



Master of Social Development Teaching Team

Never Stand Still

Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

School of Social Sciences & International Studies

The Master of Social Development is taught by a diverse team of renowned academics who are at the front line of national and international social development practice. Our present field work informs the content and teaching of our program, and contributes to broad academic analysis of the social development field. The unique combination of theory and applied work influences social development policy and practice at a national and international level.

Every member of the teaching team has extensive field experience and an advanced academic understanding of the course subjects. Courses are team taught by two academic staff, or taught by several staff on a rotational basis. We understand that flexible timetabling is important for our students, and have identified that intensive Saturday classes are the most effective way to cover a selection of the course content. In our evening classes we have introduced flexibility in the timetabling and course structure to accommodate for work and life commitments.

We offer a dynamic and engaged teaching environment, at the core of which is our active involvement in the social development field. We hope you enjoy the rewards and challenges of working with practicing field workers engaged in contemporary social development - this is what sets our program apart, and makes it truly unique.

Full details of the timetable and teaching staff are available in the Course Outline and Timetable.



Dr Eileen Pittaway

**Program Co-coordinator
Master of Social Development**

Eileen is the Director of the Centre for Refugee Research at UNSW. She is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies, teaching in the Master of Social Development and the

Bachelor of Social Work. Eileen

has over 25 years experience working in the field of refugee policy, with a focus on the needs of refugee women and children. In the past decade she has conducted research, provided training to refugees, UN and NGO staff in refugee camps and urban settings, acted as technical advisor and evaluated humanitarian and development projects in Kenya, Thailand, Ethiopia, Bougainville, Egypt, India, Sri Lanka and Australia. In 2001 Eileen was awarded a Human Rights Medal by the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission for her national and international work with Refugee Women and Children. In 2005 she received a NSW Premiers Award for services to Refugee communities in Australia. She is a member of the Asian Women's Human Rights Council. Eileen recently completed a major international research project examining the response of the international community to the sexual and gender based violence experienced by the majority of refugee women and many children, focusing on the "Women at Risk" Program in Kenya and on the Thai Burma border.

Main Research Interests

- the relationship between civil society and the UN
- working with refugee women and girls in participatory research projects
- the ethics of research with refugee populations
- research with male refugees to explore ways in which to develop effective community based measure for the prevention of violence against refugee women and girls

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SOCW7852 Politics of International Aid
 SOCW7885 Social Development Internship
 SOCW7858 International Social Development Project
 SOCW7882 Refugee Project



Dr Linda Bartolomei

**Program Co-coordinator
Master of Social Development**

Linda is the Deputy Director of the Centre for Refugee Research at UNSW and the co-coordinator of the Master of Social Development program. For ten years Linda has been involved in a series of action based research projects exploring the

challenges associated with identifying and responding to refugee women and girls at risk in Kenya, Ethiopia, Thailand, India, Sri Lanka and Australia. The results of which have had significant impact on research and policy and were instrumental in the introduction of the UNHCR's Conclusion on the Protection of Women and Girls at Risk in 2006 and the implementation of the Heightened Risk Identification Tool (The tool is now standard procedure

when the UNHCR identifies at-risk women and girls for resettlement.) Linda has contributed to several missions on behalf of UNHCR Geneva to support the implementation of the Conclusion and further development of the Tool and regularly presents research reports at UNHCR Geneva. One of the international refugee and community development projects Linda is engaged in is "Survivors, Protectors, Providers" as part of the 60th Anniversary of the UNHCR Refugee Convention. With Dr Eileen Pittaway, she has been selected for the project by The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The project includes a series of Dialogues with refugee and IDP women and girls, men and boys, from refugee groups from India, Colombia, Jordan, Uganda, Zambia, Thailand, Finland and Australia.

Main Research Interests

- refugee women and sexual violence
- refugee women at risk
- the ethics of research with refugee communities
- the nexus between refugee communities' experiences of conflict and displacement and their impacts on settlement outcomes

Teaching

SOCW7851 Community Development
 SOCW7883 International Advocacy, Development and the UN
 SOCW7883 Community Education Strategies
 SOCW7857 Refugees and Forced Migration
 SOCW7885 Social Development Internship
 SOCW7858 International Social Development Project
 SOCW7859 Community Development Project
 SOCW7882 Refugee Project



Prof Richard Hugman

Richard is a Professor of Social Work in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies. In addition to teaching in the Master of Social Development, he also teaches courses on international social work and applied ethics in the Bachelor of Social Work and supervises research students working on social development and

professional ethics.

For over seven years Richard has been a consultant with UNICEF Vietnam, advising the Vietnam Government on the development of professional social work. He is the current Ethics Commissioner of the International Federation of Social Workers. He was previously a member of the 'Expert Panel' in the Federation which drafted the current international statement on ethics for social work. Richard's recent publications include *Understanding International Social Work: a Critical Analysis* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2010).

Main Research Interests

- the application of new approaches in ethics for the caring professions
- the development of new ethical approaches to research undertaken with refugees
- the critical analysis of international social work, with particular reference to culture, difference and shared values

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SOCW7851 Issues and Policy in Social Development



Dr Francesca Panzironi

Francesca is a lecturer in Development Studies in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies. She holds a Master's degree in Development and Cooperation from the European School of Advanced Studies, Pavia, Italy and a PhD in Law from the University of Sydney.

Francesca has taught extensively in the area of international development studies, international human rights law and international studies.

Main Research Interests

- the development of the rights of indigenous peoples under international law and the United Nations system
- recognition of Aboriginal traditional medicine in Australia and its integration in national indigenous health policy frameworks

Teaching

SOCW7855 Rights Based Project Design and Evaluation
SOCW7856 Rights Based Program and Project Management
SOCW7858 International Social Development Project



Christopher Walker

Chris is the Coordinator of the Master of Policy Studies program and a Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Science and International Studies. He teaches the core policy courses in the Masters Program, as well as core courses in the Bachelor of Social Science.

Chris has extensive experience in social policy development, intergovernmental relations and micro-economic reform. Chris also teaches in the Executive Masters program of the Australian and New Zealand School of Government and conducts in-house workshops for public sector agencies on policy analysis and policy practice. Chris is a member of the ANZSOG Case Program Editorial Board. Chris has a keen interest and extensive experience in road transport regulation and policy, health policy and health sector reform.

Main Research Interests

- the role of regulation as a policy tool of governments
- regulation of the Australian heavy vehicle industry
- intergovernmental relations
- federalism
- public sector management
- regulatory and public sector reform
- the practice of separating policy from operations in government agencies and extending regulatory functions

Teaching

SLSP5001 Policy Analysis



A/Prof Sue Green

Sue is an Associate Professor of Indigenous Education and former Director of the Nura Gili Centre at UNSW. She is a member of the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council and has worked extensively in Indigenous education; supporting

tertiary students and teaching and conducting collaborative research. She has also worked with government organisations to provide appropriate services to Aboriginal communities. In 2005, Sue was awarded the Neville Bonner Award for Excellence in University Teaching and Indigenous Education. In 2005/2006 Sue received the Vincent Fairfax Fellowship (Ethics and Leadership) from the St James Ethic Centre. Sue is currently enrolled as a doctoral candidate (Social Work) at UNSW and her thesis topic is "The History of Aboriginal Welfare in NSW".

Main Research Interests

- urban Aboriginal peoples' experiences and expectations of human service organisations
- Previous research projects have included developing the Indigenous content within the Social Work curriculum; building social capital with disadvantaged clients; identification of benchmarks and best practice for Aboriginal housing and an oral history of Mum Shirl.

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SOCW7889 Working with Aboriginal People



Rebecca Eckert

Rebecca is a Senior Research Associate with the Centre for Refugee Research at UNSW. She has worked extensively with refugee women at risk and their families across urban and regional areas within Australia and overseas in countries of asylum including Thailand and India. With a background in social science, development studies

and anthropology, Rebecca has taught across a variety of areas including social work and social development. She has been involved in a range of projects focused on refugee settlement issues and in recent years has produced a series of community education resources and training packages relating to women at risk and regional settlement. Rebecca regularly provides training to practitioners in the field including service providers and government officials in the refugee settlement sector.

Rebecca has been a board member of ANCORW, the Australian National Committee on Refugee Women for over 7 years.

Main Research Interests

- the settlement experiences of refugee women at risk
- regional refugee settlement
- the impact of sexual and gender based violence on individuals
- families and communities from refugee backgrounds
- the intersection between pre arrival experiences of risk and settlement outcomes
- issues of protection and risk during settlement for refugee women and their families

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SOCW7857 Refugees and Forced Migration
SOCW7881 International Protection Tools for Refugees & IDPs
SOCW7885 Social Development Internship
SOCW7859 Community Development Project
SOCW7882 Refugee Project



Geraldine Doney

Geraldine is a Research Associate with the Centre for Refugee Research at UNSW. A graduate of the Master of Social Development, Geraldine is an experienced occupational therapist and has worked in paediatrics, rehabilitation, OHS and ergonomics. Geraldine has extensive experience

volunteering and providing support to newly arrived refugees. Geraldine is currently involved in projects relating to refugee settlement with the Centre for Refugee Research. These include: the development of community education resources on refugee settlement; the evaluation of refugee support programs; and production of a range of advocacy and training materials related to identifying issues of concern for refugee women and families at risk. In 2011, Geraldine will commence her PhD on refugee youth and resettlement.

Main Research Interests

- nexus between pre arrival experiences and settlement outcomes
- issues for risk for refugee families in settlement
- the broader impacts of resettlement on individuals, families and communities from refugee backgrounds.

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SOCW7881 International Protection Tools for Refugees & IDPs
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Emma Pittaway

Emma has a background in refugee community development and research, both in Australia and overseas. She worked for the Centre for Refugee Research prior to completing her Master of Social Development. She has joined two MSD internship programs (in Thailand and India) as a community trainer. Her community

education experience includes providing facilitation and training for a range environmental and community organisations, and running workshops and retreats for activists and others engaged in social change. She recently spent two years working as a climate change campaigner at Greenpeace Australia Pacific.

Main Research Interests

- role of community education in effecting social and political change

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SOCW7853 Community Education Strategies
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Efterpy (Effie) Mitchell

Effie is a Research Associate at the Centre for Refugee Research, UNSW, and a graduate of the Master of Social Development program. Effie is the Conference Coordinator for the international 2011 Refugee Conference hosted at UNSW as part of Australia's commemorations of the 60th Anniversary of the Refugee

Convention. Effie supports various Centre projects and is part of a series of networks with a regional and international focus on refugee issues. She is an active participant in the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network and is the current chair of the Women and Girls at Risk thematic group in this network. Effie is part of the Australian Refugee Rights Alliance who travel annually to Geneva to participate in the UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs and Standing Committee. She is a current board member of the Australian National Committee on Refugee Women.

Main Research Interests

- exploring the experiences of refugee women at risk in the Asia-Pacific region and those refugees settled to regional areas in Australia

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SOCW7883 International Advocacy, Development and the UN
SOCW7885 Social Development Internship



Kim Spurway

Kim has a Master of Social Science in Development Studies and is currently completing her PhD in the use of knowledge and rationality in disaster decision-making and policymaking processes. Kim has 13 years humanitarian experience in post-conflict countries in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Kim has extensive

experience in the management of national surveys investigating the socio-economic impact of explosive remnants of war on communities recovering from the impact of civil war and international conflict. Kim has had vast practical experience in the implementation and management of social research projects and humanitarian mine action programs.

Main Research Interests

- participatory and applied research methods
- the sociology of disaster
- the use of different forms of rationality and knowledge in decision-making and policymaking.

Teaching

SLSP5017 Policy and Advocacy (TBC)

The Master of Social Development Program

The Master of Social Development is a flexible and interactive program which provides specialist studies in international social development, refugee resettlement and social and community development work.

For more information see the website:

<http://ssis.arts.unsw.edu.au/areas-of-study/social-development-125.html>

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