

CURRICULUM VITAE

DR AMANDA NICKSON

Current Employment

Interactive Solutions – private practice – social work supervision, training and organisational consultancy. More details at: <https://www.interactivesolutions.org.au/>
Current contract work with **Churches of Christ Care** and **Life Without Barriers**, Townsville, doing foster carer and kinship carer assessments.
Recent contracts (2018 - 2019) with **Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)** -National Office, as a national trainer delivering workshops on Countering Violent Extremism, funded by the Attorney General's Department. Developed and delivered workshops in Supervision; Ethical Decision Making; Building Resilience and Thriving in Rural Practice for AASW Queensland, Northern Territory and North Qld Branches. Experience as a panel member on Accreditation Panels for AASW re-accrediting BSW and MSW(Q) courses at universities and Higher Education Providers in South Australia and NSW in 2018 – 2019.

Lecturer, Social Work and Human Services, James Cook University (JCU) (contract, casual academic, Jan – Feb 2020). Teaching *Social Work and Welfare Practice*, and in 2019 *Interpersonal Practice* and Field Education roles, including liaisons and supervisions.

Qualifications

2016	PhD, James Cook University
2000	Cert IV Training and Assessment, Barrier Reef TAFE
1999	Master of Social Work, James Cook University
1983	Bachelor of Social Work, University of New South Wales

Employment History

Lecturer, Social Work and Human Services, James Cook University (JCU), (4 Jul 2005 – 4 July 2018) a teaching and research position. Taught: Human Rights and Social Justice; Social Work and Welfare Practice; Field Education, in the BSW and MSW(PQ) courses; Professional Values and Ethics; Intercultural Exchange; Rural Welfare; Social Policy Analysis; Child and Family Welfare
JCU Award for Excellence – 2016 – Reconciliation – for work on the Social Work and Human Services Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee

Areas of Expertise

- Professional supervision
- Professional values and ethics
- Supervision and education of students in field placement
- Curriculum development for field education
- Intercultural exchanges (Thailand)
- Child welfare practice

1999 – 2005 Centrelink, Townsville - Senior Social Worker

Crisis intervention with a range of client circumstances, including homelessness, youth at risk, domestic violence, family breakdown, disability, health and mental health. Had a national training role for new staff.

1995- 1999 Defence Community Organisation, Townsville

Individual and family support for service personnel and their families. Included working with medical discharges, assessing compassionate postings, support with bereavements, mental health, family crisis, disability. Pre deployment information sessions and support for families during deployments. Group work, training role and community development.

1999 – Lifeline North Queensland – Policy Project Officer

Reviewed and wrote a policy and procedures manual

1998 – 1999 Townsville Community Legal Service**Community Legal Education Worker (part time) - Consumer Credit Program**

Conducted community education sessions (6 month contract)

1993 – 1995 Department of Families, Youth and Community Care, Townsville

Alternative Care Position – recruited, trained and matched foster parents with children in care. Regular reviews of foster parents. Case work and group work with children in long term care.

1994 - Cootharinga Society of North Queensland – Part time contract

The individual and family counselling of physically disabled children and adults, some in supported accommodation, others living independently. Ran education groups.

1994 Kirwan Woman's Hospital – locum social work position

Case work including intensive grief counselling following a neo- natal death. I worked as part of a multi-disciplinary medical team.

1991- 1992 Daily Mercury - Mackay. [Middlemount Correspondent.]

Photo Journalist for the "Miners Mid-Week", a weekly local newspaper covering mining towns in Central Queensland.

1989 – 1990 Queensland Health, Community Health Centre, Middlemount

Individual and group work on health related concerns

1984 – 1988 Department of Family Services (Child Safety) – Emerald and Dysart

Supervisor. Statutory work, primarily child protection services, juvenile justice, foster care and adoptions for a large geographic area of central Qld (approx 1/5 state).

1982 – 1984 Baulkham Hills Shire Council, Community Project Officer

Community Development under the Western Sydney Area Assistance Scheme

Research Activities

National Field Education Survey – joint research project with colleagues at JCU & QUT

Student suitability for practice – joint research project with colleagues at JCU

Scenario Based Learning – joint research project with colleagues at JCU

Group Supervision for external students on placement – research project at JCU

Publications

Amanda M Nickson, Margaret-Anne Carter and Abraham P. Francis (2019) *Supervision and Professional Development in Social Work Practice*, New Delhi, India; Sage

Ines Zuchowski, Helen Cleak, Amanda Nickson & Anna Spencer (2019) *A National Survey of Australian Social Work Field Education Programs: Innovation with Limited Capacity*, Australian Social Work, 72:1, 75-0, DOI: [10.1080/0312407X.2018.1511740](https://doi.org/10.1080/0312407X.2018.1511740)

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Nickson A, Gair S and Miles D (2016) *Supporting isolated workers in their work with families in rural and remote Australia: exploring peer group supervision*. Children Australia, 41 (4). pp. 265-274

Nickson, Amanda Margaret (2015) *Exploring peer group supervision in virtual teams in rural and remote Australia*. PhD thesis, James Cook University.

Nickson, Amanda (2014) *Social work in Australia: virtual teams offer supervision*. The Guardian, 11 July 2014.

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Errington, E.P., Ireland, L., Nickson, A., Sorin, R., and Caltabiano, M.L. (2011) *Embedding graduate attributes into four discipline areas using scenario-based learning*. CDTL Brief, 14 (2). pp. 15-19.

Nickson, Amanda, and Errington, Ed (2011) *Engaging young people through community partnerships*. [Video]

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Nickson, Amanda, Dunstan, Joanne, Esperanza, Dana, and Barker, Stacie (2011) *Indigenous practice approaches to women, violence, and healing using community development: a partnership between Indigenous and non Indigenous workers*. Australian Social Work, 64 (1). pp. 84-95. ISSN 1447-0748

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Nickson, Amanda, and Blackshaw, Jennifer (2010) [*A group work approach to promoting child well-being in child protection service delivery: student and practitioner perspectives*](#). Advances in Social Work and Welfare Education, 12 (1). pp. 143-148. ISSN 1329-0584

Nickson, Amanda (2010) [*Social work ethics in scenario based learning*](#). In: Preparing Graduates for the Professions Using Scenario-Based Learning. Post Pressed, Mt Gravatt, QLD, Australia, pp. 211-222. ISBN 978-1-921214-66-0

Nickson, Amanda, Kuruleca, Selina, and Clark, Mary (2009) [*Fijian and Australian social work learning through field education*](#). In: Social Work Education: voices from the Asia Pacific. Vulgar Press, Carlton , VIC, Australia, pp. 50-72. ISBN 978-0-9806651-1-6

Nickson, Amanda, and Clifford, Rachael (2006) [*Hidden child protection: young people at risk. Causes and prevention*](#). Papers from CROCCS 4th International Conference: Working Together for Families In: CROCCS 4th International Conference: 'Working Together for Families, 4-6 August 2006, Mackay, QLD, Australia.

Nickson, A. (2006) 'Peer Supervision in Rural and Remote Australia using technology' in Proceedings from the AASW National Conference , Fremantle, 2006 (refereed)www.aasw.asn.au

Nickson, A and Clifford, R. (2003) "Exploring Extreme Family Breakdown – Factors, Intervention and Prevention".In Proceedings from the AASW National Conference , Canberra, September 2003, www.aasw.asn.au(refereed)

Nickson ,A. and Beaven, L, (1997)"Trauma Readjustment - A Groupwork response to the Blackhawk Tragedy" , In Proceedings from the 25th AASW National Conference, Canberra, September, 1997.(pp 100-108) (refereed)

Nickson, Amanda (1993) [*Strategies for working and surviving in isolated rural and mining communities, a seminar paper*](#). In: Community Development Case Studies: an Australian Community Development Resource Book. Partnership Press, Melbourne, pp. 28-29.

Nickson, Amanda (1993) [*A small community's response to domestic violence*](#). In: Community Development Case Studies: an Australian Community Development Resource Book. Partnership Press, Melbourne, VIC, pp. 25-27.

Professional Associations

Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) – Accredited member

Australian and New Zealand Social Work and Welfare Education and Research
(ANZSWWER) - member
