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Summary and current roles

Christy Newman (they/them) is Professor at the UNSW Centre for Social Research in Health and Acting Deputy Dean and Associate Dean Engagement and Impact for UNSW Arts, Design and Architecture.

Christy is a qualitative social researcher of health, sexuality, and gender, with a background in sociology and cultural studies. They have worked in partnership with communities, governments, and clinical services for almost 20 years to understand the social dimensions of bloodborne viruses, sexual and reproductive health, and queer, bi+ and trans health and wellbeing, including their intersections with the related fields of mental health, Aboriginal health, harm reduction, disability, cancer prevention, violence prevention, adolescent health, family wellbeing, and gender and sexuality studies. They regularly contribute research-informed perspectives to media, professional and community discussions of diverse genders, sexualities, relationships, and families.

Career achievements

- Achieved h-index of 27 (Google Scholar); > 130 peer reviewed publications; nearly \$7 million grants
- Supervised eleven doctoral students to completion; six ongoing supervisions
- Delivered keynote lectures in peak Australasian HIV and sexual health, sociology and queer conferences
- Co-authored peer reviewed publications with over 100 co-authors, including 44 outside the academy
- Member of the inaugural LGBTIQ+ Health Strategy Implementation Committee for NSW Health and LGBTIQ+ Health and Wellbeing Research Network Steering Committee for LGBTIQ+ Health Australia
- Invited to co-edit prestigious international handbooks on queer studies and sexuality, gender and health
- Tripled impact factor of Taylor & Francis journal Health Sociology Review as Joint Editor (2014-2018)
- Appointed Joint Editor Sexual Health (CSIRO); Board Member Journal of the International AIDS Society
- Convened the Social, Political and Cultural stream for the 2020 Australasian Sexual Health Conference
- 2017 Mid-Career Interdisciplinary Achiever Award from the Australasian Sexual Health Alliance
- 2010 Paul Bourke Award for Early Career Research from the Academy of the Social Sciences

Selected projects

- When caring ends: Understanding and supporting informal care trajectories (2023-2025) Australian Research Council Linkage Project Grant
- The sociology of health data for sexuality and gender diverse people (2023-2025) Australian Research Council Discovery Project Grant
- Our Voices, Our Way, Our Lives Project (2022) Commissioned by National Ethnic Disability Alliance and LGBTIQ+ Health Australia
- Rainbow Connections: Co-designing training and engagement resources to help community visitors to make and maintain social connections with LGBT+ people with dementia (2022) Dementia Australia Research Foundation Grant
- Changing community attitudes to promote inclusion for people with disability (2021) Disability Royal Commission
- Enhancing behavioural surveillance to address gaps and disparities in Australia's HIV response in a changing HIV epidemic (2021-2026) NHMRC Partnerships Project Grant
- Qualitative interviews with sexual health clinicians about changes to practice in HIV prevention and care since COVID-19 (2021) Gilead Research Fellowship Program Grant
- ORCHID Study: Co-design of a multi-component intervention package to improve HPV vaccination coverage in special schools (2020-2022) Australian Government Department of Health

- Rapid qualitative assessment of COVID health needs in three NSW Aboriginal Communities (2020-2021) NSW Health COVID-19 Research Grant Program
- Meaningful inclusion of trans and gender diverse populations in cervical cancer screening: A pilot study (2018-2019) UNSW Qualitative Research Network
- Rebuilding trust in connected health systems among priority populations affected by BBVs and STIs (2019-2020) Australian Government Department of Health.
- Targeting cancer prevention interventions to sexuality and gender diverse communities (2020) ACON.
- Sex in Translation: Understanding concepts of health and relationships among Chinese people in Australia (2019-2021) Australian Government Department of Health.
- Positively Women: A research project using art to understand what it means to be a woman living with HIV in Australia (2019-2021) Australian Government Department of Health.
- my health, our family: documenting stories of family life in the context of HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C (2016-2019) Australian Research Council Discovery Project.
- Fostering Aboriginal sexual well-being by building on strengths (2018-2020) Australian Research Council Linkage Project.
- Impact of stigma and discrimination experienced by priority populations affected by STIs and BBVs in the ACT (2017) ACT Health.
- StraightMSM Study: Heterosexually identified men who have sex with men (2015-2016) NSW Health BBV & STI Research, Intervention and Strategic Evaluation Program (BRISE)
- HIV-positive children transitioning to adolescence and adulthood (2013-2015) Gilead Australia Fellowship
- Investigating the capacity of the general practitioner workforce to meet ongoing HIV primary care needs in Australia (2009-2012) National Health and Medical Research Council Project Grant
- Aboriginal Patterns of Cancer Care (2007-2012) National Health and Medical Research Council Health Services Grant

Selected recent publications

[Diversity via datafication? Digital patient records and citizenship for sexuality and gender diverse people](#)

[Editorial Introduction - Waiting to be seen: social perspectives on trans health](#)

[Family imaginaries in the disclosure of a blood-borne virus](#)

[Gender is Dynamic for All People](#)

[Inclusive health care for LGBTQ+ youth: support, belonging and inclusivity labour](#)

[Investigating the lived experience of LGBT+ people with dementia and their care partners: A Scoping Review](#)

[Is Sex Lost In Translation? Linguistic and Conceptual Issues in the Translation of Sexual and Reproductive Health Surveys](#)

[Logics of control and self-management in narratives of people living with HIV, hepatitis C and hepatitis B](#)

[More than humour: memes as bonding icons for belonging among donor-conceived people](#)

[Navigating trans visibilities, trauma and trust in a new cervical screening clinic](#)

[One size fits all? The discursive framing of cultural difference in health professional accounts of providing cancer care to Aboriginal people](#)

[Prescribing as affective clinical practice: transformations in sexual health consultations through HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis](#)

[Sustaining sexual and reproductive health through COVID-19 pandemic restrictions](#)

[Targeting cancer prevention and screening interventions to LGBTQ communities: a scoping review](#)

[The freighted social histories of HIV and hepatitis C](#)

[Understanding 'risk' in families living with mixed blood-borne viral infection status: The doing and undoing of 'difference'](#)