



HSRAANZ Webinar Series – Alternative career paths for health services researchers

Monday 29 April 2019 at 2:00pm Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra

There is no cost to attend the Webinar, but registration is essential. Please register at: .

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The Webinar will be about 1 hour including time for Q and A.

Abstract

This webinar presents 3 case studies of people who have chosen not to pursue the usual academic path following completion of the PhDs. Their presentations will describe their research journey and what they do in their current roles. The benefits and challenges of choosing a path less travelled can sometimes be harder but often very rewarding. The three presenters come from diverse backgrounds and now work in very different roles. This presentation will be of interest to those contemplating where to from here if they are nearly finished their studies or for those considering a career change.

Biographies

Dr Kristine Battye is the Managing Director of KBC Australia, a public policy consulting firm specialising in *policy analysis, program evaluation and strategic advice to governments and non-government organisations. As an applied researcher, Dr Battye understands research methodology, tailoring it to the real world requirements of program evaluation, needs assessments, service and program modelling and re-design, and has specific knowledge and experience of rural and remote service delivery and Indigenous health.* Dr Battye has extensive experience across the health and community services landscape and has designed, led and conducted in excess of 140 projects at the national, state-wide, regional and local level since the establishment of the consulting firm in 2001.

Kristine's skills include: qualitative and quantitative research design, information synthesis and analysis; critical and creative thinking to develop innovative models and solutions; ability to produce high quality and comprehensive reports and publications; effective presentation and small group facilitation; strong interpersonal skills with the ability to engage with, and form relationships across tiers of government, and at community level.

Prior to establishing her consultancy firm in 2001, Dr Battye worked within the Divisions of General Practice program (1994 – 1996) as an Executive Officer in North Queensland, and Projects Development Officer in NSW Central West. Kristine commenced her professional working life as a scientist completing a PhD and postdoctoral research in reproductive physiology.

A/Prof Shilpa Jesudason (MBBS, PhD, FRACP) is a Staff Specialist Nephrologist and Senior Clinical Lecturer, University of Adelaide. She is a general and transplant nephrologist with subspecialty expertise in obstetric nephrology. Her primary research program investigates parenthood outcomes for women and men with renal disease. She is also Chair of the Clinical Research Group at the Royal Adelaide Hospital's Central Northern Adelaide Renal and Transplant Service (CNARTS), which is undertaking a range of studies exploring the experience of patients with ESKD who transition to dialysis, with a focus on multidisciplinary assessments of patient reported symptoms and outcomes,

and the psychosocial impact of kidney failure. She is a researcher with the NHMRC-funded BEAT CKD Research Consortium and is integrally involved in the “Consumer Engagement in Research” working group and activities of BEAT CKD as well as the ANZDATA registry. In 2017, Dr Jesudason was appointed as the National Clinical Director of Kidney Health Australia, the peak organisation representing patients with kidney disease and their communities. She has been involved in strengthening consumer engagement within nephrology via roles with the ANZ Dialysis and Transplant (ANZDATA) Registry Steering Committee, ANZ Society of Nephrology (ANZSN) Dialysis Advisory Committee, ANZSN Clinical Policy Advisory Committee, KHA-Caring for Australians with Renal Impairment (KHA-CARI) Guidelines Steering Committee. She is leading a National Community Consultation of indigenous patients and expert clinicians to inform the upcoming KHA-CARI Guidelines for the Management of CKD in ATSI and Maori, as well as a National consultation to inform KHA’s Youth Support programs. KHA has also been commissioned by the Federal Government to develop a National Strategic Action Plan for Kidney Disease, to be delivered in April 2019.

Dr Tilley Pain is a Principal Research Fellow at Townsville Hospital and Health Service and Adjunct Associate Professor at James Cook University. Her allied health background is in Medical Laboratory Science. Tilley completed a PhD in cardiac physiology followed by a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of South Alabama in the USA. On her return to Australia, she moved from bench research to rural and remote allied health service evaluations with the former Division of General Practice – North and West Queensland Primary Health Care. Since then, she has gained a broad spectrum of research methodology skills and has specialised in health services research and currently works closely with fourteen different allied health disciplines in Townsville to support their research projects. She supervises four higher degree research students from disciplines as diverse as pharmacy, psychology, radiation therapy and occupational therapy. In collaboration with an academic from James Cook University, Tilley has a major research program looking at early intervention strategies for people with mild cognitive impairment to enable them to live independently for longer. She has been successful in obtaining 2-3 research grants each year from both internal, and external funding sources.