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MELBOURNE MEDICAL SCHOOL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2022



Thursday 3 November 2022
12:30pm – 3:30pm

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RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2022

The annual Melbourne Medical School Research Symposium showcases the quality and impact of research in our School. This year's event is a return to an in-person symposium and includes presentations from a wide range of researchers from The Melbourne Medical School and the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

This event is open to:

- MMS academic, honorary and professional staff and students
- staff and students from health service, community health and medical research institutes partners
- professional and academic staff and students in MDHS and wider University

EVENT DETAILS

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Time: 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Location: Seminar Centre – University College (40 College Crescent, Parkville)

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Event contact: mms-research@unimelb.edu.au

PROGRAM

12:30pm	Registration and light lunch
1:00pm	Welcome from the Associate Dean (Graduate Research) Professor Erica Fletcher
1:05pm	Update from the Head of School Professor Nicola Lautenschlager
1:10pm	Student Publication Prize Presentations Presented by Hannah Evans-Barns, Department of Paediatrics
1:25pm	Early Career Researcher Publication Prize Presentations Presented by Dr Kevin Lee, Department of Medicine RMH
1:40pm	Publication Prize people's choice award Presented by Karla Fallon, Project Officer (Research Training)
1:50pm	Awards for Excellence in Graduate Research Supervision by Honorary Staff Presented by Monique O'Callaghan, Director of Research Support and Evaluation, MDHS
2:00pm	Afternoon tea
2:30pm	Panel Discussion: Embedding diversity and inclusion in research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof Sarath Ranganathan, Department of Paediatrics• Dr Lucinda Aberdeen, Department of Rural Health• Matthew Coleman, Department of Paediatrics• Dr Tuong Phan, Department of Critical Care
3:00pm	Keynote presentation Prof Nancy Baxter, Head, School of Population and Global Health
3:30pm	Event close

GUEST SPEAKERS



Professor Erica Fletcher

Associate Dean (Graduate Research)

Erica is a clinician scientist optometrist with research interests focussed on understanding pathophysiology and enhancing treatment for age-related macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. She is a senior teaching and research academic in the Department of Anatomy and Physiology. As Associate Dean, Erica is working to create a more student-centric approach to research training, that places high value on student wellbeing, enhanced training and better supervision.



Professor Nicola Lautenschlager

Interim Head, Melbourne Medical School

A clinician-scientist by training, Nicola holds particular research interests in dementia and aged mental health, with experience across clinical trials and cohort studies as well as translational and implementation research. Nicola joined the University of Melbourne in 2008 as Professor and Chair of Old Age Psychiatry and Director of the Academic Unit for Psychiatry of Old Age in the Department of Psychiatry. She was the School's Research Director and Deputy Head of School from January 2020 to October 2022.



Professor Nancy Baxter

Head, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

Nancy is a clinical epidemiologist, surgeon and health services researcher and is currently the Head of the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, Australia's #1 School of Public Health. Nancy moved from Toronto to Melbourne in February 2020 for the adventure, and COVID did not disappoint her! As a researcher, Nancy has been in the public eye for a number of publications particularly in the area of cancer screening and quality of surgical care. She has over 300 peer-reviewed articles and has had continual national (Canadian) research funding for almost 20 years. As a medical leader, Professor Baxter is committed to achieving gender equity in the health professions in her lifetime.



Professor Sarath Ranganathan

Stevenson Chair and Head, Department of Paediatrics | Academic Director of Clinical Education Strategy and Risk

Sarath is a paediatric respiratory physician, medical researcher, and teacher. Sarath undertook specialist training at the Royal Brompton and Great Ormond Street Hospitals in London and completed his PhD at University College, University of London. In 2004, Sarath emigrated to Australia to practice paediatric respiratory medicine at the Royal Children's Hospital (Melbourne, Australia), where he became the Director of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine in 2012. In 2019 he was elected Fellow of the American Thoracic Society for his international leadership in his field.

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Dr Lucinda Aberdeen

Senior Research Fellow, Department of Rural Health

Lucinda is a Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Rural Health at the Shepparton campus. She has extensive experience as a sociologist conducting, leading and supervising research in areas encompassing ageing, human rights, disability, policy evaluation, racism, assistive technology, studying regional and cultural inclusivity in rural health care. Her research focus is critical interpretive inquiry which seeks to understand and address social disadvantage and inequality regionally, nationally and globally.



Dr Tuong Phan

Honorary Fellow, Department of Critical Care

Tuong is an anaesthetist and clinician researcher at the Department of Anaesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, where he is Deputy Director and Head of Medical Research. His current research areas include cardiac output monitoring, fluid therapy and novel predictors of perioperative risk. He is an active member of the ANZ Clinical Trials Network and is involved in collaborative multicentre research. His studies recruit from a patient population with diverse cultural and linguistically backgrounds and he has been involved in initiatives to improve engagement with CALD patients in clinical research.



Matthew Coleman

PhD Candidate, Department of Paediatrics

Matt's research aims to investigate the genetic basis of brain malformations and epilepsies in children with the intention of identifying best treatments and improved clinical outcomes for these children. He is Co-Chair the Genetics Working Group of the International Research Consortium of the Corpus Callosum and Cerebral Connectivity (IRC5), sits on the MCRI Pride and Accessibility committees, and is a founding member of QueersInScience, a national advocacy organisation which builds community and improves support for LGBTQIA+ people in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine) in Australia.