



Public Health Association of Australia

ABN 41 062 894 473

THE ACT BRANCH OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

Sax Oration 2007

PRESENTED BY

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LAURIE BROWN

RESEARCH DIRECTOR (HEALTH), NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
MODELLING (NATSEM), UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

***Public Health Messages and Actions in Indigenous Health:
the contribution of economic modelling to policy formulation and evaluation***

Economic models can make a major contribution to the formulation and evaluation of health policy, and can be applied to assist in the development of effective public health messages and actions. In the 2007 Sax Oration, Assoc. Prof. Brown will provide an overview of modelling in public health, outline NATSEM's health models, and highlight the potential roles of economic modelling through an Indigenous health case study, the 'Mai Wiru Nutritional Health Model'. This case study involved the development of a user-friendly interactive model for assessing the nutritional needs of the Anangu of the Pitjantjatjara Lands in northwest SA and for possible government subsidisation of selected food items provided through the AP Lands community stores.

Assoc. Prof. Brown is a highly experienced health services researcher and epidemiologist. At NATSEM she is playing a key role in pioneering the development of health microsimulation models in Australia and internationally. She has over 20 years experience in health policy and practice and researching the impacts of social, demographic and economic change on health status and health services utilisation and expenditure, and has occupied positions at, or been a consultant to, the University of Wollongong, the New Zealand Department of Health, and the Lipid and Diabetes Research Group at the Christchurch School of Medicine in New Zealand.

The ACT Branch of the PHAA presents the Sax Oration each year in honour of the late Dr Sidney Sax to promote discussion on issues of importance in public health in Australia.

Both members and non-members are welcome to attend

Wednesday 11 September 2007

**Bob Douglas Lecture Theatre
National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health
Eggleston Road entrance, ANU**

5.15 pm drinks, 5.45pm Sax Oration

Please direct enquiries to David McDonald phone 0416 231 890, email David.McDonald@anu.edu.au