

**EDUCATION**

- 2014 PhD (Economics), University New South Wales (conferred on 19 March 2014)  
2007 BEc (Honours Econometrics – first class), University of New South Wales

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

- 2019- Lecturer of Economics, RMIT University  
2019- Research Affiliate of ARC Centre of Excellence – Life Course Centre  
2018- Research Affiliate of Tax and Transfer Policy Institute  
2017 Visiting Scholar, Bristol University, United Kingdom  
2016- IZA Research Affiliate  
2014- 2019 Research Fellow, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne  
2014 Russel Sage Foundation, New York City, United States  
2008-2014 Research Associate, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales  
2005-2007 Cadet and Graduate, Department of Treasury, Canberra.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Child development, welfare and social policy evaluations, machine learning, homelessness and housing insecurity, employment, and mental health and well-being.

**SELECTED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (Last 5 years)**

1. Suziedelyte, A., and Zhu, A. The Intergenerational Impact of Reduced Generosity in the Social Safety Net (Forthcoming *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization. Ranking*).
2. Broadway, B., LoRiggio, T., Ryan, C., and **Zhu, A** (2021). Literature Review on the Impact of Welfare Policy Design on Children and Youth. (Forthcoming *Journal of Economic Surveys*).
3. Price A, **Zhu A**, Nguyen H, Contreras-Suarez D, Schreurs N, Burley J, Lawson K, Kelaher M, Lingam R, Grace R, Raman S, Kemp L, Woolfenden S, Goldfeld S (2021). The Healthier Wealthier Families (HWF) pilot randomised controlled trial: testing the feasibility of delivering financial counselling to families with young children who are identified as experiencing financial hardship by community-based nurses. *BMJ Open*;11:e044488. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2020-044488
4. Feeny, S., Trinh, T-A. and **A. Zhu** (2021), Temperature Shocks and Energy Poverty: Findings from Vietnam, *Energy Economics*, Vol. 99. doi.org/10.1016/j.eneco.2021.105310.
5. Feeny, S., Mishra, A., Trong-Anh, T., Ye, L., & **Zhu, A** (2021). Early- Life Exposure to Rainfall Shocks and Gender Gaps in Employment: Findings from Vietnam. 183, 533-554 *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.
6. Fisher, H. and **Zhu, A.** (2019). The effect of changing financial incentives on repartnering. *Economic Journal*. vol 129, Issue 623, p.2833–2866.
7. Cobb-Clark, D., Salamanca, N., and **Zhu, A.** (2019). Parenting Style as an Investment in Human Development. *Journal of Population Economics*. vol 32, Issue 4, p.1315-1352.
8. Bradbury, B. and **Zhu, A.** (2018). Welfare entry and exit after marital separation among Australian mothers. *Economic Record*. 94, no. 307, p.405-423.

9. Polidano, C., **Zhu A.**, and Bornstein, J. (2017). The relationship between cesarian births and child cognitive development. *Scientific Reports - Nature*. 7(1), p.11483.
10. Cobb-Clark, D. and **Zhu, A.** (2017). Childhood Homelessness and Adult employment: The Role of Education, Incarceration and Welfare Receipt. *Journal of Population Economics*, vol. 30. Issue 3.

#### CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

Mendolia, S., Suziedelyte, A., and Zhu, A. Have Girls Been Left Behind During the Covid-19 Pandemic? Gender Differences in Pandemic Effects on Children’s Mental Wellbeing. (R&R Economic Letters).

Sansone, D., and Zhu, A. Using Machine Learning to Create an Early Warning System for Welfare Recipients (2021).

Chigavazira, A., Fisher, H., Robinson, T., and Zhu, A. The consequences of extending equitable property division laws to cohabitants. (R&R Journal of Law and Economics).

#### CURRENT RESEARCH GRANTS

2018-22 **Lead investigator**. ARC Linkage grant (LP170100472) “The Impact of Income Support Design on the Outcomes of Children and Youth”, (with Associate Professor Chris Ryan and Dr Barbara Broadway and Linkage partners Department of Social Services and Department of Education, Skills and Employment), \$420,000.

2018-21 **Chief Investigator**. Helen Macpherson Smith Trust “Healthy Wealthy Families: an innovative approach to poverty prevention - a pilot Randomised Control Trial”, (with Dr Anna Price, Professor Sharon Goldfeld, Associate Professor Sue Woolfenden, Professor Margaret Kelaher, Dr Diana Contreras Suarez, Dr Natalie Schreurs, Dr Jade Burley), \$200,000.

2021-24 **Principal Investigator** Grant funded by the NSW Health Department, analyzing the impacts of COVID-19 on children’s mental health, \$500,000.

#### CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- Invited speaker: University College London (November 2021)
- Invited speaker: University of Western Australia (October 2021)
- Invited speaker: Monash University (November 2020)
- Invited speaker: University of Wollongong, Australia (November 2019)
- Invited speaker: City University, London, United Kingdom (September 2019)
- Economics of Migration Workshop, Essen, Germany (September 2019)
- Invited speaker. Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. (May 2018)
- Panellist and presenter, Early Childhood Education and Development session of the Director’s conference, Melbourne (March 2018)
- Institute of Fiscal Studies, London, United Kingdom (December 2017)
- University of Bath, Bath, United Kingdom (November 2017)
- University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom (November 2017)

- Lancaster University, Lancaster, United Kingdom (November 2017)
- Australian Social Policy Conference, Sydney, Australia (September 2017)
- Australian Conference of Economics, Sydney, Australia (July 2017)
- Royal Economic Society Conference, Bristol, United Kingdom (April 2017)
- National Centre for Longitudinal Data (NCLD) Longitudinal Data Conference, Canberra (October 2016)
- University of Padova, Department of Economics - external seminar series, Padua, Italy (July 2016)
- University of Venice, Ca'Foscari - external seminar series, Venice, Italy (July 2016)
- European Society of Population Economics 30th annual conference, Berlin, Germany (June 2016)
- International Workshop Economics of Education, Catanzaro, Italy (June, 2016)
- University of Bristol, Centre for Multilevel Modelling - external seminar series, Bristol, United Kingdom (July 2015)
- European Society of Population Economics 29th annual conference, Izmir, Turkey (July 2015)
- Social Policy Research Centre – external seminar series, Sydney, Australia (April 2015, July 2016)
- Australian Social Policy Conference, Sydney, Australia (September 2015)
- Life Course Centre Annual conference, Brisbane, Australia (October 2015)
- Work and Family Research Network conference, New York City, United States (June 2014)
- Labour Econometrics Workshop, University of Melbourne (August 2013)
- British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) conference, Nottingham, United Kingdom (September 2012)
- European Society for Population Economics 23rd annual conference, Seville, Spain (June 2009)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Conference and Seminar Organisation**

- Women in Economics Network Annual conference – Scientific Committee member 2019

### **Editorial Responsibilities**

- Associate Editor, Australian Journal of Social Issues (2021-)

### **Service to the Discipline**

- Hiring Committee and interview panel member for the Head of Discipline (Economics) RMIT (2021)
- RMIT Brown Bag co-ordinator (2020)
- Invited to give evidence as an expert panel member at a House of Representatives public hearing for the Inquiry into Intergenerational Welfare Dependence (2018)
- LCC representative for ARC panel review of Centre of Excellence grant extension
- Grant assessor for grant proposal submitted to:
  - o Australian Research Council – Australia
  - o National Science Foundation – United States.
- Written submission to Senate Inquiry on the Mental health (2019)
- Written submission to Parliamentary Inquiry on the Intergenerational Welfare Dependence (2018)
- Member of expert panel for the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children - Centrelink Data Linkage project.

- Co-organiser of the workshop titled: Childhood, Education and Welfare: Research and Policy Insights. Held at the University of Melbourne (February 2017).
- Guest Co-Editor of the Policy Forum: Australian Economic Review (September 2017).
- Academic Convenor of the Economic and Social Participation Research Initiative – Hallmark Initiative at the University of Melbourne.

## **JOURNAL REVIEWING**

Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organisation, Education Economics, ANU Tax and Transfer Policy Institute working paper series, Journal of the Economics of Ageing, Health Economics, Demography, Economic Record, Economics & Human Biology, Social Science Research, Southern Economic Journal, Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC) statistical and technical paper series.

## **TEACHING**

Received a Dean's recognition of achievement award for exceptional teaching practice based on a good teaching score (GTS) of 90% or greater.

Courses taught:

- Basic Econometrics (lectures in Singapore Institute of Management 2019, 2020; tutorials in Melbourne 2019, 2020, 2021), Class Size: 430 students.
- Business Statistics (lectures in Singapore Institute of Management 2019), Class Size: 1,800 students.

Courses designed:

- Big Data and Machine Learning (2021).

PhD Supervision (2020-current): Student: Retno Maruti. Essays in Education and Economic Development for Indonesia

Awarded with the Best Paper for the RMIT Second Milestone Review (only four awarded in the College of Business and Law).