

R É S U M É

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD in Political Science, University of Oldenburg, Germany 1993

Title of PhD thesis: *Civic Parties. A Study of the Structure and Functions of Political Associations in the Canadian City of Vancouver*

Rank: Excellent

MA in Social Sciences, University of Oldenburg, Germany 1987

Major in Regional Planning, Social Planning, Local Government and Politics. Minors in Political Science, Economics, Sociology

Rank: Excellent

Diploma in Journalism, Kölner Schule – Institut für Publizistik (a private journalism school), Cologne, Germany 1982

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

since 2005 **Research Associate**

Social Policy Research Centre

- Researcher on projects concerning early childhood policies, child care, disability policies and carer policies.

2004 – 2005 **Research Assistant**

NSW Commission for Children and Young People

- Member of the research team evaluating the Working With Children risk assessment.

2003 – 2004 **Research Officer**

Social Policy Research Centre (casual)

- Researched and wrote two reports commissioned by the NSW Department of Community Services: *Review of the Early Childhood Teachers Shortage Interim Policy* and *Preschool Affordability Models Literature Review*.

2000 – 2003 **Journalist, Writer and Editor**

Professors Hiltrud and Karl-Heinz Nassmacher, University of Oldenburg, Germany (freelance)

- Edited academic articles and book chapters on political finance (in English).

Strategic Projects Division, NSW Premier's Department (freelance)

- Wrote and designed brochures about the Division's projects.
- Edited policy documents.
- Helped to write a report on Government achievements in Western NSW.

The University of Sydney Publications Office (freelance and casual)

- Wrote news and feature articles for the University News, the Gazette and other publications.

The University of Sydney Faculty of Economics and Business (contract)

- Interviewed alumni and current students about their study and work experiences. Wrote 50 testimonials for the Faculty's web page.

1995 – 1996 **Case Study Researcher and Writer**

The University of Sydney, Graduate School of Business
Competitive Tendering and Contracting (CTC) Research Team, headed by Prof Simon Domberger

- Researched and wrote case studies on outsourcing.

1987 – 1989 **Journalist**

Nordwest Zeitung (North-West Newspaper, a regional daily newspaper), Oldenburg, Germany

- Worked in all news departments.
- Planned and designed the layout of newspaper pages.
- Managed the production of newspaper supplements.
- Researched and wrote articles.
- Assigned work to photographers and freelance journalists.
- Edited articles by freelance journalists and news agencies.
- Gained extensive experience in photojournalism.

1985 – 1987 **Journalism and Public Relations Workshop Teacher**

Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Germany (contract)

- Designed and taught workshops for young journalists, and for public relations officers of community organisations.

1984 – 1986 **Research Assistant**

University of Oldenburg, Germany (part-time)
Project: Municipal Information Systems for Economic Development

- Evaluated literature, took interview notes, wrote minutes.

1981 – 1987 **Journalist**

Nordwest Zeitung, other newspapers, news magazines and radio stations (contract, intern and freelance)

- Replaced journalists on vacation and wrote freelance articles.

PUBLICATIONS

Muir, K., Katz, I., **Purcal, C.**, Patulny, R., Flaxman, S., Abelló, D., Cortis, N., Thomson, C., Oprea, I., Wise, S., Edwards, B., Gray, M. and Hayes, A. (2009), *National evaluation (2004–2008) of the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy 2004–2009*, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) Occasional Paper no. 24, Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia.

Fisher, K.R., Gleeson, R., Edwards, R., **Purcal, C.**, Sitek, T., Dinning, B., Laragy, C., D’eaigher, L. and Thompson, D. (forthcoming; accepted July 2009), *Effectiveness of Individual Funding Approaches for Disability Support*, report prepared for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

Fisher, K.R., Parker, S. and **Purcal, C.** (forthcoming; accepted May 2009), ‘Measuring the effectiveness of new approaches to housing support policy for persons with disabilities’, *Australian Journal of Public Administration*.

Cortis, N., **Purcal, C.**, Patulny, R., Thompson, D. and Oprea, I. (2009), *National evaluation (2004–2008) of the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy 2004–2009, Appendix B: Invest to Grow Evaluation and Progress Reports Summary*, SPRC Report, prepared for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Patulny, R., Flaxman, S., **Purcal, C.**, Muir, K., Oprea, I. and Longden, T. (with assistance from SFCS consortium) (2009), *National evaluation (2004–2008) of the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy 2004–2009, Appendix C: CFC Service Coordination Study*, SPRC Report, prepared for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Purcal, C., Thomson, C., Flaxman, S., Abelló, D., Spooner, C., Muir, K. and Chan, S. (2008), *National evaluation (2004–2008) of the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy 2004–2009, Appendix G: CFC Fieldwork Report*, SPRC Report, prepared for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA internal report).

Brennan, D. (ed.) (2008), contributors: Brennan, D., Blaxland, M., Press, F., **Purcal, C.** and Ner, S., *Building an International Research Collaboration in Early Childhood Education and Care: Background Materials for a Workshop Funded by the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY)*, Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW.

Stronger Families and Communities Strategy: National Evaluation Consortium (2008), *Stronger Families and Communities Strategy National Evaluation: Baseline Report on Communities for Children Process Evaluation*, report prepared for the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, November 2007.

Fisher, K.R., Parker, S., **Purcal, C.**, Thaler, O., Abelson, P., Pickering, E., Robinson, S. and Griffiths, M. (2008), *Effectiveness of supported living in relation to shared accommodation*, report prepared for Disability Policy and Research Working Group, SPRC Report 17/08, November.

Purcal, C. and Fisher, K.R. (2007), 'Balancing qualified staff requirements with shortage of recruits in child care – The NSW experience', *Australian Journal of Social Issues*, 42 (3), 387-99.

Fisher, K.R., **Purcal, C.** and Flaxman, S. (2007), *Young People with Disability Living in Residential Aged Care Research Agenda*, report prepared for the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

Purcal, C. and Fisher, K.R. (2006), 'Affordability funding models for early childhood services', *Australian Journal of Early Childhood*, 31 (4), 49-58.

Thomson C., Katz, I., Cortis, N. and **Purcal, C.** (2005), *Stronger Families and Communities Strategy: National Evaluation Framework*, report prepared for the Australian Government Department of Families and Community Services.

Purcal, C. and Fisher, K.R. (2004a), *Early Childhood Teachers Interim Policy Review*, report prepared for the NSW Department of Community Services, December 2003, SPRC Report Series 5/04.

Purcal, C. and Fisher, K.R. (2004b), *Preschool Affordability Models Literature Review*, report prepared for the NSW Department of Community Services, Social Policy Research Centre, March.

Purcal, C. (1994), *Civic Parties. A Study of the Structure and Functions of Political Associations in the Canadian City of Vancouver* (in German), University of Oldenburg Press.

CONFERENCES

Purcal, C., Muir, K., Patulny, R., Thomson, C., Flaxman, S. and Spooner, C. (2009), 'The impact of the Communities for Children program on partnerships among service providers', Australian Social Policy Conference.

Muir, K., Katz, I., **Purcal, C.**, Patulny, R., Flaxman, S., Abelló, D., Cortis, N., Thomson, C., Oprea, I., Wise, S., Edwards, B., Gray, M. and Hayes, A. (2009), 'Can area-based interventions work in Australia? Findings from the longitudinal evaluation of Communities for Children', Australian Social Policy Conference.

Purcal, C., Cass, B., Hamilton, M., Thomson, C. and Brennan, D. (2009), 'From support to prevention: policies and services for young carers', Australian Social Policy Conference.

Purcal, C., Muir, K., Patulny, R., Thomson, C., Flaxman, S. and Spooner, C. (2009), 'The impact of an area-based early intervention program on partnerships among service providers', Society for Prevention Research 17th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Purcal, C., Blaxland, M., Skattebol, J. and Brennan, D. (2009), 'Integrated services: voices and silences from Australian history', National Investment for the Early Years (NIFTeY)/Centre for Community Child Health (CCCH) Conference.

Fisher, K.R. and **Purcal, C.** (2008), 'Measuring effective housing support policy for people with disability', National Disability Services Accommodation and Social Participation Conference.

Purcal, C., Spooner, C. and Thomson, C. (2007), 'Implementation of the Facilitating Partner model in the Communities for Children program: early learnings', Australian Social Policy Conference.

Purcal, C. (2007), 'Balancing qualified staff requirements with shortage of recruits in children's services – the NSW experience', Australian Research in Early Childhood Education Conference.

Purcal, C. and Fisher, K.R. (2005), 'Affordability funding models for early childhood services', Australian Social Policy Conference.

AWARDS

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| 2009 | Early Career Researcher Grant, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of New South Wales |
| 2009 | Research Promotion Grant, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of New South Wales |
| 2008 | Research Promotion Grant, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of New South Wales |
| 1989 – 1990 | Government of Canada Award to Foreign Nationals |