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Christine Eastman joined the SPRC in 2009 after working for several years in research, evaluation and advocacy roles within Government and non-government community organisations.

Christine's research experience crosses both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Her quantitative skills focus on survey and sampling design, data management, administrative dataset analysis and linkage, and the analysis of survey and aggregate data.

Her experience in qualitative research includes designing and conducting interviews, focus groups and analysis of qualitative data.

She is interested in the exploration and development of administrative data to inform policy change, particularly in the areas of child and family welfare, and has an interest in accessible data presentation and visualisation.

Christine has also studied in the area of Communications Management, specialising in communications within non-government organisations.

In addition to working at SPRC, Christine is in her final year of a Master of Science (Applied Statistics) and is a member of the Statistical Society of Australia.

Christine is currently or has recently undertaken quantitative analysis for the following projects:

- Project manager and team member, regional statistical and policy expert team for the analysis of Child Poverty and Deprivations in Kiribati, UNICEF Pacific
- Analysing Centrelink administrative data for the evaluation of the New Income Management program, Australian Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- Collection and analysis of detailed employment data from Social and Community Services (SACS) providers in receipt of direct Commonwealth funding, Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- Analysing data related to the expansion of the residential determination program to place children and vulnerable families in community-based detention (for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship)
- A cross sectional analysis of two waves of Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) data for research about managing money, debt and the nature of indebtedness among lower-income families

- Evaluation of the Brighter Futures early intervention program – extensive data management and administrative data analysis for a multi-wave longitudinal study including client surveys, administrative data and child protection reporting data

Education

2008 to date	Master of Science (Applied Statistics), Swinburne University (expected to graduate 2012)
2006 to 2007	Graduate Certificate, Communications Management, University of Technology, Sydney
2001 to 2003	Bachelor of Arts (Social Inquiry), University of Technology, Sydney

Career

July 2009 to date	Senior Research Officer, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales
Sept 2007 to June 2009	Acting Senior Project Officer and Project Officer, Evaluation, NSW Department of Community Services
June 2004 to Feb 2007	Research Officer, Western Sydney Community Forum

Published reports

Gendera, S., Fisher, K.R., Robinson, S., Clements, N. and **Eastman, C.** (2011), *Evaluation of the Self Directed Support Pilot Baseline Report*, SPRC Report 6/11, for the Department of Communities, Disability and Community Care Services Queensland.

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