

JANE FISHER SUMMARY TRACK RECORD

Career summary: I am an academic Clinical and Health Psychologist (MAPS, 1977; Member APS College of Clinical Psychologists 1989, Academic Member APS College of Health Psychologists, 2011; PhD 1994), Professor of Women's Health and Director of the Jean Hailes Research Unit in the Monash University School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. I was Associate Professor (0.6 EFT–2008) at the Centre for Women's Health, Gender and Society, University of Melbourne from 2006 and fulltime Deputy Director and Coordinator of International Programs (2008–2011). Career interruptions include 4 X maternity leave and, until March 1st 2011, combined teaching and administration (0.6EFT) clinical practice (0.2EFT) with research (0.2EFT). I was awarded a Monash Professorial Fellowship and the Jean Hailes Professorial Fellowship in March 2011 and moved to Monash University. I was also appointed Honorary Professorial Fellow in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne.

Contribution to the Marcé Society: I have been a member of the Marcé Society since 1991 and have participated in meetings of the Society and the Australasian Chapter since then. I have served as a Member (1999 – 2001), Secretary (2000 – 2005), Treasurer (2003 – 2007), President elect (2005 – 2007), President (2007 – 2009) and Past President (2009 – 2011) of the Australasian chapter of the Society. I was an elected member of the International Marcé Society Executive 2000–2012 and Secretary (2000 – 2008).

Research Support: I have secured competitively awarded grants of more than \$12.4 million (74% as CIA) including from the National Health and Medical Research Council X 7 (all CIA, CIB); Australian Research Council Linkage Project X 3 and Discovery Project X 2; Australian Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (\$1.45 million 2004–2014); Grand Challenges Canada, Australian Rotary Health; beyondblue; Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth; Bertarelli, Myer, Helen McPherson Smith and Jack Brockhoff Foundations and Andrology Australia. I have completed commissioned research of more than \$870,000 (88% as CIA) including for the World Health Organization, Victorian Departments of Education and Early Childhood Development and Health, Breast Cancer Network Australia, AusAID, McFarlane Burnet Institute and Melbourne IVF.

Publications: I have more than 155 publications, including 115 papers, 17 book chapters (all peer-reviewed) and 13 technical reports giving me a career H-index of 22. In the last five years I have had 105 publications (79 papers), my work has been cited 1300 times and my H-index 2009–2013 is 19. My papers report observational prospective and cross-sectional surveys, trial outcomes, systematic reviews, health service evaluations, and validations of psychometric instruments in international settings.

Contribution to field of research: I have made substantial contributions through epidemiological studies in clinical and community settings in Australia and Vietnam and nationally funded intervention trials to knowledge about the social determinants of perinatal mental health problems among women and of how these can be addressed in clinical practice, policy and universal interventions. I am among the first researchers to have investigated the perinatal mental health of women in resource-constrained low and lower-middle income countries. We have demonstrated that contrary to prior assertions common mental disorders are two to three times more prevalent among women living in these countries than in high-income settings. I am lead or co-author of the two recently published systematic reviews of the evidence about prevalence and determinants of these conditions and of psycho-educational programs to address them in low and middle-income countries. My work has led directly to enhanced assessment protocols and treatment programs in Australian early parenting services; the inclusion of women's and children's mental health in Vietnam's national health policy objectives 2012-2015 and the provision of parenting leave for government employees in Vietnam.

Clinical practice: I maintain clinical practice (0.1 EFT) I have been sessional Consultant Clinical Psychologist to Masada Private Hospital Mother Baby Unit since 1996. Australia's residential early

parenting programs are unique internationally and provide highly structured five-night programs to women who are experience moderately severe depressive, anxious and adjustment disorders and whose babies are unsettled. The program is informed by the clinical research that I, with colleagues have undertaken in this Unit.

Collaborations: I collaborate with colleagues from diverse disciplines with expertise in quantitative and qualitative social research methods and laboratory sciences; research institutes; government and non-government sectors; clinical services; United Nations agencies including the World Health Organization Headquarters, Geneva and South East Asian Regional offices and international non-government organizations which have led to productive outcomes: publications, theses and grants.

Community engagement and participation: My commitment to knowledge exchange is demonstrated through the more than 35 presentations I have given to community groups or for health professional post-service training since 2009. I contribute to public discourse through contributions to the print media, television and via a regular weekly half hour invited session on ABC Radio 774 (2012-) which focuses on making research findings available to the wider community, which reaches an audience of on average 80,000 people.

International standing: I am a member of the International Board of Advisors, Research and Training Centre for Community Development Hanoi, Vietnam. I have been an invited temporary technical adviser to WHO Departments of Reproductive Health and Research, Mental Health and Substance Use and Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Development, and an invited expert participant in 13 WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA Expert Meetings since 2007. Since 2009 I have given more than 32 invited keynote addresses including to the Australasian Marcé Society 2013, National Conference for Community-based Approaches to Mental Health in Viet Nam 2012; 14th World Congress on Human Reproduction 2011; Asian Regional Network Conference on Early Childhood 2011; UNICEF / WHO / George Washington University Roundtable on Adolescent Mental Health 2011 and Australian Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics and Gynaecology 2011.

Supervision and mentoring: I head and mentor a research unit, which includes 3 senior research fellows, 5 postdoctoral research fellows, 11 research officers and high calibre postgraduate students. I have supervised 13 PhDs and 26 postgraduate student research projects to completion and a further 9 PhDs which are in progress. All have investigated aspects of mental health using gender-informed social theoretical models and made original contributions to knowledge. Part of my expertise in supervision and mentoring lies in my bringing together researchers from different disciplines. I encourage them to understand each other's fields and to communicate across the traditional divides.

Professional involvement: I chair the Psychosocial and Epidemiological Research in Reproduction Group for the Royal Women's Hospital and Melbourne IVF, sit on the Royal Women's Hospital Research Committee (2003 -), the Epworth Healthcare Human Research Ethics Committee (2009-) and the Masada Private Hospital Patient Care Review Committee (2003-). I am Research Consultant to the Western Australian Perinatal Mental Health Unit (2009-), was a Member of the National Evidence-Based Guidelines for Antenatal Care Expert Group (2006-2012) and have been on the scientific committee of all conferences of the Australasian Marcé Society since 2000.

Peer review involvement: I am Mental Health Section Editor for BMC Women's Health and on the Editorial Boards of the International Journal of Mental Health Systems and the Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynaecology. I am occasional reviewer for 34 international journals among them Human Reproduction, Social Science and Medicine, Bulletin of the World Health Organization, British Journal of Psychiatry and Culture, Health and Sexuality (average of 20 manuscripts per year). I review for national and international granting bodies, including the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australian Research Council, United Kingdom Medical Research Council, Ireland Health Research Board, UBS Optimus Foundation and the Wellcome Trust. I have examined 30 doctoral dissertations completed at Australian or international universities.

