

## SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE LIFE COURSE CENTRE

As the year rapidly draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of, and engagement with, the Life Course Centre in 2019 and also wish you all a happy and restful holiday season.

It has been a big year for the Life Course Centre, capped by the [announcement](#) in October that we had secured seven years of new funding from the Australian Research Council (ARC). This was the highlight of our year as it means our work on progressing a science of disadvantage, and developing a life course approach for solutions to address it, will continue. We are excited about our ambitious new program of research, and we thank the ARC and our partners for their support. Securing the new ARC funding, and cash and in-kind support from our partners, was the result of a huge amount of work by the Life Course Centre team, and we are very proud to be the only ARC Centre of Excellence from the 2014 round to be offered new funding in the 2020 round.



Below are some select highlights from 2019, and you can keep up to date with all the latest news on our research, people, achievements and events on our [Website](#) and [Twitter](#) feed. On behalf of the Life Course Centre, I hope you all enjoy a relaxing and happy holiday season with family and friends. We look forward to working closely with you in 2020.

**Professor Janeen Baxter**  
Centre Director



### THE KEY FACTORS BEHIND INHERITED DISADVANTAGE

Professor Deborah Cobb-Clark of the University of Sydney contributed a chapter on intergenerational disadvantage in the biennial report on the state of welfare by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, released in September. This work, also featured in *The Conversation* and as a Life Course Centre Working Paper, highlights several factors in inherited disadvantage, most notably single parenthood and disability.

[Find out more](#)



### THREE THEMES EXAMINED AT 2019 RESEARCH RETREAT

Economics and Education, Health and Mental Health, and Gender and Family were the three main themes of the Life Course Centre 2019 Research Retreat held in Perth in May. More than 50 Centre researchers, students, professional staff and representatives of our government and community partners gathered for the two-day retreat, which featured a range of presentations, discussions, professional development and social activities.

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### SHOWCASING OUR IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES AND POLICY

As part of our strong outcomes focus and strategic approach to communications, we introduced a new Impact section on our website in 2019. This new Impact web page showcases prominent examples of high levels of demonstrated impact of our research. It presents case studies in two key areas: Engaging Communities, including trialling and evaluating evidence-based solutions; and Informing Policy debate and development.



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### SHARING LIFE COURSE SYNERGIES WITH NEW ZEALAND

The Life Course Centre was pleased to host a visit in April from the Centre of Methods and Policy Application in the Social Sciences (COMPASS) at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Director Barry Milne and Deputy Director Nichola Shackleton spent two days visiting our node at the Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR) at The University of Queensland, where they presented a seminar and attended workshops.

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### MEASURING AND IMPROVING FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

In January, Professor David Ribar released the first results from a joint research project between the Melbourne Institute and the Commonwealth Bank that provides measures of Australians' financial well-being. These measures, believed to be the first of their kind, can help to better identify those with low financial well-being, their financial circumstances, attitudes, capabilities and behaviours, and avenues for interventions.

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### UPCOMING EVENT: HELPING FAMILIES CHANGE, FEB 2020

The Life Course Centre is a sponsor of the Helping Families Change Conference in Brisbane on 5-7 February 2020. This event brings together world leaders in family research and interventions, including Professors Janeen Baxter and Matt Sanders.

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