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RESEARCH FORUM: Income, Chronic Conditions and Child Health

Monday, 22 June 2009

E S Meyers Lecture Theatre
2nd floor, Mayne Medical School Building
The University of Queensland
Herston Road, Herston

Program

9.30am	Welcome <i>Professor Luke Connelly (Node Director, ACERH UQ)</i>
9.35 – 10.05am	Child Health and the Income Gradient: Evidence from Australia <i>Professor Luke Connelly (ACERH UQ, CONROD and School of Economics)</i>
10.05 – 10.35am	Chronic Conditions and Child Health: Does Income Mediate? <i>Dr Rasheda Khanam (ACERH UQ)</i>
10.35 – 11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00 – 11.40am	Social Networks and Obesity Among Children <i>Professor H.Shelton Brown III (University of Texas)</i>
11.40 – 12.20pm	Panel Discussion <i>Professor H. Shelton Brown III</i> <i>Dr Rebecca Hill (Centre for Child Health Nutrition, UQ)</i> <i>Dr Rasheda Khanam</i> <i>Professor Justin Kenardy (CONROD and School of Psychology)</i>
12.20	Close

Speaker Profiles

Professor H.Shelton Brown III

Shelton's research interests are in the economics of health. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Dr. Brown joined the University of Texas Health Science Center School of Public Health (UTSPH) in 2002. Since joining UTSPH, he has applied his training in health economics to public health issues. These include the economic problems associated with chronic illnesses. For instance, he has shown that for Mexican Americans with diabetes, labor productivity declines greatly. He has also shown that several public health interventions, such as those aimed at curbing childhood obesity, are cost-effective. Finally, he has examined many issues in the area of health insurance. For example, he has examined reasons for low insurance rates among Mexican

Americans in border and non-border areas of the U.S. He has also examined tax incentive strategies to encourage the introduction of long-term health insurance contracts. Dr. Brown came to UTSPH after four years at the School of Economics at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

Professor Luke B Connelly

Luke Connelly is Professor of Health Economics at The University of Queensland and holds appointments in the Faculty of Health Sciences (School of Medicine) and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law (School of Economics). He is the Director of the Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health at The University of Queensland and is an Associate Director of Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD). His primary academic interests are in health care financing, health insurance, and the operation of health sector markets. He is also interested in the economics of injury, especially with respect to injury and disability insurance and compensation (e.g., workers' compensation and personal injury) schemes.

Dr Rebecca Hill

Dr Rebecca Hill is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Children's Nutrition Research Centre (CNRC). Prior to this appointment Dr Hill completed her PhD through the University of Queensland in stable isotopes and their use in sports science. Dr Hill completed her honours year and undergraduate degree at the Queensland University of Technology in the field of Human Movement Studies.

Dr Hill has conducted research using stable isotopes investigating the energy requirements of elite athletes such as lightweight female rowers, classical ballet dancers and ultra endurance athletes. She has presented her research at several international conferences and is a reviewer for five international peer review journals. Dr Hill has recently been involved in research investigating body image dissatisfaction in children aged 8-13 years and the validation of an educational package to improve self-esteem.

Dr Hill's main research focus is nutrition and Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Crohn's disease and Ulcerative Colitis) and she is currently coordinating a study investigating nutritional status, linear growth and body composition in children with Inflammatory Bowel Disease. In 2006 Dr Hill received the Young Investigators Award from the Australian Crohn's and Colitis Association for her research.

Other research Dr Hill is involved in is energy expenditure in traumatic brain injury and body composition in Anorexia Nervosa.

Professor Justin Kenardy

Justin Kenardy works in the broad area of behavioural medicine. He has particular interests in anxiety and post-traumatic stress in relation to physical illness or injury. He obtained his PhD at the University of Queensland. He then undertook postdoctoral studies at the Behavioral Medicine Laboratory at Stanford University School of Medicine. In 1993 he was appointed as a Visiting Fellow to the School of Psychology, Yale University where he continued to develop his work on eating and weight disorders. In 1995 as Chief Investigator he helped to establish the Australian Longitudinal Study of Women's Health with a focus on eating and weight issues. In 1995 he was appointed to the School of Psychology, University of Queensland. He currently sits on the Editorial Board of three international journals, and is the Editor of Clinical Psychologist. Justin Kenardy is currently Deputy Director of the Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine. He has published over 120 papers and has obtained over \$6.9 million in competitive grants and over \$15.3 million in research contracts.

Dr Rasheda Khanam

Rasheda Khanam is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health (ACERH). She has 10 years teaching and research experience at The University of Southern Queensland, The University of Sydney and The University of Chittagong. Her earlier research has focussed on the issues of child labour and some aspects of macroeconomics and public finance. Current research interest include: child health production function and the effects of socioeconomic factors and lifestyle factors on health status of children; health, education and human capital accumulation.

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