The Australian Sociological Association

# Annual Report

2019-2020

## TASA Executive members, 2019-2020

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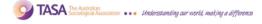
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Sally Daly, Swinburne University, Victoria

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## **President's Report**

#### **Dan Woodman**

I'm writing this report from my lounge room during the early stages of the second lockdown in Melbourne. The public health crisis has changed the way many of us work and care. It has highlighted the connections and inequalities that shape our society. The limitations of insecure and gig work, labour hire, the funding of childcare and our underfinanced public housing have been thrown into stark relief.

Studying, and hopefully improving, how we live together is the core business of sociology. Yet the study of these connections and inequalities is under pressure in and beyond the university sector. Partly, sociology is caught up in the shared challenges facing the sector due to the reduction in students, particularly international students. We face the additional challenge of a new proposed funding arrangement that will greatly increase the cost to students of studying most HASS subjects. At a time when it is more important than ever, students are being told that sociology is not relevant. Whether to personal employment outcomes or to the broader society, this is demonstrably untrue. The changes appear to be largely ideological and I and the Executive have been putting this case through public statements, conversations with journalists and by contacting politicians, including members of the Federal

Parliamentary Friends of Social Sciences group that TASA was a partner in launching in 2019.

#### **Social Sciences Week**

In September 2019 we were again partners in Social Sciences Week, Australia, alongside the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA); the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS); Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (DASSH) the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC); Australian Anthropology Society (AAS); and Australian Political Studies Association (APSA).

TASA provided funding or other support to several events run by thematic groups and members. One of the marquee TASA events was Professor Anthony Elliott's public lecture AI IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK: Everyday Life and the Digital Revolution, which after a sell-out live event was broadcast on Sky. There were almost 70 events in total as part of the 2019 program. Social Sciences Week is going ahead again in 2020, albeit virtually, and the number of partner associations and universities is growing. You can read more about Social Sciences Week in Nicholas Hookway's Public Engagement report.



# Council of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

As noted above, one of our partners in Social Sciences Week 2019 was the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, a peak body representing over 50 associations in HASS, including TASA. In 2019 Lioined the Board of CHASS, the third TASA President in a row to be elected to the board, following Katie Hughes and Jo Lindsay. In January 2020, the CHASS Board selected me as the new President. It has been a challenging time to lead a HASS peak body but also an important moment to be highlighting the value of the Social Sciences (particularly Sociology!), Arts and Humanities to the collective challenges we face.

#### **TASA 2019 Conference**

The theme of our 2019 annual conference at Western Sydney University was Diversity and Urban Growth. Western Sydney is a vibrant, multicultural and rapidly growing part of the country and was an ideal place to hold a sociology conference on this theme. The haze of bushfire smoke provided the backdrop for our keynotes on providing a sociological critique of urban planning frameworks, of the morality of sociological research and the need for Indigenous data sovereignty. Thanks to Alphia Possamai-Inesedy for convening the conference (on top of her TASA Vice President role) and to the rest of the Local Organising Committee and the Thematic Group conveners that contributed to putting together the program. You can read

about the conference in more detail in the Vice President's report.

#### **TASA goes Virtual**

The current public health crisis has not only highlighted the importance of asking sociological questions, it has changed how we live and work. It meant we needed to change the way TASA operates, at least for 2020. Between March and May, during the first lockdown period, the senior executive met regularly to plan how TASA would respond to the crisis and reshape its activities. As well as making the difficult decision to postpone our annual conference, we redeployed the resources that would in normal circumstances go towards face-to-face activities towards virtual initiatives.

Primarily, we developed a rolling set of four virtual events called 'TASA Thursdays', that have been running weekly since late April:

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- Sociology Webinar: A seminar on a substantive current topic in sociology, hosted by Roger Wilkinson.
- Casual Catch-ups: hosted by Sally Daly with a TASA member leading an informal discussion.
- 3. Rapid Peer Support sessions: hosted by Ash Watson, a monthly meet-up for members to discuss challenges they are facing in their sociological work.
- 4. Postgraduate & Early Career Researcher sessions: hosted by Ben



Lohmeyer and the TASA Postgraduate Subcommittee.

As many others have pointed out, a time of mandated physical distancing means it is important to try to keep as socially connected as we can. It has been more important than ever over the past few months to laugh with each other and share experiences of the challenges we face. The TASA Thursday events have aimed at more than sharing the great sociological work that is going on and supporting our members as they pursue their sociology. The events have helped keep the vibrant social dimension of TASA strong. Thank you to all the members that have organised or contributed to these events.

#### **Looking ahead**

We continue to plan towards the 20th World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, managing the uncertainties introduced by a global pandemic. Currently we are going ahead as planned for July 2022. The World Forum that was to be held in Brazil in July 2020 is currently postponed until early 2021 and at the time of writing we are waiting on a possible further postponement, cancellation or move to virtual format. There is a chance that 2022 might also become a hybrid conference (mixing virtual and face to face) or face a short postponement.

In late 2019 we ran a tendering process to appoint a Professional Conference Organiser, appointing Arinex after a competitive process involving 3 of Australia's largest PCOs. In March 2020 we appointed our Local Organising Committee, after a call for nominations from TASA members. I am Chairing the Committee. The rest of the LOC is: Jo Lindsay and Katie Hughes (co-Conveners); Sonia Martin (Exhibition and Room Management); Annette Bromdal (Inclusion and Equity – including disability access); Theresa Petray (Indigenous engagement and support); Catherine Hastings (Travel assistance); Georgia van Toorn (Graduate Students/ Early Career initiatives); Brady Robards (Media – Including Social Media); Anna Halafoff (Events, Social Events and Tours); Shanthi Robertson (Public Engagement); and Kim Humphrey (Sustainability)

#### Thank you

Prudent financial management and new sources of revenue from our journals has meant that TASA was well placed to handle the current crisis (please read about our financial position in the Treasurer's report). TASA continues to be a vibrant association and able to offer new events and supports to our members despite the challenges we face, at a time when many associations are struggling to maintain activity and membership.

Much of TASA's activities happen in our Thematic Groups. Thank you to the many members who help support our association by leading one of these groups. Please see the report from Sara James (our Thematic Groups portfolio Executive member) on the activities of our TGs. Thank you, also, to our members (all 698 of you – see details in Ash Watson's



Secretary's report). The membership of TASA is knowledgeable, passionate and often activist about almost every issue that the TASA Executive considers. Representing a community like this is both one of the challenges and the greatest pleasures of serving on the Executive.

Thank you also to our indominable Executive Officer, Sally Daly, who is the first and often main point of contact for members, and the rest of the world, when they interact with TASA. She is the heart and soul of the association. It has been a pleasure to work closely with her over the past four years as President. This year I have been very lucky to have Sally supporting me with CHASS activities as well, on the one day of the week she is not dedicated to TASA business.

I want to finish with my heartfelt thanks to my fellow TASA Executive members for navigating the opportunities and often unforeseeable challenges of the past two years: Alphia Possamai-Inesedy (Vice President); Peta Cook (Treasurer), Ash Watson (Secretary), Meredith Nash (who has built our new portfolio of Equity & Inclusion), Catherine Robinson (Applied Sociology), Sara James (Thematic Groups), Nicholas Hookway (Public Engagement), Ben Lohmeyer (Post-graduate); Roger Wilkinson (Digital Publications Editor), Steve Matthewman and Kate Huppatz (Journal of Sociology Editors), Karen Willis and Sarah McLean (Health Sociology Review Editors) and Katie Hughes (Immediate Past President). It has been a pleasure to work with you all on building our sociological community. At the time of writing, nominations are open and voting will start soon for the 2021-2022 Executive. Good luck to all the candidates and to the incoming Executive as they guide the association through the challenging years ahead. Sociology, and a vibrant national sociology association, has never been more important.





# **Vice President's Report**

## **Alphia Possamai-Inesedy**

In November 2019, TASA members and delegates attended our annual conference hosted by Western Sydney University. The conference was primarily held at its new vertical campus in Parramatta city, the Peter Shergold Building. A return to NSW after 10 years, the conference's theme was Diversity and Urban Growth. Held across the Parramatta South and Parramatta City locations, Western Sydney was an ideal place to hold a sociology conference on this theme. Greater Western Sydney has one of the fastest growing populations in the country and has the third largest economy in Australia. It is home to nearly 10% of all Australians, with 35% of its almost 2 million residents born overseas. It is also home to the largest single Indigenous community in the country. The combination of actors and capabilities in these spaces presents both successes and serious challenges for the region. The success of growth begs the questions of what gets expelled in the development and what are the causes of growing inequality. A little over 50 years since the sociologist Henri Lefebvre declared a 'right to the city' (le droit à la ville), the theme of Diversity & Urban Growth has never been more relevant, and formed the theoretical, conceptual and empirical basis for this TASA conference. The ques-

tions that the conference theme posed were addressed through diverse speakers. Keynotes for the 2019 conference included Professor Maggie Walters of the University of Tasmania, Professor Deborah Stevenson and Professor Rob Stones of Western Sydney University.

The theme of the conference was well reflected in the keynote speakers and plenary sessions. The opening keynote, from Professor Maggie Walters of the University of Tasmania, examined Indigenous policy, fracasomania and Indigenous data sovereignty. Professor Walter examined the history of Indigenous policy as a history of failure in a pattern unremitting over time and a multiplicity of policy frameworks. Her presentation explored how the Indigenous data/policy nexus activates processes that reinforce the status quo of Indigenous impoverisation and marginalisation. Walters finished her presentation by highlighting the contemporary Indigenous response, the Indigenous Data Sovereignty, a science and global advocacy movement, centring on Indigenous collective rights to data.

The second keynote, Professor Deborah Stevenson, a Research Professor of the Institute of Culture and Society of Western Sydney University, provided a sociolog-



ical critique of the planning and diverse urban cultures. Stevenson argued that the characteristic of diversity is a defining demographic marker of the city, however the dominant cultural planning agenda of our time is framed in part, by a conceptualization of culture as the entire way of life of a group or collective, while subsuming other understandings and perversely fostering 'serial monotony rather than socio-cultural diversity.

The last day of the conference began with our final keynote speaker, Professor Rob Stones. Professor Stones' discussion on the political morality of sociological research questioned the value neutral assumption of sociological research. Stones provided conference delegates with a neo-Aristotelian framework for researchers to develop a conceptual grounding in moral and political philosophy to identify, justify and defend the value positions we take up as sociologists.

The 2019 conference hosted what we hope will be an annual event at TASA conferences, a session on how sociology really gets done. The first session was chaired by Associate Professor Fran Collyer with two sociology icons, Professors Michael Pusey and Professor Raewyn Connell. Both of these panel members spent the session time discussing how their key sociological contributions came about, their struggles and their work over their careers.

TASA continued its tradition of the Postgraduate Day. The Postgraduate Portfolio Leader, Ben Lohmeyer, organised a successful full day of panels, workshops and mentoring. Alex Norman of Western Sydney University assisted Ben in organising the concurrent sessions for our postgraduate students based on where they were at with their PhDs. Early stage sessions included presentations on how to navigate conferences and your supervision relationship. Mid stage looked at abstract writing and getting published and the Late stage spoke about what happens after the PhD as well grant writing for beginners.

'Doing Sociology with Diverse Publics' was the 2019 conference sold out public event, chaired by Emeritus Professor David Rowe. Panelists, Dr Nathaniel Bavinton from the City of Newcastle, Dr Janine Pickering, a senior consultant and academic at Swinburne University, Dr Christina Ho of the University of Technology Sydney and Dr Shanthi Robertson of Western Sydney

University spoke about the challenges and benefits when activating the sociological imagination among diverse publics.

The 2019 conference continued with the best practice standards for inclusion of delegates created at the 2018 conference. Carer friendly initiatives were combined with TASA initiatives of a bursary for those in precarious employment and the carer's bursary for our conference delegates.

As the Vice President of TASA, but especially as the Head of the Local Organising Committee of the 2019 conference, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all members of the Local Organising

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Committee, with a special thank you to Kathleen Openshaw who ensured that all things TASA conference were professionally and successfully handled. I would also like to thank Sally Daly, the Executive Officer of TASA for her presence, hard work and caring of all TASA delegates during the conference. Finally a thank you to Roger Wilkinson. Roger, the TASA Digital Publications Editor, not only assisted with the publication of our conference handbooks, but he also assisted us with technological issues during the conference itself.

#### **Award Winners**

Scholarship and award recipients are found across a number of areas within TASA – these include our sociologists who work in an applied setting, our PhD students, accessibility scholarships, the Jerry Zubrzycki scholarship for scholars engaged with migration and cultural pluralism, and the Sociology in Action scholarship which is presented to sociologists who have undertaken applied research or written sociological papers.

Sociology in Action Award recognizes contributions to the practice of sociology in an applied setting. It is conferred on a TASA member who has made an outstanding contribution to sociological practice. The 2019 recipient was Katherine Carroll. Dr Carroll was recognized for her significant work with health professionals and departments where she has helped pioneer Video Reflexive Ethnography to bring about health care practice improvement.

The Early Career Researcher – Best Paper Prize selects a peer-reviewed article of outstanding quality published in any journal during the previous three calendar years. The 2019 recipient of this annual award was Emma Lee for her 2017 publication 'Performing colonisation: The manufacture of Black female bodies in tourism research' in the Annals of Tourism Research.

Best Paper in Journal of Sociology – Dr Anna Anderson was awarded the 2019 Best Paper in Journal of Sociology Award in recognition for her work: Parrhesia: Accounting for different contemporary relations between risk and politics. Journal of Sociology, 55(3).

The Jean Martin Award recognises excellence in scholarship in the field of sociology, awarded to the best PhD thesis in sociology from an Australian tertiary institution submitted to the award committee. Brydan Lenne was the 2019 recipient for the award for her PhD thesis on exploring the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders using video-reflexive ethnography.

Postgraduate Student Scholarships were awarded to:

Elaine Prately Catriona Stevens Laura Gobey Heidi Hetz Xuyang Sun





## Secretary's Report

## **Ashleigh Watson**

The 2019/2020 Financial Year has seen a number of changes to The Australian Sociological Association. Many of these changes of course result from the COVID-19 pandemic, however a number of other key changes have come into effect which I hope will continue to strengthen the value of TASA for our members. With limitations preventing our usual in-person events, and the considerable financial and social burdens many of our members are facing at this time in mind, we have worked as an Executive to ensure TASA remains as active a space as possible for those things members find most meaningful (as per our 2019 membership survey) - belonging, connection, networking, and staying up to date with sociological resources and research. This report presents an overview of the 2019/2020 membership statistics, recent changes to membership categories, changes to the Constitution, and some reflections on our new online initiative, TASA Thursdays.

**TASA Membership Statistics** 

TASA membership currently stands at 698 members (see Table 1). Approximately 58% of members are professionals working across various industries, though mostly within universities, and 33% of

members are current students. As per previous years, most members are based in either Victoria or New South Wales (see Table 2). Since moving to our new online platform in late October, 2019, we have welcomed 113 new members.

We have seen a recent reduction in overall TASA membership numbers, as many professional associations have. This time last year, membership was at 803 members, so this loss equates to approximately 13% of last year's overall membership. Comparably however, TASA membership remains strong; many similar associations are seeing much more significant membership reductions of around 25% in the past few months. Additionally, we anticipated an initial drop in membership to occur this year in line with our migration to the new web platform, as 80% of members, previously on automatic renewals, have had to manually renew their membership.

In terms of member turnover, we are seeing similar rates in most membership categories to previous years. TASA does have an annual membership turnover of approximately one quarter, which is largely a result of people joining the Association when they attend an Annual Conference.



More than two-thirds of those who have not renewed – and who make up the majority of our overall membership losses since last year – are members in student or lower income categories. These are categories which typically have higher membership turnover each year, however these are also members who largely are precariously employed on fixed-term or casual contracts in various sectors and have experienced higher levels of financial impact and job losses more quickly this year than members in other categories. Over recent years, the TASA Executive have worked to better support the professional development and participation of members in these categories in particular, and will continue to do so in future years.

Table 1

Membership Category*	Total	% of Membership
Professional Tier 4 (\$130,000 plus)	57	8.17
Non-student: Income level \$113,000 plus	33	4.73
Professional Tier 3 (\$90,000 - \$129,999)	67	9.60
Non-student: Income level \$63,000 - \$112,999	61	8.74
Professional Tier 2 (\$50,000 - \$89,999)	47	6.73
Non-student: Income level \$29,000 - \$62, 999	35	5.01
Professional Tier 1 (\$0 - \$49,999)	82	11.75
Non-student: Income level \$0–\$28,999	27	3.87
Postgraduate Students	175	25.07
Students (Honours/ Undergraduate/ High School)	38	5.44
Undergrad	18	2.58
Retired (life)	45	6.45
School Teacher	1	.14
Cat B Reg	0	0
Cat B Student	0	0
Cat C Reg	9	1.29
Cat C Student	3	.43
Total	698	100

<sup>\*</sup>N.B. Italics indicate old TASA membership categories – members within these categories have not yet been required to move to new categories due to individual renewal dates and our anniversary membership model. Please see section below for comparison of old and new membership categories.



Table 2

State Location	Number
ACT	34
NSW	201
NT	3
QLD	89
SA	31
TAS	29
VIC	245
WA	28
Total National	660
Total O/S	38
Total Membership	698

Overseas members made up 5.44% of TASA membership as at July 6, 2020. These members are based in New Zealand (8), India (5), Japan (4), USA (3). There are two members from each of the following countries: Hong Kong, Malaysia, Nepal, the UK, and Vietnam. There is also one member from each of the following countries: Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Poland, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

#### **Changes to Membership Categories**

In late 2019, with the launch of the new TASA web platform, we also introduced new membership categories. Implemented following a review of TASA's existing fee structure, these changes streamline our membership categories, better align with the salary bands of our members and make membership more affordable for many members. These changes have been rolled out as members reach their renewal anniversary and are moved to the new categories. Table 3 shows our previous categories for 1 year TASA membership, and Table 4 shows our new categories. Membership costs have remained the same over these years as the Executive decided against increasing fees in line with CPI due to the impacts of the pandemic.



**Table 3: Old Membership Categories** 

Category	1 Year Membership Cost (2018/2019)
High School Student 10.52	\$10.52
Undergraduate/Honours Student (currently enrolled)	\$21.05
Postgraduate Student (currently enrolled)	\$55.07
School Teacher	\$55.07
Non-student: income level \$0-\$28,999	\$55.07
Non-student: income level \$29,000 - \$62, 999	\$150.17
Non-student: income level \$63,000 - \$112,999	\$227.65
Non-student: income level \$113,000 plus	\$338.10
Retired	\$441.85
Cat B Int'l Regular (not in Australia)	\$37.31
Cat B Int'l Student (not in Australia)	\$18.13
Cat C Int'l Regular (not in Australia)	\$12.78
Cat C Int'l Student (not in Australia)	\$9.06

**Table 4: New Membership Categories** 

Category	1 Year Membership Cost (2019/2020)
Professional Tier 4 (\$130,000 plus)	\$338.10
Professional Tier 3 (\$90,000 - \$129,999)	\$277.65
Professional Tier 2 (\$50,000 - \$89,999)	\$150.17
Professional Tier 1 (\$0 - \$49,999)	\$55.07
Postgraduate Students	\$55.07
Students (Honours/Undergraduate/High School)	\$21.05
Retired (life)	\$441.85
Cat B Int'l Regular (not in Australia)	\$37.31
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#### **Changes to the Constitution and Election Processes**

A number of minor and more major changes to TASA's Constitution were passed at the 2019 Annual General Meeting. Major changes include that the Termination of Membership clause (7) now includes: "(c) the person is found to have made a serious or significant breach to the Code of Conduct, as determined by the Executive Committee." Further, the Election of Executive Committee clause (14) now acknowledges that the Immediate Past President will serve as the Returning Officer, overseeing TASA election processes. Previously, it was the Secretary's role to oversee elections.

#### **TASA Thursdays**

A key task for the 2019-2020 TASA Executive Committee has involved making use of the feedback and insights we gained from the 2019 TASA Membership Survey. From this, we know that members value the disciplinary belonging and opportunities for networking and socialising that TASA facilitates. A number of members wanted to see more TASA events, better networking opportunities across and between sociologists working in different fields and industries, and more membership mentoring schemes. In order to build on our strengths and implement this member feedback - while also working within the limitations posed by the pandemic context, and keep members connected in formal and informal ways during this crisis – this year we launched TASA Thursdays. Each Thursday, different TASA events are run online via Zoom. These include webinars, information sessions for Postgraduates and ECRs, and casual catch-ups with distinguished sociologists. As Secretary, I have also been running Rapid Peer Support Sessions. In these sessions, members share a work concern they have recently been dealing with and troubleshoot this with other TASA members. So far, we have discussed common issues including complex ethics applications, strategies for teaching online, and publishing strategies. More mentoring and networking schemes are being rolled out by the Executive and by Thematic Groups. Please check out the newsletter and TASA website for more information.

#### **TASA Office Move**

TASA's Office, and our Executive Officer Sally Daly, is soon set to move to the University of Melbourne. Previously TASA's physical office space has been based at Swinburne University. This move will save TASA upwards of \$16,000 (the on-costs paid by TASA to Swinburne in the 2018/2019 year totalled \$16,247), as Melbourne are now hosting the TASA office for free. This move was expected to have already occurred, however due to the pandemic has been delayed until later this year.





## **Treasurer's Report**

#### Peta S Cook

These accounts are the fifteenth financial statements of The Australian Sociological Association (TASA) to be prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). TASA's audited accounts for the 2019/2020 financial year are available to members for viewing, please contact TASA administration for copies (admin@tasas.org.au). The auditors were Wilmott Robb of 219A Tooronga Road, Glen Iris, Victoria, 3146. The auditor's letter on TASA's financial compliance is available <a href="mailto:here">here</a>. An overview of income and expenses is included on pages <a href="mailto:here">15</a> and <a href="mailto:here">16</a> of this report.

#### **Total income and expenditure**

Total 2019/2020 income was \$259,432 (\$25,200 less than 2018/2019 income of \$284,632). Total 2019/2020 expenditure was \$213,894 (\$975 less than 2018/2019 expenditure of \$214,869).

After prior-year adjustments and tax, TASA experienced a profit of \$23,755 for the 2019/2020 financial year. This contrasts with the profit of \$50,761 from the 2018/2019 financial year; a difference of \$27,006. The balance sheet as of June 30, 2020 showed net assets (total equity) of \$388,213 (compared to \$364,458 as at June 30, 2019; an increase of \$23,755).

Our spending priorities have focused on furthering members' interests and promoting the Association ...

In the 2019/2020 financial year, our top four major expenses were:

- Administration
- Journal of Sociology
- Executive Portfolios (which includes Thematic Group funding of \$14,993)
- Health Sociology Review

The Executive Portfolio expenses, which includes the Thematic Groups, Public Engagement, Equity and Inclusion, Applied Sociology and Postgraduate Portfolios, assist career development, Postgraduate Day, and event funding including thematic groups and Social Science Week (to name a few). Through Thematic Group funding, bursaries are also provided for Postgraduate students and those in precarious employment in addition to the general TASA bursaries for these cohorts.



#### **Accounts**

As at June 30, 2020, the total operating and savings account was \$350,503 (\$30,003 more than June 30, 2019). As at June 30, 2020, the Awards and Assistance funds totalled \$41,282 (\$65 more than June 30, 2019).

#### **Income sources**

TASA has four major income sources: *Journal of Sociology* royalty payments; membership subscriptions; conference profits; and Taylor & Francis payments for *Health Sociology Review*.

Table 1 shows the income from membership subscriptions. This shows a decrease of \$22,489 from 2019/2020. This has been influenced by the website migration and COVID-19.

#### **Table 1. Income from membership subscriptions**

Year	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Income	\$79,373	\$84,264	\$109,361	\$120,969	\$109,397	\$86,908

Table 2 shows *Journal of Sociology* royalty payments in 2019/2020.

#### Table 2. Journal of Sociology royalty payments

Year	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Royalty Payments	\$23,802	\$26,205	\$24,443	\$116,912	\$118,066	\$131,294

TASA's relationship with Taylor & Francis to produce *Health Sociology Review* continues. See Table 3.

#### **Table 3. Taylor & Francis payments**

Year	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Taylor & Francis Payments	\$20,100	\$20,200	\$20,302	\$20,404	\$18,548

Table 4 shows TASA's income from the annual conference. Conference profits vary each year and are split with the conference host. The amounts reported below are post splitting the conference profit with the local conference partner and includes \$15,000 that is refunded to TASA (for prior provision of teaching relief funds). TASA does not generate



significant profits from the annual conference. The cancellation of the 2020 TASA conference means that no conference profit will be generated in the 2020/2021 financial year.

**Table 4. Conference profits** 

Year	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Total Profit	\$33,368	\$10,291	\$37,748	\$33,008	\$20,800	\$16,489

#### 2019/2020 Income and Expenditure

The 2019/2020 expenditure reflects the Executive's aims of maintaining equity while furthering the interests of members and promoting the Association. Our spending priorities have focused on furthering members' interests and promoting the Association through: assisting the 2019 TASA conference Local Organising Committee through teaching buyout; funding thematic group activities; supporting Social Science Week activities and events; supporting a postgraduate committee and Postgraduate Day at the 2019 conference; funding awards and prizes to acknowledge significant achievements; scholarships and bursaries to support member attendance at the 2019 TASA conference (postgraduates, people in precarious employment, sociologists in action/applied sociologists, sociologists with a disability, accessibility requirements, carers bursaries); supporting the production costs of the *Journal of Sociology* and *Health Sociology Review*; maintaining an office and staff member for TASA; and upgrading and maintaining our website.

Our total expenditure for 2019/2020 was \$213,894. This was a decrease of \$975 from the 2018/2019 financial year.

**Table 5. Statement on Changes in Equity: 2015-2019** 

	Total \$
Balance at 30 June 2015	205,569
Profit (loss) attributable to members	(22,044)
Balance at 30 June 2016	183,525
Profit (loss) attributable to members	32,690
Balance at 30 June 2017	216,215
Profit (loss) attributable to members	97,482
Balance at 30 June 2018	313,697
Profit (loss) attributable to members	50,761
Balance at 30 June 2019	364,458



Profit (loss) attributable to members	23,755
Balance at 30 June 2020	388,213

## Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30 June, 2020

#### Table 6: Income

Income	2019/2020	2018/2019
	\$	\$
Membership subscriptions	86,9098	109,397
Advertising	-	-
Health Sociology Review	18,548	20,404
Sage Royalties ( <i>JOS</i> )	131,294	118,066
Conference	16,489	20,800
Thematic Group Income	5,033	1,305
Interest	492	1,137
Overseas Travel (ISA)	-	1,618
Social Sciences Week	-	7,752
Miscellaneous Income		1,403
Awards		
JMA Application Fee	-	750
SCMP Application Fee	300	-
Raewyn Connell Prize	350	-
HSR Best Paper Prize	-	2,000
Total Income	259,432	284,632



**Table 7: Expenditure** 

Expenses	2019/2020	2018/2019	
	\$	\$	
Administration			
Audit Fees	3,281	3,059	
Advertising	-	150	
Administration Expenses (General)	1,180	239	
Bank Fees and Charges	409	1,627	
Bookkeeping	850	850	
Equipment	245	1,776	
Insurance	-	291	
Postage	79	125	
Printing	70	89	
Wages & Salaries	91,760	91,993	
Rent & Utilities	14,952	16,246	
Subscriptions	1,994	1,363	
Web Expenses	12,784	8,985	
Awards/Prizes/Scholarships			
Raewyn Connell Prize	101	1,668	
Jean Martin Award	1,595	-	
Carers Bursary	636	-	
Postgraduate Scholarship/ Bursary	3,845	2,530	
Stephen Crook Memorial Prize	79	1,360	
Jerzy Zubrzycki Postgraduate Scholarship	-	268	
JOS Best Paper	1,728	947	
HSR Best Paper	196	1,792	
Sociologists in Action Bursary	-	613	
Early Career Researcher Best Paper	705	1,168	
Distinguished Service to Aust Sociology Award	-	668	
Sociology in Action Award	973	642	
Accessibility Scholarship/ Bursary	275	274	
Precarious Work Bursary	2,312	3,583	
Honours Award	-	34	



Expenses	2019/2020	2018/2019	
	\$	\$	
Conferences			
Conference Administration (teaching relief)	999	14,156	
Executive Expenses			
Executive Meetings	11,981	11,444	
Executive – Overseas travel (ISA) (see Income)	-	1,716	
Journals			
Journal of Sociology (administration and production)	19,596	23,767	
Health Sociology Review (administration)	11,574	4,180	
Portfolios			
Applied Sociology	-	-	
Equity and Inclusion	1,615	-	
President	212	212	
Postgraduate	1,047	2,959	
Public Engagement	1,464	5,045	
Thematic Group Funding	14,993	7,651	
Social Sciences Week	1,479	1,117	
Total Costs	213,894	214,869	
Net Profit (loss) before tax	45,538	69,762	
Less income tax expenses	21,783	19,001	
Net Profit (loss) after tax	23,755	50,761	





## **Thematic Groups Report**

#### **Sara James**

#### **Events**

Over the 2019-2020 financial year, the following thematic group events were held:

**Sociology and Animals** – 'Being-With and Being-For Animals: The Status and Role of Method in Contemporary Sociological Animal Studies' Conference (8th July 2019)

*Critical Disability Studies and Sociology of Indigenous Issues* –'Social Suffering in the Neoliberal Age: Classificatory Logic and Systems of Governance' Symposium (18th-19th July 2019)

**Sociology of Emotions and Affect** – 'Political Emotions' Conference (22nd-23rd July 2019)

**Sociology of Education** – 'My School, Your School, Our Schools: A sociological Summit' Summit and Public Lecture (11th September 2019)

**Genders and Sexualities** – 'Rethinking Femininity: Femininities, Feelings and Feminist Practices' Symposium (13th September 2019)

*Migration, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism* – 'NextGen MEM Symposium' (3rd October 2019)

**Families and Relationships** – 'Creativity and Methodological Innovation in the Sociology of Familial and Intimate Relationships' Meeting (29th November 2019)

**Health** – 'Data, Technology and Sociology in the Age of Digital Health' Symposium (29th November 2019)



Two of the events were held during Social Sciences Week.

I would like to acknowledge the significant voluntary efforts of thematic group convenors in organising and facilitating these events for members.

From 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, TASA approved \$10,973 in funding to eight events across nine thematic groups. All of these events arose from submissions to the March 2019 funding round. No submissions were received in the September 2019 funding round, likely due to the scheduled changeover to new thematic group conveners at the TASA conference the following month.

During the second half of 2020, three thematic group events (all online) are scheduled:

- Migration, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism 'NextGenMEM Conversations About...' series (July-October 2020)
- 2. Social Theory "How can Social Theory make sense of living in this time of crisis?" online workshop (29th September 2020)
- 3. Sociology of Work, Labour and Economy 'Basic income for a complex society' online seminar series (November 2020)

I would like to thank the conveners of these 3 events for their flexibility in converting them from face-to-face to online due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The next Thematic Group Support Scheme funding round will close on 1 September 2020. This is for thematic group activities from 1 January to 30 June 2021. I encourage thematic group conveners to contact me to discuss their anticipated application <a href="maticgroups@tasa.org.au">the-maticgroups@tasa.org.au</a>). If thematic group members have ideas for events, please contact the relevant thematic group convener/s.

#### **New Conveners and Change of Convenership Term**

At the November 2019 TASA conference the 2017-19 thematic group conveners ended their terms and new conveners commenced. I would like to thank all of the former conveners for their significant contribution to TASA's thematic groups during their term. The new conveners will serve a term of 2 years (2020-21). In 2019 the TASA Executive voted to change the length of the convenership term from 3 years to 2 years, once renewable (if there are no other members able to take on the role at the end of the first 2-year term).



#### **Groups**

At the time of writing, TASA supports 26 thematic groups, which include:

Ageing Sociology	Rural Issues
Applied Sociology	Social Stratification
Crime and Governance	Social Theory
Critical Disability Studies	Sociology and Activism
Critical Indigenous Studies	Sociology and Animals
<b>Cultural Sociology</b>	Sociology of Education
Environment and Society	Sociology of Emotions and Affect
Families and Relationships	Sociology of Religion
Genders and Sexualities	Sociology of Work, Labour and Economy
Health	Sociology of Youth
Media	Sport
Migration, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism	Teaching Sociology
Risk Societies	Urban Sociology

The smallest thematic group is Sociology and Animals (18 members), while the largest thematic group is Health (133 members). Including Health, a total of six thematic groups have over 100 members.

TASA members can join up to four thematic groups, which can be selected through the membership portal on the TASA website (<a href="https://tasa.org.au/">https://tasa.org.au/</a>).

#### Conference

Each year thematic group conveners give their time to review the submissions made to our annual TASA conference. I would like to acknowledge the voluntary time and effort that thematic group conveners dedicated to this process in 2019.





## **Equity & Inclusion Report**

#### **Meredith Nash**

In the last year, my focus has been on improving some of TASA's operational processes by applying an inclusion, diversity, and equity lens. For example, members are now encouraged to consider more carefully how they can build inclusive TASA-led and supported events. Members are better supported to make use of inclusion and diversity checklists in the development of events and, where appropriate, these new guidelines have been incorporated into TASA's Memorandums of Understanding (e.g. conference, public lecture, thematic groups). Members are now also advised to build events around international/national diversity and inclusion awareness days/ weeks. I am also happy to report that TASA is now counted among the growing list of Australian organisations committed to building and supporting diverse and inclusive workplaces as a member of Diversity Council Australia (DCA). DCA membership provides us with a unique knowledge

bank of research, practice and expertise across diversity dimensions.

My recent focus has been on developing practise for more inclusive personal data collection to better reflect our member-

ship base. In consultation with the Genders and Sexualities Thematic Group Leaders, we are determining the most appropriate way to recognise and affirm the diverse genders and sexualities of our members by redesigning the questions on the TASA membership online form.

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# **Applied Sociology Report**

#### **Catherine Robinson**

# The title and focus of the 'Applied Sociology Portfolio'

A focus of the last year in this role has been thinking through the title, focus and best use of the 'Applied Sociology' Portfolio. The Portfolio has subsequently been changed to 'Public Sociology' – I believe this captures multiple meanings of 'public', including the need to ensure Sociology contributes to the public good and that the value of this contribution is also publicly understood and celebrated. For reference, I include below a summary of my previous thinking supporting this change.

As 'Applied Sociology' is used as a specific disciplinary and professional descriptor, we have previously considered how appropriate this phrase is in relation to the TASA Executive Portfolio. It appears as though TASA has a broad interest in better understanding, and celebrating, how Sociology is diversely employed in the world, in particular, in response to social inequality (and in pursuit of social justice). This interest certainly encompasses work within Applied Sociology as a discipline and profession but also extends to the diverse application of Sociology by many others working

in the academic, public, private and community sectors.

Overall, the first key issue of interest for TASA seems to be understanding the practical use of sociological knowledge (theoretical and methodological) in multiple professional sectors, including the university, public, private and community sectors. This has particular importance for encouraging a research training culture that keeps students' professional horizons open. The second is the acknowledging, cel-

ebrating and leveraging the impact of sociologically-informed practice initiated in multiple professional sectors.

I have previously suggested changing the 'Applied Sociology Portfolio' name to the 'Practice Portfolio' or the 'Sociology in Practice Portfolio' or another title that broadly encompasse

Portfolio' or another title that broadly encompasses the efforts to utilise Sociology that take place in multiple professional sectors.

A commitment to supporting the public profile of Sociology and highlighting the varied ways in which it contributes to the Australian public is key to ensuring the relevance of TASA and the health of the discipline more generally.



### Applied Sociology and Public Engagement

- If the Engagement and Applied portfolios are combined, I strongly support the idea of a 'Public Sociology' portfolio which points to the outward facing use, celebration and sharing of sociological thinking and doing.
- I support the combining of the roles. I see being engaged in understanding the role and use of Sociology in Australia as a key route to maximising the profile of, and interest in, the discipline and what it can offer. A commitment to supporting the public profile of Sociology and highlighting the varied ways in which it contributes to the Australian public is key to ensuring the relevance of TASA and the health of the discipline more generally.

# Potential activities relevant for the Public Sociology role

Unfortunately, due to changes in my own workplace (Social Action and Research Centre, Anglicare Tasmania) in 2019 and the impacts of COVID-19 in 2020, the key projects I was hoping to progress in the Applied Sociology role both stalled. My intention is that the brief summary of the project ideas developed in collaboration with Nick Hookway provides a useful starting point for the newly appointed Executive Member in the 'Public Sociology' role. I have also taken the opportunity to add some further ideas for consideration.

# 1. Professional development for a targeted spread of Sociology academics

The current broader precarious context of Sociology in Australia (and elsewhere) makes investment in building academic skill in both understanding and promoting the practical, social value of Sociology more important than ever before.

- A resourced, intentional approach to understanding where/by whom/ to what effect Sociology is utilised in Australia is needed. It may be useful to consider commissioning researchers outside the academy to do this.
- I recommend TASA develop a working-group with membership from all states/territories to drive this this work.
- Such work may be useful in revising and updating curriculum as well as providing an evidence base for more skilful and knowledgeable promotion of the practical and social value of Sociology in addressing contemporary social problems.

#### 2. Social Sciences Week events

- These should aim to showcase the value of a sociological lens to understanding and intervening in high profile social problems impacting the Australian community – such as housing affordability and homelessness, bushfire and COVID-19 recovery.
- School visits should be considered earlier in the year when Years 11 and



12 are not already in 'revision' mode for the year.

# 3. 'Sociology Roadshow' Project: Development of TASA resources for use in national secondary and tertiary education settings

- The development of a sharable outreach/recruitment template focused on inspiring students to think about studying sociology in Years 11 and 12 and at university. This could be developed as a resource to support teachers as well as academic sociologists in their outreach activities, for example, at schools and university open days.
- The development of 'snapshot' videos showcasing sociology in action in diverse workplaces and professional roles. These could also be used separately on the TASA website to explain and promote the use and contribution of sociology in Australia. These likewise could be promoted as resources for schools and universities to use for

promoting and introducing students to sociology and the ways in which it is used in everyday life.

### 4. TASA Conference Post-graduate Day contributions

 Involvement in Post-graduate Day is an important part of this role in my view. In 2019 I contributed to Postgraduate Day, participating in a session on post-PhD life and a mentoring session. Students undertaking PhDs in Sociology have a wide range of existing career experience and career options and interests. It is important that Post-graduate days reflect and enhance understanding of the diverse career pathways to which a PhD in Sociology contributes.

I would like to thank Dan, Sally and the TASA Executive for their good company and understanding as I undertook this role in a part-time capacity. I hope to return in full force in the future.





# **Public Engagement Report**

## **Nicholas Hookway**

Social Science week has become a key event for the Public Engagement Portfolio. Building on the success of the inaugural event, SSW 2019 (September 9–15 March) was an outstanding success featuring over 71 events with over 5000 participants.

I was involved in organising two flagship TASA events for SSW19. The first event was a panel session: 'Screen-time, Learning and Cybersafety' held on Thursday 12 September at University of Tasmania (Stanley Burbury Theatre). I was also a panellist for this session.

The event was hosted by Dr Jocelyn Nettlefold (Media Partnerships, ABC) and featured the following panellists:

- Dr Nicholas Hookway Senior Lecturer, Sociology and ABC Regular
- Detective Sergeant Aaron Hardcastle Australian Federal Police
- Dr Libby Robinson Principal, Kingston High School
- Amelie Hudspeth Co-President,
   Senior Leaders (Grade 10), Kingston
   High School
- Dr Angela Thomas, Senior Lecturer, Education.

Over 200 people registered for the event. The event was livestreamed and covered by ABC Hobart Radio and The Mercury. A recording of the event can be accessed here: <a href="https://livestream.com/UniversityofTasmania/events/8807058/videos/196168245">https://livestream.com/UniversityofTasmania/events/8807058/videos/196168245</a>

The second event was a public lecture at UniSA by Professor Anthony Elliott titled 'Al is not what you think: Everyday life and the Digital revolution'. TASA president Dan Woodman attended as a VIP. The event was sold-out and was broadcast by SkyNews Extra. The event was supported by the following partners: (1) Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA); (2) The Hawke EU Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence; (3) The Cooperative, Connected and Automated Mobility: EU and Australasian Innovations Jean Monnet

Network (CCAMEU); (4) The Centre for Economic and Cultural Sociology and (5) The School of Creative Industries.

Connecting with schools was also a focus of 2019
SSW. I visited Launceston
College's Career Expo to talk to students about
social science study pathways at UTAS and

It's fantastic to see our members making regular contributions to the media and other public engagement activities, all doing their part in developing a strong public sociology in Australia.



Catherine Robinson (Applied Portfolio) began conversations with Hobart College about her work on homelessness.

#### **Public Statements**

TASA issued three public statements authored by President Dan Woodman on behalf of the Executive Committee in 2019/2020. The Public Engagement sub-committee, including Dan Woodman, Sara James and myself helped develop these statements before being approved by the committee. The statements are:

- TASA Executive Statement on the Climate Emergency statement recognising the climate emergency and demonstrated commitment to show leadership across sociology and academic networks to take actions to reduce and offset emissions (December 2019)
- Public Statement calling for UniSuper to divest from fossil fuel sector (February 2020)
- Public Statement on the proposed increased student fees for Humanities and Social Science Disciplines (June 2020)

Public statement were posted on Twitter via TASA account and can be accessed on the TASA website: <a href="https://www.tasa.org.au/content.aspx?page\_id=22&club\_id=671860&module\_id=357891">https://www.tasa.org.au/content.aspx?page\_id=22&club\_id=671860&module\_id=357891</a>

#### **TASA New Website Release**

Early 2020 saw the release of the new and improved TASA website. TASA's website

subcommittee –comprising myself, Dan Woodman, Sally Daly and Roger Wilkinson – provided assistance with the design of the website. We hope members are enjoying a more visually appealing and user-friendly experience. A big thanks to Sally Dally who has worked tirelessly to bring the website together.

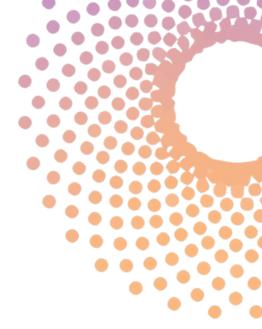
#### **ABC Radio**

I continued my regular slot on ABC Hobart radio 'Your Afternoons' with Helen Shield. This has been a fun and hopefully accessible way to communicate sociological ideas and research to a wider audience. Other members might consider approaching ABC local radio to do similar outreach activities. It's fantastic to see our members making regular contributions to the media and other public engagement activities, all doing their part in developing a strong public sociology in Australia.

#### The Next Steps

Planning for SSW 2020 is ramping up with the focus on School Engagement and moving TASA SSW flagship events online in response to COVID-19. The shift to online activities builds on the excellent work TASA is doing to virtually connect its members during the global pandemic, from regular webinars, rapid peer support sessions and postgraduate and Early-Career Sessions. With Applied and Public engagement portfolios being merged into a new 'Public Sociology' portfolio for the 2020 Executive Election, there is an exciting opportunity for a new portfolio leader to shape an engaged and publicly relevant Australian sociology.





## **Postgraduate Report**

## **Ben Lohmeyer**

The Postgraduate Subcommittee has been active throughout the last 12 months creating new avenues for recognising postgrad scholarship, as well as connecting postgrads with each other and the association. The results from the 2019 members survey emphasised that Postgrads generally feel that TASA is a welcoming association but that more scholarships and more inclusive activities for Honours and Masters Students would better support Postgrads to connect with the organisation. Postgrad members were also looking to better understand how to get the most out of their membership as well as more opportunities for connection with each other and senior academics. In response to this feedback and the digital 2020 Annual Conference, the Postgrad Subcommittee developed the following initiatives.

#### **TASA Mentoring Pilot**

In June the PGSC launched a pilot peer coaching initiative with support from Associate Professor Meredith Nash. This new initiative provides a platform for TASA postgrad connection, support, and self-development. Benefits of peer coaching include mutual problem solving and goal setting, self and peer personal

development, and increased support and wellbeing. As part of this pilot, participants are invited to:

- Attend an 'Introduction to peer-coaching' with A/Prof Meredith Nash (an accredited organisational coach)
- Be matched with a peer for collaboration and support
- Have a group coaching session with a senior academic at the end of the year

More information here: <a href="https://bit.ly/2Z-kZlbl">https://bit.ly/2Z-kZlbl</a>

# TASA Postgraduate Impact and Engagement Award

The PGSC has established an annual award recognising Postgraduate TASA member's scholarship. This annual award recognises the impact and engagement

of a Postgraduate TASA member's scholarship that is of high social value to Australian society and/or sociology. This award is not limited to publications but also outstanding contributions in teaching commutations in teaching commutations in teaching commutations.

The Postgrad Twitter account has continued to be an important point of communication and connection for Postgrad members.

tions in teaching, community work and non-traditional academic outputs.



The award seeks to value and encourage an understanding of scholarship and impact that extends beyond publication and citation metrics. This award draws on the Boyer model of scholarship (1990) recognising the value of Discovery, Integration, Application and Teaching.

More information here: <a href="https://bit.ly/2NIB6Ep">https://bit.ly/2NIB6Ep</a>

#### **Postgrad and ECR TASA Thursdays**

In response to Covid-19, TASA Launched TASA Thursdays. These lunchtime sessions included a monthly Postgrad and ECR session. To date these have included:

- Postgrad research in the next 6 months, with Professor Karen Farquharson, Dr Brendan Churchill, Dr Brady Robards and Marina Khan.
- Pitching your research in the context of COVID-19, with Dr Steven Threadgold, Dr Barbara Barbosa Neves, Professor Karen Willis and Associate Professor Steven Matthewman.
- Using Digital Research Methods, with Dr Crystal Abidin, Associate Professor Shanthi Robertson, Dr Ben Lyall, Dr Akane Kanai and Dr Brady Robards.
- Abstract Writing, with Dr Alex Norman.

The workshops have been well attended by approximately 20 – 30 participants at each session. The sessions have included lively questions times and participants have provided positive verbal feedback.

#### **Social Media and Web Presence**

Alongside the TASA Website redevelopment, the PGSC created two new videos for the Postgrad Website. These videos were designed to welcome and orientate new Postgrad members to the association. In the first video Dan Woodman (TASA President) explained the purpose of TASA and the benefits of membership. In the second video Sara James (Thematic Groups Portfolio Leader) unpacked the role Thematic Groups play in engaging and connecting members to each other and the association.

The Postgrad Twitter account has continued to be an important point of communication and connection for Postgrad members. The member survey showed that Twitter was the most important social media platform for Postgrad members to connect with TASA. The Postgrad account following has continued to grow and is now has the third-largest following of the affiliated TASA accounts behind the main TASA account and the Youth Thematic Group account.

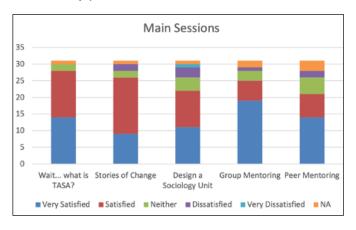
#### **2019 Annual Conference**

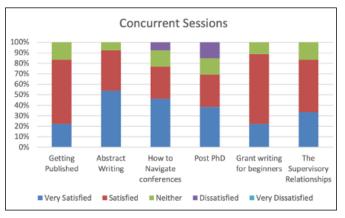
Postgrad Day had 82 attendees. The day consisted of speaker and workshops covering topics including an address from the TASA President (A/Pro Dan Woodman) to welcome PG members, a panel about Stories of Change in the Postgrad journey, the always popular mentoring session as well as a unique networking session that focussed on designing a new sociology unit. Anthony Smith and Claire Moran



(members of the Postgrad Subcommittee) ran the session and later wrote a piece for Nexus about what they learned titled "Imagining a different sociology?: reflections on a postgrad ice-breaker task, 'design a new first-year sociology unit'": <a href="https://bit.ly/2NJR2pY">https://bit.ly/2NJR2pY</a>

PG Day also included several concurrent workshops: Getting Published; Abstract Writing; How to Navigate Conferences; Post PhD; Grant Writing for Beginners; The Supervisory Relationship. All sessions received consistently positive feedback.





#### **New committee**

The current members of the Postgrad Subcommittee are coming to the end of their term. In the second half of 2020 we will be inviting application for the new committee.

The central purpose of the committee is organising Postgrad Day and representing Postgrad members on the TASA Executive Committee. Membership in the committee is a 2-year term.

If you are a Postgrad TASA Member and are interested in joining the (or want to chat about other things we are up to) you can get in touch via our twitter account (<u>@tasapostgrads</u>) or vial email (<u>postgraduates@tasa.org.au</u>).





## **Digital Publications Report**

## **Roger Wilkinson**

At TASA 2019 Conference, many of the key events were recorded and some were live streamed on Facebook. Overall, this approach seemed like a success and worth pursuing at future conferences. I acknowledge the help and assistance of Alan Nixon from Western Sydney University and member of the local organising committee for TASA 2019.

The addition of a newly purchased Rode Wi-Fi microphone system allowed presenters to walk around with complete freedom knowing that audio would be captured and of a suitable quality.

The Presidential address by TASA President Dan Woodman received over 500 hits on Facebook. The Keynote speakers received about a similar number of hits, and the book launch for Alan Scott's book *The Musings of an Applied Sociologist* received over 200 hits. TASA's public lecture 'Doing Sociology with Diverse Publics' was well attended in the face-to-face mode with about 60 people, 5 watched live through live streaming, and there's been 150 hits on Facebook.

#### **TASA's Digital Presence**

TASA uses Facebook, Twitter, Soundcloud and YouTube. Twitter and Facebook are the most popular TASA social media platforms.

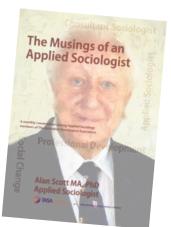
#### **TASA Covid-19 Webinars**

Following discussions between the Executive Officer, Sally Daly, and myself, and with the blessing of the TASA Executive, I arranged a series of webinars during the course of 2020 loosely tied to the now postponed TASA 2020 Conference theme of 'Broken Worlds'.

Starting in April with Peta Cook, who kindly volunteered as the pioneer, the webinar was attended by 34 members for Peta's presentation on a very thoughtful paper on 'Ageism and Covid-19'. The Webinars are held monthly, as part of TASA Thursdays, and to date, they have been well attended and generated good discussions. The final Webinar of 2020 will be in early December and is a team event with a number of researchers discussing gender and sport.

#### **Nexus**

Nexus articles are promoted via the weekly newsletter and on TASA's social media platforms.







## Journal of Sociology Report

## **Kate Huppatz and Steve Matthewman**

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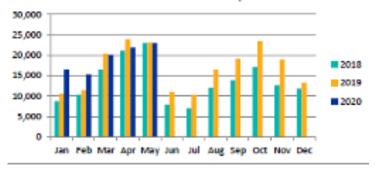
The 2019 Impact Factor scores have just been released. The journal's 2019 Impact Factor is now 1.298, which is an increase on the 2018's Impact Factor of 1.096.

The Five-Year Impact Factor remains steady at 1.472. The journal is now ranked 77/150 in Sociology, placing it in the third quartile.

#### Sage Publisher's Report

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total	154	185	225	255	86
Original	117	135	162	178	67
Accept	25	32	33	39	21
Reject	92	82	63	136	41
Accept Ratio	21%	28%	34%	22%	34%

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Total downloads in 2020 YTD: 96,775



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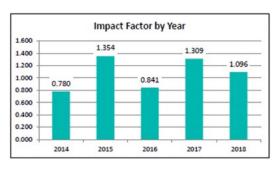
Current subscriptions for *Journal of Sociology* in 2020 include:

- 1 individual subscriptions
- 110 institutional subscriptions
- 2,188 packaged subscriptions
- 7,218 developing world subscriptions provided in partnership with Research4Life, INASP and eIFL
- 9,523 total subscriptions
- 122% renewal rate between 2018 and 2019

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Percent Change 2017-2018
Impact Factor	0.780	1.354	0.841	1.309	1.096	-16%
Ranking in Sociology	72/142	41/142	83/143	60/146	91/148	
Cites to Recent Items	39	88	90	161	114	-29%
Citable Items	50	65	107	123	104	-15%
Total Citations	436	582	696	875	977	12%
Immediacy Index	0.135	0.157	0.038	0.196	0.163	-17%
5-Year Impact Factor	1.368	1.762	1.425	1.629	1.481	-9%

#### **June 2020 Special Edition**

The editors are pleased to report that the much-anticipated special edition on Indigenous Sociology, edited by an Aboriginal and Māori team (Maggie Walter and Tracey McIntosh), was published in June. The edition features eight articles by Indigenous authors and allied researchers. They are:

- Bronwyn Carlson, 'Love and hate at the Cultural Interface: Indigenous Australians and dating apps'.
- Jacob Prehn and Douglas Ezzy,
   'Decolonising the health and well-being of Aboriginal men in Australia'.
- Bindi Bennett, 'What to bring when you are told not to bring a thing: The need for protocols in acknowledging Indigenous knowledges and participants in Australian research'.
- Kiri West-McGruer, 'There's 'consent' and then there's consent: Mobilising Māori and Indigenous research ethics to problematise the western biomedical model'.
- Belinda Borell (Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāi
  Te Rangi, Whakatōhea), Kura Te
  Waru Rewiri (Ngāti Kahu, Ngāpuhi,
  Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti Rangi),
  Helen Moewaka Barnes (Te Kapotai,
  Ngāpuhi-nui-tonu) and Tim McCreanor
  (Ngāti Pākehā), 'Beyond the veil:
  Kaupapa Māori gaze on the non-Māori
  subject'.
- Ashlea Gillon (Ngāti Awa), 'Fat Indigenous Bodies and Body Sovereignty: An Exploration of Representations'.



- Simon Barber, 'In Wakefield's laboratory: Tangata Whenua into property/ labour in Te Waipounamu'.
- Joanna Kidman, 'Whither decolonisation? Indigenous scholars and the problem of inclusion in the neoliberal university'.

#### **First Review Essay**

The June 2020 issue also saw the publication of the Journal's first review essay, Rachel Busbridge's 'A multicultural success story? Australian integration in comparative focus'. The article brings Juliet Pietsch's Race, Ethnicity and the Participation Gap into critical conversation with Richard Alba and Nancy Foner's Strangers No More and Gulay Ugur Goksel's Integration of Immigrants and the Theory of Recognition. In so doing, it critically questions the extent to which Australia is an exemplary multicultural society, as well as suggesting avenues for future research.

#### **Additional Special Section**

Given the profundity of COVID-19's impacts on society, polity, economy and environment, we felt it imperative that we engage with a sociology of the pandemic. Consequently, the editors commissioned a series of high profile sociologists to write short commentaries about COVID-19 as it pertains to their areas of expertise. The contributing authors are based in Australia, France and New Zealand. The collection is as follows:

 Steve Matthewman and Kate Huppatz, 'A Sociology of COVID-19'.

- Paul Ward, 'A sociology of the COVID-19 pandemic: a commentary and research agenda for sociologists'.
- Lyn Craig, 'Coronavirus, Domestic Labour and Care'.
- David Rowe, 'Subjecting Pandemic Sport to a Sociological Procedure'.
- Simon Barber and Sereana Naepi, 'Sociology in a Crisis: Covid-19 and the Colonial Politics of Knowledge Production in Aotearoa New Zealand'.
- Laurent Mucchielli, 'Behind the French controversy over the medical treatment of Covid-19: The role of the pharmaceutical industry'.
- Robert van Krieken, 'Coronavirus and the Civilizing Process'.
- Raewyn Connell, 'COVID-19/Sociology'.

Most of this collection is already online and will be published in print later this year. We are hoping to launch this special issue with an event during Social Sciences Week.

# COVID-19's Impact on JoS Submissions

There has been a lot of discussion in academic circles regarding COVID-19's impacts upon research productivity, and in particular upon its potentially gendered effects. As the *Journal of Sociology* tracks submissions by gender, we are able to show how this has played out for us.

If we take the months of March, April and May 2019 we see that we have:

24 submissions to the journal by men



 24 submissions to the journal by women

For the same period in 2020 we have:

- 27 submissions to the journal by men
- 18 submissions to the journal by women

So, for the period of COVID-19's greatest impact we saw a 12.5% *increase* in submissions by men and a 25% *decrease* in submissions by women (there was no discernible change amongst those who opted not to identify a gender).

Another way of looking at it is that we have gone from 50% submissions from women in 2019 to 40% in the same period in 2020.

#### **Virtual Special Editions**

To raise the profile of the journal and the work of TASA members, the *Journal of Sociology* has begun producing virtual special editions. These virtual special editions draw from the back catalogue of the journal and are organised around a theme of the guest editor's choosing. Each special edition will be prefaced by a short editorial essay. SAGE has undertaken to make each of these editions open access for six months.

#### **First Virtual Special Issue**

Raewyn Connell, 'Sociology and the Mystery of Class: Highlights from the first ten years of the Journal': This draws together six articles from 1965 to 1974, and includes an introduction by Professor Connell. In this she notes that, 'sociolo-

gists in the founding generation expected modern societies to be stratified. But how, and why - that was up for debate and research. Her selected articles are grouped into two phases which correspond with these focuses. Phase 1: "How" showcases three papers which reveal the range of research 'documenting the local reality of social stratification'. Phase 2: "Why" showcases three further paper which move 'beyond the description of inequality to its dynamics, emphasising power relations and political economy'.

Raewyn Connell, Introduction: "Sociology and the Mystery of Class: Highlights from the first ten years of the Journal".

Alan Davies (1965) "The Child's Discovery of Social Class", *The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Sociology*, 1(1): 21–37.

Jean Martin (1967) "Extended Kinship Ties: An Adelaide Study", *The Australian and* New Zealand Journal of Sociology, 3(1): 44-63.

Frank Jones (1967) "A Social Ranking of Melbourne Suburbs", *The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Sociology*, 3(2): 93-110.

David Bedggood (1974) "Power and Welfare in New Zealand: Notes on the Political Economy of the Welfare State", The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Sociology, 10(2): 104-111.

Leonie Sandercock (1974) "Reform, Property and Power in the Cities", *The* Australian and New Zealand Journal of Sociology, 10(2): 120-128.



Geoff Sharp (1974) "Interpretations of Poverty", *The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Sociology*, 10(3):194-199

#### **Second Virtual Special Issue**

Professor Johanna Wyn, 'A Sociology of Youth: Defining the Field': This anthologises six articles from 1983 to 2019, and includes a prefacing essay by Professor Wyn. Her essay notes the shift in youth sociology across the years from the margins to the mainstream of Australian sociology. As she notes, 'youth sociology is one of the most vibrant sections in The Australian Sociological Association and members of the TASA Youth Section are respected internationally for their leadership in the field. Her selected articles are those that advance more productive research agenda and methodologies; suggest new directions for research and advance novel conceptual frameworks for the sociology of youth. They are linked thematically via their conceptualisation of youth as a social process; the intersection of youth with the processes (and social relations of) class, age and gender; and the new conceptual tools that are required to comprehend the experiences of young Indigenous people in Australia and in New Zealand.

- Joanna Wyn, Introduction: "A Sociology of Youth: Defining the Field".
- 2. Lilly Brown (2019) "Indigenous young people, disadvantage and the violence of settler colonial education policy and curriculum", *Journal of Sociology*, 55(1): 54-71.

- 3. Alan France, Steve Roberts and Bronwyn Wood (2018) "Youth, social class and privilege in the antipodes: Towards a new research agenda for youth sociology", *Journal of Sociology*, 54(3): 362-380.
- 4. Andy Furlong, Dan Woodman and Johanna Wyn (2011) "Changing times, changing perspectives: Reconciling 'transition' and 'cultural' perspectives on youth and young adulthood", *Journal of Sociology*, 47(4): 355-370.
- 5. Judith Bessant (1995) "The discovery of an Australian "juvenile underclass", *Journal of Sociology*, 31(1): 32-48.
- 6. Gordon Tait (1993) "Youth, Personhood and 'Practices of the Self': some new directions for youth research", *Journal of Sociology*, 29(1): 40-54.
- 7. Carolyn Baker (1983) "The 'Age of Consent' Controversy: Age and Gender as Social Practice", *Journal of Sociology*, 19(1): 96-112.

# Forthcoming Special Issues/Special Sections 2020

September issue: Special section on 'Meaningful Work in Late Modernity'

December: Special Issue on 'Experiences of and responses to disempowerment, violence and injustice within the relational lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) people' and Special Section on 'A Sociology of COVID-19'.



#### **Confirmed Special Issues 2021**

We received twelve EOIs for the 2021 special edition on a broad variety of topics. The editors for these bids are drawn from eight different countries. We decided to make two awards due to the quality of the bids:

Associate Professor Farida Fozdar (University of Western Australia) and Professor Ian Woodward (University of Southern Denmark), 'Post-national formations and cosmopolitanism: challenging national boundaries'.

Dr Christina Malatzky (Queensland University of Technology) and Dr Kiah Smith (Queensland University of Technology), 'Imagining Rural and Rural Sociology Futures in Times of Uncertainty and Possibility'.

Special Section: 'Hospitality and Hostility: The Intimate Life of Borders and Migration'.

Guest editors: Fataneh Farahani, Yasmin Gunaratnam, & Suruchi Thapar-Böjörkert

Expected to be published June 2021.

#### **Change in Editorial Board Personnel**

Regrettably, Professor Maggie Walter has had to resign from her position on the editorial board because of workload commitments. The Editors-in-chief thank Maggie for her service to the Journal and all the great work that she did for it. Particular acknowledgement is due for her co-editorship of the special issue on Indigenous sociology.

Maggie is replaced by Dr Simon Barber. Simon is the Te Tomokanga Postdoctoral Fellow in Sociology at the University of Auckland. Simon is Kāi Tahu, the principal Māori iwi of the South Island of New Zealand.





## Health Sociology Review Report

#### Karen Willis and Sarah MacLean

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The Editorial team are 18 months into their four-year tenure. The vision for the journal is to strengthen its current contribution to the field, and respond to current developments in the field. Our goals are to:

- Ensure consistently high-quality publications;
- 2. Maintain and increase the impact factor for the journal;
- 3. Ensure a strong identity for the journal as a 'journal of choice' for scholars of health sociology; and
- 4. Ensure that the journal seeks contributions of topical interest that report on contemporary issues in the field building on, for example, the success of the special issue on digital health.

In doing so, our focus is to:

- Encourage international contributions.
- Attract high quality theoretical contributions – both in the theories that are applied in the field; but also critiquing existing, and proposing new ways of conceptualising health, illness and wellbeing in line with contemporary societal trends.
- Expand journal reach.
- Continue to produce innovative and thought provoking special issues.





#### **International Editorial Board**

Board members are encouraged to submit manuscripts, promote the journal, and assist with primary or secondary reviews for difficult papers.

#### The current Editorial Board

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# **Highlights from Taylor and Francis** 2020 Report

Health Sociology Review received 20,797 article downloads in 2020 YTD, which is 29% higher than downloads received in 2019 YTD.

The most downloaded article is 'Self-tracking, health and medicine' by Deborah Lupton, with 2,786 downloads.

The top Altmetric scoring article was 'Suicide by mass murder: Masculinity, aggrieved entitlement, and rampage school shootings' by Rachel Kalish & Michael Kimmel, with a score of 77.

The top cited article was 'Mobile, wearable and ingestible health technologies: towards a critical research agenda' by Emma Rich, with 16 citations.

There were 23 publications in 2019, 2 of which were Open Access.

#### **Journal ranking**

The 2019 Impact Factor for *Health Sociology Review* increased to 1.860 (see Figure below). The journal's 5-year Impact Factor has also increased to 1.613. The journal is ranked 50/87 in the Health, Policy & Services JCR category and 52/150 in the Sociology JCR category. The journal's 2019 CiteScore is 3.4, ranking 49/275 in the Health (social science) Scopus category. The journal is Quartile 2 in the Scimago Journal Rankings for 2019 Sociology and Political science and remained in Quartile 2 in the 2019 Health (Social Sciences) subject category.

Improving the impact factor and journal rankings is a high priority for the Editorial Team. We have continued to focus on increasing the impact factor by engaging in promotional work via Twitter, with the Routledge Sociology social media team. We have liaised with Taylor and Francis to make specific papers and the 2020 themed issue full access for a period immediately following publication. The special section on COVID-19 will be full access for 60 days from publication.

1.860 2019 Journal Impact Factor



#### **Paper administration statistics**

The journal uses a double-blind process of peer review. The average turnaround of manuscripts from submission to final decision increased slightly over the last 12 months from 26.6 days to 30.6. The average reviewer turnaround time has decreased from 24.2 days to 18.4 for original submissions and 18.2 days to 17.3 for revisions. There are currently 23 manuscripts in the review/revision process. Taylor and Francis publish manuscripts online



promptly once authors have approved the proofs. This permits us to begin promoting articles quickly.

In the last 12 months, 143 manuscripts (an increase of 70 from previous 12 months) were received. Thirty two papers received reviewers' recommendation of minor revision and 25 recommending major revision. Of the 128 manuscripts that have received a final decision, 32 received a final decision of accept and 96 of reject.

(This Information is based on all manuscripts receiving a decision between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. It does not include manuscripts in progress or with pending decisions).

#### Internationalisation of the journal

One measure of internationalisation is the country of residence of first author. The highest number of manuscripts were submitted by authors from Australia, China, Canada, India, Israel and Italy. The geography of most submissions in the 12 months prior to that was slightly different (Australia, China, India, Spain and the United States). Of note, no submissions were received with first author from the UK in the last 2 years compared with 5 manuscripts received from that region in the 2017 -2018 reporting year.

#### Initiatives in 2019-2020

#### Addition of Associate Editor

Dr Brendan Churchill was added to the Associate Editor team in March 2020. He

strengthens capacity in the editorial team to manage quantitative papers.

#### Listing in Medline:

Taylor and Francis are currently applying to have the journal listed in Medline, which will expand our visibility across the health sciences.

#### **COVID-19 Special Section**

We approved a request from Professor Deborah Lupton to guest edit an issue as an early response to COVID-19. Due to time restrictions and the early stage of the pandemic, we restricted papers to 'short reports' of up to 4,000 words. The call for papers in April resulted in 147 abstract submissions with 7 selected to proceed to full paper. Papers are published in a 'special section' in Issue 2, 2020. Due to the interest in this special section, Prof Lupton and Editor-in-Chief Karen Willis successfully proposed an edited book collection (17 chapters) to be published by Routledge.

#### **Special Issues**

Special issues are proceeding as planned.

2020 (Issue 3): Guest Editors Dr Jen Power and Dr Andrea Waling. Sex, Health & Technology Special Issue: The Role of Biomedical, Bio-mechanical, and Bio-digital Technologies in Sex, Sexual Health, and Intimacy.

2021 (Issue 1): Guest Editors: Associate Professor Christy Newman (UNSW), Dr Cristyn Davies (Sydney University), Professor Kerry Robinson (Western Sydney University), Dr Son Vivienne (La Trobe University) and Anthony Smith (UNSW):



Towards a Global Sociology of Trans and Gender Diverse Health

2021 (Issue 3): Guest Editors: Dr Kim McLeod (University of Tasmania) and Prof Simone Fullagar (Griffith University): Progressing critical posthuman perspectives in health sociology.

#### **Book Reviews (2019-2020)**

Issue 3, 2019: R. ledema, K. Carroll, et al, 2019, Video-reflexive ethnography in health research and healthcare improvement: theory and application, 29:3, 339-340 (reviewed by Deborah Swinglehurst).

Issue 1, 2020: D. Lupton, 2019, *Data selves*, 29:1, 108-109 (reviewed by Adele Pavlidis).

Issue 2, 2020: C. Brosnan et al, 2018, Complementary and alternative medicine: knowledge production and social transformation, DOI: 10.1080/14461242.2020.1770619 (reviewed by Emily Hansen).



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