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CURRENT POSITIONS:

- 2012- P/t Chaplain, ConvergeInternational, CFA District 15 Ballarat
- 2012- Visiting Professor, Institute of Health, Medical Sciences & Society, University of Glyndŵr, Wales
- 2012- Adj Research Fellow, Melbourne Schl of Theology/Aust College of Theology
- 2010- Adjunct Associate Professor, Faculty of Education & Arts, Federation University Australia (formerly University of Ballarat).
- 2009- Hon. Academic Adviser, Centre for Religious & Spirituality Education, Hong Kong Institute of Education
- 2003- Hon. Senior Fellow, Rural Health Academic Centre, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences, University of Melbourne

QUALIFICATIONS & AWARDS:

- 2014 **PhD** FedUniAus 'Importance of relating with God for spiritual well-being'.
- 2011 Journal article of the year, 2010. School of Education, University of Ballarat
- 2009 **EdD** (Spiritual well-being), University of Ballarat
- 2008-9 Post-Graduate Travel & Publication Awards, University of Ballarat
- 2006 Award for Medical Research, from Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation, presented by Victorian Governor Prof. David de Kretser.
- 2004 Cert.IV (Assessment & Workplace Training) - AIET
- 1998 **PhD** (Health Education/Spiritual Health), University of Melbourne
- 1995 University of Melbourne PhD Travel Scholarship
- 1994 Award for Excellence in Education, Australian College of Education, Vic. (Western Metro. Region)
- 1994 **MEd** (1st Class Hons), University of Melbourne.
- 1972 DipEd(Prim.), University of Adelaide.
- 1971 **MSc**, University of Adelaide.
- 1969 DipT(Sec.), Adelaide Teachers College.
- 1967 BSc(Hons) (1st Class), University of Adelaide.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (some of which is concurrent):

- 9 years supporting doctoral students SEA, UB – FEA, FedUni
- 13 years Health research (f/t & p/t), Schools of Nursing & Education, University of Ballarat and Ballarat Health Services/Faculty of Medicine, University of Melbourne.
- 6 years VET/Science/RE teacher/PD coordinator in non-government schools, Vic.
- 2 years Science education/Chemistry lecturer, Victorian universities (p/t)
- 14 years Principal/Asst./Business Manager of Christian Community Schools
- 2 years Youth Worker (Victoria)
- 17 years Senior/Lecturer in pre- & in-service teacher education (SA & Vic)
- 2 years Chemistry Demonstrator, University of Adelaide

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- 2012- Member, British Association for the Study of Spirituality
- 2008- Member, International Association for Children's Spirituality
- 1999- Member of the International Seminar on Religious Education & Values
- 1991-04 Member of the Australian Curriculum Studies Association
- 1987-05 Member of the Australian College of Educators

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- 2013- Member, Editorial Board *Spirituality of a Personality: Methodology, Theory & Practice* (Ukraine)
- 2011-14 Dean's appointment as rep for Associate staff on SEA's Research Committee, UB
- 2008- Member of Editorial Advisory Committee *Religious Education Journal of Australia*

- 2006-7, 13-2004- Director, Ballarat Christian College Board
My Spiritual Health And Life-Orientation Measure (SHALOM) has been sought for use in nearly 600 research projects in Australia and overseas - in 29 languages.
- 2000- My research has been reported in many journal articles, theses and following books:
SP Bratton (2012) *The Spirit of the Appalachian Trail*. Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press.
P Kaldor, P Hughes & A Black (2010) *Spirit matters: How making sense of life affects wellbeing*. Victoria: Mosaic Press.
P Hughes (2007) *Putting life together; Findings from Australian youth spirituality Research*. Victoria: Fairfield Press.
M Crawford & G Rossiter (2006) *Reasons for living – Education and young people’s search for meaning, identity and spirituality*. Vic: ACER Press.
LJ Francis & M Robbins (2005) *Urban hope and spiritual health: The adolescent voice*. Peterborough, UK: Epworth.
D Tacey (2000) *ReEnchantment: The New Australian Spirituality*, NSW: HarperCollins Publishers.
- 2001-03 Treasurer, Ballarat Chapter, Australian College of Educators
- 2001- Member Editorial Board of the *Journal of Spirituality, Leadership and Management*
- 2000- Reviewer of articles for *British Journal of Religious Education, Journal of Beliefs and Values, Journal of Christian Education, Complementary & Alternative Medicine, Family Relations, Journal of Religion & Health, Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience, Health Education Australia, IJCS, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Medical Journal of Australia, Palliative Medicine, Psychological Abstracts, REJA, Religions*
- 1999- Associate Editor of the *International Journal of Children’s Spirituality (IJCS)*
- 1999-00 Executive, ‘Rites of Passage’ Project, Ballarat
- 1994-05 Member of Executive Committee, ACE Vic. Western Metropolitan Region
- 1987-08 Graduate of Leaders & Pastors training, CRC – Victoria (equivalent to Dip Min)

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Volunteer Chaplain in Victorian Council of Churches Emergency Ministries Taskforce
Member Ballarat Healing Rooms
Active member of York Street Church of Christ, Ballarat.
Lay preacher in Churches of Christ - Grampians Region, Victoria.
Qualified (level 2) First Aid Certificate
Active interest in environment, gardening and photography
Previous community involvement as leader in Scouts (Queen’s Scout 1963), Sunday School, Youth groups and home fellowship groups, basketball (captain/coach/referee).

PUBLICATIONS:

Under review

- Francis, L.J. & Fisher, J.W. Locating spiritual well-being within Eysenck’s three dimensions of personality: An empirical enquiry among secondary school students in Australia. *Journal of Religious Education*
- Fisher, J.W. God counts for children’s spiritual well-being. *International Journal of Children’s Spirituality*.
- Fisher, J. W. Engaging with a spiritual well-being questionnaire called SHALOM. In A. Büssing (Ed), *Spirituality and Health*.(?)
- Francis, L.J., Fisher, J.W. & Annis, J. Spiritual well-being and psychological type: A study among visitors to a medieval cathedral in Wales. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality*.(?)

Accepted for publication

- Fisher, J.W. God wins over other Transcendents in accounting for spiritual well-being (InterDisciplinary Press 2015)

Books

- Fisher, J.W. (2010) *Reaching the heart: Assessing and nurturing spiritual well-being via education*. Melbourne: Melbourne University Custom Book Centre. ISBN/APN: 9 781921 775024.
- Fisher, J.W. (2010) *Spiritual health: Its nature and place in the school curriculum*. Melbourne: Melbourne University Custom Book Centre. ISBN/APN: 9 781921 775000

Book chapters

- Fisher, J.W. (2015) From the beginning to spiritual well-being. In E.C. Roberts (Ed), *Spirituality, Global Practices, Societal Attitudes and Effects on Health* (pp.155-171). New York: Nova Science Publishers Inc. ISBN 978-1-63482-370-8
- Fisher, J.W. (2015) A critique of quantitative measures for assessing spirituality and spiritual well-being. In E.C. Roberts (Ed), *Spirituality, Global Practices, Societal Attitudes and Effects on Health* (pp.91-131). New York: Nova Science Publishers Inc. ISBN 978-1-63482-370-8
- Fisher, J.W. & Francis, L.J. (2013) Happiness is a thing called stable extraversion: Testing Eysenck's thesis among three samples in Australia. In F. Sarracino (Ed), *Psychology of emotions, motivations & actions: The Happiness Compass – Theories, actions & perspectives for well-being* (pp.31-36). New York: Nova Science Publishers, Inc. ISBN 978-1-62808-821-2 (eBook)
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) The importance of relating with God for spiritual well-being. In M. Weiss & M. Fowler (Eds.), *Spirituality: New reflections on theory, praxis & pedagogy* (pp.147-161). Oxford, UK: InterDisciplinary Press.
<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/fishersppaper.pdf>
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) Connectedness: At the heart of resiliency and spiritual well-being. In C.A. Stark & D.C. Bonner (Eds.), *Handbook on Spirituality: Belief Systems, Societal Impact and Roles in Coping* (pp. 265-277). New York: Nova Science Publishers Inc.
- Gomez, R., Gomez, A. & Fisher, J.W. (2012). Comparing the psychometric properties of the common items in the short and abbreviated versions of the Junior Eysenck Personality Questionnaires: A means and covariance structures analysis approach. In E. Delgadillo & D. Arroyo (Eds), *Encyclopedia of Personality Research (2 Volume Set)*(pp. 477-491). New York: Nova Science Publishers, Inc.
- Fisher, J.W. (2010) Reflections on publications relating to spirituality in Australian education. In M. de Souza & J. Rimes (Eds.), *Meaning and connectedness: Australian perspectives on education and spirituality* (pp.105-126). Mawson ACT: Australian College of Educators.
- Gomez, R., Gomez, A. & Fisher, J.W. (2009). Comparing the psychometric properties of the common items in the short and abbreviated versions of the Junior Eysenck Personality Questionnaires: A means and covariance structures analysis approach. In L. B. Palcroft & M. V. Lopez (Eds.), *Personality Assessment: New Research* (pp. 171-186). New York: Nova Sciences Publishers, Inc.
- Fisher, J.W. (2009) Understanding and assessing spiritual health. In, M. deSouza et al. (Eds.) *International handbook of education for spirituality, care and well-being* (pp. 69-88). Netherlands: Springer.

Peer-reviewed publications in journals

- Francis, L.J. & Fisher, J.W. (2014) Prayer and personal happiness: A study among secondary school students in Australia. *Journal of Religious Education*, 62:79-86.
- Fisher, J.W. (2014) Comparing the influence of God and other Transcendents on spiritual well-being. *Religious Education Journal of Australia*, 30(2):9-15.
- Fisher, J.W. (2013) Assessing spiritual well-being: Relating with God explains greatest variance in spiritual well-being among Australian youth. *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*, 18(4):306-317. DOI: 10.1080/136443X.2013.844106
- Fisher, J.W. & Coskun, M.K. (2013) Investigating spiritual well-being among Divinity and Religious Education students in Turkey. *Religious Education Journal of Australia*, 29(2):21-28.
- Fisher, J.W. (2013) You can't beat relating with God for spiritual well-being: Comparing a generic version with the original spiritual well-being questionnaire called SHALOM. *Religions*, 4(3):325-335.
- Fisher, J.W. (2013) Relating with God contributes to variance in happiness, over that from personality and age. *Religions*, 4(3):313-324.
- Fisher, J.W. & Wong, P.H. (2013) Comparing levels of spiritual well-being and support among pre-service teachers in Hong Kong and Australia. *Religious Education Journal of Australia*, 29(1):34-40.
- Fisher, J.W. & Brumley, D. (2012) Palliative care doctors need help with spiritual well-being. *Journal for the Study of Spirituality*, 2(1): 49-60.
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) Leading the development of new models of schooling: Community-based Christian schools in Australia. *Religious Education Journal of Australia*, 28(2): 36-42.
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) Staff's and family members' spiritual well-being in relation to help for residents with dementia. *Journal of Nursing Education & Practice*, 2(4):1-9.
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) Spirituality and Religious Education in the National Curriculum – A Response to Duncan Reid. *Religious Education Journal of Australia*, 28(1): 3-8.
- Macleod, R.D., Thompson, R., Fisher, J.W., Mayo, K., Newman, N. & Wilson, D.M. (2012) New Zealanders' knowledge of palliative care and hospice services. *The New Zealand Medical Journal*, 125(1348): 51-60.

- Fisher, J. (2011) The Four Domains Model: Connecting spirituality, health and well-being. *Religions*, 2: 17-28.
- Fisher, J. (2010) Development and application of a spiritual well-being questionnaire called SH ALOM. *Religions*, 1: 105-121.
- Fisher, J.W. (2010) Investigating the importance of relating with God for school students' spiritual well-being. *Journal of Beliefs and Values*, 31(3): 325-334.
- Fisher, J.W. (2009) Getting the balance: Assessing spirituality and well-being among children and youth. *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*, 14(3):273-288.
- Fisher, J.W. (2009) The impact of environment on spiritual well-being in school. *Journal of Religious Education*, 57(1): 25-37.
- Fisher, J.W. (2009) Investigating Australian education students' views about spiritual well-being as compared with teachers in schools. *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*, 14(2):151-167.
- Fisher, J.W., Barnes, L.P. & Marks, G. (2009) Pre-service teachers' spiritual well-being across time and faiths: Implications for religious education. *Religious Education Journal of Australia*, 25(2):10-16.
- Fisher, J.W. (2008) Nurturing students' spiritual well-being: Caring for the whole child. *Journal of Christian Education*, 51(1): 7-20.
- Fisher, J.W. (2008) Impacting teachers' and students' spiritual well-being. *Journal of Beliefs & Values*, 29(3):252-261.
- Fisher, J.W. & Brumley, D.J. (2008) Nurses' and carers' spiritual well-being in the workplace. *Australian Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 25(4):49-57.
- Hudson, P., Thomas, K., Kristjanson, L., Quinn, K.A., Braithwaite, M., **Fisher, J.** & Cockayne, M. (2008) Evaluation of a psycho-educational group programme for family caregivers in home-based palliative care. *Palliative Medicine*, 22(3): 270-280.
- Fisher, J.W. (2007) It's time to wake up and stem the decline in spiritual well-being in Victorian schools. *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*, 12(2):165-177.
- Fisher, J.W. (2006) Using secondary students' views about influences on their spiritual well-being to inform pastoral care. *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*, 11(3):347-356.
- Brumley, D., **Fisher, J.**, Robinson, H., Ashby, M. (2006) Improving access to clinical information in after hours community palliative care. *Australian Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 24(1):27-32.
- Brown, M, **Fisher J.W.**, Brumley, D.J., Ashby, M.A. Milliken, J. (2005) Advance Directives in action in a regional palliative care service: "Road testing" the provisions of the Medical Treatment Act 1988 (Vic). *Journal of Law and Medicine*, 13(2): 186-190.
- Gomez, R & **Fisher, J.W.** (2005) The Spiritual Well-Being Questionnaire: Testing for model applicability, measurement and structural equivalencies and latent mean differences across gender. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 39(8):1383-1393.
- Gomez, R & **Fisher, J.W.** (2005) Item Response Theory analysis of the Spiritual Well-Being Questionnaire. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 38(5):1107-1121.
- Hayes, A., Brumley, D., Habegger, L., Wade M., **Fisher, J.**, Ashby, M. (2005) Evaluation of training on the use of Graseby syringe drivers for rural nonspecialist nurses. *International Journal of Palliative Nursing*, 11(2): 84-92.
- Fisher, John (2004) Feeling Good, Living Life: A spiritual health measure for young children. *Journal of Beliefs & Values*, 25(3): 307-315.
- Fisher, J.W. (2003) Christian students' views on terrorism and religion: An Australian study. *Journal of Christian Education*, 46(2): 45-56.
- Gomez, R. & **Fisher, J.W.** (2003) Domains of spiritual well-being and development and validation of the Spiritual Well-Being Questionnaire. *Personality and Individual Differences* 35(8): 1975-1991.
- Zhang, G.P., Tan, W.E., Weng, X.L., Xian, M.Q., Kun, F., Turale, S. & **Fisher, J.W.** (2003) Notoginseny cream in the treatment of phlebitis. *Journal of Infusion Nursing*, 26(1): 49-54.
- Fisher, J.W., Francis, L.J. & Johnson, P. (2002) The personal and social correlates of spiritual well-being among primary school teachers. *Pastoral Psychology* 51(1):3-11.
- Kaldor, P., Francis, L.J. & **Fisher, J.W.** (2002) Personality and spirituality: Christian prayer and Eastern meditation are not the same. *Pastoral Psychology* 50(3): 165-172.
- Fisher, J.W. (2001) The nature of spiritual well-being and the curriculum: some educators' views. *Journal of Christian Education*, 44(1): 47-58.
- Fisher, J.W. (2001) Going beyond CSF II to nurture the head and heart of students in Victorian schools. *Health Education Australia*, 1(1): 6-9.
- Fisher, J.W. (2001) Comparing levels of spiritual well-being in state, Catholic and independent schools in Victoria, Australia. *Journal of Beliefs and Values*, 22(1): 113-119.

- Fisher, J.W. (2000) Being human, becoming whole: Understanding spiritual health and well-being. *Journal of Christian Education*, 43(3): 37-52.
- Fisher, J.W., Francis, L.J. & Johnson, P. (2000) Assessing spiritual health via four domains of well-being: The SH4DI. *Pastoral Psychology*, 49(2): 133-145.
- Fisher, J.W. (1999) Helps to fostering students' spiritual health. *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*, 4(1), 29-49.

Other publications

- Fisher, J.W. (2014) *Importance of relating with God for spiritual well-being*. PhD dissertation, Federation University Australia. Available from:
<http://researchonline.federation.edu.au:8080/vital/access/HandleResolver/1959.17/75052>
- Fisher, J.W. (2009) *Reaching the heart: Assessing and nurturing spiritual well-being via education*. EdD dissertation, University of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. Available from
<http://researchonline.federation.edu.au:8080/vital/access/HandleResolver/1959.17/42221>
- Fisher, J.W., Brumley, D., Milliken, J & Potts, C. (2008) *Listen up! Hearing all the voices in caring for palliative patients in a regional/rural setting*. Final report on the project funded under the Care Planning sub-program of the Local Palliative Care Grants Program, Round Three, Australian Department of Health & Ageing.
- Fisher, J.W. (2008) Real kids, real faith: Practices for nurturing children's spiritual lives, Yost, Karen Marie (Book Review) *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*, 13(3): 299-300.
- Fisher, J.W. (2007) Spiritual Health And Life-Orientation Measure. In M. Oliver et al. (Eds.) *Assessment Tools* pp. 74-78 of *Pastoral care, counselling and support: Reflective practice in palliative care – A Resource Manual for Health Professionals*. Adelaide: University of South Australia.
- Fisher, J.W. (2003) The Spirituality Revolution: The emergence of contemporary spirituality, Tacey, David J. (Book review) *Journal of Christian Education*, 46(2): 62-3.
- Fisher, J.W. (2002) Enhancing university students' spiritual well-being. In J. Ryan & P. Baird (Eds), *Research for a better community: Proceedings of the University of Ballarat second annual research conference, 8 September 2000*, (pp. 58-61). Ballarat: University of Ballarat, Research and Graduate Studies Office.
- Fisher, J.W. (2001) Guest editorial – Spiritual health and well-being. *Health Education Australia*, 1(1): 3-5.
- Kohn, R. & Fisher, J.W. (2001) An interview about SHALOM on Radio National's *The Spirit of Things*. *Health Education Australia*, 1(1): 35-37.
- Fisher, J.W. & Sellers, E.T. (2000) Quality of life in the workplace: spirituality, meaning and purpose. Refereed paper in the Proceedings of the 3rd Annual Conference on Spirituality, Leadership and Management, University of Ballarat, 1-4 December, pp. 14-19.
- Fisher, J.W. (2000) Social Networks and Social Influences in Adolescence, Cotterell, J. (Book review) *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*, 5(1): 117-118.
- Fisher, J. W. (1999) Developing a spiritual health and life-orientation measure for secondary school students. In J. Ryan, V. Wittwer & P. Baird (Eds), *Research with a regional/rural focus: Proceedings of the University of Ballarat inaugural annual research conference, 15 October, 1999* (pp. 57-63). Ballarat: University of Ballarat, Research and Graduate Studies Office.
- Fisher, J.W. (1998) *Spiritual health: Its nature and place in the school curriculum*. PhD thesis, University of Melbourne. Available: <https://minerva-access.unimelb.edu.au/handle/11343/39206>
- Fisher, J.W. (1995) Spiritual health in the curriculum: At the heart of educating adolescents. *The ACSA 95 collection: Conference papers: Reconstructing curriculum, choosing the future*, Vol.1, pp 203-212. Belconnen ACT: Aust. Curriculum Studies Assoc.
- Fisher, J.W. (1995) Some impressions of education in spirituality in the UK: An antipodean view. An invited contribution to *SPES – A magazine for the study of spiritual, moral & cultural values in education*. University of Plymouth (Sep.).
- Fisher, J. W. (1994) Spiritual health in the school curriculum. *Education Alternatives*, Vol 3, (6), pp. 4&9.
- Fisher, J.W. (1993) *Background, Religiosity and Expectations of the Parents and Senior Students in a Christian School*. Unpublished MEd Thesis, University of Melbourne (Available from <http://repository.unimelb.edu.au/10187/8965>)
- Fisher, J.W. (1993) Just How Religious Are They? *Pointers, Bulletin of the Christian Research Assoc.*, Vol.3, No.3, (June).

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS :

- Fisher, J.W. (2015) at the 5th Global Conference on Spirituality in the 21st Century, 18-20 March, Lisbon, Portugal. Paper: God wins over other Transcendents in accounting for spiritual well-being
- Fisher, J.W. (2014) at Trinity College, Dublin, 3 December. Paper: Who can nurture spiritual well-being?
- Fisher, J.W. (2014) at Burning Conversations, 'Exploring the place of spirituality in youth development, well-being and participation' 1-2 October 2014, Tabor Adelaide
Paper: God is best to rule hearts and heads.
- Fisher, J.W. (2014) at the 25th Biennial National Conference of the Australian Association for Religious Education, 29 September – 1 October, Richmond, Victoria.
Paper: God, other Transcendents and spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. (2014) at the International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, XIX, 27 July -1 Aug, York St John University, York, UK.
Peer-reviewed paper – God, other Transcendents and spiritual well-being: A quantitative enquiry using SHALOM.
- Fisher, J.W. (2013) at Hong Kong Institute of Education, 15 November.
Public lecture – God, other Transcendents and spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. (2013) at Converge International chaplains' conference, 18 October, Hawthorn, Vic.
Workshop – Spiritual well-being in the workplace.
- Fisher, J.W. (2013) at Catholic Health Australia National Conference, 26-8 August, Pullman, Melbourne.
Presentation – The SHALOM tool for the assessment of patients' spiritual needs.
- Fisher, J.W. (2013) at the 13th International Conference on Children's Spirituality, 10-13 July, Leuven, Belgium.
Paper – Understanding adults' influence on children's spiritual well-being.
Paper – God counts for children's spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) at the Annual Research Conference, University of Ballarat, 8 November.
Paper – How important is relating with God for spiritual well-being?
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) at Healthcare Chaplains' Council of Victoria & Spiritual Care Australia (Vic Branch) Continuing Education Conference, 5 September, Castlemaine Health.
Workshop – Spiritual assessment with the SHALOM tool.
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) at the 8th Biennial Conference of Palliative Care Victoria: Shaping the Future of Palliative Care, 23-24 August, Bayview Eden Hotel, Melbourne.
Workshop (x2): Assessing and nurturing spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) at the International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, XVIII, 29 July -3 Aug, Turku, Finland.
Peer-reviewed paper – Relating with God selectively contributes to variance in happiness, over that from personality.
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) at 'Physicality & Spirituality', the 12th International Conference on Children's Spirituality, 1-5 July 2012, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK.
Paper - Assessing spiritual well-being: Whatever way you look at it, relating with God is most important.
Paper - The physical is just the wrapping: It's what is in the heart the counts when it comes to spiritual well-being.
Paper with Wong, P.H. - Comparing helps for spiritual well-being among pre-service teachers in Hong Kong and Australia.
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) at the 2nd Global Conference on Spirituality, Prague, Czech Republic, 21-4 March.
Paper – The importance of relating with God for spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. (2012) at Mercy Health Care, Melbourne, 16 March.
Workshop for pastoral carers and chaplains - Understanding, assessing and attending to clients' spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. (2011) Palliative Care Victoria, Special Interest Group - Psycho-spiritual care, 16 November, La Trobe University.
Presentation & workshop - Assessing spiritual well-being in palliative care.
- Fisher, J.W. (2011) at the Annual Research Conference, University of Ballarat, 3-4 November.
Paper – Have God – Be Happy, sometimes.
- Fisher, J.W. (2011) at the Centre for Religious & Spirituality Education, Hong Kong Institute of Education, 26 May.
Public lecture - International applications of a spiritual well-being questionnaire called SHALOM.
- Fisher, J.W. and Brumley, D. (2010) at ANZSPM Conference 14-17 September, Adelaide.
Paper – Community views on palliative care and hospice services and attitudes to death

- Fisher, J.W. (2010) at the International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, XVII, 25-30 July, The Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada.
Peer-reviewed paper – Students' views on relating with God for spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. (2010) at the 10th International Conference on Children's Spirituality, 19-23 July, Hong Kong Institute of Education.
Keynote address - What research says about spirituality and resilience.
http://www.ied.edu.hk/crse/vimeovideos/10th_ICCS_Keynote-index.html
Paper - Connectedness: At the heart of resiliency and spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. & Brumley, D. (2009) at Australasian Palliative Care Conference, 24-27 Sept, Perth, WA.
Paper – Spiritual dissonance: Providers' own spiritual well-being influences spiritual care of clients.
Poster – Assessing satisfaction with service: Comparing written and verbal responses from palliative care patients and carers.
Poster – Communicating clearly: Ensuring everyone is heard in caring for palliative care patients.
- Fisher, J.W. (2009) at the Association of University Lecturers in Religion and Education, Annual Conference, 20-21 July, University of Exeter, UK.
Paper - Variations in spiritual well-being among pre-service teachers in secular and religious institutions.
- Fisher, J.W. (2009) at the 9th International Conference on Children's Spirituality, 15-19 July, Canterbury Christchurch University, UK.
Paper - Assessing spiritual well-being to help inform pastoral care.
Paper - Pre-service teachers' spiritual well-being across time and faiths.
- Fisher, J.W. (2009) at Australian College of Psychological Medicine 2009 Meeting, 5-7 June, Ballarat.
Paper – Spiritual dissonance: Application to provider and patient care.
- Fisher, J. (2009) at Asia-Pacific Conference on Children's Spirituality, 26 Feb.-1 March, Hong Kong Institute of Education.
Paper - Helping teachers and teacher educators attend to their own and their students' spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. (2008) at the University of Ballarat Annual Research Conference, 5 November.
Paper – University education students' spiritual well-being: Across time and faiths.
- Fisher, J.W. and Brumley, D. (2008) at PCV Conference, Palliative Care, Beyond the Boundaries, 23-4 October, Melbourne:
Paper – Gender and job – How far can palliative care doctors stretch?
Paper – Can everyone nurture spiritual well-being?
Paper – Talking through issues on palliative care services; writing is not enough.
- Fisher, J.W. and Brumley, D. (2008) at ANZSPM Conference 23-6 September, Darwin:
Paper – Australasian palliative care doctors – Are we burning out?
Paper – When it comes to spiritual well-being, palliative care doctors are different.
Poster – Ensuring all voices are heard in caring for palliative care patients.
- Fisher, J.W. (2008) at the *International Seminar on Religious Education & Values XVI*, Ankara, Turkey, 27 July – 1 August.
Peer-reviewed paper – Life's experiences colour the way teachers and students view the impact of schools on the spiritual well-being of students.
- Fisher, J.W. (2008) at 8th *International Conference on Children's Spirituality*, ACU, Ballarat, 20-4 Jan.
Paper – Views on spiritual well-being among teacher education students, secondary school students and teachers.
- Fisher, J.W. (2007) at the 2007 Shepparton Research Conference, University of Melbourne, 26-7 Nov.
Paper – Listen up! Hearing all the voices in caring for palliative patients in a regional/rural setting.
- Fisher, J.W. et al (2007) at 9th Australian Palliative Care Convention, Melbourne, 28-31 August:
Paper – Influences on effectiveness of palliative care education for aged care staff.
Paper – Listen up! Hearing all the voices in caring for palliative patients in a regional/rural setting.
- Fisher, J.W. (2006) at ANZ Society of Palliative Medicine Conference, Newcastle, 4-6 October:
Paper – Understanding, assessing and attending to palliative care patients' spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. et al. (2006) at 'A Community Affair', Palliative Care Victoria 5th Biennial State Conference, La Trobe University, Bendigo, 13-14 July:
Paper - Challenges to staff implementing a Palliative Approach in Residential Aged Care.
Paper - Presenting a definitive model of Spiritual Well-Being.
- Fisher, J. et al. (2005) at 'New Horizons', 8th Australian Palliative Care Conference, Sydney, 30 August-2 September:

- Paper - Patients taking control: efficacy of a sufentanil puffer.
- Paper - 'Road testing' the provisions of the Victorian Medical Treatment Act in a regional palliative care service.
- Poster - Increasing nurses' confidence in using a Graseby syringe driver.
- Poster - Helping nurses communicate about patients needing palliative care after hours.
- Fisher, J.W. (2005) at the Christian Teachers Conference 'Thinking through the issues' Wantirna South, 11 July.
- Keynote presentation - Nurturing students' spiritual well-being: caring for the whole child.
- Fisher, J.W. & Brumley, D. (2004) at 'Strengthening Palliative Care in Victoria', Palliative Care Victoria Conference, Monash University, Gippsland, 18-19 November:
- Paper - Promoting the effective and safe nursing use of the Graseby Syringe Driver in palliative care.
- Poster - The acceptability and utility of the Medical Treatment Act (1988) for palliative care in the Grampians Health Region, Victoria.
- Poster - Improving communication between professionals caring for palliative care patients at home after hours.
- Fisher, J.W. (2004) at 'CSA National Leaders' Conference', Novotel Resort, Barossa Valley SA, 11-13 August:
- Keynote presentation - The spiritual growth of students: How effective are we?
- Workshop - The Spiritual Web.
- Fisher, J.W. (2004) at the *International Seminar on Religious Education and Values* (ISREV XIV), Villanova PA, USA, 25-29 July.
- Peer-reviewed paper - Some Christian school students' views on terrorism and religion.
- Fisher, J.W. (2004) at the *Fifth International Conference on Children's Spirituality*, Lincoln, UK, 19-23 July.
- Paper - Who Influences students' spiritual well-being?
- Fisher, J.W. (2004) Tabor College, Adelaide 28 June.
- Teacher professional development seminar - Enhancing students' spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, John (2003) at the University of 3rd Age, Philosophy Group, Ballarat (July).
- Seminar presentation - Theories of origin (creation and evolution): A matter of faith.
- Fisher, John (2002) at the University of Ballarat (April).
- Psychology Post-graduate Seminar presentation - Relationship of spiritual well-being to personality and happiness in life.
- Fisher, J.W. (2000) at the *International Seminar on Religious Education and Values* (ISREV XII), Israel, 23-28 July.
- Peer-reviewed paper - Tertiary students' career choice and SHALOM.
- Fisher, J.W. (2000) at the *First International Conference on Children's Spirituality*, Chichester, UK, 9-12 July.
- Paper - Feeling Good, Living Life: A spiritual health measure for young children.
- Paper - Assessing students' spiritual well-being as a basis for pastoral care.
- Fisher, J.W. (2000) at the Australian Christian Forum on Education Conference, UNSW, 26-29 April.
- Keynote address - Some implications of students' spiritual well-being for standards in education.
- Fisher, J.W. (2000) at the International Conference on 'Ageing, Spirituality and Pastoral Care in the 21st century,' ANU, Canberra, 21-25 January.
- Paper - Nurses' and family members' understanding of spiritual well-being in relation to patients with dementia.
- Fisher, J.W. (1999) at the Religion in Life Consultation, YWCA, Melbourne, 20 August.
- Paper - Does Religious Education enhance spiritual well-being?
- Fisher, J.W. (1999) at the Sixth Annual Conference on 'Education, Spirituality and the Whole Child: Belief, Values and Community,' Roehampton Institute, London (June).
- Paper - Current Practice, Priority and Perceived Needs for Nurturing Students' Spiritual Well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. (1998) at STAVCON, LaTrobe University (Nov.)
- Paper - Science and spiritual well-being.
- Fisher, J.W. (1998) at 'Education, spirituality and the whole child,' Roehampton Institute, London (June).
- Paper - Helps and hindrances to fostering students' spiritual health.
- Fisher, J.W. (1997) at the Annual Postgraduate Students' Conference, Faculty of Education, University of Melbourne (Dec.)
- Paper - Spiritual well-being: An educational imperative?
- Fisher, J.W. (1997) at 'Education, spirituality and the whole child,' Roehampton, Institute, London (June).

- Paper - Some teachers' views on the place of spiritual health in the school curriculum.
- Fisher, J.W. (1995) at the conference on '*Education, spirituality and the whole child: Expressions of spirituality*', Roehampton Institute, London (June)
- Paper - Toward an understanding of spiritual health as practised in a variety of schools near Melbourne, Australia.
- Fisher, J.W. (1994) at the Annual Postgraduate Students' Conference, Institute of Education, University of Melbourne (Dec.)
- Paper - Senior students' and parents' background, religiosity and expectations of a Christian School.
- Fisher, J.W. (1994) at the ACE Annual Conference, Launceston (Sep.)
- Paper - Great expectations: What the dickens do people really expect of schools?
- Fisher, J.W. (1994) at the ACE Vic Chapter Annual Conference, Gippsland (Aug.)
- Paper - Spiritual health: Whose responsibility?

CURRENT & RECENT RESEARCH:

- Assessing effectiveness of Anglican primary schools in Wales, UK, With Prof. L.J.Francis & Dr D. Lankshear
- PhD by publication (18 papers), 'The importance of relating with God for spiritual well-being.' Faculty of Education & Arts, Federation University Australia.
- Consultant on pre-service teachers' spiritual well-being project, Hong Kong Institute of Education (HK\$189,000, 2009-10)
- DoHA funded project (\$187,500, 2006-8) 'Listen up! Hearing all the voices in caring for palliative patients in a regional/rural setting. – with Grampians Regional Palliative Care Team.
- Family Caregiver Education (\$110,000 from the DoHA and \$86,000 from the Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation, 2006-7) – with Centre for Palliative Care, Melbourne.
- William Buckland Foundation funded projects in palliative care (\$300,000, 2004-11):
 1. Promoting the effective and safe nursing use of the Graseby syringe driver in palliative care.
 2. Improving communication between professionals caring for palliative care patients at home 'After Hours.'
 3. The acceptability and utility of the Medical Treatment Act 1988 (Vic) for palliative care in the Grampians Health Region, Victoria.
 4. Phase I/II trial of intranasal Sufentanil for breakthrough cancer-associated pain in a residential palliative care unit
 5. Spiritual well-being among health service providers.
 6. PC nurse specialists supporting the implementation of the Guidelines for a Palliative Care Approach in Residential Aged Care.
 7. Palliative family caregivers group education pilot program.
 8. Factors which influence resilience to burnout & build up well-being among palliative care doctors
 9. Community views on palliative care, & hospice services & attitudes to death (in partnership with colleagues in New Zealand)

CONSULTANCIES:

- 2009 Synthesis of eight Victorian DoHA-funded Care Planning projects.
- 2007 Helped plan and analyse 'Way to Go Project: creating partnerships to enhance access to palliative care' PCV project with DoHA funding.
- 2007 Evaluated 'Strengthening Relationships' Grampians Regional Palliative Care Conference.
- 2006 Evaluated 'Palliative Care: The essentials' a multidisciplinary palliative care 2-day education program provided by CPC, St Vincent's & UM, with funding from DoHA, via DHS (Vic).
- 2000-2 Helped plan and evaluate a project on the quality of life of patients with facial cancers, with colleagues in China.
- 2000-1 Helped plan and did statistical analyses for a project evaluating the effectiveness of a locally-produced cream for the treatment of phlebitis in a hospital in China.
- 2000 Statistical analyses for a Pracability project, assessing attitudes to disabilities in nurses; joint project of ACU-Aquinas and University of Ballarat.
- 2000 Statistical analyses evaluating quality of life in a variety of treatment groups, for Grampians Psychiatric Services.
- 2000 Assessed the effectiveness of introducing a chaplaincy on the spiritual well-being of primary school students, for The Churches' Commission on Education, WA.
- 1999 Consultancy with Queen Elizabeth Centre – Talbot Place, Ballarat, helping to critique best practice of nurses caring for residents with dementia.

1999 Investigated 'Current practice, priorities and perceived needs for nurturing students' spiritual well-being' for the Council for Christian Education in Schools, Melbourne.

1998 Research on the Professional Development needs of Deputy Head Teachers, Roehampton Institute, London.

SUPERVISION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Job, Kay (2015-) *Perceptions of volunteer pastoral care workers in Christian Ministry of spirituality and spiritual nurturing*. MEd, Federation University Australia

Waight, James (2015-) *Spiritual development through Religious Education in Catholic schools of the Ballarat Diocese, in Victoria*. MEd, Federation University Australia

Dridan, Melinda (2014-) *Victims or villains: Teachers' emotional intelligence as a predisposition for discrimination against students with severe emotional and behavioural disorders*. PhD, Federation University Australia.

Kiyani, Masumeh (2013-) *Exploring spiritual education for children in the West and its critique with emphasis on Philosophy of Education of the Islamic Republic of Iran*. PhD, Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran, Iran (spent 6 months at FedUni 2014)

Mok, Irene (2013) *A study of the spiritual health of adolescents in three Hong Kong Secondary Schools*. EdD dissertation, Hong Kong Institute of Education.

Ng, David (2013-) *Parental Perceptions of Holistic Early Childhood Education in Hong Kong*. EdD, Hong Kong Institute of Education

Dainton, Mark (2012-) *The Relationship between Theological Appraisals and Emotional Responses for Ministers in Local Churches Experiencing Challenging Circumstances*. DMin, Australian College of Theology.

Consultant to many research students in Australia and overseas using SHALOM and Feeling Good, Living Life (my spiritual well-being questionnaires) in business, churches, education, healthcare, psychology and social work, as well as the following:

Dridan, M.J. (2014) *Labelling – The creation of new opportunities? An attributional analysis of stigmatisation towards students who have a formal and informal label of learning disability*. MEdStuds dissertation, SEA, University of Ballarat.

Carter, Jeff (2013-) *Impact of information technology on students' spiritual well-being*. PhD, University of Glyndŵr, Wales, UK.

Deagon, J. (2013) *Cross-cultural views and perceptions of spiritual health and well-being in home economics sites: public expressions and social enactments*. PhD dissertation, Griffith University.

Moore, J.T. (2013) *Dogmatism, coping, and spirituality: Predicting mental health among the religious and the secular*. PhD dissertation, University of Louisville, USA.

Roen, Ingebrigt (2013-) *Meaning construction facing death. Adult patients' existential and spiritual concerns in life-threatening illness. A longitudinal study among Norwegian patients*. PhD, Queen Maude University College, Trondheim, Norway.

Herbert, D. (in progress?) *The impact of walking St Cuthbert's Way on Spiritual Health*. MPhil, University of Glyndŵr, Wales, UK.

Streukens, J.P. (2009) *Alcoholism: Spirituality and personality dynamics*. PhD dissertation, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Lyle, D.A. (2007) *Taking stock: Analysis of contemporary research into spirituality, spiritual development and religious belief and practice and the implications for Christian education of primary-age children in Australia*. D.Min dissertation, Tabor College, Adelaide.

Lea, D. (2005) *Spiritual awareness of professional nurses in the western region of Victoria: Investigation of a significant component of holistic health care*. MNurs dissertation, University of Ballarat.

Doores, P. (2004) *Modelling spirituality: A critical examination of the value of models of spirituality as a basis for encouraging spiritual growth in a Christian church community*. MA dissertation, Oxford Brookes University, UK.

Becker, P.L. (2002) *Spirituality in Australian organisations: Employee attitudes and impact on well-being*. DPsych dissertation, Swinburne University of Technology.

Robertson, J. (2001) *Towards a Constructed Understanding of Spiritual Health*. MScEd Dissertation, Curtin University of Technology, WA.

McFarlane-Kolb, H. (2001) *The effect of a falls screening prevention protocol on hospital patients' falls incidence and severity*. BN(Hons) dissertation, University of Ballarat.

POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH THESES EXAMINATIONS:

Wright, A. (2013) *Worship experiences in Church schools: Towards a more effective and ethical model*. PhD dissertation, Murdoch University, W.A.

Taranto, A.P. (2013) *How do heads of house in an independent secondary school understand and evaluate pastoral care?* MEd (Research) dissertation, Monash University

Hannaford, J.A.V. (2001) *Two Australian Pilgrimages*. MPhil dissertation, Australian Catholic University

External expert on thesis review panel for:

Fletcher, J. (2014) *Understandings and perceptions of spirituality held by multidisciplinary professionals involved in a community-based Palliative Care Organization: Implications for professional practice*.