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School of Demography Newsletter

Message from the Head of School

Dear demographers,

Let me welcome all to Semester 1 of 2024! The year of the dragon is here and it is already delivering great news for the School of Demography with **Emeritus Professor Peter McDonald** and **Qing Guan** receiving well-deserved awards.

Especially warm congratulations to **Mengxue Chen** who received her PhD in February!

Jolene Tan and **Shao-Tzu Yu** have moved to Princeton, **James Raymer** is on a sabbatical USA-EU-Tour, and at the time of writing this newsletter 5 SoD-PhD dissertations were submitted or under minor changes... exciting times, and our best wishes to everybody!

We will say goodbye to many in 2024, but we are also welcoming some new people: **Viktor Oellers** will visit us in March and **Yao Jiang** will be staying with us for all 2024. **Tabitha Scott** (ex-Thomas) started her Honours in demography. Thank you all for making them feel welcome!

Finally, please save this date in your calendars: School of Demography is going to Kioloa on **27-29 November 2024**... hopefully, we will see some sun this time.

Cordially,
Vladimir

Publications

- **Shao-Tzu Y, B Houle**, E Schatz, N Angotti, CW Kabudula, FX Gómez-Olivé, SJ Clark, J Menken, SA Mojola. 2024. Understanding Household Dynamics From the Ground Up: A Longitudinal Study From a Rural South African Setting. *Demography* DOI:[10.1215/00703370-11146140](https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-11146140)
- **Guan Q**, J Pietsch. 2023. Representing diversity in a liberal democracy: A case study of Australia, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. DOI:[10.1080/1369183X.2023.2290446](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2023.2290446)
- **Kalindi AM, B Houle**, BM Smyth. *et al.* 2023. Gender inequities in women's access to maternal health care utilisation in Zambia: a qualitative analysis. *BMC Pregnancy Childbirth* 23, 755. DOI:[10.1186/s12884-023-06078-3](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12884-023-06078-3)
- **Su W**, J Welsh, R Korda, **V Canudas-Romo**. 2023. Education-Composition Effect on the Sex Gap in Life Expectancy: Evidence from Australia. *Population Studies*. DOI:[10.1080/00324728.2023.2273466](https://doi.org/10.1080/00324728.2023.2273466)
- Zheng Y, **V Canudas-Romo**. 2024. Global health inequality: Analyses of life disparity and healthy life disparity. *European Journal of Public Health* DOI:[10.1093/eurpub/ckae010](https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckae010)

If you have any new publications to report you can do so via the [CASS Publication Collection Form](#).

Staff and Students highlights



Congratulations to **Emeritus Professor Peter McDonald** for receiving the award of Officer of the Order of Australia in the 2024 Australia Day Honours List for distinguished service to demographic research, policy development, and professional associations. Read more [here](#).

Qing Guan was awarded the 2023 Charles Price Prize in Demography, and she would like to thank the Assessment Panel and her PhD supervisors for their support.

Special demography moments



A couple of memories of our working sessions in Kiola Campus, last December.



End of year walk and lunch at the National Botanical Garden



Here are some of our explorers.

Attention!



Please contact Vladimir if you want to make your **School of Demography T-shirt** (only for School of Demography active members).

Event Reminders

- **Monday 18 March 2024**, 12 pm to 1.30 pm - Room 4.69. [Technology and the Future of Work: A Sceptical View of the Impending Job Apocalypse](#). Contact: [Joanna Sikora](#).
 - ***This event is co-organised with the School of Sociology.***
- **Friday 29 March 2024**, 8 am - 6 pm EST (USA) - Hybrid event. [Queer Demography Summit](#). Contact: [Edith Gray](#).
 - ***NOTE: This event is organised by Princeton University - the date and time correspond to the US.***
- **Save the date: 20-21 November 2024** Australia Population Association Conference in Adelaide. Details to be announced soon!



Reminder: ANU Open Day 2024 is on **Saturday 16 March!** Are you ready for it?

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