

Projects approved by the Research Infrastructure Portfolio 2019

A data infrastructure for improving Aboriginal life pathways: the influence of health, education, child protection and justice systems over time and across generations

This project seeks to:

1. Create a linked data-file combining information from a) official WA registers of health, education, child protection, and available corrective services and justice system contact data; that are then linked to b) records from 11,404 participants in the 2000/02 Western Australian Aboriginal Child Health Survey (WAACHS), including 5,289 children aged 0-17 years at the time. This linkage will provide person level administrative information retrospectively from the survey date and prospectively to 2019.
2. Identify the social determinants of physical and mental health, academic attendance and achievement, child protection and justice involvement by examination of the early life environment of infants, children and adolescents in the WAACHS, and their subsequent contacts with the health (child protection and justice) systems into adulthood.

Project Lead: Francis Mitrou

Amount awarded: \$75,000

Historical frontier violence: community exposure, causes and current-day legacy

Funding from this project will assist in the development of an indigenous community-level dataset to support a new research agenda on historical exposure to frontier violence and the impacts on current-day outcomes. Preliminary analysis from the data will provide proof-of-concept for a 2020 ARC Discovery Grant application.

Research from this project will produce several high-impact papers on the causes of massacre and impacts today, which will help inform public debate about the origins of indigenous disadvantage, garner public support for indigenous constitutional recognition and inform the design of effective community-level policies to remedy indigenous disadvantage.

Project Lead: Cain Polidano

Amount Awarded: \$25,022

Family dynamics and outcomes of same-sex couples and their children: New insights from linked administrative data

We will investigate the family lives of same-sex couples and their children in the Netherlands. We will leverage linked administrative data that allow tracking complete populations of married and cohabiting couples. These data will enable us to undertake unique analyses of various family processes and their associations with critical personal and family outcomes. The project will not only generate new and valuable scholarly knowledge, but also showcase the power of linked administrative data for research aimed at understanding the life experiences of marginal populations. The lessons learnt will be important for when Australia releases new administrative data enabling similar analyses.

Project Leads: Francisco Perales and Jan Kabátek

Amount Awarded: \$19,982