Social work & Social Policy

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Overview

- Social Work and Social Policy
- Research Areas of Interest
- Research Partners
- Current projects
- Future projects
Social Work & Social Policy

- Moved to School of Population Health in January 2012
- 5.5 FTE
- Mix of mid and early career academics
- Applied focus most often working with government and non-government agencies
- PhD students
SWSP Research Areas

- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Gendered violence
- Working with Aboriginal communities and individuals
- Children and families
- Homelessness
- Changing forms of relationships and intimacy
Professional Practice Research Areas

- Community Work and Development
- Student and professional mental health and wellbeing
- The development of eco-social work – relationship between the environment and social wellbeing
Research Partners

- Interdisciplinary research
- Other Australian Universities and UK Universities
- Organisations
  - Child Protection
  - Education
  - Department of the Attorney General
  - Corrections
  - Police
  - Non-Government Organisations – e.g Anglicare
  - Local Government
  - Mental Health Services
Examples of Current Projects

- Intra Familial homicides and related suicides
- Epidemiology of intimate partner homicide in Indigenous communities
- Breaching of Violence Restraining Orders
- Effects of intimate partner violence on women’s employment, housing and mental health
Examples of Applications in Progress

- Migratory journeys following domestic violence
- Comparing the health of children affected by domestic violence
  - Population Health, TICHR
- Fathering and intimate partner violence
Future Projects

- Domestic violence and sleep
- Cluster B personality disorders
- Self harming behaviours