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THIS WEEK

MONDAY 30 JUNE

M1 Psychiatry Colloquium

Title: Chief Psychiatrist and Mental Health Act issues

Speaker: Professor Kuruvilla George

Time: 12:30 - 1:30

Venue: Conference Room, Level 1 North, Main Building, Royal Melbourne Hospital

FRIDAY 04 JULY

F1 Research Office Seminar

Title: Melbourne Early Career Researcher Grant Scheme - Information Session

The Melbourne Early Career Researcher Grant Scheme is a University scheme supported by both central and faculty funds. This Scheme is a core part of the University's research development strategy, which places a high priority on the support of Early Career Researchers (ECR). Initially, applications will be assessed on a competitive basis by a committee established by each faculty. Applications recommended by faculties will then proceed to the ECR Grant Scheme (central) Committee of RAGS for final consideration. This session will review the aims of the Melbourne Early Career Researcher Grant Scheme, how to apply, online submission and tracking your application in Self Service. Prospective applicants and administrators are invited to attend.

Time: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Venue: Old Arts Theatre B (Room 129, ground level, Old Arts Building)

Details and registration - www.research.unimelb.edu.au/infosessions/

THE REST

1 UPCOMING EVENT

Fractured Femur Theatre is pleased to announce its tenth production, 'Anhedonia', a dark comedy / social drama, which takes its title and context from the mental health disorder known as anhedonia - the inability to experience pleasure from ordinarily pleasurable acts. 'Anhedonia' runs from July 11-26 at the Old Council Chambers, Trades Hall, Carlton. We are offering University of Melbourne staff the opportunity to see this production for half price (\$12) on opening night, Friday 11 July at 8pm. Bookings are essential for this event. To take advantage of this offer and book a ticket please call 0425 719 052.

2 PhD SCHOLARSHIP

An Australia Research Council-funded PhD Scholarship is currently available in collaboration between the School of Nursing and Social Work, School of Behavioural Science and Department of Paediatrics at The University of Melbourne.

The PhD student will be appointed to work on a 3 year ARC Linkage project with the Partner Organizations being the Royal Children's Hospital (Melbourne), Children's Hospital at Westmead (Sydney), Goulburn Valley Health (Victoria) and the Office for Children in the Department of Education and Early Childhood (Victoria). This multidisciplinary project is designed to explore the emotional and social burdens borne by families caring for young children with complex health needs. With supervision and mentorship by experts in the fields of nursing, medicine, psychology and social work, the student will have an opportunity to develop skills in the conduct of in-depth interviews, questionnaire design, drafting of policies and position statements and working with vulnerable families.

Essential criteria:

Honours Degree, Masters by Research or Masters by Coursework with minor thesis, in a relevant discipline. Relevant disciplines include nursing, medicine, social work, psychology, public health or other health-related areas.

To be eligible for award the student must:

- have completed a 4-year undergraduate degree or equivalent, preferably with H1 or H2A results or equivalent;
- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident;
- not be receiving similar funding from a Commonwealth Government Program;
- not have previously held an APA or APA(I) unless it was terminated within the first six months of award;
- be able to fulfil the requirement for 12 months residency in Melbourne over the course of the 3 years of candidature.

Desirable criteria:

Sound knowledge of the field in the specialty of neonatal or paediatric health care.

The PhD stipend is \$25,627 pa for 3 years.

Enquiries or further information:

Prof Linda Johnston, School of Nursing and Social Work, The University of Melbourne, Ph: 61 3 83449435, Email: lj1@unimelb.edu.au

Web: www.nursing.unimelb.edu.au

3 VELMA STANLEY AWARD

Applications are invited for the Velma Stanley Award for 2008/2009. This award is given for a person submitting an essay (between 3000 and 5000 words in length) of sufficient merit on a subject relating to addiction. The award enables any previous applicant or recipient of the award to reapply provided that the award is made only in respect of essays that would have been ready for submission between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009. An award (up to the value) of \$500 will be made in 2009

The conditions relating to this award are detailed at:

<http://www.unimelb.edu.au/Statutes/r6155.pdf>

Applicants wishing to compete for the award must lodge an application on the prescribed form, available from Janna Liddle (Enquires Officer) at enquiry-psych@unimelb.edu.au

For more information contact: Alison Temperley (Medicine) Ph 8344-7768

Applicants must submit their essay to that School of Medicine office no later than 30 June 2009.

4 OFFICE SPACE

Would you like 24-hour access to a private study space at the University with a desk, networked computer, lockable cupboards, bookshelves, filing cabinets and internal telephone? A study space where you can use the computer either as often as you want to (room-share) or on a shared basis with one other student throughout the week (time-share)? If so then read on! Study carrels in the Graduate Centre are for use by currently enrolled postgraduate students. Those students who are in the final stages of their course (final six to twelve months of a PhD and final three to six months of a Masters degree or diploma) receive priority. Successful applicants can usually use the carrel for six months, depending on your course and when you are due to graduate. Now is a great time to apply for a Graduate Centre study carrel as there are many vacancies. The next round of applications will be considered soon, so submit an application form by June 26 if you want a space from July. When considering when to lodge your form, please be aware that there can be a one to three-week waiting period between the deadline for lodging the application form and actually moving into a carrel. Please ask about application forms, carrel policy and application deadlines from UMPA Reception, or visit the UMPA web site and download the forms - at <http://www.umpa.unimelb.edu.au/gradcentre/carrels.html>

5 EMPLOYMENT

5.1 Psychologist

Psychologist to work 1-2 days per week autonomously, assisting clients under the current Medicare Scheme in the Knoxfield, Wantirna, Boronia, Berwick, and possibly Pakenham areas. Most referrals from GP's. Person must be experienced or very capable, must have done some personal development work, and be able to work creatively as well as cognitively.

Gross Remuneration between \$90-\$130.00 per hour.

Contact Marcel Saxone, Tel: 0438 354 929

5.2 Psychologist

Are you experienced in case managing complex families who are in the child protection system, assessing parenting skills and competencies, report writing? Then this may be your next job! The primary focus of the role is special support within the Parenting Assessment and Skill Development program. The role includes the analysis of parenting competencies, exploration of the parent's social context and its impact on their ability to parent, and provision of expert witness testimony as required. Your strong skills in working in a multidisciplinary team will enable you to gain the best outcome for parents and children. Your ability to provide expert testimony is an advantage.

This is a part time (4 days per week) position

View position description at: www.tweddle.org.au

Applications are to be marked confidential and addressed

to: Ms Ann Hindell, Parenting Services Manager, 53 Adelaide St Footscray VIC

3011 or email your application to Ann.hindell@tweddle.org.au

For further information contact: Ms Hazel Speirs on 9689 1577

Applications close 09 July

5.3 Allied Health Clinician

The clinician is to work within a multidisciplinary outpatient team in AUSTIN CAMHS, under the Team Manager and Team Consultant with reference to the Discipline Senior (Outpatients).

The clinician will be required to contribute as an outpatient team member, and provide assessment, treatment, case management and specialist services to children, adolescents and families.

This is a part time (30.4 hours per week) fixed term (maternity leave cover) position

View position description at: www.austin.org.au/assets-careers/8833.pdf

Enquires: Carol Woolcock at carol.woolcock@austin.org.au or on 9496 3620

Applications close 04 July

5.4 Psychologist – Head of Student Services

This is an opportunity to use your professional, teaching and management skills to continue Cairnmillar's reputation as a place of treatment, education and research excellence. You will need skills in counselling psychology and psychotherapy, the ability to supervise provisional psychologists and manage the day to day running of the program. An exciting and rewarding role the benefits include weekly peer supervision and review, professional training opportunities and the ability to be part of a professional team.

Duties include:

- Individual counselling and psychotherapy.
- Supervision
- Teaching in the School of Counselling and Psychotherapy

Remuneration package \$70,000 including super, the position is available immediately.

A position description and expressions of interest please contact Kate on 9813 3400 or

kate@cairnmillar.org.au

5.5 Intake Counsellor

Alzheimer's Australia Vic is seeking a committed and experienced professional to join our Support Services Team. Alzheimer's Australia Vic is Victoria's peak BODY for people living with dementia. We provide innovative leadership in policy direction, information, education and services to support people with dementia, their families and carers, and in promoting dementia risk reduction. Based in our Hawthorn office, this full-time role will provide the successful applicant with the opportunity to demonstrate initiative in the provision of a central intake system and provide counselling support to the National Dementia Helpline. Central to this role is the ability to provide accurate assessment of client needs, work collaboratively with the counselling team and establish effective communication and referral pathways with key service providers. Knowledge of dementia and experience in aged care, counselling, screening and assessment are highly desirable.

This is a full time position

Attractive salary packaging conditions apply and the use of a fleet vehicle is available for work purposes.

A copy of the position description is available by contacting Jenni Apcar on 9815 7800

Written applications (quoting the position title) should be forwarded to Jenni Apcar, Alzheimer's Australia Vic, Locked Bag 3001, Hawthorn Vic 3122, or email

japcar@alzvic.asn.au

Other Enquiries: Leanne Wenig, or Patricia O'Brien on 98157800

Applications close 11 July

5.6 Counsellor

Alzheimer's Australia Vic is seeking a committed and experienced professional to join our Support Services Team. Based in our Hawthorn office, this role will involve outreach counselling work in the outer eastern metropolitan area. This role will provide the successful applicant with the opportunity to demonstrate initiative in the provision of individual, family and group counselling and in building collaborative community partnerships. Experience in counselling is essential. Experience in group facilitation, telephone counselling and public speaking and knowledge of dementia and aged care are highly desirable. The successful applicants will be an integral part of a peak BODY organisation and will work closely with colleagues in a diverse team across Victoria.

This is a part time (0.8 EFT) position

Attractive salary packaging conditions apply and the use of a fleet vehicle is available for work purposes.

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5.5 Clinical Psychology Supervisor

The Clinical Psychology Centre is the training clinic for the Doctorate of the Clinical Psychology program at Monash University. It is a vibrant, stimulating and well resourced learning environment where both provisional and registered clinical psychologists provide psychology services to members of the general community with mild to moderate psychological problems. It currently supports 10 doctoral level students for clinical placement. This new supervisor position is available for someone with considerable clinical experience. Familiarity with the assessment and treatment of children, adolescents and families is desirable. The position provides the opportunity to work with enthusiastic and bright trainees who are keen to gain clinical psychology skills using one-to-one supervision, co-therapy, review of tapes and practice workshops.

For position information and application details visit www.monash.edu/opportunities

Enquiries: Dr Grace Couchman, tel. 9548 7011 or email

grace.couchman@med.monash.edu.au

5.6 Research Assistant

A research assistant is required to enter data from an ARC project into SPSS and run some basic statistical analysis. The project is a content analysis of media reporting of election campaigns including TV news and current affairs programs. Much of the work will involve entering data and results from the project into SPSS. The working hours are flexible with approx one day per week available for at least 6 weeks (with the likelihood of an extension). The successful applicant must be able to use SPSS including to perform basic statistical analysis such as multivariate analysis. As a large part of the job involves entering numerical data, you must be rigorous and methodical.

The rate of pay will be at the level of a Research Assistant Grade 1 (the casual rate for an RA level 1 is \$29.29 per hour).

Your supervisor would be Dr Sally Young, Senior Lecturer, School of Culture and Communication in the Arts Faculty, University of Melbourne

To apply for this position, please provide a brief CV which includes the names and contact details of two referees and a statement explaining your availability for 2008 and skills on SPSS. This needs to be submitted via email to Stephanie Younane –

younanes@unimelb.edu.au. If you have any queries please contact either Stephanie Younane or Sally Young (s.young@unimelb.edu.au).

Applications close 30 June

5.7 Project Officer

In November 2006, the Australian Government introduced the Better Access to Mental Health Care initiative, a major aspect of which was the introduction of Medicare rebates for people with mental health disorders to access services from psychologists. The Australian Government has given the APS the responsibility to undertake the process for assessing the eligibility of psychologists to provide clinical psychology services under the Better Access initiative. The Project Officer position will involve working as a member of the APS Medicare Assessment Team, with a particular emphasis on assisting with the development and monitoring of Individual Bridging Plans. An Individual Bridging Plan is a plan of further study or supervised experience that is prescribed by the Medicare Assessment Team for applicants who meet eligibility criteria in a majority of the core competency areas but require some further course of study or experience to fully meet the criteria. Satisfactory completion of an Individual Bridging Plan will confer eligibility for membership of the APS College of Clinical Psychologists and thus eligibility to provide clinical psychology Medicare items. Specific duties of the position include assisting with the proposal, review and approval process of the Individual Bridging Plan component of the Medicare Assessment Team's work; responding to applicant enquiries about the Individual Bridging Plan process; advising applicants about the outcome of their Individual Bridging Plan proposal; maintaining up-to-date information about availability and mode of single subject units of study within clinical psychology master's programs around the country, and maintaining effective filing and data keeping processes. Candidates for this position must have completed a postgraduate professional degree in psychology and will need to have a thorough knowledge of postgraduate training requirements. In addition, candidates will possess highly developed interpersonal skills with the confidence to provide thorough responses to enquiries from psychologists. Candidates will also be able to demonstrate superior organisational skills and the highest attention to detail.

This position is for a fixed term for two to three days per week for a period of 12 months.

There is flexibility with regard to the choice of the days of the week.

Please email your application to Jenni Williams, Human Resources Coordinator at j.williams@psychology.org.au or mail to Jenni at The Australian Psychological Society, PO Box 38, Flinders Lane PO, Melbourne VIC 8009.

Applications close 11 July

6 DEADLINES

Thu 10 July: Casual pay timecard approval for 17 July pay day due by 5pm.

Fri 15 August: Departmental Special Conference Support Scheme funding applications due (<http://www.psych.unimelb.edu.au/resources/postgraduates/>)

Sun 31 August: Postgraduate travel scholarships (MATS/PORES) applications for first round due to Scholarships Office (www.services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/pgrad/forms/travelling.html)

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