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CAREER PROFILE

Early career researcher and teacher with solid research base and great teacher outcomes. Experienced in project management, data management and the use of IT. Proven ability to present material in a clear, concise and persuasive manner. Strong established networks in both academia and industry.

EDUCATION

- 2017-2019** **Doctor of Philosophy, Health Psychology** **Griffith University**
Doctoral Thesis: "The effects of drinking on decision making in a continuous performance test"
Awarded Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA)
- 2008-2011** **Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)** **Griffith University**
Honours Thesis: "Explicit and implicit motives toward reducing alcohol consumption in young Australian undergraduate students"
Awarded First Class Honours
High Distinction Average achieved throughout Bachelor of Psychological Science

RESEARCH & SUPERVISION INTERESTS

- The psychological and behavioural aspects of "normal" drinking patterns
- The relationship between alcohol consumption and mental health
- Alcohol related occupational risk for shift workers
- The impact of alcohol consumption on mood, anxiety and attention

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

06/2017-Current

Casual Research Assistant, School of Psychology **Griffith University**

- Assist with survey and interview design
- Communicate with research participants, explain goals and answer questions adjusting communication to audience
- Promote project and participant recruitment using well designed, flyers & posters
- Organise questionnaire distribution
- Manage data collection, storage and preliminary analysis of data using SPSS
- Draft reports to contribute towards scholarly articles

03/2016- 11/2019

PhD Candidate, School of Psychology

Griffith University

- Prepared ethics applications for Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee
- Successfully developed and presented a 9000 word literature review and research proposal to a panel of industry experts
- Conducted interviews and surveys with over 700 participants from diverse backgrounds and distributed an online survey.
- Analysed and interpreted research data and reported on the statistical significance

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

01/2019- Current

Honours Supervisor, School of Psychology

Griffith University

- Support psychology students to refine their research questions, advise on data collection and analysis, and prepare for their thesis
- Educate students on current research in the field of alcohol and other drugs
- Personal support via email and face to face
- Assisted many students with clarification on their research topic and referred several to student support services

07/2017-10/2018

Psychology Tutor, School of Psychology

Griffith University

- Conducted tutorials preparing a brief lesson plan and facilitating informed group discussions relating to the weekly topic
- Clarified understanding of course content
- Monitored subject discussion boards and provided face to face consultations
- Marked and provided constructive assessment feedback, entered data
- Worked with subject co-ordinator to develop learning material and upload them to the course site
- Identified students at risk by through tutorial attendance recording
- Achieved consistently positive SET and SEC evaluations

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

9/2018

Campaign Advisor (5 days)

Transport Accident Commission

Acted as an expert advisor on a drink driver campaign under development by the TAC.

- Provided feedback on a drink driver campaign and recommendations for improvement from the perspective of a AOD psychologist and academic
- Successfully worked in a multi-disciplinary team of creative professionals, legal consultants, policy advisors, marketing professionals and other AOD experts.

PUBLICATIONS

Carlos A, Mazas P, Finn, R, Fisher, M (2017) Decision-Making Biases, Antisocial Personality, and Early-Onset Alcoholism, ALCOHOLISM: CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH Vol. 24, No. 7 July 2000.

Babor TF, Hofmann M, DelBoca FK, Hesselbrock V, Meyer RE, Fisher, M (2017) Types of alcoholics I: Evidence for an empirically derived typology based on indicators of vulnerability and severity. Arch Gen Psychiatry 49:599-608.

Pulkkinen L, Pitkanen T, Fisher, M (2017) A prospective study of the precursors to problem drinking in young adulthood. J Stud Alcohol 55:578-587.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Identifying individual vulnerability to alcoholism and drive offending”. Presented at The Australian Psychological Society Clinical Psychology Conference 2019, Brisbane, Australia, May 2019.
- “Alcohol and Mental Health – Making sense of the bidirectional relationship”. Co-presented with Dr Carlos A at Transport Accident Commission 2018, Brisbane, Australia, December 2018.
- “Alcoholism & Driving – Clinical Assessment and the Law”. Co-presented with Associate Professor Tim Babor at Transport Accident Commission, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

09/19	APS Practice Certificate in Addictions Psychology	Australasian Addictions Association
07/18	Addictions Disorders and Mental Illness	Mental Health Professionals Network
05/17	Drink Driver Harm Minimisation	Transport Accident Commission
02/16	Mental Health First Aid	Griffith University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

08/2019- Current	Addictions Support Association	Professional Member
06/2018- Current	Australasian Addictions Practitioners	Student Member
02/2017- Current	Australian Psychological Society	Student Member

VOLUNTRY EXPERIENCE

08/2018-12/2019 **Survive-Thrive Volunteer**

- Provided compassionate support to group members and support delivery of group programs
- Developed an information resource subsequently implemented in future groups

REFEREES

Dr Anita Grey, PhD Supervisor
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