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### Education

2014 PhD (Economics), University New South Wales (conferred on 19 March 2014)

2007 BEc (Honours Econometrics), University of New South Wales

### Areas of interest

Child development, child disability, maternal employment and the intergenerational transmission of disadvantage.

### Academic experience

2015 Visiting fellow, University of Bristol, United Kingdom

2014 - Research Fellow, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne and Life Course Centre

2014 Visiting fellow, Russell Sage Foundation, NYC

2008-2014 Research Associate, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales

### Key publications

**Zhu, A.** (2016). Disability of a pre-school child and maternal employment trajectories. (*Forthcoming: Applied Economics*)

Suziedelyte, A., and **Zhu, A.** (2015). Does early schooling narrow outcome gaps for advantaged and disadvantaged children? *Economics of Education Review*, vol.45. p.76-88.

**Zhu, A.**, and Bradbury, B. (2015). Delaying school entry: short and longer term effects on mother's employment. *The Economic Record*, vol.91. Issue 293.

**Zhu, A.** (2012). Working and Caring for Large Families- Do mothers face a trade-off? *Journal of Population Research*, vol.29, Issue 4, p.329-350.

Saunders, P. and **Zhu, A.** (2009). Comparing Disadvantage and Well-Being in Australian Families. *Australian Journal of Labour Economics*, vol.12, No.1.

### Under review

Polidano, C. and **Zhu, A.** (2016). The relationship between caesarian births and child cognitive development.

Cobb-Clark, D., Salamanca, N., and **Zhu, A.** (2016) Parenting Style as an Investment in Human Development. IZA Discussion Paper: 9686 (2016-01)

Cobb-Clark, D. and **Zhu, A.** (2015). Childhood Homelessness and Adult employment: The Role of Education, Incarceration and Welfare Receipt. IZA Discussion Paper: 9250 (2015-08)

Ryan, C., and **Zhu, A.** (2015). Sibling health, schooling and longer-term developmental outcomes, *Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research Working Paper Series* No. 21/15, University of Melbourne.

**Zhu, A.** and Bradbury, B. (2015). Welfare entry and exit after marital separation among Australian mothers.

Powell, A. and **Zhu, A.** (2015). Non-standard work and job satisfaction in Australia.

### **Current projects**

Fisher, H., and **Zhu, A.** (2016). Welfare reform and relationship transitions: Evidence from payments to low income single parents in Australia.

Bradbury, B., Washbrook, L. and **Zhu, A.** (2015). Growing unequal – Cognitive gaps among children from advantaged and disadvantaged families.

Tseng, Y., Vu, H., and **Zhu, A.** (2015). Instability in childhood and later welfare outcomes.

Broadway, B., and **Zhu, A.** (2016). Measurement error and disability in survey data.

### **Recent Grants**

2016 Eminent Research Scholar Grant, hosting Robert Haveman and Barbara Wolfe, *University of Melbourne*, \$15,000.

2015 Early Career Researcher Grant Scheme (for 2016), *University of Melbourne*, \$25,000.

2015 Faculty of Business and Economics/ Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Science seed funding (for 2016), *University of Melbourne*, \$7,500.

2014 Faculty Research Grant (for 2015), *Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Melbourne*, \$15,000.

2013 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Competitive Research Promotion Grant, *University of New South Wales*, \$5,200.

2011 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Competitive Research Promotion Grant, *University of New South Wales*, \$5,000.

### **Supervision**

2016 Team of four Masters students (for the Melbourne Business Practicum). Project: Community and industry skills audit and pathways to employment.

Research Assistants (Andrew Bevitt and Abraham Chigavazira) at Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

2015 Research Assistant (Andrew Bevitt) at Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

### **Conference/workshop presentations**

University of Bristol, Centre for Multilevel Modelling - external seminar series, Bristol, United Kingdom (July 2015)

European Society of Population Economics 29th annual conference, Izmir, Turkey (July 2015)

Social Policy Research Centre – external seminar series, Sydney, Australia (April 2015)

Australian Social Policy Conference, Sydney, Australia (September 2015)

Life Course Centre Annual conference, Brisbane, Australia (October 2015)

Work and Family Research Network conference, New York City, United States (June 2014)

Labour Econometrics Workshop, University of Melbourne (August 2013)

British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) conference, Nottingham, United Kingdom (September 2012)

European Society for Population Economics 23rd annual conference, Seville, Spain (June 2009)

### **Media coverage**

2015 The Conversation – Childhood homelessness makes for adult unemployment: study

2015 The Conversation – Starting school earlier reduced the achievement gap for children with sick siblings

2013 Herald Sun.

2011 New York Times, Huffington Post, Australian (p3), ABC National Radio.

2009 The Australian, 2CC Radio blog.

### **Journal reviewing**

Demography, Economics & Human Biology, Social Science Research, Southern Economic Journal, Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC) statistical and technical paper series.

### **References**

Available on request