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About

Barbara carries out research in the areas of adults, communities, mental health, older people and disability. She also focuses on participatory action research and forms of analysis drawn from postmodern feminism.

Qualifications

- PhD University of Manchester
- MSc University of Oxford
- CQSW University of Oxford
- B.Sc (Hons) University of Bradford

Biography

Barbara spent thirteen years in the field operating as a social worker, senior social work practitioner, area manager, researcher and regional director before joining the University of Bradford in 1992 where she became Head of the Department of Applied Social Studies. Later she took up positions as Head of the School of Social Work and Associate Dean (Research) at the University of Sydney. She has been on the executive of a large number of professional and third-sector organisations and is on the editorial boards for a number of key journals in the social work/policy studies field.

Teaching

Barbara focuses on teaching in the areas of adults, communities, mental health and disability, research methodology and postmodern feminism.

Research

Current Research Projects

Fawcett, B. 'Day Care and Older People: Processes and Outcomes', Royal North Shore Hospital in association with Hope Health Care, Catholic Health Care and UnitingCare, Burnside (2010 - 2012)

Fawcett, B. 'Options for Implementing a Wellness Approach to Community and Residential Care', Uniting Care Ageing (2011 - 2012)

Fawcett, B. and Giles, R., Telephone Based Counselling Services for Parents: Strategies and Responses (2011 – 2013) in association with Parent Line, Catholic Care

Fawcett, B. with Pockett, R., Phillips, R. and Giles, R. European Union – Australian Government 'The Meanings and Practices of Social Work – Cross National Comparisons (with University of Uppsala, Sweden; VIA University, Aarhus, Denmark; ELTE, Hungary; University of Salford, UK; and Deakin University, University of Central Queensland and Curtin University. University of Sydney (2009 – 2013).

There are a number of bids in process at the University of Birmingham.

Other activities

- Member of Hong Kong Social Work Registration Board
- Member of New Zealand Social Work Registration Board Accreditation Panels
- Member of AASW and ACHSSW
- Member of HE Teaching Academy
- International Editorial Boards British Journal of Social Work, Child Care in practice

Publications

Recent Publications

Books

Fawcett, B., Featherstone, B., Hearn, J. and Toft, C. (1996) (eds.) Violence and Gender Relations: Theories and Interventions, London, Sage, ISBN 0-8039 – 7650 – x.

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Fawcett, B. and Pockett, R. (forthcoming) *Turning Ideas into Research: Theory, Design and Practice*, London, Thousand Oaks, Sage.

Articles in Refereed Journals

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Featherstone, B. and Fawcett, B. (1994) 'Feminism and Child Abuse: Opening Up Some Possibilities' in *Journal of Critical Social Policy*, Issue 42, Winter 1994/1995: 61 - 80.

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Fawcett, B. (1998) 'The Contribution of Feminist Poststructural and Postmodern Orientations to Theory and Practice in Social Work' in *British Journal of Social Work*, Spring 1998: 263 – 277, Fawcett, B. and Featherstone, B. (1998) 'Anti-Oppressive Practice and Social Work' in *Hong Kong Policy Review Journal*, Vol. 4, October 1998, printed in Cantonese.

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