



Centre for Social Research in Health Annual Report 2015

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About the Centre

The Centre for Social Research in Health (CSRH) is a specialist research centre based in UNSW Arts and Social Sciences. Our mission is to undertake and promote exemplary social and behavioural science research in health that informs and strengthens knowledge, policy and practice.

Our research is guided by our commitment to:

- Integrity and excellence in academic research
- A multidisciplinary approach to research and education
- Actively ensuring our unique and critical perspectives are heard
- Collaboration and engagement with affected communities, and
- Valuing diversity and promoting equity.

Since its establishment in 1990 as the National Centre in HIV Social Research, the scope of our research program has evolved to influence and respond to a broad range of national and international health strategies and priorities, with the ultimate aim of improving the health and wellbeing of affected individuals and communities.

Our researchers are leaders in their fields, with a strong reputation in the academic community, lending authority to our work and influence to public debate. We are committed to contributing to effective policy and practice by working in partnership with community, government and research partners.

The Centre fosters the talents of the next generation of social science researchers through support for early career researchers and our **postgraduate research program**.

We receive funding from a range of sources, including the Australian Government Department of Health, state and territory government departments/ministries of health, competitive funding bodies, partner organisations and international sources.

Our work is guided by the **CSRH Strategic Plan 2012-2015**. This responds to the Australian Government's five national strategies for blood-borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections (National BBV & STI Strategies 2014-2017), and supports the UNSW Strategic Intent (Blueprint to Beyond) and priorities of UNSW Arts & Social Sciences.

Director's Report

As usual, this annual report provides an overview of the operating of the UNSW Centre for Social Research in Health in the past year. Also as usual, I'm very pleased to share the many achievements of the Centre's staff and collaborating partners. Again as usual, the Centre performed excellently in 2015.

Important steps were set in 2015 that will build on recent initiatives and further transform the Australian response to bloodborne viruses (BBV) and sexually transmissible infections (STI) in years to come. The House of Representatives' Standing Committee on Health undertook an Inquiry into Hepatitis C in Australia early in 2015 and later in the year it was announced that new, highly effective and life-saving hepatitis C treatments would be made widely available, heralding a new era in hepatitis C treatment. HIV-pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) demonstration projects came to scale in Victoria and New South Wales, and these states' governments initiated approaches to ensure PrEP can be made more widely available to those who may benefit, heralding a new era in HIV prevention. The innovative New South Wales Sexual Health Promotion Framework was initiated in 2015 and, integrated into the new NSW STI strategy, heralded a strengthening of the STI response.

CSRH remains at the forefront of new developments through its many research projects and related activities. In 2015 BRISE, the NSW BBV and STI Research, Implementation and Strategic Evaluation Program came to scale, providing a platform for a comprehensive program of research, capacity building, knowledge transfer and dissemination undertaken by a consortium consisting of CSRH and the UNSW Kirby Institute for Infection and Immunity in Society. BRISE encompasses established activities, as well as new research, such as "It's your love life", a periodic sexual health survey with 15-19 year olds. BRISE also enables innovative capacity building, strengthening the systematic development and evaluation of new, statewide sexual health promotion approaches for young people in NSW, guided by the NSW Sexual Health Promotion Framework.

CSRH staff in 2015 worked hard on continuing, commencing and completing a raft of activities, including important new work on developing a BBV and STI stigma and discrimination indicator and monitoring framework responding to a key priority in the national BBV

and STI strategies. CSRH co-sponsored the 1st National Conference of the Australia Forum on Sexuality, Education and Health, held at the University of Western Sydney. CSRH staff also continued to make substantial contributions to academia, including as chief-editors and associate-editors of an increasing number of scholarly journals. Achievements of CSRH staff were well recognized in 2015. Dr Dean Murphy was a finalist for the ViiV Healthcare Young Investigator Award; A/Prof Martin Holt received an Australia Endeavour Executive Fellowship to strengthen international exchange regarding novel HIV prevention; UNSW Scientia Professor Peter Aggleton was elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia; Prof Carla Treloar won the 2015 Hepatitis NSW Cheryl Burman Award; and yours truly was awarded the UNSW Faculty Arts and Social Sciences Dean's Award for Achievements in Research Leadership.

In 2015 several colleagues left CSRH and I like to thank them for their important contributions to CSRH: Dr Stephen Bell, Research Fellow; Ms Tahnee Dotti, Administrative Assistant/Finance; Mr Anthony Tao, Accountant. I also like to extend a very warm welcome to colleagues who newly joined CSRH, re-joined in new roles or extended their roles in 2015: Dr Stephen Bell, Visiting Fellow, Ms Elena Cama, Research Associate; Ms Levinia Crooks, Adjunct Fellow; Ms Joanne Holcombe, Digital Communications Assistant; Dr Dean Murphy, Research Fellow; Dr Jamee Newland, Adjunct Fellow; Ms Meena Popal, Management Accountant; Ms Edyta Szubert Communications Coordinator; Dr Ejua Yankah, Adjunct Lecturer.

A further change at CSRH is that, after nearly eight great years, I have stepped down as Centre Director, effective 1 May 2016. I am very pleased to welcome Prof Carla Treloar in the role, as of that same date, and look forward to continue to work with Carla, all CSRH staff and collaborating partners.

Professor John de Wit

2015 Highlights

Publications



101 journal articles 11 research reports
5 book chapters 3 books

Presentations



17 conference presentations

Committee membership



12 international 10 national
26 state-based 12 UNSW Australia

Editorial contributions



reviewed for 40 journals 20 editorial roles
18 editorial board memberships

Funding



\$4.149m in funding

Our Research

Projects

Information on all 49 research projects active in 2015 is **available online** and is organised into our six research areas:

- **HIV and Sexual Health Risk and Risk Reduction**
- **Sexuality, Health and Education**
- **Viral Hepatitis, Injecting Drug Use and Harm Reduction**
- **Living with, and Treatment of, Serious and Chronic Conditions**
- **Health Promotion Development and Evaluation**

Publications

Information on research publications produced by staff at the Centre in 2015 is **available online** and is organised into the following categories:

- **Journal articles**
- **Book chapters** and **Books**
- **Research reports**
- **Conference presentations**

Grants

The following grants were awarded to staff at the Centre in 2015:

Surveillance and Treatment of Prisoners with hepatitis C (SToP-C)

Carla Treloar (Chief Investigator)

Awarded by National Health & Medical Research Council/Partnership Projects

Awarded total costs: \$1,495,101

Enhancing Treatment of Hepatitis C in Opioid Substitution Settings II (ETHOS II): A partnership project to enhance hepatitis C care in drug and alcohol clinics

Carla Treloar (Chief Investigator)

Awarded by National Health & Medical Research Council/Partnership Projects

Awarded total costs: \$1,265,716

Belonging and sexual citizenship among gender and sexual minority youth

Peter Aggleton (Lead Investigator)

Awarded by the Australian Research Council/Discovery Project

Awarded total costs: \$415,700

Melbourne Gay Community Periodic Survey 2015-17

Martin Holt (Lead Investigator)

Awarded by the Victorian Government Department of Health & Human Services

Awarded total costs: \$190,606

Infrastructure costs

John de Wit (Lead Investigator)

Awarded by UNSW/Major Research Equipment and Infrastructure Initiative (MREII)

Awarded total costs: \$138,442

Perth Gay Community Periodic Survey 2016

Martin Holt (Lead Investigator)

Awarded by WA Health

Awarded total costs: \$50,901

Institutional support to plan and launch of an initiative addressing anti-LGBTI bullying among students in Thailand

Philippe Adam (Lead Investigator); John de Wit (Chief Investigator)

Awarded by Plan International Inc.

Awarded total costs: \$31,046

Mobile media, young people and relationships education

Peter Aggleton (Chief Investigator)

Awarded by UNSW/Goldstar

Awarded total costs: \$30,000

Evaluation of HETI eLearning module for Stigma, Discrimination and Injecting Drug Use

Carla Treloar (Lead Investigator); Loren Brener (Chief Investigator)

Awarded by the NSW Ministry of Health

Awarded total costs: \$25,795

Framework Support Program for Aboriginal Sexual Health Promotion

John de Wit (Lead Investigator)

Awarded by the NSW Ministry of Health

Awarded total costs: \$25,130

Recruitment of Aboriginal young people in Project 1629

John de Wit (Lead Investigator)

Awarded by the NSW Ministry of Health

Awarded total costs: \$20,000

Canberra Gay Community Periodic Survey

Martin Holt (Lead Investigator)

Awarded by ACT Health

Awarded total costs: \$15,931

Scholarly achievements

Peter Aggleton elected as Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

Scientia Professor Peter Aggleton was among 30 new Fellows elected to the academy in 2015.

[Related newsroom article](#)

Dean's Research Award for CSRH Director

Professor John de Wit was awarded 'Achievement in Research Leadership' at the 2015 UNSW Arts & Social Sciences Dean's Research Awards for his significant contribution to the research efforts of his peers and colleagues.

Deputy Director announced Hepatitis NSW Cheryl Burman Award 2015 Winner

Professor Carla Treloar was recognised for her outstanding commitment to the advancement of viral hepatitis prevention in NSW.

[Related newsroom article](#)

Martin Holt receives Endeavour Executive Fellowship

Associate Professor Martin Holt was awarded the fellowship by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training to undertake professional development at the University of California.

Dean Murphy Finalist in Young Investigator Awards

Research Fellow Dean Murphy was one of the finalists of The ViiV Healthcare Young Investigator Award with his submission *Pills, pleasure and privacy: Early experiences of Pre-exposure Prophylaxis among men in the VicPrEP study*.

Teaching and Supervision

Postgraduate research supervision

The following students were enrolled as postgraduate students with the Centre in 2015 and had their supervision carried out by staff at the Centre.

Student	Supervisors	Topic
Anthony Bains	Martin Holt Asha Persson	Exploring the perceptions of HIV-positive gay men towards the concept of 'HIV treatment as prevention' and its perceived impact on their health and wellbeing
Eva Buzo	John de Wit Andrea Durbach	Understanding the nature and causes of violence against women in post-conflict Sri Lanka
Hilary Caldwell	John de Wit Kath Albury	Women who buy sex in Australia: From social representations to lived experiences
Nyah Harwood	Jake Rance kylie valentine	Transgender people's experiences of injecting drugs in Australia; An ethnography
Kamrul Hasan	Peter Aggleton Asha Persson	Sexuality, masculinity, reproductive health and sexual health
Angela Cui	Limin Mao Christy Newman	Understanding empowerment of people with severe mental illness in the community: Through the eyes of social work practitioners in Sydney and Hong Kong
Christopher Tumwine	Peter Aggleton Stephen Bell	Access to and use of HIV testing, treatment and care services: experiences and perspectives of HIV positive fisherfolk in Uganda
Naveed Noor	John de Wit Joanne Bryant	Influences Associated with Sexual Practices among Homeless Young People in Pakistan
Nga Vu	John de Wit Martin Holt	Amphetamine-type-stimulant use and HIV-related risky sexual behaviours of men who have sex with men
Horas Wong	Peter Aggleton Limin Mao	In search of the rainbow's end: the spiritual journeys of Chinese gay men of different HIV generations living in Sydney, Australia

Student	Supervisors	Topic
Kenneth Yates	Carla Treloar Limin Mao	Client profiling and models of service provision in needle and syringe programs in greater Western Sydney

The following staff also supervised postgraduate students enrolled external to the Centre in 2015:

Supervisor	Student	Topic
Loren Brener	Robyn Horwitz (University of Queensland)	Using implicit associations to assess drug use trajectories of young people
John de Wit	Shaun Abbott (UNSW School of Public Health and Community Medicine)	Physical activity interventions in low socioeconomic populations: A focus on mental contrasting with implementation intentions
John de Wit	Ben Huntingdon (University of Sydney)	Sexuality and quality of life for people living with HIV
John de Wit	Charles Picavet (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)	What goes wrong with contraceptive behaviour, who are risk groups, and which socio-cognitive factors may be targeted to improve contraceptive behaviour
Limin Mao	Shu Su (The Kirby Institute, UNSW)	Comprehensive evaluation of national antiretroviral treatment program for the HIV-infected population in China
Christy Newman	Jessica Botfield (UNSW School of Social Sciences)	Engaging young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds with sexual and reproductive health services in Sydney, Australia
Christy Newman	Lisa Wojciechowski (University of Queensland)	Young adults living with HIV in Australia: Understanding their relationship to their health and to HIV health services
Carla Treloar	Kari Lancaster (UNSW National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre)	Social construction and the evidence-based drug policy endeavour
Carla Treloar	Alison Marshall (The Kirby Institute, UNSW)	The study of liver disease screening and assessment among persons with a history of injection drug use in New South Wales, Australia: The LiveRLife Campaign

Further information on all current students is [available online](#).

Teaching

The Centre, in close partnership with the UNSW School of Education, has introduced a new undergraduate elective entitled 'Health in Schools and other Educational Settings' (EDST2093). The course was offered for the first time from Semester 2 in 2015. Open to all undergraduates, it will introduce future teachers (and others) to the innovative and effective approaches they can use to teach young people about health.

The new course was co-convened by Centre staff Peter Aggleton, Christy Newman, and Joanne Bryant.

In addition to the new course, the following staff were also involved in teaching on behalf of other academic units:

Limin Mao: Lecturer for 'Social Science and Policy Quantitative Research Methods' (SRAP3001 – School of Social Sciences)

Christy Newman: Co-convenor of 'Qualitative Social Research' (SRAP2001 – School of Social Sciences) & Co-convenor of series of workshops 'Communicating your Research' (UNSW Arts & Social Sciences Faculty Research Office and Higher Degree Research Committee)

Financial Performance

Statement of financial performance for the year ended 31 December 2015

		\$'000
Revenue		
	Research Revenue	3,012
	Donations and Bequest	0
	UNSW Contributions	349
	Faculty Contribution	728
	Other Restricted Revenue	40
	Sundry Other Revenue	21
Total Revenue		4,149
Expenses		
	Salaries, Oncosts and Other Staff Costs	2,886
	Scholarship Stipends	0
	Contract and Consulting Services	236
	Consumables	9
	Travel	96
	Equipment Non-Capitalised	0
	Entertainment	1
	Marketing	11
	Miscellaneous Expenses	85
Total Expenses		3,324
Total Contribution		825
Depreciation		0
Total Contribution (after depreciation)		825

Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2015

	\$'000
UNSW Australia Internal Cash	1,632
Accounts Receivable	32
Sundry Assets	3
Property Plant and Equipment	0
Creditors and Other Liabilities	(1)
Net Assets	1,668

Centre Management

Centre Steering Committee

The Centre Steering Committee oversees the performance and direction of CSRH, ensuring the effective, efficient and sustainable pursuit of objectives, and assisting with strategic development. The Committee also monitors the Centre's operation and finances and safeguards compliance with UNSW policies and procedures.

In 2015, the Centre Steering Committee members were:

- Eileen Baldry, Interim Dean, UNSW Arts & Social Sciences (Chair)
- Duncan McDuie-Ra, Associate Dean Research
- John de Wit, Director, CSRH
- David Cami, Centre Manager, CSRH
- Melissa Roughley, Faculty General Manager, UNSW Arts & Social Sciences
- Jaimin Bhatt, Faculty Finance Manager, UNSW Arts & Social Sciences
- Anthony Zwi, UNSW School of Social Sciences (External)

The Steering Committee met on the following dates:

21 March 2015

Attended by: James Donald (former Dean, UNSW Arts & Social Sciences), John de Wit (Director, CSRH), David Cami (Centre Manager, SPRC), Melissa Roughley (Faculty General Manager), Jaimin Bhatt (Faculty Finance Manager)

17 August 2015

Attended by: Eileen Baldry (Interim Dean, UNSW Arts & Social Sciences), Duncan McDuie-Ra (Associate Dean Research), John de Wit (Director, CSRH), David Cami (Centre Manager, SPRC), Melissa Roughley (Faculty General Manager), Jaimin Bhatt (Faculty Finance Manager), Anthony Zwi (External)

14 October 2015

Attended by: Eileen Baldry (Interim Dean, UNSW Arts & Social Sciences), Duncan McDuie-Ra (Associate Dean Research), John de Wit (Director, CSRH), David Cami (Centre Manager, SPRC), Melissa Roughley (Faculty General Manager), Jaimin Bhatt (Faculty Finance Manager)

Scientific Advisory Committee

The Scientific Advisory Committee brings together experts from social science and public health research, government, and non-government organisations. It provides advice and guidance on research strategy that informs the Centre's strategic and work plans. The Scientific Advisory Committee is funded by UNSW and the Australian Government Department of Health. In As of 20154, the Steering Scientific Advisory Committee meets once per year; the Committee's annual meeting took place on 11 April and 1427 November.

The Scientific Advisory Committee comprises:

- Prof Pranee Liamputtong, Professor of Public Health, School of Public Health and Human Biosciences, La Trobe University (co-chair)
- Prof Jake Najman, Professor of Sociology, School of Social Science, University of Queensland (co-chair)
- Lisa Bastian, Manager, Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program, WA Government Department of Health
- Aaron Cogle, Deputy Director, National Association of People Living with HIV Australia
- Michael Costello, Executive Officer, Anwernekenhe National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island HIV/AIDS Alliance
- A/Prof Levinia Crooks, Chief Executive Officer, Australasian Society for HIV, viral hepatitis and sexual health Medicine
- Simon Donohoe, Manager, National Education Team, Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations
- Janelle Fawkes, CEO, Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Association

- Darryl Kosch, Manager, Sexual Health & Viral Hepatitis Team, Victorian Government Department of Health & Human Services
- Prof Jayne Lucke, Director, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University
- Annie Madden, Executive Officer, Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League Inc.
- Prof Lisa Maher, Head of Viral Hepatitis Epidemiology and Prevention Program, The Kirby Institute, UNSW Australia
- Dr Jo Mitchell, Director, Centre for Population Health, NSW Ministry of Health
- Dr Alun Richards, Director, Blood Borne Viruses and STIs, Queensland Government Department of Health, Queensland
- Michael West, A/Manager, Sexual Health and Viral Hepatitis program, Victoria Government Department of Health & Human Services
- Helen Tyrrell, Chief Executive Officer, Hepatitis Australia

Centre Management Committee

The Centre Management Committee oversees the daily operations of CSRH and decisions that impact the Centre's resources, policies, procedures and business processes.

Centre Management Committee members are drawn from within CSRH and include:

- John de Wit, Director
- Carla Treloar, Deputy Director
- Martin Holt, Associate Professor
- Max Hopwood, Research Fellow
- David Cami, Centre Manager

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