Dear Colleagues

Editorial

2009 is sure to be an eventful year for FaCH! I am advised that the University will soon be making a decision about FaCH in regards to Centre status, with a decision expected by the middle of the year.

In the meantime, we are desperately in need of space and I am pleased to advise that we have been earmarked for accommodations that will meet our growing needs for research space now and into the future.

The new space is ideally situated in the heart of the health precinct on the Campbelltown Campus, and consists of a number of offices, a meeting room, reception area and large working space that will be able to be used for students. There is ample space for our students, research staff, and for members from other campuses who want to work onsite for periods of time. Some minor refurbishments are needed before we can move in, but it should not take too long. It will be great to have a designated area and appropriately resourced area for our research activities, and a place where we can easily come together.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Professor Stephen Teo. Stephen will contribute to our strength in key strategic areas - particularly within the WERIN portfolio. Stephen is currently working on a various projects including a project on nurse retention, another on the impact of organisational change on nursing job outcomes, and emotional intelligence. He is also interested in cultural diversity in learning and teaching. Currently Stephen is Professor, and Associate Dean Academic, in the College of Business. More information is given about Stephen later in this newsletter.

I would also like to welcome our new commencing research students. We have recently started four new PhD students - Tamara Vallido, Stacy Blythe, Diana Messum and Peta Sharrock, and are recruiting for two APAI positions. We have also commenced a number of new honours students. Our Research Interns have recommenced for 2009, and we will be looking to recruit some additional research interns in Spring semester.

We recently had some exciting events that are covered fully in this issue. These include:

The Welcome Lunch for the new students, hosted by the current students through the Student Research Club. FaCH co-sponsored this event.

Prof Roger Watson visited us in March. He is from the University of Sheffield, and participated in various activities.


More details can be found about each of these events in this newsletter. Thank you to those who attended.

Wishing everyone a happy Easter

Debra Jackson, Group Leader
Moving Up To Core Member Status

Congratulations!

Dr Yenna Salamonson, Dr Liz Halcomb and Dr Sharon Andrew have all reached core membership status in the FaCH research group. We are delighted they each now meet the criteria for full membership. This really reflects the quality of their work and their on-going commitment to developing as researchers. As full members of FaCH they will be able to contribute at a more senior level to FaCH’s continued development.

Dr Yenna Salamonson is a Senior Lecturer at UWS, Campbelltown campus. She’s currently involved in the following research projects:

“Home Heart Walk: A tool to increase exercise capacity and self-efficacy for exercise”.

“Sessional Academics Teaching in Nursing (SATIN) Study”.

“Supporting Academic Performance and Improvement, targeting English as Second Language Nursing Students (SAPIENT) Project”.

Dr Liz Halcomb is Senior Lecturer, and Course Coordinator of the Graduate Diploma and Master of Nursing at UWS, Campbelltown campus. She’s currently involved in the following research projects:

“Evaluation of chronic disease management by Australian general practice nurses”

“Quit in General Practice: a cluster randomised control trial of enhanced in-practice support for smoking cessation”

“A model of integrated care for dependant older people living in the community”

“Sessional Academics Teaching in Nursing”

“The development of a clinician-led research agenda for Australian general practice nurses”

Dr Sharon Andrew is a Senior Lecturer and Learning and Teaching Fellow in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, UWS. She’s currently involved in the following research projects:

“Sessional Academics Teaching in Nursing”

“Models of Care and Satisfaction in Nursing, and Patient Outcomes (MOCASIN)”

“Promoting Academic Success in NESB First Year Nursing Students (PRACS)”
Welcome to FaCH

New Core Member

We are very pleased to introduce Professor Stephen Teo as a new core member of FaCH. Stephen is working in a number of areas complementary to FaCH work - particularly within the WERIN portfolio. He is currently working on various projects including nurse retention, the impact of organisational change on nursing job outcomes, and emotional intelligence. He is also interested in cultural diversity in learning and teaching. Stephen has collaborative ties with researchers in various institutions, both in Australia and internationally.

Stephen is Professor, and Associate Dean Academic, in the College of Business, UWS. BEc (Monash), Grad Dip Bus (Monash), Grad Dip Japanese (Professionals) (SUT), MBA (Int Bus) (Monash), PhD (QUT), Associate Fellow of the Australian Human Resources Institute, Associate Dean (Academic) and Professor of Management in the College of Business. He joined UWS from the University of Technology Sydney, having worked in the banking and public sectors in Malaysia and Australia. He also held various academic appointments at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Macquarie Graduate School of Management, and Queensland University of Technology.

Stephen’s areas of expertise include human resource management and occupational stress. He researches the impact and effectiveness of the changing roles, status and influence of human resource professionals in strategic management and is currently undertaking research into the effect of organisational change on the stress and well being of public servants and nurses. He has consulted to the Australian Defence Organisation and the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change. In addition, Stephen has published over 70 refereed journal articles, book chapters and conference proceedings in the fields of Strategic Human Resource Management and International Human Resource Management. In 2007, Stephen received a citation from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council for “sustained contributions in practise-based, research-led curriculum and assessment design to provide Business graduates with work ready competencies in Human Resource Management”.

He has presented his research at a plethora of international conferences, receiving a best paper award from the Public and Non-profit Division of the US Academy of Management. Stephen is the Managing Editor of the International Journal of Employment Studies and he is also a member of journal editorial boards Public Management Review, Journal of Small Business Management, Research & Practice in Human Resource Management, and Deakin Business Review.

Welcome to FaCH Stephen.
New Associate Members

We have two new associate members of FaCH to introduce.

**Dr Sharon Hillege** has been an academic for 21 years at three universities, the University of Sydney, Australian Catholic University and now the University of Western Sydney.

She has a keen interest in student literacy for both local and international students. She has gained qualifications in TESOL, and has worked in a number of teaching areas to improve English literacy in students. She is interested in clinical nursing and, in particular, the effects of simulation on student learning. Other research interests include adolescents and young adults with Type 1 diabetes, eating disorders, prevention motivation theory in nursing students as it relates to skin cancer prevention and the role of nurse practitioners.

Her publications and conference presentations reflect these research interests from a qualitative perspective. She is one of the authors of Fundamentals of Nursing & Midwifery: Australia & New Zealand which has a person-centred focus on the individualistic, interactive and wholistic nature of nursing and midwifery care which will be published in May 2009. Sharon is also a reviewer for The Journal of Clinical Nursing.

Welcome to FaCH!

**Dr Betty Gill** is the Associate Dean Academic in the College of Health and Science.

Betty’s disciplinary area of expertise is in health policy and bioethics and she has substantial experience of teaching in these disciplines to a broad range of health professionals at both the undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Her primary area of research focuses on the ethical aspects of health resource allocation, particularly in the context of an ageing society. Her PhD thesis was entitled: Health Care Choices and Priorities in an Ageing Society and she continues to research and publish in this area.

Since taking on the role of Associate Dean Academic her research interests have extended to include quality issues in higher education and the scholarship of learning and teaching.

Welcome to FaCH!
**Welcome commencing students**

**Beatriz Belmar** B(hons) is a UWS graduate who has been out in the workplace and is returning to undertake her Hons part-time whilst she continues to work at the Children’s Hospital. Her project will be a systematic review looking at the use of mixed methods in nursing research. She will be supervised by Liz Halcomb and Sharon Andrew. **Contact:** Beatriz bbelmar@bigpond.com

**Harpreet Kaur** B(hons) is a new graduate from UWS Parramatta last year. She will be undertaking a component of a larger study looking at the role of the practice nurse in chronic disease management. Her project will look at consumer perceptions of the practice nurse role. She will be supervised by Liz Halcomb and Debra Jackson. **Contact:** Harpreet 16098103@student.uws.edu.au

**Diana Messum** PhD candidate (P/T PhD) - supervised by Debra Jackson, Lesley Wilkes and Liz Halcomb. **Contact:** Diana d.messum@uws.edu.au

**Stacy Blyth** PhD candidate will be working in the area of Foster mothering and will be based at the Hawkesbury Campus. Stacy will be supervised by Debra Jackson and Lesley Wilkes **Contact:** Stacy s.blythe@uws.edu.au

**Peta Sharrock** PhD candidate (P/T PhD) is exploring strategies for teaching Indigenous content in nursing curricular. Her supervisors are Debra Jackson, Sharon Andrew, and Rhonda Griffiths. Based at Campbelltown campus. **Contact:** Peta p.sharrock@uws.edu.au

**Tamara Vallido** PhD candidate will be working in the area of interrupted mothering. Tamara is based at the Campbelltown campus, and will be supervised by Debra Jackson, Lesley Wilkes and Bernie Carter. **Contact** Tamara 15766191@student.uws.edu.au

**New FaCH Administrative Staff**

**Cait Edenborough**

**Louise Hadfield**

**Dr Alison Short**

**Welcome to all!**
Welcome Back

Brenda Hayman is studying in the area of lesbian mothering/parenting. She started her PhD two years ago but has been on maternity leave for the past year. She is returning to study part time and is really looking forward to meeting and developing relationships with other research students. Her supervisors are Professors Lesley Wilkes and Debra Jackson.

She completed her Master of Nursing (Hons) in 2005 and her thesis was a case study examining models of service delivery and change in the nursing workplace. She has three very beautiful daughters, a wonderful partner and supportive family. She has been a registered nurse for 20 years and most of her clinical experience is in aged care nursing. She currently works at the College of Nursing as a Nurse Educator. As well as aged care nursing her other areas of clinical expertise are in wound management and infection control.

Student Activities

Nursing Student Research Club

On the 24th of March the NSRC held a welcome lunch for commencing students after their first general meeting for 2009. At that time Leah East stepped down from her role as Chair of the NSRC, we would like to thank Leah for all the work she put into to the club and congratulate her on submitting her thesis for examination. Congratulations also to Olayide Ogunsiji, another outgoing member of the leadership committee who recently submitted her thesis for examination.

We welcome Rakime Elmir as the new NSRC chair, Elaine Burns as the new editor of the NSRC newsletter and Tamara Vallido as the sub editor. New leadership committee members also include Brenda Hayman, Peta Sharrock, Suza Trajkovski, Stacy Blythe, Jeni Stevens, Wai-Chu Lee, Anna Gonzalez, Rosemary Lindop and Beatriz Belmar. Congratulations to all!

The welcome lunch was a great success. In this informal setting undergraduate and post graduate students and staff had a chance to get together and intermingle, discussing future activities and exciting new directions for the club. Pictured below right. Diana Messum, Rhonda Griffiths, Stacy Blyth, Suza Trajkovski, Peta Sharrock & Leah East Pictured below left Leah East, Rakime Elmir & Elaine Burns

14th April the NSRC are convening a meeting 1.30 – 2.30pm at Campbelltown building 5 conference room. Following this 2.30 – 3.30pm the NSRC are hosting an afternoon tea to celebrate Leah and Olayide submitting their theses for examination. All welcome, this is a great opportunity for students to meet others and for students and staff to liaise with each other in an informal setting.
Project updates:

**Rebecca O’Reilly** RN, RM, MastersCINursing, PhD candidate.
Project title: Model of care: A family focussed approach to promote child protection

**Background:**
This project is an ARC funded project with the Benevolent Society as an industry partner. The project commenced in June 2007. The aim of the project is to develop a model of care for child protection workers. The thesis will present this model within a case study approach identifying the workers’ perspectives on worker well-being and health when working in the child protection industry.

**Project status:**
Data collection has been completed and Rebecca is embarking on the data analysis phase of the research.

**Outcomes:**
The literature review has been completed and written up (awaiting revision). A paper has been accepted for publication from the review and the methods chapter is almost completed.

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**Glenda McDonald** BSSc Grad dip ApSSc(Adult Ed), PhD candidate.
Surviving and thriving in the face of workplace adversity: An intervention to develop personal resilience in nurses and midwives.

Data collection continued throughout 2008. cycle One of the intervention was completed on site and Cycle Two commenced and is largely completed. Data collection and evaluation are almost complete, with all data now collected other than post-intervention and 6 months post intervention data from Cycle Two.

Retention rate in the program continues to be excellent. Data analysis commenced, and is currently running to plan, with 75% of the data now analysed. Findings from the project were presented at a national conference and won the Best New Presenter award. Furthermore, two papers have been prepared for submission to peer reviewed journals.

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**FaCH Activities**

**FaCH facebook group**

Our facebook group is up and running and being well used by group members. In the on-line networking group participants are able to see what other members are getting up to, find out information about conferences and events, discuss research articles, upload and view pictures etc.

Discussion boards include: Publications 2009; Mothers Journal Group; Upcoming conferences and events; FaCH writing retreats for 2009, commentary on member’s articles.

If you are eligible to join the FaCH facebook group and would like to do so please contact Michel m.edenborough@uws.edu.au and you will be invited to join!
Publication Syndicate and Writer-in-Residence

We are delighted the Publication Syndicate, a FaCH initiative, will be recommencing shortly with a whole new format. We have appointed a Writer-in-Residence to facilitate the Publication Syndicate with generous support from the SONM. Last year Michel and Roslyn did this, however due to increased workload demands this was no longer possible. Dr Jan Horsfall has agreed to undertake this role and will be on-site alternating between Parramatta and Campbell campuses each Friday to support the two separate syndicates.

Both these groups are fully subscribed already (following our call to the School that went out earlier in the year). Jan will also be able to provide quality feedback to novice writers who might have had a paper rejected, or have a paper in progress they need some critical feedback on. However, she will not be doing any writing for people - her role is facilitative and capacity building - empowering people to become better writers themselves.

Jan will be commencing with us on the 14th of April, and the Publication Syndicates will formally commence on the 1st of May. If anyone would like to book time to see Jan please contact Michel m.edenborough@uws.edu.au in the first instance.

April Writing Retreat – new venue

In 2009 we will be holding four writing retreats, supported by the SONM. The dates have been set (as below). However, as the Hawkesbury campus site is no longer available, we have sourced another suitable venue so in April the retreat will be held at the Hawkesbury Race Club Motel. The first retreat is fully subscribed but retreats later in the year have vacancies. If you are interested in participating please speak to your supervisor or contact Debra or Michel for more information.

April: 20-22nd April
June: 9-11 June
October: 6-8th October
December: 14-16th December

Visiting Scholar

Professor Roger Watson

We are thrilled Professor Roger Watson is now an adjunct to UWS. He was a visiting scholar mid March. His busy schedule included a number of presentations and discussions with a diverse group of stakeholder groups, students and staff. Presentations included “Was that a dignified ending?” Frank Whiddon Masonic Home, Glenfield; “UK Research Assessment Exercise”, SONM, UWS, Campbelltown; “Getting started with publication”, Mental Health Services, Campbelltown Hospital; “Writing for publication”, SONM, UWS, Campbelltown. Material from some of his presentations are available on the FaCH vUWS site.

Pictured below: Right Roger Watson & Rhonda Griffiths; middle Martha Mansah, Agesh George, Olayide Ogunsiji & Tamara Vallido, Rakime Elmir, Louise Hadfield, Yenna Salamonson and Harpreet Kaur; left Roger Watson & Vicki Hardy.
Book Launch

Mixed Methods for Nursing and the Health Sciences

Congratulations Sharon Andrew and Liz Halcomb (pictured right) on the release of your text Mixed Methods Research for Nursing and the Health Sciences. Eminent international scholar, Professor Roger Watson from the University of Sheffield, and Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Clinical Nursing launched the book on the 18th of March at Campbelltown campus. This is a truly international book. In preparing the book, Sharon and Liz managed to attract the interest of most of the world’s leading mixed methodologists - the contributors list is a veritable Who’s who of international mixed methods scholars. The internationality of this book is also evident in the fact it has been published in the UK, by prestigious scientific publishers, Wiley-Blackwell. Invited guests joined in celebration of this great achievement, while a number of colleagues and dignitaries who were unable to attend sent their praise and well wishes.

Pictured left: Professor Roger Watson and Professor Rhonda Griffiths at the launch. Left below: Sharon, Roger and Liz

The proud first customer Yenna
Pictured below with Liz and Sharon

The Clinical Placement: A nursing survival guide, 2nd edition

Congratulations Tracy Levett-Jones and Sharon Bourgeois on the release of your second edition of The clinical Placement text. This is a great resource to support students through their clinical learning journey.

New FaCH Project

Congratulations Maree Johnson on your team’s success receiving $10,000 from the Australian Dental Association NSW for Midwifery - initiated Oral Health (MIOH) Project to be funded in the 2009/2010 financial year. This project seeks to develop a “midwifery-initiated oral health service for pregnant women in Sydney South West”. The new service aims to improve the maternal and infant outcomes of mothers with poor oral health attending antenatal clinics in Sydney South West.
**Advanced Notice**

**UWS Dementia Conference**

*“Creating successful dementia care: A multidisciplinary approach”*

Parramatta Campus, University of Western Sydney, registration now open.

**Conference:** 20th July 2009  
**Workshops:** 21st July 2009

All health professionals, aged care and community workers, academics, students and other interested parties are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentations for the *“Creating successful dementia care: A multidisciplinary approach”* conference organised by the University of Western Sydney, Family and Community Health Research Group (FaCH). This conference is dedicated to promoting research into the health and well being of those living with dementia and their carers.

For further information please visit the conference web page [http://www.uws.edu.au/fach/fach_dementia_conference](http://www.uws.edu.au/fach/fach_dementia_conference) or Debbie Taylor-Robson 02 9685 9503, d.taylor-robson@uws.edu.au

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**Special Youth Health Forum ~ September 7 2009**

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

**Research and Practice Innovation**

*The 2nd Adolescent and Young People’s Health Research Forum*

You are warmly invited to participate in this special one day Forum as a presenter of an oral paper or to attend as a participant, on 7 September 2009. The Youth Health Forum Organising Committee, in conjunction with the Family and Community Health Research Group, University of Western Sydney, will be hosting this one-day forum looking at youth health research and the use of evidence to improve youth health care.

The Forum will take place in the Lorimer Dods Lecture Theatre, Level 4 at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead and will provide an opportunity for delegates to network with each other and hear about the most recent research in youth health care.

Abstracts for a 15 - 20 minute presentation should be on either:

- Current youth health research, in progress or complete
- The use of evidence to improve youth health care

All submitted abstracts will be considered on the basis of individual merit and their connection with the theme of *applied research in youth health*. Please note that abstract with *direct involvement of young people (12-24 years old) in all aspects of the research* will be given priority. Please note that speakers must register to attend the Forum. There are limited places available so register early to avoid disappointment.
How to Submit an abstract to the 2nd Adolescent and Young People’s Health Research Forum

1. Please e mail the submission form in **MS Word**.
2. Name the file with the presenter’s family name.

**By:**  **Monday June 15 2009**

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Enquires concerning submissions should also be directed to Ken Yap

This Special Youth Health Forum has been jointly organised by the Youth Health Forum organising committee and Family and Community Health Research Group, University of Western Sydney

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**Contributions to the e-newsletter**

**Latest FaCH Conference Information**

For all the latest information on upcoming conferences please go to our FaCH vUWS site or facebook group. If you know of any conferences, forums, seminars or workshops you would like to see included there please forward to Michel m.edenborough@uws.edu.au

In addition, if you have any recent articles, photos or information that you would like to share in future editions of the FaCH eNewsletter, you can also send them to Michel m.edenborough@uws.edu.au

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**Recent FaCH Publications**

**Books, Book Chapters and Journal Papers for 2009 to date**


