advocates or conduits	Dr Marilyns Guillemin Dr Kyllie Cripps

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Emma WONG	Gender and the experience of reduced mobility: Responses from women of northeast Thailand	Elizabeth Bennett

2005/06

2005/06 AMS UNIT Medical Humanities (CHS)

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Victoria GERSHENZON	The Dying of Death – From the Middle Ages to the Present Day. What are the implications?	Dr John Waller
Catherine HIBBERD	Is that athlete fuel injected? An exploration of gender and sporting ideals through an analysis of nutritional supplement advertising	Dr Ali Brookes
Izni HIGGS	Female Orgasm and Cleo: An investigation into the discursive messages informing young women's valuation of female orgasm in sex, and its potential links to the social construction of Female Sexual Dysfunction as a disease category	Dr Ali Brookes
Stewart HOLMES-BROWN	Benefaction or Desecration? The Case of Baby K	Dr Lynn Gillam
Tony HUGHES	Australian doctors in foreign locations: Perspectives on medical aid and practice in potentially dangerous situations	Mr Shaun Ewen
David LEARMONT-WALKER	Should the ban on performance-enhancing drugs in sport be maintained?	Dr Lynn Gillam
Shehara MENDIS	Conceptualising Caregiving: Perceptions of burden and satisfaction associated with the female caregiver role, and the discourses that shape them	Dr Lynn Gillam Prof Annette Dobson
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Sabashini SIVAKUMARAN	The installation of timers on ventilating machines: A closer look	Dr Ali Brookes
Tara SMITH	How should a doctor respond to a Jehovah's Witness patient who is refusing a blood transfusion?	Dr Lynn Gillam
Andrew WOOLLEY	An exploratory study into the roles the pharmaceutical industry plays in day-to-day medical practice, from the perceptions of general practitioners.	Dr Therese Riley

2005/06 AMS UNIT Social Health (CHS)

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Cheng QIAN	The Science of Happiness: Mapping the conceptual understandings from Aristotle to Positive Psychology	Dr Ali Brookes
David STEED	The politics of <i>Strengthening Medicare</i> : interpreting universality	Dr Juan Baeza

2005/06 AMS UNIT Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CHS)

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Aarti CHOORAMUN	How do naturopaths in private practice perceive their role in palliative care	A/Prof Marilyns Guillemin Dr Kyllie Cripps
Lawrence TAY	Insomnia and its Treatment	A/Prof Marilyns Guillemin Dr Kyllie Cripps

2005/06 AMS UNIT Illicit Drug Use (CHS)

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Nevidita SHETTY	The relationship between blood borne virus risk and amphetamine use	A/Prof John Fitzgerald

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Julie AMALLIAH	Prevalence of, and risk factors for, suicide among homeless young people	Dr Deborah Keys
Muhammad BUDIMINSYAH	The role of female sex workers and clients in HIV transmission in South East Asia: knowledge, condom use, and barriers to safe sex	Prof Doreen Rosenthal
Li Yen CHIN	Survey of patient satisfaction with the breastfeeding education support services of The Royal Women's Hospital	Dr Lisa Amir
Audrey GALEBOLE	Social and cultural determinants of obesity in African women	Dr Bhensri Naemiratch
Fredy KASTILANY	Endometriosis: Women's perspective	Dr Milica Markovic
Amy LEE	Disciplinary Discourses: Rate of caesarean section explained by medicine, midwifery, and feminism	Dr Maggie Kirkman
Wai May LOH	Detection of postpartum mental disorders in women admitted to residential early parenting centres	Dr Heather Rowe
Brian LUCAS	Does 'Stress' increase the risk of Breast Cancer?	Dr Louise Keogh
Irma NARESWARI	The relationship between mammographic density and ethnicity	A/Prof Anne Kavanagh
Sze Ying NG	Barriers towards cervical cancer screening in Malaysia: A health provider's perspective	Dr RoseAnne Misajon
Doen Ming ONG	Intimate partner relationships: What are the links with postnatal mood?	A/Prof Jane Fisher
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Satrio Wishnu PRATOMO	The psychological, educational, economic and physical outcomes of teenage pregnancy for young women	Dr Shelley Mallett
Joy SHA	Shaping Pregnancy: Representatives of pregnant women in Australian women's magazines	Dr Maggie Kirkman

2005/06 AMS UNIT Mental Health of Immigrants and Refugees (CIMH)

AUTHOR	TITLE	SUPERVISOR
Wan Tiing, Maggie CHUA	What is the approach of the Mobile Support and Treatment Service in responding to issues of client diversity? How does the nature of its organizational functioning influence the service delivery and flexibility in response to clients needs arising from diversity?	A/Prof Harry Minas
Jane CARTER	Knowing the "middle bit": An exploration of the organisational dynamics of a psychiatric inpatient unit and their relationship	A/Prof Steven Klimidis
Nik Nathasha Hani NIK ISAHAK	"They come to CCT for a life intervention": Organisational processes in a mental health service Continuing Care Team and relationship with responsiveness to cultural diversity.	A/Prof Steven Klimidis
Claire STEINER	"It's a lifestyle choice to work on a CAT team": An investigation into organisational processes in a mental health team and responses to cultural diversity among their clients.	Dr Yvonne Stolk

2005/06 AMS UNIT International Mental Health Development (CHS)

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Michelle FOONG	Profile of needs in a new community mental health service in Kuala Lumpur	A/Prof Harry Minas A/Prof Steven Klimidis Dr Ruzanna ZamZam

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Kay Weng CHOY	Why do doctors in Australia leave clinical medicine?	Rosalind McDougall A/Prof Lynn Gillam
Frances HYNES	The ethics of breaching the confidentiality of a mental health patient in order to provide information to the family, looking in particular at autonomy.	Dr Giuliana Fuscaldo A/Prof Lynn Gillam
Ava LAM	A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine goes down: How the medical sitcom <i>Scrubs</i> conveys the paradoxical internship experience.	Anna Harris A/Prof Lynn Gillam
Ravinder SANDHU	Controlling tuberculosis in developing countries	Dr Penelope Johnson
Adam Scarlett	Mirror images: uniqueness and human reproductive cloning	Dr Giuliana Fuscaldo A/Prof Lynn Gillam
Lucinda VERCO	The management of overweight and obese patients in obstetrics	A/Prof Lynn Gillam
Margaret VO	Is selective abortion for Down Syndrome ethically justifiable?	Dr Jan Hodgson A/Prof Marilyns Guillemain

2006/07 AMS UNIT Social Health (CHS)

AUTHOR	TITLE	SUPERVISOR
Kago T. MOKUTE	The under-five child health program in Botswana and the challenges faced in its implementation: '...seeking greener pastures'	Anke van der Sterren Dr Penelope Johnson

2006/07 AMS UNIT Public Health Perspectives in Women's Health (KCWHS)

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One BAYANI	The level of knowledge about Chlamydia and attitudes towards Chlamydia screening amongst medical students at The University of Melbourne	Prof Doreen Rosenthal
Ayu Hasida HASSAN	A study of the referral patterns between agencies involved with rape services in Penang State, Malaysia	Dr Deborah Keys Dr Elizabeth Bennett Prof Rashidah Shuib
Sari Intan Nordiana MD SALEH	Exploring attitudes, knowledge and self-efficacy of physical activity by gender and socio-economic position	Dr Rebecca Bentley A/Prof Anne Kavanagh
Belinda ODDY	Women's views on the use of diagnostic labels to describe psychological distress in the postpartum: implications for uptake of health care	Dr Heather Rowe
Amy WILLIAMSON	Reproductive experience and postpartum adjustment: Investigating a paradox	A/ Prof Jane Fisher

2006/07 AMS UNIT Sexual Health (SHU)

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Chee Wun PHANG	Sexual practices within sex on premises venues (SOPVs) in Melbourne	Prof Christopher Fairley Dr Marcus Chen

2006/07 AMS UNIT Models of Health Care Delivery (CHS)

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Prama ADITYA	Implementation and evaluation of a literacy enhancing program in pediatric outpatient clinic	Dr Ali Brookes
Yofine Indri ATMAJA	Skin deep: A discourse analysis of <i>Vogue</i> Australia's beauty section	Dr Ali Brookes
Nanda IRYUZA	Development of evaluation protocol for the implementation of clinical practice guideline for the management of overweight and obesity in children and adolescents	Dr Ali Brookes
Simon Himawan JUWONO	What is an appropriate screening protocol to be implemented at a pediatric outpatient clinic in Sunshine Hospital? How can this screening protocol be best evaluated?	Dr Ali Brookes
Stephanie Nangoi MAKAHINDA	Age discrimination and medical futility in health care	Dr Ali Brookes
Mohamad Iqbal Mangun PAWIRO	Withdrawal of a life-sustaining treatment in renal ward: Ethics issues in decision making	Dr Ali Brookes
Simon PRATAMA	Western Health General Practitioners Supervised Clinical Attachment	Dr Ali Brookes
Vincent Wang TAHIJA	Is it important to have clinical trial before a certain surgery technique is implemented as standard treatment? (Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting in particular)	Dr Ali Brookes
Juliam TJONG	The evaluation of parents' experiences of the process of diagnosis of Autism at the Sunshine Hospital	Dr Ali Brookes

2006/07 AMS UNIT Infectious Disease Epidemiology (MEGA)

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Abbi Angkasa PERDANA	The association between childhood immunization and the development of atopic disease	Dr Jennifer Thomson
Januar HABIBI	Evaluation of the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL) Laboratory-Based Measles Surveillance System	Dr Jennifer Thomson
Kaleb TJINDARBUMI	Evaluation of the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL) Influenza Surveillance System	Dr Jennifer Thomson
Constance WIDJAJA	Infections, Atopy, and the Hygiene Hypothesis	Dr Jennifer Thomson

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