SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Department of Nursing and Health Care Practices
Research Outputs Report
2007

Overview of research

The department had seven academics, 42 PhDs, one Masters by research and two Honours students who were active researchers in 2007. A strong record of achievements has been sustained throughout the year. Of particular note, the research outputs for the department were related to the following:

- competitive research grants;
- research completions;
- international activities;
- invited keynote address;
- invited book chapters;
- solo art exhibition;
- publications, presentations and compilations.

Competitive research grants

Competitive national grant successes were:

- Hudson Birden (and collaborators) awarded $834,000 from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. Project entitled: 'Chlamydia incidence and re-infection rates: a longitudinal study of young Australian women.

- D. Doiron, J. Hall, D. Street, Nel Glass & D. Dignam awarded $545,000 for an ARC linkage grant. Project entitled: 'Modelling the training and job decisions of nurses: An integrated approach using panel surveys and dynamic discrete choice experiments. A longitudinal 5 year study.

Competitive state research grants successes were:

- D. Townend & Hudson Birden awarded $191,000 from the NSW Cancer Institute for Breast Cancer research.

- Curtin & Hudson Birden awarded $123,000 from the NSW Cancer Institute for Colorectal Cancer research.

- Janie Petersen awarded $500 from the Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education for research on Online Synchronous Classrooms for Clinical Teachers' Continuing Professional Education.

Competitive institutional research grant successes were:

- Nel Glass & J. Conway-Herron awarded $2,900 from Southern Cross University Internal research grants for research: 'Women's voices in Burma: Creative writing ethnography'.

- Janie Petersen & John Stevens awarded $1168 from Southern Cross University Internal research grants for research: 'From Student Nurse to Registered Nurse: Professional Socialisation and the Role of the Clinical Teacher'.

Research completions

Honours

- Penelope Cecil, 'The Mask and the Mirror: An Exploration of the Relationship between the Maintenance of Nurses' Emotional Health and Delivery of Quality Care. A Critical Feminist Inquiry'.
  Result: First Class Bachelor of Nursing Honours.
  Supervisor: Associate Professor Nel Glass.

- Elizabeth Rix, ‘The Lived Experience of Caring for a Person in NSW who is Community Dwelling, over 65 Years Of Age and has an Acquired Traumatic Brain Injury’.
  Result: First Class Bachelor of Nursing Honours.
  Supervisor: Associate Professor John Stevens.

Masters

- Peter Keil, 'Thriving with Depression: A Grounded Theory of People who Self-Identify as Being 'Well', Despite Long Histories of Episodes of Depression' (Masters of Science).
  Supervisor: Associate Professor Stephen Kermode.

- Wendy Livingstone (2007). The experience of a lower limb amputation for the person with diabetes.
  Supervisors: Thea van de Mortel & Professor Bev Taylor.

- Annette Morgan (2007). Bacopa Moniera effects on memory performance in older adults.
  Supervisor: Associate Professor John Stevens.

PhDs

- Leigh Dick-Read, 'The Achievement of Natural Birth Through Autonomous Proactivity: A Grounded Theory Approach'.
  Principal Supervisor: Professor Bev Taylor.

- Jacqueline Flynn, 'Nurses' Perceptions of Quality Nursing Care: A Grounded Theory Study of Overloading'.
  Supervisors: Professor Bev Taylor & Associate Professor Stephen Kermode.

- Janet Gilmour, ‘A Labyrinth of Grief: A Feminist Poststructural Exploration’.
  Supervisors: Associate Professor Nel Glass & Dr Kierrynn Davis.

- Elaine Nuske, 'Double Edged Sword: A Contradictory Experience: A Phenomenological Study of The Lived Experience of Natural Children of Foster Families'. Supervisor: Professor Bev Taylor.

- Janelle Sheen (2007). Professionalisation of aromatherapy.
  Supervisor Associate Professor John Stevens

International activities

- Hudson Birden: Visiting scholar and Adjunct Professor, The University of Hartford, USA: July.

- Associate Professor Nel Glass: Visiting academic, Shaanxi Friendship Hospital, Xi’an, People’s Republic of China: August.
- Dr Kierrynn Davis and Associate Professor Nel Glass: Visiting scholars, University of British Columbia, Okanagan, Canada: October.

- Dr Kierrynn Davis and Associate Professor Nel Glass, co-reviewers for Advances in Nursing Science meetings with the Editor, Professor Peggy Chinn, USA, October.

- Associate Professor Nel Glass: Visiting scholar and Adjunct Professor, University of Connecticut, USA: October.

- Associate Professor Nel Glass: visiting scholar at The University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, United States, October; St Cloud State University, St Cloud, United States, October; and The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States, October.

Outcomes from the above visits were increased research collaborations between faculty at each university, further development of adjunct research appointments and future visiting scholar arrangements, both incoming and outgoing.

International visiting scholars to the Department

- Cecilia Åqvist Särg - International Relations Manager, University West, Trollhattan, Sweden (March).

- Dr Madeleine Bergh, Head, Department of Nursing, Health & Cultural studies, University West, Sweden (March).

- Professor Marita Johanson, Pro Vice Chancellor, University West, Trollhattan, Sweden (March).

- Mona Wallin, Lecturer in Health Promotion, Department of Nursing, Health & Culture, University West, Sweden (March).

- Associate Professor Rose McEldowney, Graduate School of Nursing and Midwifery, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand (April).

The aim of the visits from faculty at University West and Victoria University of Wellington was to strengthen the existing research collaborations.

International conference and seminar presentations
During the year several academics, PhD graduates and students presented their research at international conferences held overseas and/or within Australia. These were:

- Frances Doran: New Zealand (August);

- Joy Adams-Jackson & Janet Gilmour: Canada (September);

- Janet Gilmour, Associate Professor Nel Glass & Dr Kierrynn Davis: Canada (September);

- Dr Kierrynn Davis: Canada (October);

- Associate Professor Nel Glass: Canada & United States (October);

- Thea van de Mortel: New Zealand (October);

- Helen Pannowitz, Associate Professor Nel Glass & Dr Kierrynn Davis: Australia (December);

- Janie Petersen: Singapore (December).

Invited keynote address

- Associate Professor Nel Glass was the keynote speaker at the 13th Annual International Hunter Mental Health Conference, 'Resilience - Key to Thrive' held in Newcastle, NSW, 18th May. The paper entitled: 'Finding the key to proactive mental health practice: The relationship between hope, optimism and resilience' was based on her international research conducted in Scotland, England and New Zealand on Hope, Resilience and Optimism.

Invited book chapters

Dr Kierrynn Davis, Associate Professor Nel Glass and Thea van de Mortel were invited to contribute book chapters on current research. The details are:

- Davis K & Glass N Reframing the hetero-normative constructions of lesbian partner violence: An Australian case study. In J. Ristock *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered intimate partner violence*.

- van de Mortel, T.F. *Is hand hygiene linked to health benefits in the community in developed countries*? in P.L. Anderson and J.P. Lachan (Eds). Hygiene and its Role in Heatlh. Nova Publishers: New York.

Art exhibition

Associate Professor Nel Glass held a solo art exhibition based on the international ethnographic research project: Hope, resilience and optimism in university workplaces. The exhibition entitled '*Hope: Through the looking Glass'* exhibited at 'NEXT' SCU Art Gallery, from 2nd –16th July was based on the experiences of nurse and midwifery academics/clinicians in Scotland, England and New Zealand.

Publications, presentations and compilations

Book chapters
- Glass N 2007 Australia in C.E. D'Avanzo & E. Geissler (eds) *Mosby's Pocket Guide Series: Cultural Assessment,* 4th edn. US, Mosby 30-39.

Journals

- Birden, H. H. (2007). The researcher development program: how to extend the involvement of Australian general practitioners in research? *Rural and Remote Health* 7 (online), no. 776. Available from: <http://www.rrh.org.au/>http://www.rrh.org.au

- Birden, H. & Page, S. (2007). 21st Century Medical Education. *Australian Health Review* 31(3);341-50

- Brownie, S., Myers, S., Stevens, J. (2007). The value of the Australian national screening initiative for older Australians: A national survey. *Journal of Nutrition Health and Ageing*, *11*(1), 20-25.

- Doran, F. & O'Brien, A. (2007). A brief report of attitudes towards physical activity during pregnancy. *Health Promotion Journal of Australia*. 18 (2): 155-157

- Glass, N. (2007). Investigating Women Nurse Academics' Experiences in Universities: The Importance of Hope, Optimism and Career Resilience for Workplace Satisfaction, in M. Oermann & K. Heinrich (eds) *Annual Review of Nursing Education* Vol 5 (111-136). ISSN:1542-412X
- Glass, N. (In press). Interrogating the conventional boundaries of research methods in social sciences: The role of visual representation in ethnography. *Forum: Qualitative Social Research. Special issue on Performative Social Science:* Mary Gergen, Kip Jones, Brian Roberts, Irene Lopez de Vallejo, Peter Wright and John J. Guiney Yallop (eds.) Forum: Qualitative Social Research. (Accepted 2007).

- Glass, N. & Ward, L. (In press). Advancing clinical nursing education in mental health: Student self assessment of clinical competences. in M. Oermann & K. Heinrich (eds) *Annual Review of Nursing Education* Vol 6(151-172). ISSN 1542-412X (Accepted 2007).

- Page, S. & Birden, H, (2007). When belonging counts: Community connections are the lifeblood of rural health [guest editorial] *Australian Rural Doctor* May p. 4

- Redwood, W., Lloyd, H., Carr, E., Hancock, H.C., McSherry, R., Cambell, S. & Graham I.W. (2007). Evaluating nurse consultant's work through key informant perceptions. *Nursing Standard*, January, *(21)*17, 35-40

- Sandström, H., Birden, H. & O'Mara, J. (2007). The Caribbean Mosaic: A Team-Taught Course on Cultural Diversity. *International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations* 2007:6(5);163-172

- Schofield, D., Fuller, J., Fletcher, S., Birden, H., Page, S., Kostal, K., Wagner, S. & Schultz, L. (2007). Decision criteria in health professionals choosing a rural practice setting: development of the Careers in Rural Health Tracking Survey (CIRHTS). *Rural and Remote Health* 7 (online),:666. Available from: <http://www.rrh.org.au/>http://www.rrh.org.au

Refereed conference presentations

- Bennett, P., Jones, D., & Petersen, J. (2007). *Getting it Right for Remote Western NSW Communities and Undergraduate Nursing Students.* Growing Together for Impact and Sustainability, 4th Biennial Primary Health Care Research and Evaluation Conference, Bondi Beach, New South Wales, 29 November.

- Birden, H. (2007). HIV/AIDS: The development of the epidemiological evidence base and the evolution of public health policy in the US, 1981-1991. *University of Sydney School of Public Health seminar*, 15th March.

- Birden, H. & Fuller, J; (2007). *Lifting the fog: A research fundamentals training program for clinicians.* Growing Together for Impact & Sustainability, The 4th Biennial NSW Primary Health Care Research and Evaluation Conference, Bondi Beach, New South Wales, 29 November.

- Doran, F. (2007). *Gestational diabetes in pregnancy: Insights from women who developed gestational diabetes and their health care professionals*, Australian Diabetes in Pregnancy. Annual Scientific Meeting, Christchurch, New Zealand, September.

- Gilmour, J., Glass, N., and Davis, K. (2007). *Unsettling Grief Discourses*. 14th International Critical and Feminist Perspectives in Nursing Conference "Disrupting Inequities In Health And Health Care", University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. 27-30 September.

- Hampshire, W. J. (2007). *Grief, Loss and Bereavement in an Aboriginal Community*. Proceedings of the Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) National Conference: Defining Future Direction, Hosted by The University of Adelaide in conjunction with The University of Queensland. Adelaide. November.

- Pannowitz, H., Glass, N. & Davis, K. (2007). Critical reflections of a feminist postmodern ethnography that innovatively revealed valuable nursing knowledge. *3rd International Congress on Innovations in Nursing*, Perth Convention Exhibition Centre, Western Australia. 13-16 November.

- Petersen, J. (2007). *Removing the Barriers: Using Synchronous Online Learning for Continuing Professional Education Delivery*. Praxis 2007. The 6th Annual CRUX Interdisciplinary Research Conference.

- Petersen, J. A., & Northover, M. (2007). *Using Online Synchronous Classrooms for Clinical Teachers Continuing Professional Education*. The Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education Annual Conference - Singapore 2007, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. December.

- Rose, J. & Glass, N. (2007). *Community nurses experiences: Navigating the emotional journey of palliative care provision.* The 4th Biennial NSW Primary Health Care, Research & Evaluation Conference NSW Primary Health Care Research Capacity Building Program, Bondi Beach, New South Wales. 29-30 November.

- Sheleen, C., Petersen, J. A., Clayworth, V., Cork, L., Grach, G., & Mackney, B. (2007). *Remote and Rural Nursing: The Student Experience.* The Silver Jubilee CRANA Conference. Celebrating 25 Years of Achievement, Broken Hill, NSW. 13-16 September.

- van de Mortel, T.F. & Murgo, M. *Utilising health promotion theory to improve hand hygiene in the ICU: A pilot study.* Australian & New Zealand Intensive Care Society, Annual Scientific Meeting. Rotorua, New Zealand. 26 October.

Research seminars

- Birden, H.H. (2007). *HIV/AIDS: The development of the epidemiological evidence base and the evolution of public health policy in the US, 1981-1991*. University of Sydney, School of Public Health seminar. Sydney.15 March.

- Davis, K. (2007*). Disciplinary writing*. 2007 Postgraduate Research Orientation. Invercauld House, Southern Cross University, Lismore, New South Wales. 14 February.

- Davis, K. (2007). *Nurses' and child protection in the context of domestic violence: Can a postmodern feminist reframing re-centre the mother-child dyad?* University of British Columbia-Okanagan, Canada. 1 October.

- Davis, K., Cartwright, C., Glass, N., Taylor, B. & King V., (2007). *Elements in crafting an interesting thesis.* Distinguished area of research strength (DAoRS) Disease prevention and health promotion post-graduate and honours seminar, Southern Cross University, Lismore, NSW. 11 July.

- Davis, K. & Glass, N. (2007). *Postmodern feminist research: Exploring emancipatory moments.* Master of Science (Nursing) University of British Columbia, Okanagan, Canada.1 October.

- Davis, K., Glass, N. & Taylor, B. (2007). *Ethical issues in research projects.* Distinguished area of research strength (DAoRS) Disease prevention and health promotion post graduate and honours seminar, Southern Cross University, Lismore, NSW.12 February.

- Glass, N. (2007). *The role of storytelling in nurse/patient relationships*. University of Connecticut, USA 18 October.
- Glass, N. (2007). *The role of gender in science*. University of Connecticut, USA. 18 October.

- Glass, N. (2007). *Hope, resilience and optimism for nurse and midwife faculty and clinicians: An ethnography.* University of Connecticut, USA. 18 October.
- Glass, N. (2007). *Cultural diversity, and the roles of spirit and healing in Australia*. University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA, 12 October.

- Glass, N. (2007). *International partnerships, connections with teaching and research.* St Cloud State, University, St Cloud, USA, 9 October.

- Glass, N. (2007). *International partnerships, connections with teaching and research.* University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, USA, 8 October.

- Glass, N. (2007). *The lived experiences of university nurses & midwives experiences with hope, optimism & resilience,* University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, USA, 8 October.

- Glass, N. (2007). *University nurses & midwives experiences of hope, optimism & resilience: A postmodern feminist exploration*. University of British Columbia, Okanagan, Canada, 1 October.

- Glass, N. & Xie, L. (2007). *Educational and research opportunities in nursing at Southern Cross University,* Shaanxi Friendship Hospital, Xi'an, People's Republic of China. 15th August.

- Glass, N, Davis, K. & Cartwright, C., (2007). *Developing an Ethics application: Use of the National Ethics Application (NEAF form).* Distinguished area of research strength (DAORS) Disease prevention and health promotion post graduate and honours seminar 13 July.
- Glass, N., (2007). *Ethnographic research and processes of art representation*, SCU NEXT Contemporary Art space gallery, Lismore. 11 July.

- Glass, N. (2007). *Qualitative research methods*. Post graduate research seminar Graduate Research College 4 July.

- Glass, N. (2007). Research quality framework. Department of Nursing and Health Care Practices Planning Day, SCU, Lismore, NSW. 12 April.

- Glass, N. (2007). *Introduction to qualitative research*, Post graduate research, Graduate Research College, SCU, Lismore, NSW. 14 February.

- Glass, N., Taylor, B. & Davis, K. (2007). *Processes of thesis development*. Distinguished area of research strength (DAoRS) Disease prevention and health promotion post graduate and honours seminar, Southern Cross University, Lismore, NSW 13 February.

- Hampshire, W. J. (2007). *Postcolonial perspectives in nursing research.* The Department of Nursing and Health Care Practices Research Seminar, Southern Cross University, Lismore, NSW.

- Petersen, J. A. (2007), *From Student Nurse to Registered Nurse - Professional Socialisation and the Role of the Clinical Teacher.* . Distinguished area of research strength (DAoRS) Disease prevention and health promotion post graduate and honours seminar, Southern Cross University, Lismore, NSW. 11th - 13th July).

- Taylor, B., Davis, K. & Glass, N. (2007). *Presenting and publishing in health science*. Distinguished area of research strength (DAoRS), Disease prevention and health promotion post graduate and honours seminar, Southern Cross University, Lismore, NSW. 14 February.

- van de Mortel, T.F. *Reducing illness absenteeism in primary school children.* Distinguished area of research strength (DAoRS) Disease prevention and health promotion post graduate and honours seminar, Southern Cross University, Lismore, NSW. 13 July.

DVD compilations

- Glass, N. (2007) *'Hope: Through the looking glass'*. (DVD accompanies the above art exhibition).

- Glass, N. (2007). *'A visual herstory of the Lismore & District Women Health Centre'* (20 year oral history project).

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