HEALTH AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN EMERGENCIES COURSE

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Sandra Downing
Senior Lecturer, College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences, James Cook University

Sandra Downing is a registered nurse, midwife and field epidemiologist with particular interests in public health in emergency humanitarian settings, women’s and children’s health in low resource settings and sexual and reproductive health.

Sandra completed a two year placement in the Centre for Population Health at the Burnet Institute for her Master of Applied Epidemiology. During this time she was responsible for implementation of the National Family Planning Network as part of the Australian Collaboration for Chlamydia Enhanced Sentinel Surveillance (ACCESS), conducted a study for the World Health Organisation (WHO) into the barriers to the delivery of the hepatitis B vaccine birth dose in five major Papua New Guinea Hospitals and conducted a review and analysis of regional tuberculosis data for the Secretariat of Pacific Communities.

Moving to Cairns, Sandra spent three years as Research Coordinator at the Cairns Sexual Health Service (CSHS) managing clinical trials, conducting local research and fostering research capacity within the clinical setting. During this time she received a Queensland Nursing Council Novice Researcher Grant to conduct a randomised control trial investigating whether SMS reminders with or without incentive payments would improve rates of re-screening for clients diagnosed with chlamydia.

Sandra maintains a strong mentoring and capacity building role within CSHS. In 2014 she was formative in securing funding for a clinic led demonstration project across multiple Queensland sites to assess the feasibility and acceptability of the model for delivery of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent HIV infection in high risk men who have sex with men. This project has recently been awarded additional funding to scale up and offer PrEP to up to 2,000 Queenslanders. She is also involved in research activities around the termination of pregnancy service and the transgender support program.

As a field epidemiologist Sandra has worked in a variety of international settings with Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF) implementing mortality and morbidity surveillance in emergency settings, responding to outbreaks and conducting nutrition and food and livelihood security surveys. She works with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in outbreak responses and training/capacity building through the Global Outbreak and Response Network (GOARN) and belongs to the ARM – Australian Response MAE Network.

Sandra commenced her tenure at JCU in 2012. She is a Senior Lecturer in the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences and a member of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Education and Research Capacity Building and the Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine.

Peter Grzic
Associate Trainer, RedR Australia

As well as being an Associate Trainer with RedR Australia, Peter is an active member of a number of international surge capacity rosters. He regularly deploys around the world in support of UN agencies and other actors to assist in humanitarian coordination.

Peter began his work in humanitarian and development assistance in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea in 2004. Since then, his work has taken him to Asia, the Pacific, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. With a technical background in disaster management, Peter specializes in coordination and facilitation roles and has worked at the global, regional and national levels. He has experience working for national governments, UN agencies and NGOs in a variety of contexts. Prior to entering this field, Peter worked as an outdoor education instructor and still enjoys spending as much time in nature as possible.
Craig Jaques
Global Health Security Advisor, Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance

Craig has eleven years of experience addressing complex challenges in global public health, civil-military coordination, and disaster management in the Asia-Pacific region. He currently serves as a civil-military global health security advisor and program manager at the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance. In this capacity, Craig works closely with Ministries of Defense, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the World Health Organization, United Nations agencies, International Non-Governmental Organizations and academic institutions to advise, design, and deliver disaster health and global public health training and education courses.

In addition to his time at the Center, Craig has worked for humanitarian, governmental, academic and private sector organizations toward public health challenges. Craig served as Director for Global Health for a private sector expeditionary health service delivery organization headquartered in Australia, working closely with the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School’s Center for Civil Military Relations and the United Nations Global Peacekeeping Operations Initiative. He also managed and further developed a global, humanitarian non-profit organization’s role in civil-military humanitarian assistance missions in twenty-four countries throughout Southeast Asia, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Craig completed his graduate work and research in public health law and policy with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Georgetown Universities’ Centers for Law and the Public’s Health. While with the Centers, Craig conducted research with a multi-disciplinary team addressing global and domestic public health law and policy challenges. Craig also maintains post-graduate certificates in public health emergency management and urban humanitarian emergency management from the London School of Tropical Hygiene and Medicine and Harvard Humanitarian initiative.

Alan Johnson ("AJ")
Training & Simulations Project Manager, WFP Pacific

Alan Johnson is the training and simulations project manager at the WFP Pacific Regional Office, Suva, Fiji covering 12 Pacific Island Countries. He has, through partnerships with 10 Pacific National Disaster Management Offices & partners, (Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Island, Palau and Kiribati) coordinated emergency logistics training needs assessments and delivered emergency logistics training consisting of procurement procedures, warehouse management and site selection, stock control, principles of logistics, transport considerations and a desktop simulation. He is also responsible for CivMil in the Pacific and interacts with the FRANZ partners, RFMF, VMF, ADF and NZDF. He is also CMCoord facilitator and participated in the PACOM-NDMO DREE in Fiji and the ADF-RFMF emergency simulation in September 2017.

He is the former Emergency Preparedness and Response Head for WFP Lao PDR from mid-2014 to early 2016. He was a RedR staff member for 4.5 years managing and designing training, people and clients. Alan is a Sphere Trainer (2011), Humanitarian Negotiation facilitator and has been involved in the design, development & delivery of RedR’s Essentials of Humanitarian Practice (EHP), Personal Security & Communications (PSC), Humanitarian Logistics Course in Emergencies (HLE), United Nations Civilian Military Trainer of Trainers (ToT) and modules in Fiji and the Philippines and RedR’s Trainer of Trainers (ToT). Alan also collaborated with a wide range of RedR’s partners on the design and delivery of partner tailored modules (OCHA, UNHCR ecentre, WFP, Australian Civilian Corp, Australian Medical Assistance Teams, and the Australian CivMil Centre (ACMC) including simulation design, delivery and evaluation for a wide range of partners.
Don Johnston
Impact Facilitator, Australian Red Cross

Don Johnston is an independent researcher and humanitarian consultant who deploys regularly with the IFRC as team leader of the Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT). In 2002, Don started his humanitarian career as a logistician, human resource administrator, air operations manager and logistics coordinator with MSF/Doctors without Borders. He has been working with the Red Cross as a logistics and shelter delegate, Shelter Cluster Coordinator, and FACT leader since 2009. In that time he has completed over twenty missions (to: Iraq, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Nigeria, Darfur, Zimbabwe, Haiti, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Mozambique, Chad, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands and most recently in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, northern Greece and Angola).

Don regularly facilitates humanitarian logistics trainings, International Humanitarian Action Trainings (IHAT), IMPACT courses, and FACT Inductions. Don recently submitted his doctoral thesis on postcolonial literature and public health at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Sydney, Australia. It has been accepted for publication by the Edwin Mellen Press. In addition to instructing at UNSW and collaborating on research-based policy work for the IFRC, Don presents regularly at international literary and philosophy conferences, the latest being in Manipal, India where he presented a paper entitled: “The Importance of a Deleuzian Sense of Health to a Postcolonial Symptomatology”. His article “An Examination of the Principles-Based Ethics by which Red Cross Personnel Evaluate Private Donor Suitability” was published in the 13th Volume of the Research in Ethical Issues in Organizations series. His chapter on “Deleuze, Neo-colonialism and Global Terror” is forthcoming in Bloomsbury’s Continental Philosophy series entitled, Gilles Deleuze and Global Terror: Schizoanalyzing Power in a Time of Public Beheading and Refugee Exodus.

After graduating from college in 1992, Don worked for over a decade as a white water rafting guide on rivers in Costa Rica, Turkey, Zimbabwe, Alaska, Chile, China, India, Tasmania, Guatemala, Morocco, and Ethiopia. In 2006 he was a member of the expedition that ran the first commercial descent of the upper Mekong River in China, and worked as a stunt man in the IMAX film The Mystery of the Nile. To the best of his knowledge Don is the only person who has escaped the oft-terminal downward spiral of international white water rafting to pursue what has happily been an extended career as a humanitarian aid worker.

Paul de Launay
Consulting Civil Engineer, Registered

An innovative University Qualified Civil Engineer with training and experience in the design and construction of development Water and Sanitation Health (WASH) projects, disaster risk reduction and recovery programmes as well as capacity building of government agencies and partners. Adept at development and emergency relief management, needs assessment, prioritization and rehabilitation planning.

Post graduate qualifications in WASH, humanitarian assistance programs and disaster management; 20 + years' experience with United Nations Organisations in international emergency and post conflict settings, liaison with NGOs and government bodies at all levels. Planned and coordinated WASH assistance programs for the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Fiji, Ethiopia, Lebanon (for Syria) Eritrea, Sudan, Afghanistan, and Cambodia.
**Dr. Janice Lloyd**

**Senior Lecturer of Veterinary Behaviour, Welfare & Ethics**

Janice Lloyd, BSc (Hons), DCR, EMT, CVT, Grad Cert Education (Tertiary Teaching), PhD, is a Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Behaviour, Welfare & Ethics in the Discipline of Veterinary Sciences at James Cook University. Janice teaches into all five years of the undergraduate veterinary science degree, as well as some post grad courses. Her research interests are in human-animal relationships with a focus on service dogs, and the behaviour and welfare of various species of animals.

**Joe D. Martin, SES**

**Director, Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance**

Mr. Martin is the Director of the Department of Defense Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DM) on Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He directs training, education, applied research, regional civil-military coordination, and crisis support during disasters in support of U.S. Pacific Command, with worldwide responsibilities and functional alignment under the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Stability and Humanitarian Affairs. He was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in October 2016 upon resuming duties as the Center’s Director; he previously served as the Director of CFE-DM from May 2014 to June 2016 while on active duty as a U.S. Air Force colonel.

Mr. Martin was commissioned through ROTC as a distinguished graduate in the U.S. Air Force in 1989 after having completed a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from the University of California, Riverside. In his nearly 27-year Air Force career, he served as logistics planner, supply/fuels officer, and logistics readiness officer. He commanded twice at the flight level (including Operation Souther Watch), three times at the squadron level (including Operation Iraqi Freedom), and from 2012-2013 was an Expeditionary Mission Support Group Commander during Operation Enduring Freedom. Additionally, he served on the Logistics Staff at Pacific Air Forces and the Air Staff, and completed joint positions with the Defense Logistics Agency, U.S. Forces Korea, and U.S. Pacific Command. Prior to being the Director at CFE-DM, he was the Director of Pacific Outreach (J9) at U.S. Pacific Command from 2013-2014.

Mr. Martin holds graduate degrees from Troy State University, the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air University, and National Defense University. During his uniformed service he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal (2), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (7), Joint and Air Force Commendation Medals, the Air Force Achievement Medal, and numerous campaign and unit awards. Mr. Martin is married and has six children.

**Titilia Rabuka Rabuatoka**

**Program Manager and Associate Professor at University of the South Pacific and Secretariat of the Pacific Community**

Titilia Rabuka Rabuatoka has been a liaison consultant with the European Union Pacific Technical and Vocational Education and Training (PacTVET) project since November 2016. She has worked for regional organisations since 2007 and has a lot of experience in community consultations and stakeholder engagement for policy development. She has worked in both the education and climate change sectors and her broad experience working in the Pacific includes working with donors on project implementation, climate change adaptation (CCA) in small island states using a sectoral approach and working with national qualifications authorities on preliminary work for the Pacific
Qualifications Framework and the Pacific Register for Qualifications and Standards. She has also been instrumental in the establishment of the Pacific Regional Federation of Resilience Professionals, which aims to (i) raise the profile of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction/management (DRR/DRM) and their linkages to development across a broad range of sectors; and (ii) enhance the professionalism of practitioners in the diverse fields of CCA/DRR/DRM.

Rashmi Rita

Information Management Officer, UN OCHA Regional Office for the Pacific

Rashmi Rita has been working with OCHA Pacific as information management officer for past six years and has supported OCHA civil coordination teams in the cyclone Winston and cyclone PAM response. She has also assisted in the civil military trainings in Fiji as part of OCHA Pacific support team. She has just participated in one of the sessions of the New Zealand Defence Force’s simulation exercise, Southern Katipo 2017 (SK17) with humanitarian NGOs, the NZ Red Cross and other humanitarian actors from the region. Rashmi is a keen advocate for the regionalisation of the civil military strategy to meet the unique challenges of the Pacific Island Countries.

Lou Robinson

Director and Founder, INSITU-TRAINING

Lou has over 22 years of professional experience in international humanitarian operations with the United Nations, government and non-government organisations. Her skill set transfers into training facilitation on emergency preparedness and disaster response with a special focus on humanitarian start-up operations, security risk management and training of trainers. Prior to this she served in the Australian Army (Signals and Medical Corps) before joining the UN’s World Food Program (WFP) as a professional emergencies officer from 1995-2005. Active learning events include delivering multiple HA/DR workshops and Train the Trainer’s in China, North Korea, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, East Timor, Ethiopia, Egypt, Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, DR. Congo, Senegal, Cameroon, Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Italy, UK, USA and Japan.

Lou has designed and delivered the field safety training “Travel Smart” series for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, project managed WFP's e-Learning project "Getting Ready for Emergencies," is a mentor to Japanese associates of the Hiroshima Peacebuilders Centre Peace for Asia Program and lead facilitator for the Australian Government’s Rapid Response Team Training, SEA-PAC Regional Emergency Preparedness workshops, and Australian and New Zealand Medical & Surgical Teams response to international disasters. Lou returned from Liberia as the WHO Training Coordinator for West Africa for the Ebola response and is a member of the WHO Technical Working Group delivering training within the global Emergency Medical Team Initiative.

Benjamin J. Ryan

Associate Professor, Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Strategic Studies

Mr. Benjamin Ryan joined the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) in August 2017. His areas of expertise are community resilience, disaster management, environmental security, global health and regional disaster coordination. He has a special interest in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief activities across the Asia-Pacific. He has led workshops, training, lectures and activities in his areas of expertise across the Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America. His field experience includes responses to natural disasters and disease outbreaks (including Ebola and Dengue), mass casualty incidents, failures of critical business functions, leading health sector preparations for the G20 Finance Ministers meetings held in Australia, managing projects in
Australian Indigenous communities and facilitating delivery of health services to asylum seekers. He has also worked at local, state and federal levels of government in Australia.

Mr. Ryan recently completed the research element of his PhD at James Cook University, Australia, where he developed strategies for reducing the impact of disasters on people with non-communicable diseases. He has completed a Master's in Public Health at the University of Wollongong, Australia, and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health at Griffith University, Australia, where he received an award for academic excellence. He has also collaborated with researchers in Australia and Japan to improve evacuation centre standards for vulnerable groups and actively supported the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Global Education and Training Institute (UNISDR-GETI) efforts to implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. Mr. Ryan has published numerous peer-reviewed articles, guidelines, a textbook chapter and conducted media interviews relating to disaster management and the environmental health aspects of disasters.

**Dr. David Sanderson**

Professor and Inaugural Judith Neilson Chair in Architecture, UNSW Sydney

David has over 25 years’ experience working across the world in development and emergencies. He worked for eight years for the NGO CARE International UK, as head of policy and subsequently regional manager for southern and west Africa. From 2006-2013 David was Director of CENDEP, a centre at Oxford Brookes University focusing on development and emergencies. Between 2013-2014 he was a Visiting Professor at Harvard University.

David has published a number of articles and papers concerning urban livelihoods, shelter and disaster risk reduction. He has carried out a number of assignments for NGOs and donors across the world, and in recent years has led post-disaster reviews in Haiti, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, the Philippines and Nepal. He was trained in architecture and holds a PhD in urban livelihoods and vulnerability and a Masters degree in Development Practice.

David was appointed the Inaugural Judith Neilson Chair in Architecture at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Sydney, Australia, in February 2016. He is a member of several NGO boards and committees, including the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and the Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF). He is currently a steering group member for the Global Alliance for Urban Crises and is an editor of PLoS: Disasters Journal. David is editor of the 2016 IFRC World Disasters Report.

**Dr. Pamela Sitko**

Urban Technical Advisor, Disaster Management, World Vision International

Since 2005 Pamela has worked in disaster, development and conflict settings in over 20 countries for agencies including Habitat for Humanity International, IFRC, Plan International, the World Food Programme and World Vision International. She has engaged in a range of disaster responses, including the 2004 Asia Tsunami, the Sri Lankan civil conflict, the 2008 Myanmar Cyclone, the 2008 earthquake in Sichuan, China and numerous other emergencies across Asia and the Pacific.

In 2014 Pamela completed a PhD on urban disaster resilience, focusing on how low-income settlements in Bangkok responded to the 2011 floods.

In 2015 Pamela became World Vision International’s Urban Technical Advisor for disaster management, involving developing policy, advising on operational aspects of responses and leading research related to urban crisis management, which recently has included cash responses in the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon and the 2015 Nepal earthquakes. Pamela is currently urban technical lead for the Sphere Standards 2018 Revisions.
Claude de Ville de Goyet, MD, MPH

Director (Ret.), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief Coordination Program

Claude de Ville de Goyet, a Belgian medical doctor was the first director of the Research Center on Disaster Epidemiology (CRED) in Belgium (1974-1977). As director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Disaster Management programme from 1977 to 2002, he coordinated the international health response to major outbreaks, natural disasters and conflicts in Latin America and the Caribbean during 25 years.

He was team leader in many evaluations of the response to earthquakes in Iran (2003), Pakistan (2005) and Haiti (2010), tsunami (2004), hurricanes and floods in the Caribbean and Latin America and conflicts in Europe (Kosovo, Bosnia), Africa (Darfur) and Middle East (Gaza). Acting temporarily as WHO Representative during the peak of the cholera outbreak in Haiti, he launched an external evaluation. More recently, he advised the European Union on the Ebola Recovery Assessment through field visits and close coordination with the national health authorities in the affected countries.

His career in the UN and missions for The Red Cross System, NGOs or bilateral donors gave him an in depth knowledge of the complex interplay of humanitarian actors and local health authorities in all types of major crises.

Prof Maxine Whittaker

Dean, Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences, James Cook University

Maxine A. Whittaker, MBBS, MPH, PhD, FAFPHM is the Dean of the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences and Deputy Director of the Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine (AITHM) at James Cook University (Feb 2016).

She was previously (2008-2016) Professor of International and Tropical Health and Co-Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Health Information Systems, Director of the Health Information Systems Knowledge Hub, Program Director of the Australian Initiative on Control and Elimination of Malaria/Pacific Malaria Initiative Support Centre and co-Secretariat of the Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network.

Maxine Whittaker has lived and worked in Bangladesh, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Papua New Guinea and worked extensively in China, Fiji, Indonesia, Kenya, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Vietnam. She has extensive experience in project and programme design in health and development, especially in sexual and reproductive health and gender analysis, and using rapid formative research and anthropological methods and for a variety of international development partner and NGO organizations. She has developed local research teams in social sciences methods in Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Northern Queensland remote communities, and Vanuatu, and participated in the development of training materials and activities to support this capacity development.

Maxine Whittaker research interests are in fields of operational and health services research and medical anthropology, with a primary focus on sexual and reproductive health, health seeking behaviour and quality of care. She has a special interest in the issue of scaling-up pilot programmes into policy and practice, and as a founding member of Expandnet (http://www.expandnet.net/) has contributed to a body of work published by WHO on this topic. She is presently leading the Malaria Elimination Research Agenda work on social sciences and co-chairing the Health Systems panel (http://www.malariaeradication.org/malera-refresh) and is recognized as one of the leaders in re-invigorating social sciences and community participation in the malaria research agenda.

Since 2009 has been CI on research and project grants in the Asia Pacific region worth more than $AU42.5 million including several from DFAT published more than 70 peer reviewed publications, and several project documents for development partners and countries, policy briefings, briefing papers, book chapters and commissioned papers.
Prof Tammy Allen
Lecturer, Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences, James Cook University

Tammy is a public health lecturer and practitioner with over 17 years experience working in the field of health promotion and public health in both communicable and non-communicable disease prevention. Prior to commencing as a lecturer in 2011, Tammy coordinated injury prevention initiatives in rural Western Australia, Western Samoa and north Queensland. She also coordinated state wide approaches to dengue fever prevention in Queensland and was the health promotion advisor to one of the biggest dengue fever outbreaks in Queensland 2008-2009. She has a passion for understanding community beliefs, social constructs and barriers to behaviour change related to mosquito borne disease control.

Along with teaching, Tammy has developed strong international links with the World Health Organisation in improving organisational response outcomes in the event of a public health emergency. She has been integral in the development of a Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) Framework, led the development of a public health emergency glossary, and continues to be a key advisor to WHO on the utilisation of this framework in WHO Member States.